

**On the search for the right support:
Better bounds for the Lee metric**

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The history of the Lee metric/ why do we care about it

- Introduced in 1958 by Lee for non-binary codes
- Some good non-linear binary codes can be represented as linear codes in the Lee metric over $\mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$
- Introduced to code-based cryptography
- First Lee-metric signature scheme



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$$\left(\text{Id}_k \quad A \right)$$

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$$\mathcal{C} \cong (\mathbb{Z}/p^s\mathbb{Z})^{k_0} \times (\mathbb{Z}/p^{s-1}\mathbb{Z})^{k_1} \times \cdots \times (\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^{k_{s-1}}$$

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- **subtype** (k_0, \dots, k_{s-1}) ,
- **rank** $K = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} k_i$,
- **type** $k = \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \frac{s-i}{s} k_i = \log_{p^s} (|\mathcal{C}|)$,
- $0 \leq k \leq K \leq n$ and if $k = K$ **free code**

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The Hamming metric

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One of the main tasks: Bound minimum distance

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- Lee metric: Shiromoto 2000
 - Optimal codes and their densities?



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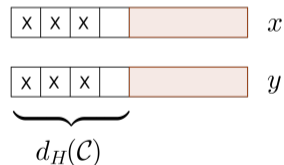
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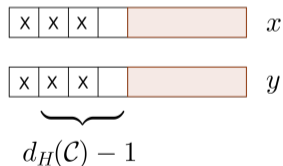
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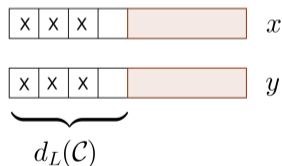
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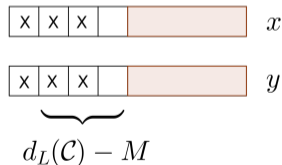
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This is the only linear non-trivial optimal code!



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Need better Lee-metric Singleton Bound!

→ Need new technique

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Example: $\mathcal{C} \subseteq \mathbb{F}_2^4$ generated by $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

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Properties

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- $d_H^r(\mathcal{C}) < d_H^{r+1}(\mathcal{C})$ for $r < k$
- $d_H^k(\mathcal{C}) = \text{wt}_H(\mathcal{C})$

$$\rightarrow d_H(\mathcal{C}) = \underbrace{d_H^1(\mathcal{C}) < d_H^2(\mathcal{C}) < \dots < d_H^k(\mathcal{C})}_{k-1} = \text{wt}_H(\mathcal{C})$$

\rightarrow Singleton Bound: $d_H(\mathcal{C}) \leq \text{wt}_H(\mathcal{C}) - (k - 1) \leq n - k + 1$

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→ Problem

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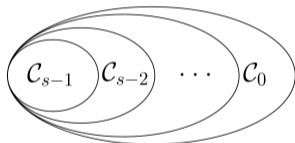
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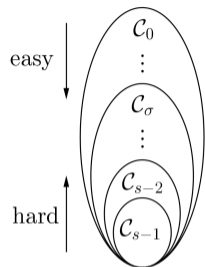
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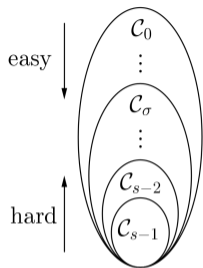
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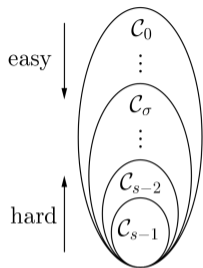


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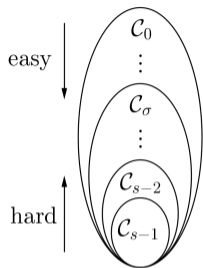
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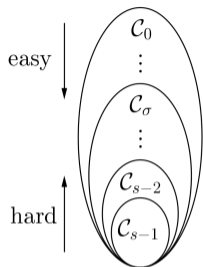
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- $d_L^r(\mathcal{C}) < d_L^{r+1}(\mathcal{C})$ for $r < K$
- $d_L^K(\mathcal{C}) = \text{colwt}_L(\mathcal{C})$

Lee Column Weight

support subtype of a code is (n_0, \dots, n_{s-1}) , where

$$n_i = |\{j \in \{1, \dots, n\} \mid \langle c_j \rangle = \langle p^i \rangle\}|$$

→ Remainder support subtype $(\mu_0, \dots, \mu_{s-1})$ is support subtype in $C_{n-K, \dots, n}$

$$\text{colwt}_L(\mathcal{C})m \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} p^i k_i + \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} \mu_i M_i,$$

where $M_i = \lfloor \frac{p^{s-1}}{2} \rfloor p^i$

Singleton Bound

$\mathcal{C} \subseteq (\mathbb{Z}/p^s\mathbb{Z})^n$ with subtype (k_0, \dots, k_{s-1}) , σ largest with $k_\sigma \neq 0$, support subtype in redundant part $(\mu_{n-K}, \dots, \mu_n)$,

$$d_L(\mathcal{C}) \leq \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} p^i k_i + \sum_{i=n-K}^n \mu_i M_i - \left(\sum_{i=0}^{\sigma-1} \left(\sum_{j=0}^i k_j \right) \lfloor \frac{p}{2} \rfloor p^i + (k_\sigma - 1)p^\sigma \right)$$

Much better than previous bound $d_L(\mathcal{C}) \leq M(n - K + 1)$

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$$d_L(\mathcal{C}) \leq d_L(\mathcal{C}_{s-i}) \leq d_L(p^{s-i}\tilde{\mathcal{C}}_i) \leq \text{upper bound}$$

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all our bounds go to the socle or the subcode of subtype $(0, \dots, 0, k_i, 0, \dots, 0) \rightarrow$ already considered

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only optimal codes:

- p odd: $p^s = 5, k + 1 \leq n \leq k + 3$ or $p^s \in \{7, 9\}, n = k + 1$
- $p = 2$: free, $s = 2, k + 1 \leq n \leq k + 2$ or $s = 3, n = k + 1$ or $k + 1 = K \in \{n, n + 1\}$

→ sparse



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