



Bounds and Genericity of Sum-Rank-Metric Codes

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Motivation and Preliminaries

Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

- \mathbb{F}_{q^m} Extension Field of \mathbb{F}_q
- Codelength $n = \eta \cdot \ell$ splitted into ℓ blocks, each of size η
- Linear Code $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n$ subspace of dimension k

$$\mathbf{c} = \left[\underbrace{\mathbf{c}_1}_{\in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^\eta} \mid \mathbf{c}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{c}_\ell \right] \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n$$

$$\mathbf{C} = \left[\underbrace{\mathbf{C}_1}_{\in \mathbb{F}_q^{m \times \eta}} \mid \mathbf{C}_2 \mid \dots \mid \mathbf{C}_\ell \right] \in \mathbb{F}_q^{m \times n}$$

ℓ -sum-rank weight/distance:

$$\text{wt}_{SR,\ell}(\mathbf{c}) := \sum_{i=1}^{\ell} \text{rk}_{\mathbb{F}_q}(\mathbf{C}_i) \leq \ell \cdot \underbrace{\mu}_{:= \min\{m, \eta\}}$$

$$d_{SR,\ell}(\mathbf{c}, \mathbf{c}') := \text{wt}_{SR,\ell}(\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{c}')$$

Motivation and Preliminaries

Spheres and Balls in Sum-Rank-Metric

Let $\tau \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ with $0 \leq \tau \leq \ell \cdot \mu$ and $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n$. The sum-rank-metric sphere with radius τ and center \mathbf{x} is defined as

$$\mathcal{S}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, \tau) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n \mid d_{SR,\ell}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) = \tau\}.$$

Analogously, we define the ball of sum-rank-radius τ with center \mathbf{x} by

$$\mathcal{B}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, \tau) := \bigcup_{i=0}^{\tau} \mathcal{S}_\ell(\mathbf{x}, i).$$

We also define the following cardinalities:

$$\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{S}_\ell}(\tau) := |\{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_{q^m}^n \mid \text{wt}_{SR,\ell}(\mathbf{y}) = \tau\}|,$$

$$\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{B}_\ell}(\tau) := \sum_{i=0}^{\tau} \text{Vol}_{\mathcal{S}_\ell}(i).$$

Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

Singleton like Bound [MPK19b, Corollary 4, 5][MPK19a, Theorem 5]]

Let \mathcal{C} be a linear $[n, k, d]$ sum-rank metric code. Then it holds

$$k \leq \min \left\{ n - d + 1, \frac{\eta}{m} (\ell m - d + 1) \right\}.$$

MSRD Codes

\mathcal{C} is called *maximum sum-rank-distance* (MSRD), if the Singleton like Bound is fulfilled with equality.

Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

Sphere-Packing Bound

Sphere-Packing Bound[BGLR20, Theorem III.6]

For a linear $[n, k, d]$ sum-rank metric code \mathcal{C} , it holds that

$$q^{mk} \cdot \text{Vol}_{\mathcal{B}_\ell} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \right\rfloor \right) \leq q^{mn}.$$

Both sides of the bounds can be computed in complexity $\tilde{\mathcal{O}}(\ell^2 d^3 + \ell d^4 (m + \eta) \log(q))$ using the efficient algorithm for computing $\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{S}_\ell}$ in [PRR20, Theorem 5 and Algorithm 1].

simplified Sphere-Packing Bound

For a linear $[n, k, d]$ sum-rank metric code \mathcal{C} , the parameters fulfill

$$q^{mk} \cdot q^{(m+\eta-\frac{1}{\ell} \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor) \lfloor \frac{d-1}{2} \rfloor - \frac{\ell}{4}} \cdot \gamma_q^{-\ell} \leq q^{mn}.$$

Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

Sphere-Packing Bound

asymptotic Sphere-Packing Bound

Let \mathcal{C} be a linear $[n, k, d]$ sum-rank metric code and $\delta := \frac{d}{n}$ the relative minimum distance. Then the code rate $\mathcal{R} = \frac{k}{n}$ is upper bounded by

$$\mathcal{R} < \delta^2 \frac{\eta}{4m} - \delta \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\eta}{m} \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{n} \right) \right) + \frac{1}{n} \left(1 + \frac{\eta}{m} + \frac{\eta}{nm} \right) + \frac{1}{\eta m} \left(\frac{1}{4} + \log_q(\gamma_q) \right) + 1.$$

Let $\xi > 0$ be fixed.

- For $m = \eta\xi \rightarrow \infty$ we get

$$\mathcal{R} \sim \delta^2 \frac{1}{4\xi} - \frac{\delta}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{\xi} \right) + 1.$$

- For $\ell \rightarrow \infty$ one get

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Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

Gilbert–Varshamov Bound

Gilbert–Varshamov Bound[BGLR20, Theorem III.11]

Let \mathbb{F}_{q^m} be a finite field, $\ell, n, k, d \leq \mu\ell$ be positive integers that satisfy

$$q^{m(k-1)} \cdot \text{Vol}_{\mathcal{B}_\ell}(d-1) < q^{mn}.$$

Then, there is a linear code of length n , dimension k , and minimum ℓ -sum-rank distance at least d .

simplified Gilbert–Varshamov Bound

Let \mathbb{F}_{q^m} be a finite field, ℓ, n, k, d be positive integers with $2 < d \leq \mu\ell$ that satisfy

$$q^{m(k-1)} \cdot (d-1) \binom{\ell+d-2}{\ell-1} \gamma_q^\ell q^{(d-1)(m+\eta-\frac{d-1}{\ell})} < q^{mn}.$$

Then, there is a linear code of length n , dimension k , and minimum ℓ -sum-rank distance at least d .

Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

Gilbert–Varshamov Bound

asymptotic Gilbert–Varshamov Bound

For a finite field \mathbb{F}_{q^m} and positive integers $\ell, n, \mathcal{R}n, d$ with $\delta := \frac{d}{n}$ and $2 < d \leq \mu\ell$ satisfying

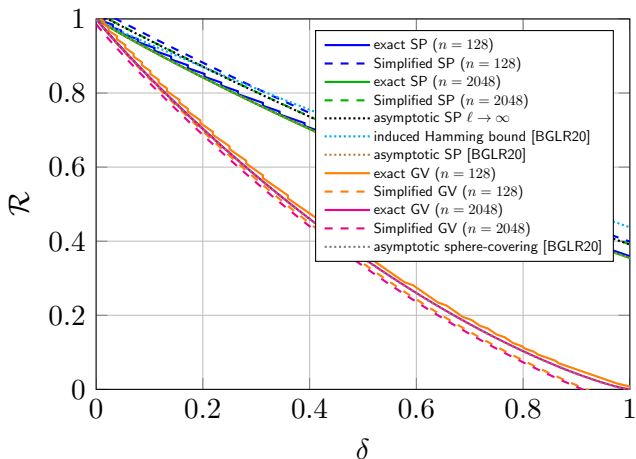
$$\mathcal{R} \leq \delta^2 \frac{\eta}{m} - \delta \left(1 + \frac{\eta}{m} + \frac{2\eta}{nm} \right) + 1 + \frac{1}{n} + \frac{\eta}{nm} + \frac{\eta}{n^2 m} - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{\delta n - 1} \log_q \left(1 + \frac{\ell - 1}{i} \right) + \log_q(\delta n - 1)}{mn} - \frac{\log_q(\gamma_q)}{\eta m}$$

there exists a linear ℓ -sum-rank metric code of rate \mathcal{R} and relative minimum sum-rank distance at least δ . Let ξ be a constant. For $m = \eta\xi \rightarrow \infty$ and $m \in \omega(\log_q(\ell))$ we have

$$\mathcal{R} \sim \delta^2 \frac{1}{\xi} - \delta \left(1 + \frac{1}{\xi} \right) + 1.$$

Bounds on Codes in Sum-Rank-Metric

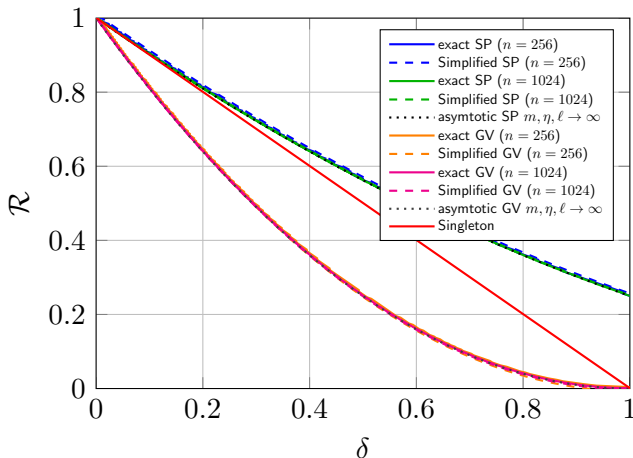
Numerical Comparisons: Bounded Blocksize



Comparison of different bounds for fixed value $q = 2$ $\eta = 8$ $m = 16$ for different values of n ($\ell = \frac{n}{\eta}$)

Simplified and Asymptotic Bounds

Numerical Comparisons: Growing Blocksize



Comparison of different bounds for fixed value of $q = 16$ and different values of n with $\eta = \ell = m$.

Genericity Results

Random Linear Codes almost attain the GV bound with high probability

For q, m, n, d , choose $\epsilon \in \left(0, 1 - \log_q \left(\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{B}_\ell}(d-1)^{\frac{1}{mn}}\right) - n^{-1}\right]$ and $k := n(1 - \log_q(\text{Vol}_{\mathcal{B}_\ell}(d-1)^{\frac{1}{mn}}) - \epsilon)$. Let \mathcal{C} be chosen uniformly at random from the set of linear codes length n and dimension k over \mathbb{F}_{q^m} . Then, \mathcal{C} has minimum distance $\geq d$ with probability at least $1 - e^{-\Omega(mn)}$.

Genericity Results

Probability that Random codes are MSRD

Let p be the probability for a random linear ℓ -sum-rank distance Code of length n and dimension k to be MSRD. We derived the following bounds:

$$(I) \quad p \geq 1 - k \binom{k+\ell-1}{\ell-1} q^{\eta k - m}$$

(c.f. [NHTRR18])

$$(II) \quad p \geq 1 - k \binom{k+\ell-1}{\ell-1} q^{k(\eta - \frac{k}{\ell}) - \frac{\ell}{4} - m} \cdot \gamma_q^\ell$$

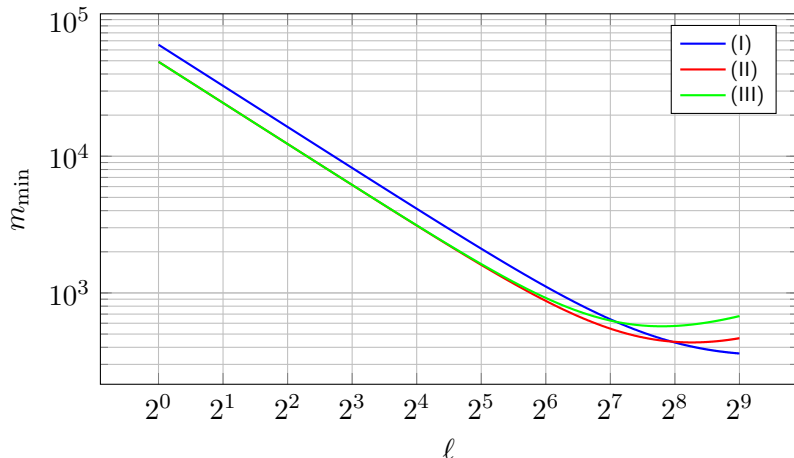
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$$(III) \quad p \geq 1 - \frac{q^{mk} - 1}{(q^m - 1)(q^{mn} - 1)} \left((n-k) \binom{\ell+n-k-1}{\ell-1} \gamma_q^\ell q^{(n-k)(m+\eta - \frac{n-k}{\ell})} - 1 \right)$$

(c.f. [BR20])

Genericity Results

Probability that Random codes are MSRD



Comparison of the three bounds for $n = 2^9$, $k = 2^7$ and $q = 4$.

Conclusion

- simplified Sphere-packing and Gilbert–Varshamov bounds for codes in the sum-rank metric
- asymptotic bounds for sum-rank-metric codes whose block size grows in the code length
- comparison to exact bounds
- random linear sum-rank-metric codes achieve almost the sum-rank GV bound with high probability.
- bounds on the probability that a random linear code attains the sum-rank-metric Singleton bound

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