

# 트래시빌리티 부호 계열의 구조

## Construction of A Class of Traceability Codes

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**Abstract** - In order to protect copyrighted materials, codes may be embedded in the content to trace the traitors. Traceability (TA) codes, as a kind of such codes, have been extensively studied in the intervening years for use as a piracy deterrent. In this correspondence, we proposed a method to construct a class of traceability codes and gave out some parameters results of such codes.

**Key Words** : Traitor tracing, traceability (TA) codes, minimum distance.

### 1. Introduction

Nowadays, digital commercial products, such as CDs, DVDs, encrypted pay-TV programs are getting more and more popular because of the higher quality and lower cost than previous products. And digital copy of these products can also provide the same quality as the original but with almost negligible cost. In order to protect the copyright, we need some traitor tracing schemes to deter users from making illegal copies and find them out. One way to accomplish this would be to embed a unique digital fingerprint into the content which is to be protected. Such schemes have been considered and described as traceability (TA) codes in several papers and correspondences lately, for instance, [1]-[4]. In this paper, we propose a method to construct a class of traceability codes.

The rest of this paper is organized as follows. In Section II, we give definitions, notation, and background on TA codes. In the following section, we present our method to construct a class of TA codes. Then some results about the new constructed codes are given in Section IV. In Section V, concluding remarks summarize this paper.

### 2. Traceability Codes

In this section we present definitions, notation, and background on traceability codes using the standard coding theory terminology and notation.

Let  $\Gamma$  be a  $q$ -ary code of length  $n$  and size  $q^k$ ,  $\Gamma \in Q^n$ , where  $Q$  is a finite alphabet and  $|Q| = q$ ,  $|\Gamma| = q^k$ . Elements of  $Q^n$  are called words. An element of  $\Gamma$ , called a codeword, can be written as  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n)$  where  $w_i \in Q$ . For example:  $Q = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $|Q| = 2$ . If  $n = 2$ ,  $Q^2 = \{00, 01, 10, 11\}$ .  $\Gamma = \{00, 11\}$  is a subset of  $Q^2$ , and  $w = (0, 0)$  or  $w = (1, 1)$  is a codeword.

Let  $\Gamma_\omega = \{w^{(1)}, w^{(2)}, \dots, w^{(\omega)}\} \subset \Gamma$  be a subset of  $\Gamma$ , called a coalition. If  $w_i^{(1)} = w_i^{(2)} = \dots = w_i^{(\omega)}$ , then the position  $i$  is called undetectable, otherwise it is called detectable. For any coalition  $\Gamma_\omega \subseteq \Gamma$ , we define the set of descendants of  $\Gamma_\omega$ , denoted by

$$Desc(\Gamma_\omega) = \{w \in Q^n : w_i \in \{w_i^{(1)}, w_i^{(2)}, \dots, w_i^{(\omega)}\} \text{ for all } 1 \leq i \leq n\}.$$

The set  $Desc(\Gamma_\omega)$  consists of the  $n$ -tuples that could be produced by the coalition  $\Gamma_\omega$ . An element  $w$  of

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$Desc(\Gamma_\omega)$  is called a descendant of  $\Gamma_\omega$ . For example:

$\Gamma$	$\Gamma_3$	$Desc(\Gamma_3)$
0000000	1001011	1001011 0011000 .....
1001011		
0101110		
0111001		
1100101		
1011100		
1110010		

and  $w_4^{(1)} = w_4^{(2)} = w_4^{(3)} = 1$ , so location 4 is undetectable, while others are detectable.

Let  $I(x, y) = \{i : x_i = y_i\}$  for  $x, y \in Q^n$ . For

example:  $x = (1001011)$ ,  $y = (1010001)$ ,

$I(x, y) = \{1, 2, 5, 7\}$ .

Definition 1.  $\Gamma$  is an  $\omega$ -traceability code if for any subset  $\Gamma_\omega$  with  $\omega$  codewords of  $\Gamma$ , if  $x \in Desc(\Gamma_\omega)$ , then there is at least one codeword  $y \in \Gamma_\omega$  such that  $|I(x, y)| > |I(x, z)|$  for any  $z \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_\omega$ .

In other words,  $\Gamma$  is an  $\omega$ -traceability code if, whenever a coalition of size at most  $\omega$  produces a pirate word  $x$ , there is an element of the coalition which is closer to  $x$  than any codeword not in the coalition.

Theorem 1. If  $\Gamma$  is a  $(n, q^k)$ -code having length  $n$ ,

dimension  $k$  and minimum distance  $d > n \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right)$ , then  $\Gamma$  is an  $\omega$ -traceability code.

Proof. Assume  $x \in Desc(\Gamma_\omega)$ , there is at least one

$y \in \Gamma_\omega$ , such that  $|I(x, y)| \geq \frac{n}{\omega}$

(otherwise  $|I(x, y)| < \frac{n}{\omega}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^{\omega} |I(x, y_i)| < n$ . It is a

contradiction with  $x \in Desc(\Gamma_\omega)$ ).

Since  $d > n \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right)$ , we have

$d(z, y) > n \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right)$ , where  $z \in \Gamma \setminus \Gamma_\omega$ , i.e.

$|I(z, y)| < n - n \left(1 - \frac{1}{\omega^2}\right) = \frac{n}{\omega^2}$

therefore

$$|I(z, x)| \leq |I(z, \Gamma_\omega)| \leq \sum_{i=1}^{\omega} |I(z, y_i)|$$

$$< \omega \cdot \frac{n}{\omega^2} = \frac{n}{\omega} \leq |I(x, y)|,$$

$\Gamma$  is an  $\omega$ -traceability code.

### 3. Code Construction

We propose the following code construction. For each  $q \geq 3$  and  $m \geq q+1$ , we construct the  $m \times n$  base matrix  $B$  with  $q-1$  "1"s and  $m-q+1$  "0"s in each column in a systematic manner where  $n = C_m^{q-1}$ . Then we can obtain the code matrix  $C$  by replacing the "1"s in the base matrix  $B$  with nonzero elements of  $Q$  in also a systematic manner and leaving the "0"s unchanged. Each row of the matrix  $C$  is a codeword which is composed of the TA code.

Following is one example with the parameters of  $q = 4$ ,

$$m = 5, n = C_m^{q-1} = C_5^3 = 10.$$

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 2 & 3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

#### 4. Analysis Results

According to the construction procedure, the Hamming weight of all the codewords in  $C$  is

$$W = C_{m-1}^{q-2}$$

And the minimum distance is

$$d = C_{m-1}^{q-2} + C_{m-2}^{q-2}$$

Theorem 2: Let  $W \subseteq C$  be an arbitrary  $\omega$ -subcode of codewords with  $\omega \geq 2$ . Then for all  $x \in \text{desc}(W)$  it satisfies that

$$\min_{y \in W} d(x, y) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} (n - C_{m-\omega}^{q-1}) \right\rfloor$$

Proof: Let  $x \in \text{desc}(W)$ . There are  $C_{m-\omega}^{q-1}$  undetectable coordinates. In the detectable coordinates,  $x$  must be equal to at least one of the codewords, so

$$\sum_{y \in W} d(x, y) \leq (\omega-1) (n - C_{m-\omega}^{q-1})$$

And at least one of the terms in the sum must be smaller than the average, therefore

$$\min_{y \in W} d(x, y) \leq \left\lfloor \frac{\omega-1}{\omega} (n - C_{m-\omega}^{q-1}) \right\rfloor$$

Theorem 3: Let  $W \subseteq C$  be an arbitrary  $\omega$ -subcode of codewords with  $\omega \geq 2$ . Then for all  $x \in \text{desc}(W)$  it satisfies that

$$\min_{z \in C \setminus W} d(x, z) \geq C_{m-1}^{q-2} + C_{m-\omega-1}^{q-\omega-1}$$

Proof: Let  $x \in \text{desc}(W)$  and  $z \in C \setminus W$ . As all nonzero elements in a coordinate are different,  $x$  and  $z$  differ at least in the coordinates  $j$  where  $z_j \neq 0$ , and the coordinates  $j$  where  $z_j = 0$  and  $v_j \neq 0$  for all codewords  $v \in W$ . Therefore, we can obtain

$$\min_{z \in C \setminus W} d(x, z) \geq C_{m-1}^{q-2} + C_{m-\omega-1}^{q-\omega-1}$$

Referring to the definition of TA codes, Theorem 4 is straightforward.

Theorem 4: Let  $\omega \geq 2$ , if it satisfies

$$\frac{\omega-1}{\omega} (n - C_{m-\omega}^{q-1}) < C_{m-1}^{q-2} + C_{m-\omega-1}^{q-\omega-1}$$

$C$  is an  $\omega$ -TA code.

From [3], a code is  $\omega$ -TA code if

$$\omega^2 < \frac{n}{n-d}$$

So for the present construction, this bound is

$$\omega^2 < \frac{m(m-1)}{(m-q)(m-q+1)}$$

#### 4. Concluding Remarks

In this paper we present a method to construct a class of TA codes. Based on the this systematic construction, we also study the properties and give out the condition under which this code is applicable to traitor tracing.

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