



# On Some Classes of Block Repetition Codes Over $F_3 + uF_3$ , $u^2 = 0$ and its Covering Radius of the Codes

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**Abstract.** In this paper, to obtain the bounds for some classes of repetition codes with covering radius by using various weight and also the same size and different size of length in repetition codes over a finite ring  $R = F_3 + uF_3$ ,  $u^2 = 0$ .

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## 1. Introduction

In coding theory for the last five decades, many researchers has been attraction in codes over finite rings and the special types of the rings  $\mathbb{Z}_{2n}$ , where  $2n$  is the ring of integers modulo.

The authors was discovered the best well known non-linear binary codes can be constructed by cyclic codes and gray map over a finite ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  in [12] and many research articles has indicated codes over a finite ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  received much attention [1,4,5]. Coding theory, the covering radius is one of the important parameter to find the maximum error-correcting capability of codes. In Binary code, [3, 6–8], the covering radius of codes are studied for linear and non-linear codes can be received from codes over a finite ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4$  via the gray map. In [13, 14], the author to find lower bound and upper bound of covering radius in a suitable of different types repetition

codes by using some finite rings with respect to various weight.

In this paper, to determine the covering radius of some attraction classes of repetition codes over a finite commutative ring  $R = F_3 + uF_3, u^2 = 0$  of integer modulo 3 by using to different weight (distance).

## 2. Preliminaries

Let  $R = F_3 + uF_3, u^2 = 0$ , be a finite set with nine elements  $\{0, 1, 2, u, 1 + u, 2 + u, 2u, 1 + 2u, 2 + 2u\}$  with two operation  $\oplus_3, \odot_3$  is said to be a finite commutative ring. It is denoted by  $(R, \oplus_3, \odot_3)$  with a characteristic 3. Let  $C \subseteq R$ , then  $C$  is say that a code. A code  $C$  is called the linear code, if the ring  $R$  is an  $R$ -submodule of  $R^l$ , where  $l$  is the length of a code(that is,  $C = (1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1 \ 1)$ ,  $l(C) = 5, C_1 = (u \ u \ u \ u), l(C_1) = 4$ ). The elements of  $C$  is called a codeword of  $C$ .

A Gray Map  $h : R \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)$  is defined by

$$h(0) = 0 \ 0, \quad h(1) = 0 \ 1, \quad h(2) = 0 \ 2, \quad h(u) = 1 \ 0, \quad h(1 + u) = 1 \ 1, \quad h(2 + u) = 1 \ 2, \\ h(2u) = 2 \ 0, \quad h(1 + 2u) = 2 \ 1, \quad h(2 + 2u) = 2 \ 2,$$

then the Gray map  $h_1 : R^l \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3)^l$  is define  $h_1(y) = (h(y_1), h(y_2), \dots, h(y_n))$ , where  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  in [10].

Let  $y \in R^l$  be a codeword of code, that is  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  and in [15], the Lee weight of  $y$  as given

$$w_L(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y = 0, \\ 1, & \text{if } y = 1, 2 + 2u, \\ 2, & \text{if } y = 2, 1 + 2u, \\ 3, & \text{if } y = u, 1 + u, 2 + u, 2u. \end{cases}$$

Let  $y_i \in R$  be the codeword of Lee weight of  $y_i$  is defined as  $\sum_i w_L(y_i), i = 0, \dots, 8$ . If  $c_1, c_2 \in C$ , be any two distinct codewords of Lee distance is defined as  $d_L(C) = \{d_L(c_1, c_2) \mid c_1 - c_2 \neq 0 \text{ and } c_1, c_2 \in C\}$ . The minimum Lee weight of  $C$  is  $d_L(C) = \min\{d_L(c_1, c_2) \mid c_1 - c_2 \neq 0 \text{ and } c_1, c_2 \in C\}$ . In  $C$  is a linear code  $C$ , thus  $d_L(C) = \min\{w_L(c) \mid c \neq 0 \in C\}$ . Therefore,  $d_L(c_1, c_2) = w_L(c_1 - c_2)$ . If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $l$  over  $R$  with the number of codewords  $W$  and the minimum Lee distance  $d_L$ , is said to be an  $(l, W, d_L)$  code in  $R$ . In  $C$  is a linear code of length  $l$  over  $R$ , therefore the Lee distance between  $z$  and  $C$  is defined as  $d_L(z, C) = \min\{d_L(z, c) \mid \forall c \in C\}$ , for any  $z \in R^l$ .

The Chinese Euclidean weight of  $x$  is

$$w_{CE}(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y = 0, \\ 1, & \text{if } y = 1, 2 + 2u, \\ 2, & \text{if } y = 2, 1 + 2u, \\ 3, & \text{if } y = u, 2u, \\ 4, & \text{if } y = 1 + u, 2 + u, \end{cases}$$

in [11], where  $y = (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n)$  be a codeword of code over  $R^l$ .

The parameters of Chinese Euclidean weight code is an  $(l, W, d_{CE})$ . In Chinese Euclidean distance (weight), let  $c_1, c_2 \in R^l$  be any two different codewords is defined as  $d_{CE}(c_1, c_2) =$

$wt_{CE}(c_1 - c_2)$ . Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $l$  over  $R$ . Then  $d_{CE}(z, C) = \min\{d_{CE}(z, c) \mid \forall c \in C\}$ , for any  $z \in R^l$ .

In Gray weight, let  $y \in R^l$  be a codeword of code, is define as

$$w_G(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y = 0, \\ 1, & \text{if } y = 1, 2, u \text{ and } 2u, \\ 2, & \text{if otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

in [10].

In  $C$  is a linear code with Gray weight (distance), is an  $(l, W, d_G)$  code. Define,  $d_G(c_1, c_2) = wt_G(c_1 - c_2)$ , where  $c_1, c_2 \in R^l$  and  $d_G(z, C) = \min\{d_G(z, c) \mid \forall c \in C\}$ , for any  $z \in R^l$ .

In [2], Let  $y \in R^l$ . The Bachoc weight of  $x$  is defined as

$$w_B(y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } y = 0, \\ 1, & \text{if } y = 1, 2, 1 + u, 2 + u, 1 + 2u, 2 + 2u, \\ 3, & \text{if } y = u, 2u. \end{cases}$$

In  $C$  is a linear code with Bachoc weight (distance) is an  $(l, W, d_B)$  code. Define,  $d_B(c_1, c_2) = wt_B(c_1 - c_2)$ , where  $c_1, c_2 \in R^n$  and  $d_B(z, C) = \min\{d_B(z, c) \mid \forall c \in C\}$ , for any  $z \in R^n$ .

**Example 2.1.** Let  $y = 1 \ u \ 1 + u \ 1 + 2u \ 2 \in R^5$ . Then,

$$w_L(y) = w_L(1) + w_L(u) + w_L(1 + u) + w_L(1 + 2u) + w_L(2) = 11,$$

$$w_{CE}(y) = w_{CE}(1) + w_{CE}(u) + w_{CE}(1 + u) + w_{CE}(1 + 2u) + w_{CE}(2) = 12,$$

$$w_G(y) = w_G(1) + w_G(u) + w_G(1 + u) + w_G(1 + 2u) + w_G(2) = 8, \text{ and}$$

$$w_B(y) = w_B(1) + w_B(u) + w_B(1 + u) + w_B(1 + 2u) + w_B(2) = 10.$$

### 3. Repetition Code With Covering Radius of Code in $R$

Let  $d$  be the distance of a code  $C$  in  $R$  with respect to different distance (weight), such as Lee weight, Chinese Euclidean weight, Gray weight and Bachoc weight. The *covering radius* of a code  $C$  is

$$R_d(C) = \max_{w \in R^n} \{ \min_{c \in C} \{d(w, c)\} \},$$

where  $C$  is a code and  $R_d(C)$  is a covering radius of the code  $C$  with distance  $d$ .

In  $F_q = \{0, 1, \gamma_2, \dots, \gamma_{q-1}\}$  is a finite field. Let  $C$  be a  $q$ -ary repetition code  $C$  over  $F_q$ , that is  $C = \{\bar{\gamma} = (\gamma\gamma \dots \gamma) \mid \gamma \in F_q\}$  and the repetition code  $C$  is an  $[l, 1, l]$  code. Therefore, the covering radius of the code  $C$  is  $\lfloor \frac{l(q-1)}{q} \rfloor$  by using in [9].

Let  $C$  be a block repetition code of size  $l$ , the parameter of  $C$  is an  $[l(q-1), 1, l(q-1)]$  be a generated by  $G = [\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_l \underbrace{\gamma_2 \gamma_2 \dots \gamma_2}_l \dots \underbrace{\gamma_{q-1} \gamma_{q-1} \dots \gamma_{q-1}}_l]$ . In [9], thus the covering radius of the code  $C$  is  $\lfloor \frac{l(q-1)^2}{q} \rfloor$ , since it will be equivalent to a repetition code of length  $(q-1)l$ .

A code  $C \subseteq R$  is also linear code and is called the Generator matrix ( $G$ ), if the basis elements in a row of matrix.

In repetition code over  $R$ , there are two type of repetition codes of length  $l$  viz.

- (1) Type A — (A generator matrix ( $G_A$ ) with unit element in  $R$  and its generated by the code

$C_A$ ).

(2) Type B — (A generator matrix ( $G_B$ ) with zero divisor element in  $R$  and its generated by the code  $C_B$ ).

Type A ( $G_A$ ) $\rightarrow$ $\underbrace{[1 \cdots 1]}_l, \underbrace{[2 \cdots 2]}_l, \underbrace{[1 + u \cdots 1 + u]}_l, \underbrace{[2 + u \cdots 2 + u]}_l, \underbrace{[1 + 2u \cdots 1 + 2u]}_l, \underbrace{[2 + 2u \cdots 2 + 2u]}_l$ $[l, k = 1, d_i = l], i = \{L, CE, G, B\},$
Type B ( $G_B$ ) $\rightarrow$ $\underbrace{[u \cdots u]}_l, \underbrace{[2u \cdots 2u]}_l, \underbrace{[u \ 2u \cdots u \ 2u]}_l, \underbrace{[2u \ u \cdots 2u \ u]}_l$ $(l, W = 3, d_j = 3l), j = \{L, CE, G, B\}$

**Theorem 3.1.** •  $R_L(C_A) = 2l,$

- $R_L(C_B) = 2l,$  here  $R_L(C_{A(B)})$  is a covering radius of codes  $C_{A(B)}$  for generator matrix  $G_{A(B)}$  by using Lee weight and  $l$  is a length of code in Type A and Type B.

*Proof.* Let  $y \in R^l$  by  $\rho_0$  times 0's,  $\rho_1$  times 1's,  $\rho_2$  times 2's,  $\rho_3$  times 3's,  $\rho_4$  times 4's,  $\rho_5$  times 5's,  $\rho_6$  times 6's,  $\rho_7$  times 7's,  $\rho_8$  times 8's in  $y$  and  $\sum_i \rho_i = l$  and the code  $c_i \in \{\gamma(C_A) \mid \gamma \in R^l\}$ , where  $i = 0$  to 8. Then

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_L(y, c_0) &= wt_L(y - 00 \cdots 0) \\
 &= 0\rho_0 + 1\rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + 3\rho_3 + 4\rho_4 + 5\rho_5 + 6\rho_6 + 7\rho_7 + 8\rho_8 \\
 &= \rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + 3\rho_3 + 3\rho_4 + 3\rho_5 + 3\rho_6 + 2\rho_7 + \rho_8 \\
 &= n - \rho_0 + \rho_2 + 2\rho_3 + 2\rho_4 + 2\rho_5 + 2\rho_6 + \rho_7.
 \end{aligned}$$

Alike,

$$\begin{aligned}
 d_L(y, c_1) &= l - \rho_1 + \rho_3 + 2\rho_4 + 2\rho_5 + 2\rho_6 + 2\rho_7 + \rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_2) &= l - \rho_2 + \rho_0 + \rho_4 + 2\rho_5 + 2\rho_6 + 2\rho_7 + 2\rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_3) &= l - \rho_3 + 2\rho_0 + \rho_1 + \rho_5 + 2\rho_6 + 2\rho_7 + 2\rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_4) &= l - \rho_4 + 2\rho_0 + 2\rho_1 + \rho_2 + \rho_6 + 2\rho_7 + 2\rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_5) &= l - \rho_5 + 2\rho_0 + 2\rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + \rho_3 + \rho_7 + 2\rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_6) &= l - \rho_6 + 2\rho_0 + 2\rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + 2\rho_3 + \rho_4 + \rho_8, \\
 d_L(y, c_7) &= l - \rho_7 + \rho_0 + 2\rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + 2\rho_3 + 2\rho_4 + \rho_5, \\
 d_L(y, c_8) &= l - \rho_8 + \rho_1 + 2\rho_2 + 2\rho_3 + 2\rho_4 + 2\rho_5 + \rho_6.
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,  $d_L(y, C_A) = \min\{d_L(x, c_i) \mid i = 0 \text{ to } 8\} \leq 2l$  and  $r_L(C_A) \leq 2l$ .

If  $y_1 \in R^l$ , where as  $y_1 = \underbrace{00 \cdots 01}_k \underbrace{1 \cdots 12}_k \underbrace{2 \cdots 2u}_k \underbrace{u \cdots u1 + u}_k \underbrace{1 + u \cdots 1 + u}_k \underbrace{2 + u}_k \underbrace{2 + u \cdots 2 + u}_k$   
 $\underbrace{2u \ 2u \cdots 2u}_k \underbrace{1 + 2u \ 1 + 2u \cdots 1 + 2u}_k \underbrace{2 + 2u \ 2 + 2u \cdots 2 + 2u}_{l - (2+2u)k}$ , here  $k = \lfloor \frac{l}{R} \rfloor$ . Thus,  $d_L(y_1, c_i) = 12k,$   
 $i = 0$  to 8 and  $r_L(C_A) \geq \min\{d_L(y_1, c_i) \mid i = 0 \text{ to } 8\} \geq 2l$  and hence,  $r_L(C_A) = 2l$ .

Let  $y = \underbrace{u \ u \ \dots \ u}_{\frac{l}{2}} \underbrace{000 \ \dots \ 0}_{\frac{l}{2}} \in R^l$ . The code  $C_B = \{\gamma(u \ u \ \dots \ u) \mid \gamma \in R^l\}$  and it is generated by

Type-B. Thus,  $r_L(C_B) \geq 2l$ .

If  $y \in R^l$  be any codeword and take  $y$  has  $\rho_i$  links  $i$ 's, with  $\sum_i \rho_i = l$ , where  $i = 0$  to  $8$ . Then,  $r_L(C_B) \leq 2l$ . □

**Theorem 3.2.** For  $R_d(C) = \max_{w \in R^l} \{\min_{c \in C} \{d(w, c)\}\}$ , where  $d = \{\text{Chinese Euclidean weight, Gray weight and Bachoc weight}\}$ .

- (1)  $R_{CE}(C_A) = \frac{20l}{9}$ ,  $\frac{3n}{2} \leq R_{CE}(C_B) \leq 2l$ ,
- (2)  $R_G(C_A) = \frac{4l}{3}$ ,  $R_G(C_B) = l$ , and
- (3)  $R_B(C_A) = \frac{4l}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3l}{2} \leq R_B(C_{B^*}) \leq 2l$ , where  $B^* = \text{Type-B}$  and  $l$  is a length of code in Type A and Type B.

*Proof.* The methods of proof is follows from Theorem 3.1, by using the Type A and Type B with different weight, such as  $w_{CE}(x)$ ,  $w_G(x)$ , and  $w_B(x)$ . □

### 4. Same Size of Length in Block Repetition Code

Let  $BRC^{2l}$  be a Block Repetition Code with length  $2l$  and its generated by  $G_{AB} = [\underbrace{11 \ \dots \ 1}_l \underbrace{u \ u \ \dots \ u}_l]$  is size of length ( $l$ ) for each block and the parameters of  $BRC^{2l}$  code is an  $[2l, 1, 3l, 3l, 3l, 3l]$ .

- Theorem 4.1.**
- (1)  $R_L(BRC^{2l}) = 4l$ ,
  - (2)  $R_{CE}(BRC^{2l}) = \frac{38l}{9}$ ,
  - (3)  $R_G(BRC^{2l}) = \frac{7l}{3}$ , and
  - (4)  $R_B(BRC^{2l}) = \frac{8l}{3}$ .

*Proof.* Generator matrix  $G_{AB}$  and [7] and by using Theorem 3.1, then

$$R_L(BRC^{2l}) \geq 4l. \tag{4.1}$$

Consider  $y = (y_1 \mid y_2) \in R^{2l}$ , where  $y_1, y_2 \in R^{2l}$  and also take in  $y_1$ ,  $\rho_j$  appears  $j$ 's, and in  $y_2$ ,  $\rho_j$  appears  $j$ 's, with  $\sum_j r_j = \sum_j s_j = l$  and  $c_j \in \{\gamma(G_{AB}) \mid \gamma \in R^{2l}\}$ ,  $j = 0$  to  $8$ .

Then,  $d_L(y, BRC^{2l}) = \min\{d_L(y, c_j) \mid j = 0 \text{ to } 8\}$  is less than or equal to  $2l + 2l = 4l$ . Thus,  $d_L(y, BRC^{2l}) \leq 4l$ . Hence,

$$R_L(BRC^{2l}) \leq 4l. \tag{4.2}$$

By (4.1) and (4.2), thus  $R_L(BRC^{2l}) = 4l$ .

The remaining Proof of Theorem 4.1 is pursue from first part. □

**Corollary 4.1.** Let

$$G_A = [\underbrace{1 \ \dots \ 1}_l \underbrace{2 \ \dots \ 2}_l \underbrace{1 + u \ \dots \ 1 + u}_l \underbrace{2 + u \ \dots \ 2 + u}_l \underbrace{1 + 2u \ \dots \ 1 + 2u}_l \underbrace{2 + 2u \ \dots \ 2 + 2u}_l] \tag{4.3}$$

is a Type A with unit element in  $R$ . Then,

- $R_L(BRC^{6l}) = 12l,$
- $R_{CE}(BRC^{6l}) = \frac{40l}{3},$
- $R_G(BRC^{6l}) = 8l,$  and
- $R_B(BRC^{6l}) = 8l.$

*Proof.* From (4.3) and use to Theorems 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1. □

**Corollary 4.2.** *Let*

$$G_B = [\underbrace{u u \cdots u}_l \underbrace{2u 2u \cdots 2u}_l] \tag{4.4}$$

is a Type B with zero divisor element in R. Then,

- $R_L(BRC^{2l}) = 4l,$
- $3l \leq R_{CE}(BRC^{2l}) \leq 4l,$
- $R_G(BRC^{2l}) = 2l,$  and
- $3l \leq R_B(BRC^{2l}) \leq 4l.$

*Proof.* In (4.4) is apply to Theorems 3.1, 3.2 and 4.1. □

### 5. Different Size of the Length for Block Repetition Code

Let

$$G_{AB} = [\underbrace{11 \cdots 1}_{k_1} \underbrace{u u \cdots u}_{k_2}] \tag{5.1}$$

be the generated matrix for the two various block repetition code for a size of length is  $k_1, k_2$  and it is denoted by  $BRC^{k_1+k_2}$ . The parameters of  $BRC^{k_1+k_2}$  code is an  $[k_1 + k_2, 1, \min\{3k_1, k_1 + 3k_2\}, \min\{k_1, k_1 + k_2\}, \min\{3k_1, k_1 + 3k_2\}, \min\{3k_1, 2k_1 + 3k_2\}]$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** •  $R_L(BRC^k) = 2k,$

- $R_{CE}(BRC^k) = \frac{20k_1}{9} + 2k_2,$
- $R_G(BRC^k) = \frac{4k}{3},$  and
- $R_B(BRC^k) = \frac{4k}{3},$  there with  $k = \sum_{i=1}^2 k_i.$

*Proof.* A generator matrix (5.1), use to Theorem 4.1 and apply the two different size of length  $(k_1, k_2)$ . □

**Corollary 5.1.** *Let*

$$G_B = [\underbrace{u u \cdots u}_{k_1} \underbrace{2u 2u \cdots 2u}_{k_2}] \tag{5.2}$$

is a Type B with zero divisor element and two distinct length  $(k_1, k_2)$  in R. Then

- $R_L(BRC^k) = 2k,$
- $\frac{3k}{2} \leq R_{CE}(BRC^k) \leq 2k,$

- $R_G(BRC^k) = k$ , and
- $\frac{4k}{3} \leq R_B(BRC^k) \leq 2k$ , here  $k = \sum_{i=1}^2 k_i$ .

*Proof.* In (5.2) by two distinct length( $k_1, k_2$ ) and different weights in put to Theorem 5.1. □

**Corollary 5.2.** *Let*

$$G_A = [\underbrace{1 \cdots 1}_{k_1} \underbrace{2 \cdots 2}_{k_2} \underbrace{1 + u \cdots 1 + u}_{k_3} \underbrace{2 + u \cdots 2 + u}_{k_4} \underbrace{1 + 2u \cdots 1 + 2u}_{k_5} \underbrace{2 + 2u \cdots 2 + 2u}_{k_6}]. \tag{5.3}$$

*be a Type A with unit element and alternate size of length in R. Then*

- $R_L(BRC^k) = 2k$ ,
- $R_{CE}(BRC^k) = \frac{20k}{9}$ ,
- $R_G(BRC^k) = \frac{4k}{3}$ , and
- $R_B(BRC^k) = \frac{4k}{3}$ , where  $k = \sum_{i=1}^6 k_i$ .

*Proof.* In (5.3) with alternate size of length and also weight is apply to Theorem 5.1. □

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