



## **Group Codes Define Over Dihedral Groups of Small Order**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The study of group codes as an ideal in a group algebra has been developed long time ago. If  $\text{char}(F)$  does not divide  $|G|$ , then  $FG$  is semisimple, and hence decomposes into a direct sum  $FG = \bigoplus_i FGe_i$  where  $FGe_i$  are minimal ideals generated by the idempotent  $e_i$ . The idempotent  $e_i$  provides some useful information on determining the minimum distance of group codes. In this paper, we study dihedral group codes generated by linear idempotents and nonlinear idempotents for dihedral groups of order 6, 8, 10 and 12. Our primary task is to determine the parameters of these families of group codes in order to obtain codes which near to attain the Singleton bound.

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### **1. INTRODUCTION**

Error correction or detection has become an important issue with the problem of reliable communication over noisy channels. Since then group algebra codes have been a focus of interest in the mathematical community in relating codes structures by using algebraic structures. Group algebra codes gained interest after Berman showed in 1967 that cyclic codes and

Reed Muller codes can be studied as ideals in a group algebra  $FG$ , where  $F$  is a finite field and  $G$  is considered, in each case, a finite cyclic group and a 2-group respectively. On the other hands, the first investigations of non-Abelian group algebra code was done by F. J. Macwilliams. Recently, P. Hurley and T. Hurley (Hurley (2007)) construct group ring codes from zero divisors and unit in group rings in which case the codes defined may not be ideal. In this paper, we study codes defined over group algebra, which is an ideal.

A group algebra code in  $FG$  is defined as a one-sided (left or right) ideal in  $FG$ . If  $G$  is cyclic or Abelian, then every ideal in  $FG$  is the cyclic or Abelian code, respectively. Refer (Berman (1967) and (Berman (1989))) for more details on cyclic and abelian group codes, and (How and Denis (2004)) for a class of nonabelian group algebra codes. The studies of group algebra code in  $FG$  depended solidly on the choices of  $F$  and  $G$ . In general, we can study group algebra code in  $FG$  from the following point of views: If  $\gcd(\text{char}(F), |G|) = 1$ , then  $FG$  is semisimple (refer Theorem 15.2 in (Isaacs, 1997)), that is,  $FG$  is a direct sum of some minimal ideals, say  $FG = \bigoplus_{j=1}^s I_j$ . Each  $I_j$  is generated by an idempotent  $e_j$ , i.e.,  $I_j = FG e_j$ . Let  $E = \{e_j\}_{j=1}^s$ . Any ideal  $I$  of  $FG$  is a direct sum of some of the  $I_j$ , say  $I = \bigoplus_{k=1}^t I_{j_k}$ ,  $t \leq s$ . We say that  $I$  is generated by  $\{e_{j_k}\}_{k=1}^t$ . Let  $\mu = E \setminus \{e_{j_k}\}_{k=1}^t$ . Then  $I = \{u \in FG \mid u e_{j_r} = 0 \forall e_{j_r} \in \mu\}$ .

For technical reason, we denote  $I$  by  $I_\mu$ . Note that  $\mu$  plays the role of parity check matrix defining a linear code, and so we expect to derive some information about the minimum distance of  $I_\mu$  from  $\mu$ . Recall some notation and definitions: The length  $n$  of a group code  $I_\mu \triangleleft FG$  is defined to be  $|G|$ . The weight of any element  $u = \sum_{g \in G} \lambda_g g$  is equal to  $|\{\lambda_g \mid \lambda_g \neq 0\}|$  and is denoted by  $wt(u)$ . If  $I_\mu$  has dimension  $k$  (as a vector space over  $F$ ) and minimum distance  $d = d(I_\mu) = \min\{wt(u) \mid 0 \neq u \in I_\mu\}$ , then  $I_\mu$  is called an  $(n, k, d)$ -group code. For more information on coding theory, please refer (Sloane and Macwilliam, 1978).

In this paper, we consider group algebra codes defined over dihedral groups of order 6, 8, 10 and 12. Some basics properties of nonabelian group codes will be derived in Section 2, then some properties in dihedral group will be derived. Finally, the minimum distance of dihedral groups of order 6, 8, 10 and 12 will be studies in Section 3 and hence some group algebra codes which near to attain the Singleton bound will be obtained.

## 2. PRELIMINARY

Most objects in this paper are represented in term of group algebra  $FG$ . The group algebra  $FG = \left\{ \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \mid a_g \in F \right\}$  is the free  $F$ -module over a finite group  $G$  where  $G$  can be regarded as an  $F$ -basis for  $FG$ . The addition and scalar multiplication are defined as follows. For any  $u = \sum_{g \in G} \lambda_g g$ ,  $v = \sum_{g \in G} \beta_g g \in FG$  and  $\lambda \in F$ ,  $u + v = \sum_{g \in G} (\lambda_g + \beta_g) g$  and  $\lambda u = \sum_{g \in G} (\lambda \lambda_g) g$ . Moreover, multiplication in  $G$  induces multiplication in  $FG$  as  $u.v = \sum_{k \in G} \gamma_k k$  where  $\gamma_k = \sum_{gh=k \in G} \lambda_g \beta_h$ . By these operations,  $FG$  is an associative  $F$ -algebra with identity  $1 = 1_F 1_G$  where  $1_G$  and  $1_F$  are the identity elements of  $G$  and  $F$ , respectively.  $G$  can be viewed as contained in  $FG$ , and hence the elements of  $G$  constitute the coding basis for codes viewed as subspaces of  $FG$ . We view  $G$  as  $\sum_{g \in G} g$  in  $FG$ . Moreover, for  $A = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g \in FG$ , define  $A^{(-1)} = \sum_{g \in G} a_g g^{-1}$ . For more information on group algebra, please refer (Passman (1977)).

From now onward, we use the following definition.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $G$  be a group and  $F$  be a field such that  $\gcd(\text{char}(F), |G|) = 1$ . If  $E$  is the set of all idempotents of  $FG$  and  $\mu \subseteq E$ , then the group code generated by  $\mu$  is  $I_\mu = \{u \in FG \mid ue = 0 \forall e \in \mu\}$ .

**Proposition 2.2.** The group algebra codes  $I_\mu$  defined in Definition 2.1 is a linear code over  $F$ .

For any positive integer  $n \geq 2$ , the dihedral group of order  $2n$  can be represented as  $D_{2n} = \{r^i s^j \mid 0 \leq i \leq n-1, 0 \leq j \leq 1, r^n = s^2 = 1, rs = sr^{-1}\}$ . From now onward, all groups  $G$  are  $D_{2n}$  and all group algebra codes  $I_\mu$  are

defined over  $D_{2n}$ . First, to obtain the dimension of  $I_\mu$ , we need the following results.

**Theorem 2.3.** (Theorem 8.7, James and Liebeck (1993)). Let  $K$  be a finite group of order  $n$ , and  $F$  be an algebraically closed field with  $\gcd(\text{char}(F), |G|) = 1$ . Then  $FK \cong \text{Mat}_{n_1}(F) \oplus \dots \oplus \text{Mat}_{n_s}(F)$ , where  $n = n_1^2 + \dots + n_s^2$ .  $FK$  has exactly  $s$  nonisomorphic irreducible modules, of dimensions  $n_1, \dots, n_s$ , and  $s$  is the number of conjugacy classes of  $K$ .

**Remark 2.4.** Since  $FG = \left( \bigoplus_{e_i \in E_L} FG e_i \right) \oplus \left( \bigoplus_{e_j \in E_N} FG e_j \right)$  where  $E_L$  is the set consists of all linear idempotents in  $FG$  and  $E_N$  is the set consists of all nonlinear idempotents in  $FG$ ; and furthermore  $E = E_L \cup E_N$ . Note that if  $e_i \in E_L$ , then  $\dim(FG e_i) = 1$ ; and if  $e_i \in E_N$ , then  $\dim(FG e_i) = 2$ . (Section 18.3, James and Liebeck (1993)).

Therefore, if  $\mu = \mu_L \cup \mu_N$  where  $\mu_L \subseteq E_L$  and  $\mu_N \subseteq E_N$ , then  $\dim(I_\mu) = \dim(FG) - |\mu_L| - 2^2 |\mu_N|$ .

As  $\dim(FG) = |G| = 2n$ , then  $\dim(I_\mu) = 2n - |\mu_L| - 2^2 |\mu_N|$ .

The next theorem on the number of conjugacy classes of  $D_{2n}$  can be found in (Section 18.3; James and Liebeck (1993)).

**Theorem 2.5.** The conjugacy classes of  $D_{2n}$  are as follows:

(i) If  $n$  is odd, then  $D_{2n}$  has  $\frac{1}{2}(n+3)$  conjugacy classes:

$$\{1\}, \{r, r^{-1}\}, \dots, \{r^{(n-1)/2}, r^{-(n-1)/2}\}, \{s, rs, \dots, r^{n-1}s\}.$$

(ii) If  $n$  is even and  $n = 2m$ , then  $D_{2n}$  has  $m+3$  conjugacy classes:

$$\{1\}, \{r^m\}, \{r, r^{-1}\}, \dots, \{r^{m-1}, r^{-(m-1)}\}, \{r^{-2j}s : 0 \leq j \leq m-1\}, \{r^{2j+1}s : 0 \leq j \leq m-1\}.$$

By using Theorem 2.5 and results from (Chapter 13, 14 and 15; James and Liebeck (1993)), we obtain the following proposition. Note that  $D_{2n}'$  denote the commutator subgroup of  $D_{2n}$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** Let  $D_{2n}$  be the dihedral group of order  $2n$ , where  $n$  is any integer, then

- (a)  $|Irr(D_{2n})| = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(n+3), & \text{if } n \text{ is prime,} \\ \frac{1}{2}(n+6), & \text{if } n = 2p, \text{ where } p \text{ is any prime.} \end{cases}$
- (b)  $D_{2n}' = \begin{cases} \langle r \rangle, & \text{if } n \text{ is prime,} \\ \langle r^2 \rangle, & \text{if } n = 2p, \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime.} \end{cases}$
- (c)  $D_{2n}$  has  $\left| \frac{D_{2n}}{D_{2n}'} \right|$  linear characters, where
- $$\left| \frac{D_{2n}}{D_{2n}'} \right| = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } n \text{ is prime,} \\ 4, & \text{if } n = 2p, \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime.} \end{cases}$$
- (d)  $D_{2n}$  has  $\varpi$  non-linear characters, where
- $$\varpi = \begin{cases} \frac{n-1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is prime,} \\ \frac{n-2}{2}, & \text{if } n = 2p, \text{ where } p \text{ is a prime.} \end{cases}$$

**Proof.** Part (a) is just a direct consequence from the fact that the number of irreducible characters is equal to the number of conjugacy classes. For part (b), since  $\left| \frac{D_{2n}}{\langle r \rangle} \right| = 2$  and so  $\frac{D_{2n}}{\langle r \rangle}$  is abelian, then  $D_{2n}' \subseteq \langle r \rangle$ , refer Theorem 3.10 in (Isaacs, 1992). If  $n$  is prime, then  $D_{2n}' = 1$  or  $D_{2n}' = \langle r \rangle$ . If  $D_{2n}' = 1$ , then  $D_{2n}$  is abelian which is impossible. Therefore, we conclude that  $D_{2n}' = \langle r \rangle$ . Next, assume  $n = 2p$ , where  $p$  is a prime. Note that  $\left| \frac{D_{2n}}{\langle r^2 \rangle} \right| = \left| \frac{D_{2n}}{\langle r \rangle} \right| \left| \frac{\langle r \rangle}{\langle r^2 \rangle} \right| = 4$  and so  $\frac{D_{2n}}{\langle r^2 \rangle}$  is abelian, then  $D_{2n}' \subseteq \langle r^2 \rangle$ . Since  $|\langle r^2 \rangle| = p$ , then either  $D_{2n}' = 1$  or  $D_{2n}' = \langle r^2 \rangle$ , and hence the result will follow directly. Part (c) follows from part (b). Part (d) follows directly from part (a) and (c). **Q.E.D.**

The following lemma is used to obtain the minimum distance of  $I_\mu$ .

**Lemma 2.7.** If  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ , then  $I_{\mu_2} \subseteq I_{\mu_1}$  and so  $d(I_{\mu_1}) \leq d(I_{\mu_2})$ .

**Proof.** If  $u \in I_{\mu_2}$ , then  $ue = 0$  for all  $e \in \mu_2$ . Since  $\mu_1 \subseteq \mu_2$ , then  $ue = 0$  for all  $e \in \mu_1$  and so  $u \in I_{\mu_1}$ . For the second assertion, assume  $d(I_{\mu_2}) = t$ . If  $u \in I_{\mu_2}$  with  $wt(u) = t$  and  $wt(u) \leq wt(v)$ ,  $\forall v \in I_{\mu_1}$ , then  $d(I_{\mu_1}) = t$ . On the other hand, if  $u \in I_{\mu_2}$  with  $wt(u) = t$  and  $wt(u) > wt(v)$ , for some  $v \in I_{\mu_1}$ , then  $d(I_{\mu_1}) < t$ . Thus, the result follows directly. **Q.E.D.**

### 3. MINIMUM DISTANCE OF DIHEDRAL GROUP CODES

#### 3.1 Codes defined over $FD_6$

Let  $H = \langle r \mid r^3 = 1 \rangle$  and so  $D_6 = H \cup sH$ . From Proposition 2.6,  $D_6$  consists of three irreducible characters (two are linear and one is nonlinear)  $\chi_1, \chi_2$  and  $\chi_3$ , and each of these characters will correspond to a unique idempotent (refer Proposition 14.10; James and Liebeck, 1993) as follows:

$$\chi_1 \leftrightarrow e_1 = \frac{1}{6}(H + sH), \chi_2 \leftrightarrow e_2 = \frac{1}{6}(H - sH) \text{ and } \chi_3 \rightarrow e_3 = 1 - \frac{1}{3}H.$$

Let  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 s + \lambda_5 rs + \lambda_6 r^2 s$  be any elements in  $FD_6, \lambda_i \in F$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ , then

$$ue_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^6 \lambda_i \right) e_1 \tag{1}$$

$$ue_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^3 \lambda_i - \sum_{i=4}^6 \lambda_i \right) e_2 \tag{2}$$

$$ue_3 = \frac{1}{3} \left[ (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3) + (-\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)r + (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3)r^2 + (2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6)s + (-\lambda_4 + 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6)rs + (-\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + 2\lambda_6)r^2s \right] \tag{3}$$

**Lemma 3.1.** Let  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$  be those idempotents in  $FD_6$  as constructed above, then:

(i)  $d(I_{\{e_i\}}) = 2$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

(ii)  $d(I_{\{e_3\}}) = 3$ .

**Proof.** We prove part (i) for the case  $i = 1$ . The case  $i = 2$  can be proved in a similar manner. Assume  $u = \lambda g \in I_{\{e_1\}}$  for any  $g \in D_6$  and  $0 \neq \lambda \in F$  such that  $wt(u) = 1$ . By equation (1),  $ue_1 = \lambda e_1 \neq 0$ . Hence, we conclude that  $u = \lambda g \notin I_{\{e_1\}}$  and so  $d(I_{\{e_1\}}) \geq 2$ . Clearly,  $u = g - h \in I_{\{e_1\}}$  for any distinct  $g, h \in D_6$  because by equation (1),  $ue_1 = (1-1)e_1 = 0$  and so  $d(I_{\{e_1\}}) = 2$ .

For part (ii): if  $u = \lambda g \in I_{\{e_3\}}$  with  $wt(u) = 1$ , then  $0 \neq \lambda \in F$ . However, by using equation (3),  $ue_3 = \lambda ge_3 \neq 0$  and so  $u = \lambda g \notin I_{\{e_3\}}$  which implies  $d(I_{\{e_3\}}) > 1$ . Next, we check whether  $I_{\{e_3\}}$  consist of codewords of weight 2. Assume  $u = \lambda_1 g_1 + \lambda_2 g_2 \in I_{\{e_3\}}$  such that  $wt(u) = 2$ , then we have either  $g_1, g_2 \in H$ ,  $g_1, g_2 \in sH$  or  $g_1 \in H$  and  $g_2 \in sH$ . For each of these possibilities, by using equation (3), we will obtain a set of equations in terms of  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , and upon solving will give the solution  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = 0$  which is impossible. Thus,  $d(I_{\{e_3\}}) > 2$ . Finally, consider  $u = H$ , then  $ue_3 = H \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}H\right) = H - H = 0$  and so  $u = H \in I_{\{e_3\}}$  and hence  $d(I_{\{e_3\}}) = 3$ .

**Q.E.D.**

From Lemma 3.1 and Remark 2.4, we see that  $I_{\{e_i\}}$  is a  $(6, 5, 2)$ -group code for  $i = 1, 2$  which attain the singleton bound and so are *MDS* codes. However,  $I_{\{e_3\}}$  is a  $(6, 2, 3)$ -group code which is not an *MDS* code.

**Theorem 3.2.** Let  $e_1, e_2$  and  $e_3$  be those idempotents in  $FD_6$ , then:

- (i)  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2\}}) = 2$
- (ii)  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_3\}}) = 6$  for  $i = 1, 2$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 3.1, we notice that  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_j\}}) \geq 2$  for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $i = 1, 2$  and  $j = 2, 3$ . For part (i), if  $u = \lambda_4 s + \lambda_5 rs + \lambda_4 \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_5 \neq 0$ , then by using equation (1) and (2),  $ue_1 = (\lambda_4 + \lambda_5)e_1$  and  $ue_2 = (-\lambda_4 - \lambda_5)e_2$

then  $ue_1 = ue_2 = 0$  if and only if  $\lambda_4 = -\lambda_5$ . Hence,  $u = \lambda_4 s + \lambda_5 rs \in I_{\{e_1, e_2\}}$ . Therefore,  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2\}}) = 2$ .

For part (ii), the proof will be similar. We need to find an element with weight equal to 6. It can be checked that there are no codewords with weight less than 6 in  $I_{\{e_2, e_3\}}$ .

We now check that  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 s + \lambda_5 rs + \lambda_6 r^2 s$  is a word of  $I_{\{e_2, e_3\}}$ . By using equation (2) and (3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 ue_2 &= (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6)e_2 \text{ and} \\
 ue_3 &= \frac{1}{3}[(2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3) + (-\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - \lambda_3)r + (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3)r^2 \\
 &\quad + (2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6)s + (-\lambda_4 + 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6)rs + (-\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + 2\lambda_6)r^2 s].
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $ue_2 = ue_3 = 0$  if and only if

$$(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6) = 0 \quad \text{(i)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 &= 0 \\
 -\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 &= 0 \\
 -\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{(ii)}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned}
 2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 &= 0 \\
 -\lambda_4 + 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6 &= 0 \\
 -\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + 2\lambda_6 &= 0
 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad \text{(iii)}$$

The unique solution for (ii) is  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda_3 \neq 0$  and for (iii) is  $\lambda_4 = \lambda_5 = \lambda_6 \neq 0$ . Hence, from (i),  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_1 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_4 = 0$  which implies that  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_4 \neq 0$ . Therefore, we obtain a nonzero solution and so  $d(I_{\{e_2, e_3\}}) = 6$ . **Q.E.D.**

In Theorem 3.2, we have constructed two families of group codes,  $I_{\{e_1, e_2\}}$  is a  $(6, 4, 2)$ -MDS group code and  $I_{\{e_1, e_3\}}$  is a  $(6, 1, 6)$ -group code for  $i = 1, 2$ .

### 3.2 Codes defined over $FD_8$

Let  $H = \langle r \mid r^4 = 1 \rangle$  and so  $D_8 = H \cup sH$ . Note that  $K = \langle r^2 \mid r^4 = 1 \rangle \leq H$ . From Lemma 2.6, we see that  $D_8$  consists of 5 irreducible characters, in



which case, four of them are linear characters and one is nonlinear character. Each of this character will correspond to a unique idempotent as follows:

(a) Idempotents correspond to linear characters:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1 \leftrightarrow e_1 &= \frac{1}{8}(H + sH), \chi_2 \leftrightarrow e_2 = \frac{1}{8}(H - sH), \\ \chi_3 \leftrightarrow e_3 &= \frac{1}{8}(1-r)(1+s)K, \text{ and } \chi_4 \leftrightarrow e_4 = \frac{1}{8}(1-r)(1-s)K. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Idempotents correspond to the nonlinear character  $\chi_5$  of degree 2:

$$\chi_5 \rightarrow e_5 = \frac{1}{4}(2 - 2r^2) = \frac{1}{2}(1 - r^2).$$

Let  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 r^3 + \lambda_5 s + \lambda_6 rs + \lambda_7 r^2 s + \lambda_8 r^3 s$  be any element in  $FD_8$  such that  $\lambda_i \in F$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7$  and  $8$ , then

$$ue_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^8 \lambda_i \right) e_1 \tag{4}$$

$$ue_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^4 \lambda_i - \sum_{i=5}^8 \lambda_i \right) e_2 \tag{5}$$

$$ue_3 = \left( \sum_{i=1,3,5,7} \lambda_i - \sum_{i=2,4,6,8} \lambda_i \right) e_3 \tag{6}$$

$$ue_4 = \left( \sum_{i=1,3,6,8} \lambda_i - \sum_{i=2,4,5,7} \lambda_i \right) e_4 \tag{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} ue_5 &= \frac{1}{2} [ (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_4)r + (-\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)r^2 + (-\lambda_2 + \lambda_4)r^3 \\ &\quad + (\lambda_5 - \lambda_7)s + (\lambda_6 - \lambda_8)rs + (-\lambda_5 + \lambda_7)r^2s + (-\lambda_6 + \lambda_8)r^3s ] \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 3.3.** Let  $\mu = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$ , where  $e_1, e_2, e_3$  and  $e_4$  are the linear idempotents in  $FD_8$  if  $\beta \subseteq \mu$ , then  $d(I_\beta) = 2$ .

**Proof.** If  $\beta \subseteq \mu$ , then there are four cases to be considered, which are  $|\beta| = 1, 2, 3$ , or  $4$ . From Lemma 2.7, we only need to show that  $d(I_\beta) = 2$  for  $|\beta| = 4$ . If  $|\beta| = 4$ , then  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4$  are all in  $\beta$ . If  $u = \lambda_i g_i, \lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $wt(u) = 1$ , then  $ue_1 = \lambda_i e_1 \neq 0, ue_2 = (\lambda_i \chi_2(g_i)) e_2 \neq 0, ue_3 = (\lambda_i \chi_3(g_i)) e_3 \neq 0$  and  $ue_4 = (\lambda_i \chi_4(g_i)) e_4 \neq 0$ . Hence,  $u = \lambda_i g_i \notin I_\beta$  indicates that  $d(I_\beta) \geq 2$ .

Next, consider  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 r^2$ , by using equation (4) to (7):

$$ue_1 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)e_1, ue_2 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)e_2, ue_3 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)e_3 \quad \text{and} \quad ue_4 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_3)e_4.$$

$$ue_1 = ue_2 = ue_3 = ue_4 = 0 \text{ if and only if } \lambda_1 = -\lambda_3 \neq 0. \text{ Clearly, } u \in I_\beta \text{ and so } d(I_\beta) = 2. \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

From this lemma, we immediately conclude that if  $\beta \subseteq \mu$ , then  $I_\beta$  is a  $(8, 8 - |\beta|, 2)$ -group code. Furthermore,  $I_\beta$  is a MDS code if and only if  $|\beta| = 1$ . The next result can be proved by using similar method as Lemma 3.3.

**Lemma 3.4.** Let  $\mu = \{e_5\}$  where  $e_5$  is the nonlinear idempotent in  $FD_8$ , then  $d(I_{\{e_5\}}) = 2$  and  $\dim(I_{\{e_5\}}) = 4$ . Furthermore, let  $u = \lambda_i g_i + \lambda_j g_j, \lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_j \neq 0$  with  $g_i \neq g_j \in D_8$ , then  $u \in I_{\{e_5\}}$  if and only if  $g_i, g_j \in H$ .

**Theorem 3.5.** Let  $\mu = \{e, e_5\}$  where  $e$  is any one of the linear idempotents and  $e_5$  is the nonlinear idempotent in  $FD_8$ , then  $d(I_\mu) = 4$  and so  $I_\mu$  is a  $(8, 3, 4)$ -group code.

**Proof.** Without loss of generality, we only prove for the case  $\mu = \{e_1, e_5\}$ . By Lemma 2.7 and Lemma 3.3, we know that  $d(I_\mu) \geq 2$ . By the second statement in Lemma 3.4, if  $u = \lambda_i g_i + \lambda_j g_j, \lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_j \neq 0$ , then either  $g_i, g_j$  in  $H$  or  $g_i, g_j$  in  $sH$  or one in  $H$  and the other in  $sH$  will not produce a codeword in  $I_\mu$ . This follows from equations (4) and (8) in which always gives the solution  $\lambda_i = \lambda_j = 0$ . Next, for  $u = \lambda_i g_i + \lambda_j g_j + \lambda_k g_k, \lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_j \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_k \neq 0$ , we have either  $g_i, g_j, g_k$  all lies in  $H$  (resp.  $sH$ ) or  $g_i, g_j$  lies in  $H$  (resp.  $sH$ ) but  $g_k$  lies in  $sH$  (resp.  $H$ ). For both cases, by using equations (4) and (8),  $u$  is not contained in  $I_\mu$ . Finally, if  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 r^3, \lambda_1 \neq 0, \lambda_2 \neq 0, \lambda_3 \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_4 \neq 0$ , then  $ue_1 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4)e_1$  and  $ue_5 = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_3)e_5 + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_4)re_5$ .

Thus,  $ue_1 = ue_5 = 0$  if and only if  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 = 0$  and  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_3 = 0$  and  $\lambda_2 - \lambda_4 = 0$ . The only solution for the above is  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_3 \neq 0$  and  $\lambda_2 = \lambda_4 \neq 0$ . So,  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 = 0$  implies that  $2\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 = 0$  and so  $\lambda_1 = -\lambda_2 \neq 0$ . Thus, we obtain a set of nonzero solution and so  $u \in u \in I_\mu$ . In other word,  $d(I_\mu) = 4$ . **Q.E.D.**

**Theorem 3.6.** Let  $e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5$  be the idempotents in  $FD_8$ , then  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_5\}}) = 4$  and  $\dim(I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_5\}}) = 2$ , where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, i \neq j$ .

**Proof.** By Lemma 2.7 and Theorem 3.5, we only need to show that there exists a codeword of weight 4 in  $I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_5\}}$ , where  $i, j = 1, 2, 3, 4, i \neq j$ . Since most calculations are routined, then we only state a codeword of weight 4 in each group code.

- (i)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 r^3 \in I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}}$ .
- (ii)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_5 s + \lambda_7 r^2 s \in I_{\{e_1, e_3, e_5\}}$ .
- (iii)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_6 r s + \lambda_8 r^3 s \in I_{\{e_1, e_4, e_5\}}$ .
- (iv)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_6 r s + \lambda_8 r^3 s \in I_{\{e_2, e_3, e_5\}}$ .
- (v)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_6 r s + \lambda_7 r^2 s \in I_{\{e_2, e_4, e_5\}}$ .
- (vi)  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 r^3 \in I_{\{e_3, e_4, e_5\}}$ .

**Q.E.D.**

**Corollary 3.7.**  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_k, e_5\}}) = 1$  and  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_k, e_5\}}) = 8$ , where  $i, j, k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, i \neq j \neq k$ .

**Proof.** The proof is similar to Theorem 3.6, and so without loss of generality we consider only  $\mu = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_5\}$ , in the case of  $\mu = \{e_1, e_2, e_5\}$ ,  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}}) = 4$ , thus we may assume that the code generated by  $\mu = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_5\}$  has minimum distance greater than or equal to 4.

By using equations (4), (5), (6) and (8), it can be shown that no codeword of weight 4, 5, 6, and 7 in  $I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}}$  and so we only exhibit there is an element of weight 8 in  $I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}}$ .

If  $u = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2 r + \lambda_3 r^2 + \lambda_4 r^3 + \lambda_5 s + \lambda_6 rs + \lambda_7 r^2 s + \lambda_8 r^3 s, \lambda_i \neq 0$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 8$ , then

$$ue_1 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8) e_1,$$

$$ue_2 = (\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 - \lambda_7 - \lambda_8) e_2,$$

$$ue_3 = (\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 - \lambda_8) e_3 \text{ and}$$

$$ue_5 = \frac{1}{2} [(\lambda_1 - \lambda_3) + (\lambda_2 - \lambda_4) r + (-\lambda_1 + \lambda_3) r^2 + (-\lambda_2 + \lambda_4) r^3 + (\lambda_5 - \lambda_7) s + (\lambda_6 - \lambda_8) rs + (-\lambda_5 + \lambda_7) r^2 s + (-\lambda_6 + \lambda_8) r^3 s].$$

Thus,  $ue_1 = ue_2 = ue_3 = ue_5 = 0$  if and only if

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 + \lambda_8 = 0,$$

$$\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 - \lambda_7 - \lambda_8 = 0,$$

$$\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 + \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 + \lambda_7 - \lambda_8 = 0,$$

$$\lambda_1 = \lambda_3, \lambda_2 = \lambda_4, \lambda_5 = \lambda_7 \text{ and } \lambda_6 = \lambda_8.$$

Hence, (i)  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + \lambda_5 + \lambda_6 = 0$

(ii)  $\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 = 0$

(iii)  $\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + \lambda_5 - \lambda_6 = 0$

Upon solving (i) to (iii), we will obtain nonzero solution.

Hence,  $u \in I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_5\}}$  and so  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_5\}}) = 8$ .

### 3.3 Codes defined over $FD_{10}$

Let  $H = \langle r \mid r^5 = 1 \rangle$  and so  $D_{10} = H \cup sH$ . From Lemma 2.6, we see that  $D_{10}$  consists of 4 irreducible characters, in which case, two of them are linear characters and the other two are nonlinear character. Each of this character will correspond to a unique idempotent as follows

(a) Idempotents correspond to linear characters:

$$\chi_1 \leftrightarrow e_1 = \frac{1}{10}(H + sH) \text{ and } \chi_2 \leftrightarrow e_2 = \frac{1}{10}(H - sH)$$

(b) Idempotents correspond to the nonlinear character  $\chi_5$  of degree 2:

$$\chi_3 \rightarrow e_3 = \frac{1}{10}\left(4 + (-1 + \sqrt{5})(r + r^4) + (-1 - \sqrt{5})(r^2 + r^3)\right) \text{ and}$$

$$\chi_4 \rightarrow e_4 = \frac{1}{10}\left(4 + (-1 + \sqrt{5})(r^2 + r^3) + (-1 - \sqrt{5})(r + r^4)\right)$$

We summarize our results in the following theorem. Indeed most of them can be proved by using similar argument as for group codes in  $FD_6$  and  $FD_8$ .

**Theorem 3.8.** Let  $\mu_L = \{e_1, e_2\}$  and  $\mu_N = \{e_3, e_4\}$  be all idempotents in  $FD_{10}$  which is defined as above.

- (i) If  $\beta \subseteq \mu_L$  such that  $|\beta|=1$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=2$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=9$ .
- (ii) If  $\beta \subseteq \mu_N$  such that  $|\beta|=1$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=3$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=6$ . Furthermore, if  $v \in I_\beta$  with  $wt(v)=3$  then  $\text{supp}(v) \subset D_{10}'$  or  $\text{supp}(v) \subset sD_{10}'$ .
- (iii) If  $\beta = \{e_i, e_j\}$  for  $i=1,2$  and  $j=3,4$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=4$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=5$ . Furthermore, if  $v \in I_\beta$  with  $wt(v)=4$  then  $\text{supp}(v) \subset D_{10}'$  or  $\text{supp}(v) \subset sD_{10}'$ .
- (iv) If  $\beta = \mu_N$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=10$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=8$ . Furthermore, if  $v \in I_\beta$  with  $wt(v)=10$  then  $\text{supp}(v) = D_{10}' \cup sD_{10}'$ .
- (v) If  $\beta = \{e_1, e_2, e_j\}$  for  $j=3,4$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=4$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=4$ . Furthermore, if  $v \in I_\beta$  with  $wt(v)=4$  then  $\text{supp}(v) \subset D_{10}'$  or  $\text{supp}(v) \subset sD_{10}'$ .
- (vi) If  $\beta = \{e_i, e_3, e_4\}$  for  $i=1,2$ , then  $d(I_\beta)=10$  and  $\dim(I_\beta)=1$ . Furthermore, if  $v \in I_\beta$  with  $wt(v)=10$  then  $\text{supp}(v) = D_{10}' \cup sD_{10}'$ .

**3.4 Codes defined over  $FD_{12}$**

$D_{12}$  consists of six irreducible characters, four are linear characters and two are nonlinear characters. Each of this character will correspond to a distinct idempotent in the following way.

(a) Idempotents correspond to linear characters:

$$\begin{aligned} \chi_1 \leftrightarrow e_1 &= \frac{1}{12} \left( \sum_{i=0}^5 r^i (1+s) \right), \chi_2 \leftrightarrow e_2 = \frac{1}{12} \left( \sum_{i=0}^5 r^i (1-s) \right), \\ \chi_3 \leftrightarrow e_3 &= \frac{1}{12} \left( \sum_{i=0}^5 (-r)^i (1+s) \right) \text{ and } \chi_4 \leftrightarrow e_4 = \frac{1}{12} \left( \sum_{i=0}^5 (-r)^i (1-s) \right) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Idempotents correspond to nonlinear characters:

$$\chi_5 \leftrightarrow e_5 = \frac{1}{6} (2-r-r^2)(1+r^3) \text{ and } \chi_6 \leftrightarrow e_6 = \frac{1}{6} (2-r-r^2)(1-r^3)$$

Let  $u = \sum_{i=1}^6 \lambda_i r^{i-1} + \sum_{j=7}^{12} \lambda_j r^{j-7} s$  be any elements in  $FD_{12}$  such that  $\lambda_i \in F \forall 1 \leq i \leq 12$ , then

$$ue_1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{12} \lambda_i \right) e_1 \tag{9}$$

$$ue_2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^6 \lambda_i + \sum_{j=7}^{12} (-\lambda_j) \right) e_2 \tag{10}$$

$$ue_3 = \left( \sum_{i=1,3,5,7,9,11} \lambda_i + \sum_{j=2,4,6,8,10,12} (-\lambda_j) \right) e_3 \tag{11}$$

$$ue_4 = \left( \sum_{i=1,3,5,8,10,12} \lambda_i + \sum_{j=2,4,6,7,9,11} (-\lambda_j) \right) e_4 \tag{12}$$

$$ue_5 = \frac{1}{6} \left[ (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 + 2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6) + (2\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 + 2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - \lambda_6) r^3 \right. \tag{13}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ (-\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 + 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6) r + (-\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 + 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6) r^4 \\ &+ (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + 2\lambda_6) r^2 + (-\lambda_1 - \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + 2\lambda_6) r^5 \\ &+ (2\lambda_7 - \lambda_8 - \lambda_9 + 2\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} - \lambda_{12}) s + (2\lambda_7 - \lambda_8 - \lambda_9 + 2\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} - \lambda_{12}) r^3 s \\ &+ (-\lambda_7 - \lambda_8 + 2\lambda_9 - \lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} + 2\lambda_{12}) r^2 s + (-\lambda_7 - \lambda_8 + 2\lambda_9 - \lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} + 2\lambda_{12}) r^5 s \end{aligned}$$

$$ue_6 = \frac{1}{6} \left[ (2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - 2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + \lambda_6) - (2\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 - \lambda_3 - 2\lambda_4 - \lambda_5 + \lambda_6) r^3 \right. \tag{14}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &+ (\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6) r - (\lambda_1 + 2\lambda_2 + \lambda_3 - \lambda_4 - 2\lambda_5 - \lambda_6) r^4 \\ &+ (-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - 2\lambda_6) r^2 - (-\lambda_1 + \lambda_2 + 2\lambda_3 + \lambda_4 - \lambda_5 - 2\lambda_6) r^5 \\ &+ (2\lambda_7 + \lambda_8 - \lambda_9 - 2\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} + \lambda_{12}) s - (2\lambda_7 + \lambda_8 - \lambda_9 - 2\lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} + \lambda_{12}) r^3 s \\ &+ (\lambda_7 + 2\lambda_8 + \lambda_9 - \lambda_{10} - 2\lambda_{11} - \lambda_{12}) r s - (\lambda_7 + 2\lambda_8 + \lambda_9 - \lambda_{10} - 2\lambda_{11} - \lambda_{12}) r^4 s \\ &+ (-\lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + 2\lambda_9 + \lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} - 2\lambda_{12}) r^2 s - (-\lambda_7 + \lambda_8 + 2\lambda_9 + \lambda_{10} - \lambda_{11} - 2\lambda_{12}) r^5 s \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3.9.** Let  $\mu_L = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4\}$  and  $\mu_N = \{e_5, e_6\}$  be all idempotents in  $FD_{12}$  which is defined as above.

- (i) If  $\beta \subseteq \mu_L$ , then  $d(I_\beta) = 2$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 12 - |\beta|$ .
- (ii) If  $\beta \subseteq \mu_N$  and  $|\beta| = 1$ , then  $d(I_\beta) = 2$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 8$ .
- (iii) If  $\beta = \{e_i, e_5\}$ , then  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_5\}}) = 2$  only if  $i = 1$  or  $2$ , and  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_5\}}) = 4$  only if  $i = 3$  or  $4$ . Furthermore,  $\dim(I_\beta) = 7$ .
- (iv) If  $\beta = \{e_i, e_6\}$ , then  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_6\}}) = 4$  only if  $i = 1$  or  $2$ , and  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_6\}}) = 2$  only if  $i = 3$  or  $4$ . Furthermore,  $\dim(I_\beta) = 7$ .
- (v)  $d(I_{\mu_N}) = 3$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 4$ .
- (vi)  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_5\}}) = d(I_{\{e_3, e_4, e_6\}}) = 2$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 6$ .
- (vii)  $d(I_{\{e_3, e_4, e_5\}}) = d(I_{\{e_1, e_2, e_6\}}) = 4$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 6$ .
- (viii)  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_3, e_5\}}) = d(I_{\{e_1, e_4, e_5\}}) = d(I_{\{e_2, e_3, e_5\}}) = d(I_{\{e_2, e_4, e_5\}}) = 6$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 6$ .
- (ix)  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_5, e_6\}}) = 6$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 3$ .
- (x)  $d(I_{\{e_i, e_j, e_k, e_5\}}) = 6$ , where  $i, j, k = 1, 2, 3, 4, i \neq j \neq k$ , and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 7$ .
- (xi)  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_2\} \cup \mu_N}) = d(I_{\{e_3, e_4\} \cup \mu_N}) = 6$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 2$ .
- (xii)  $d(I_{\{e_1, e_3\} \cup \mu_N}) = d(I_{\{e_2, e_4\} \cup \mu_N}) = 12$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 2$ .
- (xiii) If  $\beta \subseteq \mu_N$  and  $|\beta| = 1$ , then  $d(I_{\mu_L \cup \beta}) = 6$  and  $\dim(I_\beta) = 4$ .

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