



On the Cyclic and λ -Constacyclic Codes over the Quaternion Rings and Their Applications

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Abstract

In this paper, the structures of linear codes over the quaternion rings with coefficient from Z_p , $H_p = Z_p + Z_p i + Z_p j + Z_p k$ are given, where p is an odd prime, $i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = p - 1$ and $ij = (p - 1)ji = k$. The quaternion rings over Z_p decompose into two parts form $Z_p + iZ_p$ (or $Z_p + jZ_p$ or $Z_p + kZ_p$) with idempotent coefficients, depending on selecting a central orthogonal idempotent pair. The structures of cyclic and λ -constacyclic codes over H_p are determined, where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, p is an odd prime, λ is a unit in H_p and some examples are given. The duals of linear codes over H_p are investigated. The parameters of quantum codes are obtained from cyclic codes and λ -constacyclic over H_p .

1 Introduction

W. R. Hamilton invented quaternions in 1843. Firstly, W. B. V. Kandasamy introduced quaternion rings over Z_p in (Kandasamy, 2000). In (Aristidou & Demetre, 2012), (Miguel & Serodio, 2011), (Tan & Sison, 2021) some properties of these rings were investigated by many authors. In (Akbiyik & Ersoy 2017), cyclic codes over H_3 were determined. Their generator polynomials were given, and their parameters were obtained. Motivated by this work (Akbiyik & Ersoy 2017), we decided to study cyclic and λ -constacyclic codes over H_p and to obtain their applications to quantum codes.

The paper is organized as follows. In section 2, the structures of quaternion rings over Z_p and some properties are given. In section 3, the structure of a linear code over H_p is determined. In sections 4 and 5, the structures of cyclic and λ -constacyclic codes over H_p are obtained, respectively. Some examples are given. In section 6, dual codes over H_p are investigated. In section 7, the parameters of quantum codes from cyclic codes and λ -constacyclic over H_p are obtained. Some examples are given.

2 Preliminaries

In (Kandasamy, 2000), the non-commutative ring with p^4 elements $H_p = \{a + bi + cj + dk | a, b, c, d \in Z_p, i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = p - 1, ij = (p - 1)ji = k\}$ were introduced by Kandasamy, where p is a prime and $Z_p = \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$.

The sum and left(right) product operations were defined in (Akbiyik & Ersoy 2017) for H_3 . Similarly, they can be defined for H_p as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 + & : H_p \times H_p \longrightarrow H_p \\
 (z, m) & \mapsto z + m = (a_1 + a_2) + (b_1 + b_2)i + (c_1 + c_2)j + (d_1 + d_2)k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 *_L & : H_p \times H_p \longrightarrow H_p \\
 (z, m) & \mapsto z *_L m = (a_1 a_2 + (p-1)b_1 b_2 + (p-1)c_1 c_2 + (p-1)d_1 d_2) + \\
 & (a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2 + c_1 d_2 + (p-1)d_1 c_2)i + \\
 & (a_1 c_2 + c_1 a_2 + d_1 b_2 + (p-1)b_1 d_2)j + \\
 & (a_1 d_2 + d_1 a_2 + b_1 c_2 + (p-1)c_1 b_2)k
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 *_R & : H_p \times H_p \longrightarrow H_p \\
 (z, m) & \mapsto z *_R m = (a_1 a_2 + (p-1)b_1 b_2 + (p-1)c_1 c_2 + (p-1)d_1 d_2) + \\
 & (a_1 b_2 + b_1 a_2 + (p-1)c_1 d_2 + d_1 c_2)i + \\
 & (a_1 c_2 + c_1 a_2 + (p-1)d_1 b_2 + b_1 d_2)j + \\
 & (a_1 d_2 + d_1 a_2 + (p-1)b_1 c_2 + c_1 b_2)k
 \end{aligned}$$

where $z = a_1 + b_1 i + c_1 j + d_1 k, m = a_2 + b_2 i + c_2 j + d_2 k \in H_p$.

In this paper, we use the left product as an operation for the non commutative ring with unity and denote $*$ instead of $*_L$.

In (Miguel & Serodio, 2011), the structure of the quaternion ring over Z_p was determined, where p is an odd prime. It was constructed as an isomorphism between the ring H_p and the ring of square matrices of order two over the finite field Z_p . Thanks to the relationship between the ring H_p and the ring $M_2(Z_p)$ and by using the Theorem 3.1. in (Cheraghpour & Ghosseiri, 2019), it can be given the number of units, zero divisors, idempotent elements of the ring H_p as follows:

Theorem 2.1. (Cheraghpour & Ghosseiri, 2019) *The number of units in H_p is*

$$U = p(p-1)(p^2-1)$$

Theorem 2.2. (Cheraghpour & Ghosseiri, 2019) *Let p be an odd prime number. Then, the number of zero divisors in H_p is*

$$Z = p^3 + p^2 - p - 1$$

Theorem 2.3. (Cheraghpour & Ghosseiri, 2019) *Let p be an odd prime number. The number of idempotent elements in H_p is*

$$I = p^2 + p + 2$$

Theorem 2.4. (Aristidou & Demetre, 2012) *If $h = a + bi + cj + dk \in H_p$ is idempotent, then $a = (p+1)/2, b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv (p^2-1)/4 \pmod{p}$.*

Example 2.5. For the idempotent element $h = a + bi + cj + dk \in H_3, a = 2, b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$. For $h \in H_5, a = 3, b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. For $h \in H_7, a = 4, b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$.

There are $(p^2 + p)/2$ idempotent pairs such that they are orthogonal and their sum is 1. They are called

central orthogonal idempotent pairs. If the idempotent element is $h = a + bi + cj + dk \in H_p$, where $a = (p+1)/2, b^2 + c^2 + d^2 \equiv (p^2 - 1)/4 \pmod{p}$, then its pair is $a + (p-b)i + (p-c)j + (p-d)k$.

Example 2.6. In H_5 , there are 15 central orthogonal idempotent pairs. These are $\{3 + 2i + j + 4k, 3 + 3i + 4j + k\}, \{3 + i, 3 + 4i\}, \{3 + j, 3 + 4j\}, \{3 + k, 3 + 4k\}, \{3 + i + 4j + 2k, 3 + 4i + j + 3k\}, \{3 + 4i + 2j + k, 3 + i + 3j + 4k\}, \{3 + 4i + j + 2k, 3 + i + 4j + 3k\}, \{3 + 2i + 4j + k, 3 + 3i + j + 4k\}, \{3 + i + 2j + 4k, 3 + 4i + 3j + k\}, \{3 + i + j + 2k, 3 + 4i + 4j + 3k\}, \{3 + i + 2j + k, 3 + 4i + 3j + 4k\}, \{3 + 2i + j + k, 3 + 3i + 4j + 4k\}, \{3 + i + j + 3k, 3 + 4i + 4j + 2k\}, \{3 + 3i + j + k, 3 + 2i + 4j + 4k\}, \{3 + i + 3j + k, 3 + 4i + 2j + 4k\}$.

Theorem 2.7. (Tan & Sison, 2021) Let H_q be the ring of the quaternions over the finite field F_q , where $q = p^r$ (odd p). Then H_q is a semisimple ring with $q+1$ proper left (resp. right) ideals and each proper left (resp. right) ideal is principal, minimal and maximal and has q^2 elements.

Result 2.8. The quaternion ring over Z_p is a principal ideal ring. Moreover, it is not a finite chain ring.

Proposition 2.1. Let $h_1 = (p+1)/2 + b_1i + c_1j + d_1k$ be an idempotent element in H_p and $h_2 = (p+1)/2 - b_1i - c_1j - d_1k$ be idempotent pair of h_1 , where p is an odd prime. Then every element $h \in H_p$ is uniquely written as $h = h_1 * z_1 + h_2 * z_2$ where $z_1, z_2 \in Z_p + iZ_p$ (or $Z_p + jZ_p$ or $Z_p + kZ_p$) depending on the choice of central orthogonal idempotent pair $\{h_1, h_2\}$.

Proof. Let $h = a + bi + cj + dk$ be an element in H_p . Suppose that $h = h_1 * z_1 + h_2 * z_2$, where $z_1 = e_1 + if_1, z_2 = e_2 + if_2 \in Z_p + iZ_p$ depending on the choice of central orthogonal idempotent pairs $\{h_1, h_2\}$. As $\{h_1, h_2\}$ is the central orthogonal idempotent pair, then $h_s * h_s = h_s, h_s * h_t = 0$, where $s, t = 1, 2, s \neq t$. By using them, we have $h_1 * h = h_1 * z_1$ and $h_2 * h = h_2 * z_2$. From them, we can obtain $e_1, e_2, f_1, f_2 \in Z_p$, by solving these equations. For the uniqueness; For $h \in H_p$, assume that the element h is written in two different ways as $h = h_1 * z_1 + h_2 * z_2 = h_1 * m_1 + h_2 * m_2$. From this, we have $h_1 * (z_1 + (p-1)m_1) = h_2 * ((p-1)z_2 + m_2)$. By multiplying h_1 , we have $z_1 = m_1$, as $h_1 * h_1 = h_1, h_1 * h_2 = 0$. By multiplying h_2 , we have $z_2 = m_2$, as $h_2 * h_2 = h_2, h_2 * h_1 = 0$. The proof is similar to the others depending on the choice of central orthogonal idempotent pairs. $\square$

For the different central orthogonal idempotent pairs, different elements z_1, z_2 are obtained.

Example 2.9. In H_5 , $3 + 2i + 3j + 4k \in H_5$ is uniquely written as $3 + 2i + 3j + 4k = (3 + 2i + j + 4k) * 2 + (3 + 3i + 4j + k) * i$ according to the pair $\{3 + 2i + j + 4k, 3 + 3i + 4j + k\}$. But $3 + 2i + 3j + 4k \in H_5$ is uniquely written as $3 + 2i + 3j + 4k = (3 + 3i + j + k) * 2 + (3 + 2i + 4j + 4k) * (1 + 3i)$ according to the pair $\{3 + 3i + j + k, 3 + 2i + 4j + 4k\}$.

Proposition 2.2. Let $h_1 = (p+1)/2 + b_1i + c_1j + d_1k$ be an idempotent element and h_2 be its pair. If $b_1 \neq 0, c_1 = 0, d_1 = 0$, then H_p can be decomposed into $(Z_p + jZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + jZ_p)$ (or $(Z_p + kZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + kZ_p)$). If $b_1 = 0, c_1 \neq 0, d_1 = 0$, then H_p can be decomposed into $(Z_p + iZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + iZ_p)$ (or $(Z_p + kZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + kZ_p)$). If $b_1 = 0, c_1 = 0, d_1 \neq 0$, then H_p can be decomposed into $(Z_p + iZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + iZ_p)$ (or $(Z_p + jZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + jZ_p)$). In the other case, H_p can be decomposed into any of them. Moreover, H_p is a $Z_p + iZ_p$ (or $Z_p + jZ_p$ or $Z_p + kZ_p$)-right module depending on the choice of central orthogonal idempotent pairs $\{h_1, h_2\}$.

In this paper, we will consider that H_p is decomposed into $(Z_p + iZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + iZ_p)$. Similar things can be done for the others.

Remark. If $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has no solution. So $x^2 + 1 \in Z_p[x]$ is irreducible. Hence, $Z_p + iZ_p$ is a field.

Proposition 2.3. The field F_{p^2} is isomorphic to $Z_p + iZ_p \cong Z_p[x] / \langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$, for $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

Proof. Let $f(x)$ be second degree primitive polynomial over F_p and w be primitive element of F_{p^2} , that is $f(w) = 0$. For every second degree primitive polynomials $f(x)$, by determining $s, t \in F_p$ which satisfy $(sw + t)^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$, it is easily seen that the map ψ from $Z_p + iZ_p$ to F_{p^2} with $\psi(i) = sw + t$, or $\psi(s^{-1}i - s^{-1}t) = w$, is an isomorphism. $\square$

Example 2.10. For $p = 7$, there are $\phi(7^2 - 1)/2 = 8$ second degree primitive polynomials, where ϕ is Euler function. They are $w^2 + 6w + 3, w^2 + 2w + 5, w^2 + 3w + 5, w^2 + 5w + 3, w^2 + w + 3, w^2 + 2w + 3, w^2 + 4w + 5, w^2 + 5w + 5$. The isomorphisms are $\psi(i - 3) = w, \psi(5i - 1) = w, \psi(i - 5) = w, \psi(3i + 1) = w, \psi(i + 3) = w, \psi(3i - 1) = w, \psi(i - 2) = w, \psi(2i + 1) = w$, respectively.

3 Linear codes over H_p

We know that $(H_p)^n$ is left (right) H_p -module, where p is odd.

Definition 3.1. A left (right) linear code C of length n over H_p is a left (right) H_p -submodule.

Every codeword c in such a left (right) code C is just an n -tuple of the form $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in H_p^n$ and can be represented by a polynomial in $H_p[x]$ -as follows

$$c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \longleftrightarrow c(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots c_{n-1}x^{n-1} \in H_p[x]$$

In Akbiyik and Ersoy (2017), the Gray map was defined in H_3 . Similarly, it can be given in H_p , where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ as follows,

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_1 &: H_p \longrightarrow (Z_p + iZ_p) \oplus (Z_p + iZ_p) \\ \alpha &\mapsto \Omega_1(\alpha) = (z_1, z_2) \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = h_1 * z_1 + h_2 * z_2$. The map is linear. It is also generalized to H_p^n .

The Gray weight of an element α is defined as

$$w_G(\alpha) = w_H(\psi(z_1), \psi(z_2))$$

where w_H is Hamming weight. The Gray weight of codeword u is $w_G(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_G(u_i)$. The minimum Gray distance of a code C is

$$d_G(C) = \min\{w_G(u) | u \in C\}.$$

Proposition 3.1. The map Ω_1 is an isometry from $(H_p^n, \text{Gray distance})$ to $((Z_p + iZ_p)^{2n}, \text{Hamming distance})$.

Theorem 3.2. Let C be an (n, A, d_G) linear code over H_p , where n, A and d_G are the code length, the number of codewords and the minimum Gray distance of C , respectively. Then $\Omega_1(C)$ is a $(2n, A, d_G = d_H)$ linear code over F_{p^2} .

Otherwise, the Gray map is defined in H_p , as follows;

$$\begin{aligned} \Omega_2 &: H_p \longrightarrow (Z_p)^4 \\ \alpha &\mapsto \Omega_2(\alpha) = (\pi(z_1), \pi(z_2)) \end{aligned}$$

where $\alpha = h_1 * z_1 + h_2 * z_2$. The map is linear. It is also generalized to H_p^n . The weight of an element α is defined as

$$w_G(\alpha) = w_H(\pi(z_1), \pi(z_2))$$

where w_H is Hamming weight and the map π is from the ring $Z_p + iZ_p$ to Z_p^2 by $a_1 + ib_1 \mapsto (a_1, b_1)$. The Gray weight of codeword u is $w_G(u) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_G(u_i)$. The minimum Gray distance of a code C is

$$d_G(C) = \min\{w_G(u) | u \in C\}.$$

Proposition 3.2. The map Ω_2 is an isometry from $(H_p^n, \text{Gray distance})$ to $((Z_p)^{4n}, \text{Hamming distance})$.

Theorem 3.3. Let C be an (n, A, d_G) linear code over H_p , where n, A and d_G are the code length, the number of codewords and the minimum Gray distance of C , respectively. Then $\Omega_2(C)$ is a $(4n, A, d_G = d_H)$ linear code over Z_p .

The left linear code over H_p with length n is represented by

$$C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$$

where C_1, C_2 are linear codes over F_{p^2} with length n .

The right linear code over H_p with length n is represented by

$$C = C_1 * h_1 \oplus C_2 * h_2$$

where C_1, C_2 are linear codes over F_{p^2} with length n .

The following considers that the linear code C is left. Similarly, all can be made as the right linear code.

4 Cyclic codes over H_p

In this section, the structure of cyclic codes over H_p is given, where p is an odd prime.

A cyclic shift σ acts on H_p^n as

$$\sigma(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$$

A left (right) linear code C over H_p of length n is said to be left(right) cyclic code if it is invariant under the cyclic shift. i.e. $\sigma(C) = C$.

Using the polynomial representation of codewords in H_p^n in $H_p[x]$, we see that for a codeword $c \in H_p^n$, $\sigma(c)$ corresponds to $xc(x)$ in $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$. A subset C of H_p^n is a left (right) cyclic code of length n over H_p if and only if its polynomial representation is a left(right) ideal of the ring $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$.

As H_p is a principal ideal ring, so is $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$.

Theorem 4.1. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a code over H_p , where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then C is a cyclic code over H_p of length n if and only if C_1, C_2 are cyclic codes of length n over F_{p^2} .

Proof. Let C be a cyclic code and $x = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in C_1, y = (y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in C_2$ such that $c_s = h_1 * x_s + h_2 * y_s$, for $s = 0, \dots, n-1$. $\sigma(c) = h_1 * \sigma(x) + h_2 * \sigma(y) = h_1 * (x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) + h_2 * (y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C$ for $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$. So C_1, C_2 are cyclic codes over F_{p^2} .

Conversely, let $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$, where $c_s = h_1 * x_s + h_2 * y_s$, for $s = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$. Since C_1, C_2 are cyclic codes over F_{p^2} , for $x = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}), y = (y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in F_{p^2}^n$, we have $\sigma(x) = (x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) \in C_1$, $\sigma(y) = (y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C_2$. Hence $\sigma(c) = (h_1 * x_{n-1} + h_2 * y_{n-1}, h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = h_1 * (x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) + h_2 * (y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C$. Hence, C is a cyclic code of length n over H_p . $\square$

Theorem 4.2. Let $C_i = \langle g_i(x) \rangle$ be a cyclic code of length n over F_{p^2} with parameters (n, M_i, d_i) , where $g_i(x) | x^n - 1$ for $i = 1, 2$ and $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Then $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$ is a cyclic code over H_p with parameters (n, M, d) , where $|C| = M = M_1 M_2, d = d_L(C) = \min\{d_1, d_2\}, g(x) = h_1 * g_1(x) + h_2 * g_2(x)$ and $g(x) | x^n - 1$.

If not $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, we can say:

Theorem 4.3. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a code over H_p . Then C is a cyclic code over H_p of length n if and only if C_1, C_2 are cyclic codes of length n over the ring $Z_p + iZ_p \cong Z_p[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$.

Example 4.4. Let $p = 3, \psi(1+i) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 1$. Let

$$C_1 = \langle x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + (1+w)x + 1 \rangle = \langle x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2ix + 1 \rangle$$

$$C_2 = \langle x^3 + w^5x^2 + (1+w)x + 1 \rangle = \langle x^3 + (2+2i)x^2 + 2ix + 1 \rangle$$

be cyclic codes over $Z_3 + iZ_3$ with length 20. Then, C_1 is a cyclic code with parameters $[20, 16, 3]$ and C_2 is a cyclic code over $Z_3 + iZ_3$ with parameters $[20, 17, 3]$. If we choose $\{2+j+2k, 2+2j+k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then

$$\begin{aligned} C &= \left\langle \begin{array}{l} (2+j+2k) * (x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x^2 + 2ix + 1) + \\ (2+2j+k) * (x^3 + (2+2i)x^2 + 2ix + 1) \end{array} \right\rangle \\ &= \langle (2+j+2k)x^4 + (j+2k)x^3 + (2+i+2j+2k)x^2 + 2ix + j+2k \rangle \end{aligned}$$

is a $(20, 9^{33}, 3)$ cyclic code over H_3 .

Example 4.5. Let $p = 7, \psi(i-3) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 4$. Let $C_1 = C_2 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$, where $g_1(x) = x^8 + (4+4i)x^7 + 2ix^6 + (5+i)x^5 + (4+3i)x^4 + (6-i)x^3 + (4+3i)x^2 + (i-3)x + i$ be cyclic codes over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with length 16. Then, C_1 is a cyclic code over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with parameters $[16, 8, 9]$. Also, it is an MDS code. If we choose $\{4+3i+4j+k, 4+4i+3j+6k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then $C = \langle (4+3i+4j+k) * g_1(x) + (4+4i+3j-6k) * g_2(x) \rangle$ is a $(16, 49^{16}, 9)$ cyclic code over H_7 .

Example 4.6. Let $p = 11, \psi(3i+2) = w$ and $w^2 = 4w + 9$. Let

$$C_1 = \langle x^7 + 3x^5 + 6x^4 + 10x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 10 \rangle$$

$$C_2 = \langle x^7 + 7x^6 + 5x^5 + 7x^4 + 6x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x + 10 \rangle$$

be cyclic codes over $Z_{11} + iZ_{11}$ with length 43. Then, C_1 and C_2 are cyclic codes over $Z_{11} + iZ_{11}$ with parameters $[43, 36, 5]$. If we choose $\{6+3i+8j-k, 6+8i+3j+k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then

$$C = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} x^7 + (9+i-j+7k)x^6 + (4+5i+6j+2k)x^5 + (1-3i+3j+k)x^4 \\ + (8+i-j+7k)x^3 + (5+5i+6j+2k)x^2 + (-3i+3j+k)x - 1 \end{array} \right\rangle$$

is a $(43, 121^{72}, 5)$ cyclic code over H_{11} .

Let $p = 11, n = 17$. Similarly, for $C_1 = C_2 = \left\langle \begin{array}{l} x^8 + w^{97}x^7 + w^{41}x^6 + w^3x^5 + w^{46}x^4 \\ + w^3x^3 + w^{41}x^2 + w^{97}x + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle$, C is a $(17, 121^{18}, 9)$ cyclic code over H_{11} .

5 λ -Constacyclic codes over H_p

In this section, the structures of λ -constacyclic codes over H_p are investigated where $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and the unit λ which satisfies $\lambda * h_r = h_r * \lambda$, for all $r = 1, 2$.

A λ -constacyclic shift γ acts on H_p^n as

$$\gamma(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (\lambda c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$$

A left (right) linear code C over H_p of length n is said to be left(right) λ -constacyclic code if it is

invariant under the λ -constacyclic shift, where λ is a unit in H_p . i.e. $\gamma(C) = C$. Using the polynomial representation of codewords in H_p^n in $H_p[x]$, we see that for a codeword $c \in H_p^n$, $\gamma(c)$ correspond to $xc(x)$ in $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$, where λ is a unit in H_p .

A subset C of H_p^n is a left (right) λ -constacyclic code of length n over H_p if and only if its polynomial representation is an left(right) ideal of the ring $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$.

As H_p is a principal ideal ring, so is $H_p[x]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle$.

Theorem 5.1. *Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a code over H_p and $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ be a unit in H_p . If C is a λ -constacyclic code over H_p of length n , then C_1, C_2 are λ_1, λ_2 -constacyclic codes of length n over $Z_p + iZ_p \cong F_{p^2}$, respectively.*

Proof. Let $x = (x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in C_1$ and $y = (y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in C_2$. Since C be a $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ -constacyclic code over H_p of length n , for every $c = (c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-1} + h_2 * y_{n-1}) \in C$, we have $((h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2) * (h_1 * x_{n-1} + h_2 * y_{n-1}), h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) \in C$. Therefore we get $(h_1 * \lambda x_{n-1} + h_2 * \lambda y_{n-1}, h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = (h_1 * \lambda_1 x_{n-1} + h_2 * \lambda_2 y_{n-1}, h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = h_1 * (\lambda_1 x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) + h_2 * (\lambda_2 y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$. From this, we get C_1, C_2 are λ_1, λ_2 -constacyclic codes over F_{p^2} , respectively. $\square$

Example 5.2. Let $\{h_1, h_2\} = \{3 + i, 3 + 4i\}, \lambda = i$ and $p = 5$. Since C is a λ -constacyclic code over H_5 , we get C_1, C_2 are 3, 2-constacyclic codes over F_{25} .

Remark. The converse of the theorem in the above is not true generally. Let $p = 3$. Although $2 + i$ and $1 + 2i$ are units in $Z_3 + iZ_3$ and $i + j + k = (2 + i + 2k) * (1 + 2i) + (2 + 2i + k) * (2)$, and $i + j + k$ is not a unit in H_3 .

Depending on λ_1, λ_2 choice, if $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ is a unit in H_p , then the converse of theorem is true.

Theorem 5.3. *For λ_1, λ_2 , let $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ be a unit in H_p . If C_1, C_2 are λ_1, λ_2 -constacyclic codes of length n over $Z_p + iZ_p \cong F_{p^2}$ respectively, then C is a $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ -constacyclic code over H_p of length n .*

Proof. Let C_1, C_2 be λ_1, λ_2 -constacyclic codes of length n over $Z_p + iZ_p \cong F_{p^2}$ respectively. So $(\lambda_1 x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) \in C_1$, for every $(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in C_1$ and $(\lambda_2 y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C_2$, for every $(y_0, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in C_2$. For every $(c_0, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-1} + h_2 * y_{n-1}) \in C$, we have $(\lambda * (h_1 * x_{n-1} + h_2 * y_{n-1}), h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = (h_1 * \lambda x_{n-1} + h_2 * \lambda y_{n-1}, h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = (h_1 * \lambda_1 x_{n-1} + h_2 * \lambda_2 y_{n-1}, h_1 * x_0 + h_2 * y_0, \dots, h_1 * x_{n-2} + h_2 * y_{n-2}) = h_1 * (\lambda_1 x_{n-1}, x_0, \dots, x_{n-2}) + h_2 * (\lambda_2 y_{n-1}, y_0, \dots, y_{n-2}) \in C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$. Therefore C is λ -constacyclic code over H_p . $\square$

Proposition 5.1. Let $C_i = \langle g_i(x) \rangle$ be λ_i -constacyclic codes over F_{p^2} such that $g_i(x) | x^n - \lambda_i, d_H(C_i) = d_i$ for $i = 1, 2$. So $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$ is $\lambda = h_1 * \lambda_1 + h_2 * \lambda_2$ -constacyclic code over H_p of length n , with $|C| = M = |C_1| |C_2|$ and $d_G(C) = \min\{d_1, d_2\}$, where $g(x) = h_1 * g_1(x) + h_2 * g_2(x)$ and $g(x) | x^n - \lambda$.

Example 5.4. Let $p = 3, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 2$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^7 - 2 &= (x + 1)(x^3 + w^5 x^2 + w^7 x + 1)(x^3 + w^7 x^2 + w^5 x + 1) \\ &= g_1(x) g_2(x) g_3(x) \in F_9[x] \end{aligned}$$

Let $C_1 = \langle g_3(x) \rangle, C_2 = \langle g_1(x) g_3(x) \rangle$ be a cyclic codes over $Z_3 + iZ_3$ with length 7. Then, C_1 and C_2 are 2-constacyclic codes over $Z_3 + iZ_3$ with parameters $[7, 4, 4], [7, 3, 5]$, respectively. Also, they are MDS codes. If we choose $\{2 + j + k, 2 + 2j + 2k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then C is a 2-constacyclic code over H_3 with parameters $(7, 9^7, 4)$.

Example 5.5. Let $p = 7, \lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 6, \psi(i - 3) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 4$. Let $C_1 = \langle x^4 + 3x^2 - 1 \rangle, C_2 = \langle x^4 + (1 - i)x^2 + i \rangle$ be a cyclic codes over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with length 16. Then, C_1 and C_2 are 6-constacyclic codes over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with parameters $[16, 12, 3]$. If we choose $\{4 + j + 2k, 4 - j + 5k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then C is a 6-constacyclic code over H_7 with parameters $(16, 49^{24}, 3)$.

Let $p = 7$, $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 3$, $n = 32$. Similarly, C is a $(32, 49^{32}, 5)$ 3-constacyclic code over H_7 .

Example 5.6. Let $p = 11$, $\psi(3i + 2) = w$ and $w^2 = 4w + 9$. Let $C_1 = C_2 = \langle x^{12} + w^{10}x^{11} + w^{26}x^{10} + \dots + w^{56}x + w^6 \rangle$ be 4-constacyclic codes over $Z_{11} + iZ_{11}$ with length 28. Then, C_1 is a 4-constacyclic code over $Z_{11} + iZ_{11}$ with parameters $[28, 16, 8]$. If we choose $\{6 + 3i + 8j - k, 6 + 8i + 3j + k\}$ as a central orthogonal idempotent pair, then C is a 4-constacyclic code over H_{11} with parameters $(28, 121^{32}, 8)$.

6 Dual codes over H_p

For any $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n), w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in H_p^n$, where $v_s = h_1 * v_{s,0} + h_2 * v_{s,1}, w_s = h_1 * w_{s,0} + h_2 * w_{s,1}, s = 1, 2, \dots, n$, the quaternionic Euclidean inner product of v, w is defined as follows,

$$\langle v, w \rangle = \sum_{s=1}^n v_s * w_s.$$

For any $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n), w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in H_p^n$, the quaternionic Hermitian inner product of v, w is defined as follows,

$$\langle v, w \rangle_H = \sum_{s=1}^n v_s * \overline{w_s}$$

where $\overline{h} = a + (p-1)bi + (p-1)cj + (p-1)dk$ is conjugate of $h = a + bi + cj + dk \in H_p$.

For C in H_p^n , the dual of C

$$L(C) = \{v \in H_p^n \mid \langle v, c \rangle = 0, \text{ for all } c \in C\}$$

$$R(C) = \{v \in H_p^n \mid \langle c, v \rangle = 0, \text{ for all } c \in C\}$$

Similarly, the dual of C can be defined for quaternionic Hermitian inner product.

For the code C over H_p , $L(C)$ is a left linear code, $R(C)$ is a right linear code.

As Z_p is a Frobenius ring, by using **Theorem 3.1** in (Tan & Sison, 2021), it is easily seen that H_p is a Frobenius ring. Therefore, the following results about the duals of the codes over H_p can be written by using the same results in (Dougherty & Andre, 2016).

A left linear code C is defined to be self-orthogonal if $C \subset L(C)$ and self dual if $C = L(C)$.

Lemma 6.1. If C is a left linear code over H_p , then $|R(C)||C| = |H_p|^n$. If C is a right linear code, then $|L(C)||C| = |H_p|^n$.

Since $\overline{\overline{xy}} = \overline{y}.\overline{x}$, for any $x, y \in H_p$, then $L(C) = R(C) = C^\perp$. So we use the notation $C^\perp$ as a dual of C .

Theorem 6.2. The left linear code C is a self-orthogonal over H_p if and only if C_1 and C_2 are all self-orthogonal codes over F_{p^2} .

Proof. Clearly, C is self-orthogonal over H_p if C_1 and C_2 are all self-orthogonal over F_{p^2} . On the other hand, let C be a self-orthogonal code over H_p and for any element $c \in C$, we have $c = h_1 * c_1 + h_2 * c_2$, where $c_1 \in C_1$ and $c_2 \in C_2$. Since C is a self orthogonal, it follows that $c^2 = h_1 * c_1^2 + h_2 * c_2^2 = 0$. It means that $c_1^2 = c_2^2 = 0$. Thus, $c_1 \in C_1^\perp$ and $c_2 \in C_2^\perp$. Therefore, C_1 and C_2 are all self-orthogonal codes over F_{p^2} . $\square$

Theorem 6.3. Let C be a left linear code of length n over H_p . If C is a self-orthogonal, so is $\Omega_1(C)$.

Proof. It is enough to show that the map Ω_1 preserves the orthogonality, that is $\langle \Omega_1(c_0), \Omega_1(c_1) \rangle = 0$ when $\langle c_0, c_1 \rangle = 0$. Let $t = h_1 * x_1 + h_2 * x_2, r = h_1 * y_1 + h_2 * y_2 \in H_p$, where $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \in F_{p^2}$. By the quaternionic Euclidean inner product of t and r , we get

$$\langle t, r \rangle = h_1 * x_1 y_1 + h_2 * x_2 y_2 = 0$$

since $h_1 + h_2 = 1$, we have $x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 = 0$, for every central idempotent pair. In this case, it follows that $\langle \Omega_1(t), \Omega_1(r) \rangle = x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 = 0$, which completes the proof. $\square$

Proposition 6.1. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a left linear code of length n over H_p . Then

$$C^\perp = h_1 * C_1^\perp \oplus h_2 * C_2^\perp.$$

7 Quantum codes obtained from Cyclic and λ -Constacyclic Codes

In this section, the parameters of the quantum codes will first be obtained from the left cyclic code over H_p .

Theorem 7.1. (CSS Construction) (Calderbank et al., 1998) Let $C_1 = [n, k_1, d_1]_q$ and $C_2 = [n, k_2, d_2]_q$ be linear codes over $GF(q)$ with $C_2 \subseteq C_1$. Then there exists a quantum error-correcting code $C = [[n, k_1 - k_2, \min\{d_1, d_2^\perp\}]]_q$, where $d_2^\perp$ denotes the minimum Hamming distance of the dual code $C_2^\perp$ of C_2 . Further, if $C_1^\perp = C_2$, then there exists a quantum error-correcting code $C = [[n, 2k_1 - n, d_1]]$.

Lemma 7.2. ((Calderbank et al., 1998), Theorem 13) A cyclic code C over a finite field with generator polynomial $g(x)$ contains its dual code if and only if

$$x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g(x)g'(x)}$$

where $g'(x)$ is the reciprocal polynomial of $g(x)$.

Theorem 7.3. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a left cyclic code of length n over H_p and $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$, where $g(x) = h_1 * g_1(x) + h_2 * g_2(x)$, $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$, $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$. Then $L(C) \subseteq C$ iff

$$x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_s(x)g'_s(x)}$$

for $s = 1, 2$.

Proof. Let $x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_s(x)g'_s(x)}$ for $s = 1, 2$. From **Lemma 7.2**, we have $C_1^\perp \subseteq C_1$, $C_2^\perp \subseteq C_2$. This shows that $h_s C_s^\perp \subseteq h_s C_s$, for $s = 1, 2$. We have $L(C) = h_1 * C_1^\perp \oplus h_2 * C_2^\perp \subseteq h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2 = C$, by using **Proposition 6.1**. Conversely, if $L(C) \subseteq C$, then we have $h_1 * C_1^\perp \oplus h_2 * C_2^\perp \subseteq h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$. So $C_s^\perp \subseteq C_s$ for $s = 1, 2$. So from **Lemma 7.2**, we get $x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_s(x)g'_s(x)}$, for $s = 1, 2$. $\square$

Theorem 7.4. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a cyclic code of length n over H_p and let the parameters of code $\Omega_1(C)$ be $[2n, k, d_G]$, where d_G is the minimum Gray distance of C . If $L(C) \subseteq C$, then there exists a quantum error correcting code with parameter $[[2n, 2k - 2n, d_G]]$ over F_{p^2} .

We give the following lemma to obtain the parameters of quantum codes from λ -constacyclic codes over H_p , where $\lambda = -1$.

Lemma 7.5. A negacyclic code C over a finite field with generator polynomial $g(x)$ contains its dual code if and only if

$$x^n + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g(x)g'(x)}$$

where $g'(x)$ is the reciprocal polynomial of $g(x)$.

Theorem 7.6. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a left $(p-1)$ -constacyclic code (negacyclic) of length n over H_p and $C = \langle g(x) \rangle$, where $g(x) = h_1 * g_1(x) + h_2 * g_2(x)$, $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle$, $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle$. Then $L(C) \subseteq C$ iff

$$x^n + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_s(x)g'_s(x)}$$

for $s = 1, 2$.

Proof. It is made as proof of the **Theorem 7.3**. $\square$

Theorem 7.7. Let $C = h_1 * C_1 \oplus h_2 * C_2$ be a left $(p-1)$ -constacyclic code of length n over H_p and let the parameters of the code $\Omega_1(C)$ be $[2n, k, d_G]$, where d_G is the minimum Gray distance of C . If $L(C) \subseteq C$, then there exists a quantum error correcting code with parameter $[[2n, 2k - 2n, d_G]]$ over F_{p^2} .

Example 7.8. Let $p = 7$, $\psi(i-3) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 4$. Let $C_1 = C_2 = \langle g(x) \rangle = \langle x^3 - x^2 + 4x - 1 \rangle$ be a cyclic codes over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with length 6. Obviously $x^6 - 1$ is divisible by $g(x)g'(x)$. Hence, we have $C \subseteq C^\perp$. We know that C is a cyclic code of length 6 with minimum Gray distance $d_G = 4$. Thus, we obtain a quantum code with parameters $[[12, 0, 4]]$.

Example 7.9. Let $p = 11$, $\psi(3i+2) = w$ and $w^2 = 4w + 9$. Let $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle = \langle x^7 + 5x^6 + 5x^5 + 5x^4 + 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 4x + 10 \rangle$, $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle = \langle x^7 + 7x^6 + 5x^5 + 7x^4 + 6x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x + 10 \rangle$ be cyclic codes over $Z_{11} + iZ_{11}$ with length 43. Obviously $x^{43} - 1$ is divisible by $g_i(x)g'_i(x)$, for $i = 1, 2$. Hence, we have $C \subseteq C^\perp$. We know that C is a cyclic code of length 43 with minimum Gray distance $d_G = 5$. Thus, we obtain a quantum code with parameters $[[86, 58, 5]]$.

Example 7.10. Let $p = 3$, $\psi(1+i) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 1$. Let $C_1 = C_2 = \langle g(x) \rangle = \langle x^{11} + x^8 + x^6 + 2x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 1 \rangle$ be a negacyclic codes over $Z_3 + iZ_3$ with length 23. Obviously $x^{23} + 1$ is divisible by $g(x)g'(x)$. Hence, we have $C \subseteq C^\perp$. We know that C is a negacyclic code of length 23 with minimum Gray distance $d_G = 8$. Thus, we obtain a quantum code with parameters $[[46, 2, 8]]$.

Example 7.11. Let $p = 7$, $\psi(i-3) = w$ and $w^2 = w + 4$. Let $C_1 = \langle g_1(x) \rangle = \langle x^{11} + w^{27}x^{10} + \dots + w^{21}x + 6 \rangle$ be cyclic code and $C_2 = \langle g_2(x) \rangle = \langle x^{11} + w^3x^{10} + \dots + w^{21}x + 1 \rangle$ be negacyclic codes over $Z_7 + iZ_7$ with length 23. Obviously $x^{23} - 1$ is divisible by $g_1(x)g'_1(x)$, $x^{23} + 1$ is divisible by $g_2(x)g'_2(x)$. Hence, we have $C \subseteq C^\perp$. We know that C is an i -constacyclic code of length 23 with minimum Gray distance $d_G = 11$. Thus, we obtain a quantum code with parameters $[[46, 2, 11]]$.

8 Conclusion

In this paper, the structures of linear codes over a family of the Quaternion rings over Z_p are determined. The structures of cyclic and λ -constacyclic codes over H_p are investigated, where λ is a unit in H_p , for $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Their applications to quantum codes are obtained.

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