

## A Different Approach to Coding Theory

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**Abstract:** In this paper the fuzzy code is defined by a map  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  where  $C$  is a code set. We give some results on this code and by using this we obtain fuzzy linear code.

**Key Words:** Code, Binary Code, Relative Weigth, Fuzzy Code, Fuzzy Linear Code

**Introduction**

**Preliminaries:** A  $q$ -ary code is a set of sequences of symbols where each symbol is chosen from a set  $F_q = \{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_q\}$  of  $q$  distinct elements. The set  $F_q$  is called the alphabet and is often taken to be the set

$$Z_q = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \dots, \overline{q-1}\}.$$

However, if  $q$  is a prime power (i.e  $q = p^h$  for some prime number  $p$  and some positive integer  $h$ ) then we often take the alphabet  $F_q$  to be the finite field of order  $q$ .

2-ary codes are called binary codes. A binary code is just a given set of sequences of 0's and 1's which are called codewords. Binary code of example is  $\{00000, 11111\}$ .

Let  $(F_q)^n$  denote the set of all ordered  $n$ -tuples  $a = a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  where each  $a_i \in F_q$ . The elements of  $(F_q)^n$  are called vectors or words. If the number of code words of  $C$  is  $M$ , we will refer an  $(n, M)$ -code.

A  $q$ -ary code of length  $n$  is just a subset of  $(F_q)^n$ . A vector  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  will usually be written simply as  $x_1 x_2 \dots x_n$ .

In order to define a binary linear code, we consider the space  $(F_2)^n$  of all  $n$ -tuples of 0's and 1's with addition of vectors compenentwise mod 2. So, for example,

$$(100011) + (010101) = (110110).$$

The weight  $w(x)$  of a vector  $x$  in  $(F_2)^n$  is defined to be the number of non-zero entries (coordinates) of  $x$ .

In this paper, we assume that the alphabet  $F_q$  is the  $Z_2$  and we use the binary code.

For further information we refer to (Hill, 1986), (Pless, 1989).

**Definition 1.1:** Let  $A$  be a set. A function  $\mu : A \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is called a fuzzy subset of  $A$ . For details of the definition, (Das, 1981).

**Relative Weight, Fuzzy Code**

**Definition 2.1:** Suppose that  $x$  is a codeword of  $C$ . If  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_k$  are defined to be the positions of 1's in  $x$ , the  $w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k$  are called relative weight of codeword  $x$ . We denote it by

$$w_1 + w_2 + \dots + w_k.$$

For example,  
 If  $x = 01111$  is a codeword  $\Rightarrow$   
 $w(x) = 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 14$ .  
 Since  $11\dots 1$  is codeword of  $C$  then its relative weight is

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Thus this weight is called a maximum relative weight of code  $C$ .

The relative weight rate of a codeword  $x$  in  $(F_2)^n$  is denoted to be

$$J(x) = \frac{w(x)}{\text{maximum relative weight}}$$

Example 2.1

Codewords	$J(x_i)$
000000	0/28
111111	28/28
1000101	13/28
1100010	9/28
0110001	12/28
1011000	8/28
0101100	11/28
0010110	14/28
0001011	17/28

**Definition 2.2:** Let  $C$  be a code. The function  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a fuzzy code if it satisfies the following conditions:

- i)  $J(x+y) \geq \min\{J(x), J(y)\}$
- ii)  $J(-x) = J(x)$
- iii)  $J(xy) \leq \max\{J(x), J(y)\}$ , for all  $x, y \in C$

Similar definition can be found in (Kumbhojkar and Bapat, 1990).

**Example 2.2**

Consider the binary code of lenght 7 in example 2.2.

$$C = \begin{pmatrix} 0000000 \\ 1111111 \\ 1000101 \\ 1100010 \\ 0110001 \\ 1011000 \\ 0101100 \\ 0010110 \\ 0001011 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$x = 1000101 \quad J(x) = \frac{13}{28}$$

$$y = 1100010 \quad J(y) = \frac{9}{28}$$

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$$x + y = 0100111 \quad J(x+y) = \frac{20}{28}$$

$$xy = 1000000 \quad J(xy) = \frac{1}{28}$$

1)  $J(x+y) \geq \min\{J(x), J(y)\}$

$$\frac{20}{28} \geq \min\left\{\frac{13}{28}, \frac{9}{28}\right\}$$

$$\frac{20}{28} \geq \frac{9}{28}$$

2)  $J(-x) = J(x)$  is trivially.

3)  $J(xy) \leq \max\{J(x), J(y)\}$

$$\frac{1}{28} \leq \max\left\{\frac{13}{28}, \frac{9}{28}\right\}$$

$$\frac{1}{28} \leq \frac{13}{28}$$

$J$  is a fuzzy code.

**Theorem 2.1:** If the function  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy code, then

- a)  $J(1) = 1$
- b)  $J(0) = 0$

**Proof**

a)  $J(1) = J(1 \dots 1) = \frac{w(1 \dots 1)}{1+2+3+\dots+n}$

$$= \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{1+2+3+\dots+n} = 1$$

b)  $J(0) = J(0 \dots 0) = \frac{w(0 \dots 0)}{1+2+3+\dots+n}$

$$= \frac{0}{1+2+3+\dots+n} = 0$$

**Theorem 2.2:** If  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy code then  $J(1) \geq J(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ .

**Proof**

$$J(1) = J(1 - x + x) \geq \min\{J(1+x), J(-x)\}$$

$$J(1) \geq \min\{J(x), J(x)\}$$

$$J(1) \geq J(x)$$

**Theorem 2.3:** If  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is a fuzzy code then  $J(0) \leq J(x)$  for all  $x \in C$ .

**Proof**

$$J(0) = J(x \cdot 0) \leq \max\{J(0), J(x)\}$$

$$J(0) \leq J(x)$$

**Theorem 2.4:** Let  $J : C \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a fuzzy code. If  $J(x-y) = J(1)$  then  $J(x) = J(y)$  for all  $x, y \in C$ .

**Proof**

$$J(x) = J(x - y + y) \geq \min\{J(x-y), J(y)\}$$

$$J(x) \geq \min\{J(1), J(y)\}$$

$$J(x) \geq J(y) \tag{1}$$

$$J(y) = J(y - x + x) \geq \min\{J(y-x), J(x)\}$$

$$J(y) \geq \min\{J(-(x-y)), J(x)\}$$

$$J(y) \geq \min\{J(x-y), J(x)\}$$

$$J(y) \geq J(x) \tag{2}$$

The inequalities (1) and (2) give  $J(x) = J(y)$ .

**Theorem 2.5:** Let  $J$  be a fuzzy code in  $C$ . If  $J(x) < J(y)$  then,  $J(x+y) \geq J(x)$ , for all  $x, y \in C$ .

**Proof**

$$J(x+y) \geq \min\{J(x), J(y)\}$$

$$J(x+y) \geq J(x)$$

**Definition 2.3:** Let  $C$  be a code and  $C_1$  be a subset of a code  $C$ . A function  $J : C_1 \rightarrow [0, 1]$  is said to be a fuzzy linear code if the following condition are satisfied:

$$J(x+y) = J(x) + J(y) - 2J(xy)$$

for all  $x, y \in C_1$ .

Example 2.3

$$C_1 = \begin{cases} 0000000 \\ 1000101 \\ 1100010 \\ 0100111 \end{cases}$$

$$x = 1000101$$

$$y = 1100010$$

$$J(x+y) = J(x) + J(y) - 2J(xy)$$

$$= \frac{13}{28} + \frac{9}{28} - 2 \cdot \frac{1}{28}$$

$$= \frac{20}{28}$$

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