

The Gray images of $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$

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Abstract Let R_k denote the polynomial residue ring $F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$, where $2^{j-1} + 1 \leq k \leq 2^j$ for some positive integer j . Motivated by the work in [1], we introduce a new Gray map from R_k to $F_{2^m}^{2^j}$. It is proved that the Gray image of a linear $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code of an arbitrary length N over R_k is a distance invariant linear cyclic code of length $2^j N$ over F_{2^m} . Moreover, the generator polynomial of the Gray image of such a constacyclic code is determined, and some optimal linear cyclic codes over F_2 and F_4 are constructed under this Gray map.

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1 Introduction

Linear codes over finite rings have been studied since the early 1970s in [3, 11], that study has regained attention by the works of Nechaev in [8] and Hammons et al in [4] on some efficient nonlinear binary codes. These works deal with nonlinear binary codes such as the Nordstrom-Robinson, Kerdock, Preparata, Goethals and Delsarte–Goethals codes which are considered as binary images under the Gray map of linear codes over the ring Z_4 . Since then, many researchers have paid more and more attentions to study the codes over finite rings. In [15], Wolfmann showed that the Gray image of a

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linear single-root negacyclic code over Z_4 is a distance invariant binary cyclic code (not necessarily linear). This result was later generalized to a $(1 + 2^k)$ constacyclic code over $Z_{2^{k+1}}$ by Tapia-Recillas and Vega in [13], where the corresponding Gray image was a binary distance invariant quasi-cyclic code. In [7], Ling and Blackford generalized most of the results of [13, 15] to the ring $Z_{p^{k+1}}$, where p is any prime and k is a positive integer.

$(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_2 + uF_2$ were first introduced by Qian et al in [9], where it was proved that the Gray image of a linear single-root $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code over $F_2 + uF_2$ is a binary distance invariant linear cyclic code. In [1], Abular and Siap extended the Gray map of [9] to an arbitrary length over $F_2 + uF_2$ and the generator polynomial of the corresponding Gray image was obtained, some optimal binary codes were also constructed via the Gray map. Amarra et al in [2] discussed the Gray image of a single-root $(1 - u)$ constacyclic code over $F_{p^k} + uF_{p^k}$, which was a quasi-cyclic code over F_p . Later, the result of [2] were extended to single-root $(1 + u^t)$ constacyclic codes over $F_q[u]/\langle u^{t+1} \rangle$ and single-root $(1 - u^m)$ constacyclic codes over $F_{p^k}[u]/\langle u^{m+1} \rangle$ in [12] and [14] respectively, where the Gray images were quasi-cyclic codes. Kai et al in [5] showed that the Gray image of a linear $(1 + \lambda u)$ constacyclic code with an arbitrary length over $F_p + uF_p$ was a distance invariant linear code over F_p . The Gray image of a single-root $(1 + u + u^2)$ constacyclic code over the ring $F_2[u]/\langle u^3 \rangle$ were proved to be a binary distance invariant linear cyclic code in [10], but the generator polynomials of the corresponding Gray images in [10] and [5] were not acquired. In this paper, we extend the result of [1] about the Gray map to the polynomial residue ring R_k , where the generator polynomials of the corresponding Gray images are obtained and some optimal linear cyclic code over F_2 and F_4 are constructed via the Gray map.

2 Preliminaries

Let R_k denote the ring $F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$, where $2^{j-1} + 1 \leq k \leq 2^j$ for some positive integer j and $u^k = 0$. If $x^n - 1 = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_q$ is the factorization of $(x^n - 1)$ into a product of monic basic irreducible pairwise coprime polynomials over R_k for an odd positive integer n , then this factorization is unique and can be directly carried over R_k from over F_{2^m} . Let C be a code of length $N = 2^e n$ over R_k , where e is a non-negative integer. For some fixed unit α of R_k , the α constacyclic shift v_α on R_k^N is the shift $v_\alpha(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) = (\alpha c_{N-1}, c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2})$. The code C is said to be an α constacyclic code if $v(C) = C$. Now, we identify a codeword $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1})$ with its polynomial representation $c(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_{N-1} x^{N-1}$, then $x c(x)$ corresponds to an α constacyclic shift of $c(x)$ in the ring $R_k[x]/\langle x^N - \alpha \rangle$. Thus α constacyclic codes of length N over R_k can be identified as ideals in the ring $R_k[x]/\langle x^N - \alpha \rangle$. In the following, we let j be a positive integer and $2^{j-1} + 1 \leq k \leq 2^j$.

3 A class of matrices over F_{2^m}

Definition 3.1 If $j = 1$, then $A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. If $j > 1$, then $A_{2^j} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{2^{j-1}} & 0 \\ A_{2^{j-1}} & A_{2^{j-1}} \end{pmatrix}$.

From the definition of matrix A_{2^j} , we see that there are 2^j rows and 2^j columns in A_{2^j} . Besides, the first row of A_{2^j} is $(1, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-1) \text{ zeros}})$, the first and 2^j th columns of A_{2^j} are $A_{2^j}(1)$ and $A_{2^j}(2^j)$ respectively, where $A_{2^j}(1) = \underbrace{(1, 1, \dots, 1)^T}_{2^j \text{ ones}}$ and $A_{2^j}(2^j) = \underbrace{(0, \dots, 0, 1)^T}_{(2^j-1) \text{ ones}}$.

Lemma 3.1 A_{2^j} is an invertible matrix over F_{2^m} .

Proof From the definition of matrix A_{2^j} , we see that A_{2^j} is a lower triangular matrix and each element of its main diagonal is one. So A_{2^j} is invertible over F_{2^m} . \square

Lemma 3.2 Let $B_{2^j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ with 2^j rows and 2^j columns, then $B_{2^j} A_{2^j} = (A_{2^j}(2^j), \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-1) \text{ zero vectors}})$ in F_{2^m} .

Proof Since the first row of A_{2^j} is $(1, \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-1) \text{ zeros}})$, then $B_{2^j} A_{2^j} = B_{2^j} = (A_{2^j}(2^j), \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-1) \text{ zero vectors}})$ in F_{2^m} . \square

Theorem 3.3 Let $H_{2^j} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ and $D_{2^j} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where H_{2^j} and D_{2^j} are both square matrices with 2^j rows and 2^j columns, then $H_{2^j} A_{2^j} = A_{2^j} D_{2^j}$ in F_{2^m} .

Proof We prove the result by induction on j . In F_{2^m} , if $j = 1$, then

$$H_2 A_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = A_2 D_2.$$

Suppose $H_{2^{j_1}} A_{2^{j_1}} = A_{2^{j_1}} D_{2^{j_1}}$ for some positive integer j_1 , then

$$H_{2^{j_1}} A_{2^{j_1}} = (A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1}), A_{2^{j_1}}(1), \dots, A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1} - 1)).$$

From lemma 3.2, we can get

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_{2^{j_1+1}}A_{2^{j_1+1}} &= \begin{pmatrix} H_{2^{j_1}} & B_{2^{j_1}} \\ 0 & H_{2^{j_1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} A_{2^{j_1}} & 0 \\ A_{2^{j_1}} & A_{2^{j_1}} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} H_{2^{j_1}}A_{2^{j_1}} + B_{2^{j_1}}A_{2^{j_1}} & B_{2^{j_1}}A_{2^{j_1}} \\ H_{2^{j_1}}A_{2^{j_1}} & H_{2^{j_1}}A_{2^{j_1}} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= \begin{pmatrix} (0, A_{2^{j_1}}(1), \dots, A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1} - 1)) & (A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1}), \underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^{j_1}-1) \text{ zero vectors}}) \\ (A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1}), A_{2^{j_1}}(1), \dots, A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1} - 1)) & (A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1}), A_{2^{j_1}}(1), \dots, A_{2^{j_1}}(2^{j_1} - 1)) \end{pmatrix}.
 \end{aligned}$$

so $H_{2^{j_1+1}}A_{2^{j_1+1}} = A_{2^{j_1+1}}D_{2^{j_1+1}}$, which gives the proof. □

4 A new Gray map and the structure of the corresponding Gray image

Let a, b be two elements in R_k , then a, b can be written as $a = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i r_i(a)$ and $b = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i r_i(b)$ respectively, where $r_i(a), r_i(b) \in F_{2^m}$ for $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$. It is easy to check that $r_i(a + b) = r_i(a) + r_i(b)$ for $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$.

Definition 4.1 For an arbitrary element a in R_k , a new Gray map Φ_k from R_k to $F_{2^m}^{2^j}$ is defined as follows:

$$\Phi_k(a) = (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(a), r_1(a), \dots, r_{k-1}(a))A_{2^j}.$$

From the definition of Φ_k , we see that this Gray map is linear that because

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Phi_k(a + b) &= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(a + b), r_1(a + b), \dots, r_{k-1}(a + b))A_{2^j} \\
 &= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(a), r_1(a), \dots, r_{k-1}(a))A_{2^j} \\
 &\quad + (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(b), r_1(b), \dots, r_{k-1}(b))A_{2^j} \\
 &= \Phi_k(a) + \Phi_k(b).
 \end{aligned}$$

According to lemma 3.1, A_{2^j} is an invertible matrix over F_{2^m} , so Φ_k is a bijection from R_k to $F_{2^m}^{2^j}$. we identify a codeword $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) \in R_k^N$ with its polynomial representation $c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{N-1}x^{N-1}$ and denote $P_i[c(x)] = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} r_i(c_l)x^l$ for $0 \leq i \leq k - 1$, then $c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i P_i[c(x)]$. Thus, the Gray map Φ_k can be extended to $R_k[x]$ in an obvious way.

Definition 4.2 For an arbitrary codeword $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) \in R_k^N$, its polynomial representation is $c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{N-1}x^{N-1}$. The polynomial Gray map

Φ_k from $R_k[x]$ to $F_{2^m}[x]$ is defined as follows:

$$\Phi_k[c(x)] = (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, P_0[c(x)], P_1[c(x)], \dots, P_{k-1}[c(x)])A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Obviously, Φ_k is not only linear, but also a bijection from $R_k[x]$ to $F_{2^m}[x]$.

Definition 4.3 Let W_L be the Lee weight of the element of R_k and W_H be the Hamming weight of the element of $F_{2^m}^{2^j}$. We define that $W_L(a) = W_H[\Phi_k(a)]$ for an arbitrary element a in R_k . The Lee weight of a codeword in $R_k[x]$ is the rational integer sum of the Lee weight of its coefficients. The Lee distance between two codewords c and \hat{c} is defined as the Lee weight of $(c - \hat{c})$.

The following lemma 4.1 is straightforward from the definitions of the polynomial Gray map and Lee distance.

Lemma 4.1 *The polynomial Gray map Φ_k is not only a linear bijection from $R_k[x]$ to $F_{2^m}[x]$, but also a distance-preserving map from $(R_k[x], \text{Lee distance})$ to $(F_{2^m}[x], \text{Hamming distance})$.*

Theorem 4.2 *If C is a $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code of length N over R_k , then $\Phi_k(C)$ is a linear cyclic code of length $2^j N$ over F_{2^m} .*

Proof It only needs to prove $\Phi_k[xc(x)] = x\Phi_k[c(x)]$. In fact, $x^N = 1 + u$ in $R_k[x]/\langle x^N - (1 + u) \rangle$, so $x^{2^j N} = 1$. For an arbitrary codeword $c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{N-1}x^{N-1} \in C$, it can be written in the form $c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i P_i[c(x)]$. Then, we have $xc(x) = (1 + u)c_{N-1} + c_0x + c_1x^2 + \dots + c_{N-2}x^{N-1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i P_i[xc(x)]$, where $P_0[xc(x)] = r_0[(c_{N-1})] + xP_0[c(x)] + x^N r_0(c_{N-1})$ and $P_i[xc(x)] = r_i[(1 + u)c_{N-1}] + \sum_{l=0}^{k-2} r_i(c_l)x^{l+1} = [r_{i-1}(c_{N-1}) + r_i(c_{N-1})] + xP_i[c(x)] + x^N r_i(c_{N-1})$ for $1 \leq i \leq k - 1$. Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_k[xc(x)] &= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, P_0[xc(x)], P_1[xc(x)], \dots, P_{k-1}[xc(x)])A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(c_{N-1}), \sum_{i=0}^1 r_i(c_{N-1}), \dots, \sum_{i=k-2}^{k-1} r_i(c_{N-1}))A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &+x^N(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(c_{N-1}), r_1(c_{N-1}), \dots, r_{k-1}(c_{N-1}))A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &+x(\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, P_0[c(x)], P_1[c(x)], \dots, P_{k-1}[c(x)])A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} \\
 &= (\underbrace{0, \dots, 0}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, r_0(c_{N-1}), r_1(c_{N-1}), \dots, r_{k-1}(c_{N-1}))(H_{2^j} A_{2^j} + A_{2^j} D_{2^j}) \\
 &\quad \times \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} + x\Phi_k[c(x)].
 \end{aligned}$$

By theorem 3.3, $\Phi_k[xc(x)] = x\Phi_k[c(x)]$. □

5 The generator polynomial of the Gray image

Lemma 5.1 *In $F_{2^m}[x]$, $A_{2^j} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1+x^N \\ \vdots \\ (1+x^N)^{2^j-1} \end{pmatrix}$.*

Proof We prove the result by induction on j . In $F_{2^m}[x]$, if $j = 1$, then $A_2 \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \end{pmatrix} =$

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1+x^N \end{pmatrix}.$$

Suppose $A_{2^{j_1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^{j_1}-1)N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1+x^N \\ \vdots \\ (1+x^N)^{2^{j_1}-1} \end{pmatrix}$ for some positive integer j_1 in $F_{2^m}[x]$, then

$$A_{2^{j_1+1}} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^{j_1+1}-1)N} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} A_{2^{j_1}} & 0 \\ A_{2^{j_1}} & A_{2^{j_1}} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^{j_1+1}-1)N} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$= \left(\begin{array}{c} A_{2^{j_1}} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^{j_1}-1)N} \end{array} \right) \\ (1 + x^{2^{j_1}N})A_{2^{j_1}} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^{j_1}-1)N} \end{array} \right) \end{array} \right) = \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 + x^N \\ \vdots \\ (1 + x^N)^{2^{j_1+1}-1} \end{array} \right).$$

This gives the proof. □

Let n be an odd positive integer and let $x^n - 1 = f_1 f_2 \cdots f_q$ be the factorization of $(x^n - 1)$ into a product of monic basic irreducible pairwise coprime polynomials in $F_{2^m}[x]$, then the following lemma is straightforward from the theorem 4 and lemma 3 of [7].

Lemma 5.2 *Let C be a $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code of length $N = 2^e n$ over R_k , then $C = \langle f_1^{k_1} f_2^{k_2} \cdots f_q^{k_q} \rangle$, where $0 \leq k_i \leq 2^e k$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, q$. Furthermore, $|C| = 2^{m(kN-\eta)}$, where $\eta = \sum_{i=1}^q k_i \deg(f_i)$.*

Theorem 5.3 *Let $C = \langle f_1^{k_1} f_2^{k_2} \cdots f_q^{k_q} \rangle$ be a $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code of length $N = 2^e n$ over R_k , where e is a non-negative integer and $0 \leq k_i \leq 2^e k$ for $i = 0, 1, \dots, q$. Then the Gray image $\Phi_k(C)$ is a linear cyclic code of length $2^j N$ over F_{2^m} and $\Phi_k(C) = \langle f_1^{k_1+2^e(2^j-k)} f_2^{k_2+2^e(2^j-k)} \cdots f_q^{k_q+2^e(2^j-k)} \rangle$.*

Proof By theorem 4.2, $\Phi_k(C)$ is a linear cyclic code of length $2^j N$ over F_{2^m} . So, we only need to prove $\Phi_k(C) = \langle f_1^{k_1+2^e(2^j-k)} f_2^{k_2+2^e(2^j-k)} \cdots f_q^{k_q+2^e(2^j-k)} \rangle$. In fact, we denote $c(x) = f_1^{k_1} f_2^{k_2} \cdots f_q^{k_q} \in C$, then $c(x) = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} u^i P_i[c(x)] = \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 + x^N)^i P_i[c(x)]$. By lemma 5.1,

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_k[c(x)] &= \left(\underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, P_0[c(x)], P_1[c(x)], \dots, P_{k-1}[c(x)] \right) A_{2^j} \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ x^N \\ \vdots \\ x^{(2^j-1)N} \end{array} \right) \\ &= \left(\underbrace{(0, \dots, 0)}_{(2^j-k) \text{ zeros}}, P_0[c(x)], P_1[c(x)], \dots, P_{k-1}[c(x)] \right) \left(\begin{array}{c} 1 \\ 1 + x^N \\ \vdots \\ (1 + x^N)^{2^j-1} \end{array} \right) \\ &= (1 + x^N)^{2^j-k} \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (1 + x^N)^i P_i[c(x)] = (1 + x^N)^{2^j-k} c(x) \in \Phi_k(C). \end{aligned}$$

So $\langle (1+x^N)^{2^j-k} f_1^{k_1} f_2^{k_2} \dots f_q^{k_q} \rangle \subseteq \Phi_k(C)$. Comparing the number of codewords, we have $\Phi_k(C) = \langle (1+x^N)^{2^j-k} f_1^{k_1} f_2^{k_2} \dots f_q^{k_q} \rangle$. Since $1+x^N = (f_1 f_2 \dots f_q)^{2^e}$ in $F_{2^m}[x]$, then we get the result. \square

6 Examples

Let ω be a primitive element of F_4 . In $F_2[x]$, $x^3 - 1 = Q_1 Q_2$, where $Q_1 = x + 1$ and $Q_2 = x^2 + x + 1$. In $F_4[x]$, $x^3 - 1 = g_1 g_2 g_3$, where $g_1 = x + 1$, $g_2 = x + \omega$ and $g_3 = x + \omega^2$. In $F_2[x]$ and $F_4[x]$, $x^7 - 1 = f_1 f_2 f_3$, where $f_1 = x + 1$, $f_2 = x^3 + x + 1$ and $f_3 = x^3 + x^2 + 1$.

Example 1 Let $k = 2$ and $m = 1$ in definition 4.2 and theorem 5.3, we get the result of Abularub et al about the Gray map in [1]. Now, we let $k = 2$ and $m = 2$, we can get some other optimal codes. For example, $C_1 = \langle g_1 g_2 g_3^3 \rangle$ is a $(1 + u)$ constacyclic code of length $N = 6$ over $F_4 + uF_4$. According to theorem 5.3, $\Phi_2(C_1) = \langle g_1 g_2 g_3^3 \rangle$, which is a [4, 7, 12] linear cyclic code over F_4 and an optimal code. Table 1 presents

Table 1 Optimal linear codes over F_4 obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_4 + uF_4$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	g_1	[6,5,2]
3	g_2	[6,5,2]
3	g_3	[6,5,2]
3	g_1^2	[6,4,2]
3	$g_1 g_2$	[6,4,2]
3	$g_1 g_3$	[6,4,2]
3	g_2^2	[6,4,2]
3	$g_2 g_3$	[6,4,2]
3	g_3^2	[6,4,2]
3	$g_1^2 g_2 g_3$	[6,2,4]
3	$g_1 g_2^2 g_3$	[6,2,4]
3	$g_1 g_2 g_3^2$	[6,2,4]
6	g_1	[12,11,2]
6	g_2	[12,11,2]
6	g_3	[12,11,2]
6	g_1^2	[12,10,2]
6	$g_1 g_2$	[12,10,2]
6	$g_1 g_3$	[12,10,2]
6	g_2^2	[12,10,2]
6	$g_2 g_3$	[12,10,2]
6	g_3^2	[12,10,2]
6	$g_1^3 g_2 g_3$	[12,7,4]

Table 1 continued

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
6	$g_1 g_2^3 g_3$	[12,7,4]
6	$g_1 g_2 g_3^3$	[12,7,4]
7	f_1	[14,13,2]
7	f_1^2	[14,12,2]
7	$f_1^2 f_2$	[14,9,4]
7	$f_1^2 f_3$	[14,9,4]

several optimal linear codes over F_4 obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_4 + uF_4$ of some lengths.

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 present some optimal codes obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes of some lengths over R_k under the Gray map.

Table 2 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_2[u]/\langle u^3 \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	Q_1^2	[12,7,4]
3	Q_1^3	[12,6,4]
3	$Q_1^2 Q_2$	[12,5,4]
3	Q_2^2	[12,5,4]
3	Q_2^3	[12,3,6]
3	$Q_1^3 Q_2^2$	[12,2,8]
6	Q_1	[24,20,2]
6	Q_1^4	[24,17,4]
6	Q_1^5	[24,16,4]
6	$Q_1^4 Q_2$	[24,15,4]
6	Q_1^6	[24,15,4]
7	$f_1^3 f_2^2$	[28,12,8]
7	$f_1^3 f_3^2$	[28,12,8]
7	$f_2^2 f_3^3$	[28,6,12]
7	$f_2^3 f_3^2$	[28,6,12]

Table 3 Optimal linear codes over F_4 obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_4[u]/\langle u^3 \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	g_1^2	[12,7,4]
3	g_2^2	[12,7,4]
3	g_3^2	[12,7,4]

Table 4 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_2[u]/\langle u^4 \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	Q_1	[12,11,2]
3	Q_1^2	[12,10,2]
3	Q_2	[12,10,2]
3	Q_1^3	[12,9,2]
3	$Q_1 Q_2$	[12,9,2]
3	$Q_1^3 Q_2$	[12,7,4]
3	$Q_1^4 Q_2$	[12,6,4]
3	$Q_1 Q_2^3$	[12,5,4]
3	$Q_1^3 Q_2^2$	[12,5,4]
3	$Q_1 Q_2^4$	[12,3,6]
3	$Q_1^4 Q_2^3$	[12,2,8]
6	Q_1	[24,23,2]
6	Q_1^2	[24,22,2]
6	Q_2	[24,22,2]
6	Q_1^3	[24,21,2]
6	$Q_1 Q_2$	[24,21,2]
6	Q_1^4	[24,20,2]
6	$Q_1^2 Q_2$	[24,20,2]
6	Q_2^2	[24,20,2]
6	$Q_1^3 Q_2$	[24,17,4]
6	$Q_1^6 Q_2$	[24,16,4]
6	$Q_1^5 Q_2^2$	[24,15,4]
6	$Q_1^7 Q_2$	[24,15,4]
7	$f_1^3 f_2$	[28,22,4]
7	$f_1^3 f_3$	[28,22,4]
7	$f_1^4 f_2$	[28,21,4]
7	$f_1^4 f_3$	[28,21,4]
7	$f_1^4 f_2 f_3^3$	[28,12,8]
7	$f_1^4 f_2^3 f_3$	[28,12,8]
7	$f_1 f_2^4 f_3^3$	[28,6,12]
7	$f_1 f_2^3 f_3^4$	[28,6,12]

Table 5 Optimal linear codes over F_4 obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_4[u]/\langle u^4 \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	g_1	[12,11,2]
3	g_2	[12,11,2]
3	g_3	[12,11,2]
3	g_1^2	[12,10,2]
3	g_2^2	[12,10,2]

Table 5 continued

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
3	g_3^2	[12,10,2]
3	$g_1 g_2$	[12,10,2]
3	$g_1 g_3$	[12,10,2]
3	$g_2 g_3$	[12,10,2]
3	$g_1 g_2 g_3^3$	[12,7,4]
3	$g_1 g_2^3 g_3$	[12,7,4]
3	$g_1^3 g_2 g_3$	[12,7,4]
7	f_1	[28,27,2]
7	f_1^2	[28,26,2]
7	f_2	[28,25,2]
7	f_3	[28,25,2]
7	f_1^3	[28,25,2]
7	$f_1^3 f_2$	[28,22,4]
7	$f_1^3 f_3$	[28,22,4]

Table 6 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_2[u]/\langle u^8 \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
7	f_1^2	[56,54,2]
7	f_1^3	[56,53,2]
7	f_2	[56,53,2]
7	f_3	[56,53,2]
7	$f_1 f_3$	[56,52,2]
7	$f_1 f_2$	[56,52,2]
7	f_1^4	[56,52,2]
7	$f_1^2 f_3$	[56,51,2]
7	$f_1^2 f_2$	[56,51,2]
7	$f_1^5 f_3$	[56,48,4]
7	$f_1^5 f_2$	[56,48,4]
7	$f_1^6 f_3$	[56,47,4]
7	$f_1^7 f_3$	[56,46,4]
7	$f_1^7 f_2$	[56,46,4]
7	$f_1^5 f_3^2$	[56,45,4]
7	$f_1^5 f_2^2$	[56,45,4]
7	$f_1^8 f_3$	[56,45,4]
7	$f_1^8 f_2$	[56,45,4]
7	$f_1^5 f_2 f_3$	[56,45,4]

Table 7 Optimal binary linear codes obtained from $(1 + u)$ constacyclic codes over $F_2[u]/\langle u^{16} \rangle$

Length	Generator polynomial	Gray image
7	f_1	[112,111,2]
7	f_1^2	[112,110,2]
7	f_1^3	[112,109,2]
7	f_2	[112,109,2]
7	f_3	[112,109,2]
7	$f_1 f_2$	[112,108,2]
7	$f_1 f_3$	[112,108,2]
7	f_1^4	[112,108,2]
7	f_1^5	[112,107,2]
7	$f_1^2 f_2$	[112,107,2]
7	$f_1^2 f_3$	[112,107,2]
7	f_1^6	[112,106,2]
7	$f_1^3 f_2$	[112,106,2]
7	$f_1^3 f_3$	[112,106,2]
7	f_2^2	[112,106,2]
7	$f_2 f_3$	[112,106,2]
7	f_3^2	[112,106,2]
7	$f_1^9 f_2$	[112,100,4]
7	$f_1^9 f_3$	[112,100,4]
7	$f_1^{10} f_2$	[112,99,4]
7	$f_1^{10} f_3$	[112,99,4]
7	$f_1^{16} f_2^{16} f_3^{15}$	[112,3,64]
7	$f_1^{16} f_2^{15} f_3^{16}$	[112,3,64]

7 Conclusion

In this paper, we extend the result of [1] about the Gray map to the polynomial residue ring $R_k = F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$, where $2^{j-1} + 1 \leq k \leq 2^j$ for some positive integer j . Some optimal linear cyclic code over F_2 and F_4 have been constructed via the Gray map. A nature problem is to extend the results to the ring $F_q[u]/\langle u^k \rangle$.

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