

# Gabidulin Codes that are Generalized Reed Solomon Codes

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## Abstract

In this paper, we describe permutations that allow to move from a Gabidulin code to a GENERALIZED REED SOLOMON code.

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## 1 Introduction

In [7] Pierre LOIDREAU raised a problem on the existence of a link between Gabidulin codes and generalized Reed Solomon codes. There are *GRS* codes having the same parameters than Gabidulin codes which are in the same ambient space. One may ask the following question: are there simple transformations like permutations or semi-linear isometries of Hamming metric that transform Gabidulin codes into *GRS* codes ?

When we consider a Gabidulin code of parameters  $(n, k)$ , where  $n$  is the length of the code and  $k$  the dimension of the code, algebraic transformations of generator matrix of the code allow to write generator matrix in the form  $(I_k | P_i(g_j))$  with  $i = 1, \dots, k$  and  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$ . Saying that a Gabidulin code is transformed to a *GRS* code, implies that the following equation  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$ , where  $P_i, c_i, d_j, x_i, y_j$  are unknown, has solutions up to affine permutations keeping the Hamming metric.

In this paper, we describe the existence of an application that conserves the Hamming distance and transforms a Gabidulin code into a *GRS* code. The idea of our method consists to transform the matrix of the GABIDULIN code to the form of systematic matrix by multiplying this matrix by the  $k \times k$  invertible matrix extracted from the generator matrix of the

GABIDULIN code. So, using usual methods of the calculation of the invertible matrix, we obtain  $(P_i(g_j))$  and by application of  $\psi_{ij}$  that are affine permutations that keep Hamming metric defined of  $(GF(q^m))^n \longrightarrow (GF(q^m))^n$  such that  $\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = a_{ij}P_i(g_j)$ ; we obtain, up to affine permutations, unknown elements of the equation  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$  i.e.  $P_i, c_i, d_j, x_i, y_j$  where  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k+1 \leq j \leq n$ , that ensure that a GABIDULIN code is transformed to a *GRS* code.

The paper is organized as follow: we recall basic facts about Cauchy matrices, *GRS* codes and GABIDULIN codes, we introduce our transformation that allow to transform a GABIDULIN code into *GRS* code, we generalize results for any parameters, and we present a example . At last we propose a natural algorithm to resolve the equation  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$  up to affine permutations.

## 2 Preliminary

In this section we recall basic definitions and properties over *GRS* codes and GABIDULIN codes that will be used in the sequel.

### 2.1 Matrix terminology

#### 2.1.1 Diagonal matrix

Let be  $K$  a finite field. Given  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$ , where  $(v_1, \dots, v_n) \in K$ . we define  $D(v)$  to be the  $n \times n$  diagonal matrix as

$$D(v) = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & 0 & . & . & . & 0 \\ 0 & v_2 & . & . & . & 0 \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & . & . & v_n \end{pmatrix}$$

#### 2.1.2 Cauchy Matrix:

Let  $K$  be a field,  $x_i \in K$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $y_j \in K$  for  $1 \leq j \leq r$  such that  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  are pairwise distinct and  $\{y_1, \dots, y_r\}$  are pairwise distinct and  $x_i + y_j \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

The matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1+y_1} & \frac{1}{x_1+y_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{1}{x_1+y_r} \\ \frac{1}{x_2+y_1} & \frac{1}{x_2+y_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{1}{x_2+y_r} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{1}{x_k+y_1} & \frac{1}{x_k+y_2} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{1}{x_k+y_r} \end{pmatrix}$$

is called a Cauchy matrix over  $K$  generated by  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  and  $\{y_1, \dots, y_r\}$ .

### 2.1.3 Generalized Cauchy Matrix :

A  $k \times r$  matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  is a generalized Cauchy matrix if  $A = D(c)CD(d)$

Where  $\mathbf{C}$  is a  $k \times r$  Cauchy matrix and  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_k)$ ,  $c_i \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_r)$ ,  $d_j \neq 0$  for  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

## 2.2 Generalized Cauchy Codes

Let  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  and  $k < n$  for some  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ .

Let  $\mathbf{C}$  be  $k \times (n - k)$  Cauchy matrix over a field  $\mathbf{K}$ . Let  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_k)$  such that  $c_i \in \mathbf{K}$  and  $c_i \neq 0$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_{n-k})$  where  $d_j \in \mathbf{K}$  and  $d_j \neq 0 \forall 1 \leq j \leq n - k$ . Let  $A = D(c)CD(d)$  ( $\mathbf{A}$  is a generalized Cauchy matrix by definition). Then the code generated by the generator matrix  $[I_k|A]$  is called the generalized cauchy code.

## 2.3 Definitions and Properties (CODES GRS)

**Definition 1** [10]:

Let  $GF(q^m)$  be a finite field with  $q^m$  elements. Let  $n \in \mathbf{N}$  with  $1 \leq n \leq q^m$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  an  $n$ -tuple of distinct elements of  $GF(q^m)$  and let  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  be an  $n$ -tuple of non-zero elements of  $GF(q^m)$ . Let  $k \in \mathbf{N}$  with  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . Then the Generalized Reed Solomon codes, denoted by :  $GRS_{n,k}(\alpha, v)$  is

$$GRS_{n,k}(\alpha, v) = \{v_1 f(\alpha_1), \dots, v_n f(\alpha_n) / f \in GF(q^m)[x], \deg(f) \leq k - 1\}.$$

We can thus write the generator matrix of Generalized Reed Solomon code as

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 & v_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & v_n \\ v_1 \alpha_1 & v_2 \alpha_2 & & & & v_n \alpha_n \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ \cdot & & & & & \\ v_1 \alpha_1^{k-1} & v_2 \alpha_2^{k-1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & v_n \alpha_n^{k-1} \end{pmatrix}$$

is noted  $GRS_k(\alpha, v)$ .

The set of  $GRS_k(\alpha, v)$  codes is called by Generalized REED SOLOMON codes family.

**Proposition 1** [8]:

Let be  $GRS_k(\alpha, v)$  a Generalized REED SOLOMON code of length  $n$ , with  $k$  and  $d$  respectively the dimension and the minimal distance of the code. We have the following conditions:

1.  $GRS_k(\alpha, v)$  is a MDS code, i.e.  $d = n - k + 1$
2. The  $GRS_k(\alpha, v)$  dual code is the  $GRS_{n-k}(\alpha, v')$  code for a certain vector  $v'$  determined in fonction of  $v$

**Theorem 1** :[10]

Every generalized Cauchy code is a Generalized Reed Solomon code. Furthermore, given  $v = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and  $\alpha = (\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n)$  for  $GRS_{n,k}(\alpha, v)$  code, taking

$$x_i = -\alpha_i, y_j = \alpha_{k+j}$$

$$c_i = \frac{v_i^{-1}}{\prod_{t=1, t \neq i}^k (\alpha_i - \alpha_t)}, d_j = v_{j+k} \prod_{t=1}^k (\alpha_{j+k} - \alpha_t).$$

for  $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq n - k$  and  $c = (c_1, \dots, c_k)$ ,  $d = (d_1, \dots, d_{n-k})$  and  $C$  is the Cauchy matrix generated from  $\{x_1, \dots, x_k\}$  and  $\{y_{k+1}, \dots, y_n\}$ .

Then  $A = [I_k | D(c)CD(d)]$  is a generator matrix for  $GRS_{n,k}(\alpha, v)$ .

## 2.4 Rank metric and GABIDULIN codes

Consider any finite field  $GF(q)$ . Given a vector  $a = (a_1, \dots, a_n) \in GF(q^m)^n$ , the rank weight of  $a$  is by definition the rank of the  $m \times n$ -matrix over  $GF(q)$  formed by extending every coordinate  $a_i$  on a basis of  $GF(q^m)/GF(q)$ . The construction is independent of the chosen basis.

The rank weight being a norm, it also defines a metric. With the distance related to the metric, we define minimum rank distance of a linear code, in the same way as the classical minimum distance for a code in the Hamming metric.

**Definition 2 :**

Let  $C$  be a linear code over  $GF(q^m)$ . the minimum rank distance of  $C$  is  $d = \min_{c \in C^*} (Rk(c))$ . Given any matrix over  $GF(q^m)$  we also define the rank of a matrix over  $GF(q)$ , and the minimum rank distance of a code.

**Definition 3 :**

Let  $X$  be a  $k \times n$  matrix with coefficients in  $GF(q^m)$ .

The column rank of  $X$  over  $GF(q)$  is equal to the maximum number of columns of  $X$  that are linearly independent over  $GF(q)$ .

In 1985 Gabidulin, [4] published a family of codes which are optimal for the rank metric. Namely, they reach the "Singleton bound" for the rank metric.

Let  $g_1, \dots, g_n \in GF(q^m)^n$  be  $n$  elements, which are linearly independent over  $GF(q)$ . The matrix

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & . & . & . & g_n^{[0]} \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . \\ g_1^{[k-1]} & . & . & . & g_n^{[k-1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

where  $[i] = q^i$  is of rank  $k$ , is a generator matrix of Gabidulin code.

**Proposition 2** ([3]):

- The linear code  $C$  with generator matrix  $G$  reaches the Singleton bound for the rank metric. That is, let  $d$  be the minimum rank distance of  $C$ , we have  $d - 1 = n - k$ .
- The dual of the Gabidulin code is a Gabidulin code.

**Proposition 3** ([7]):

A generator matrix of Gabidulin code  $Gab_k(g)$  can be in the form

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & . & . & . & 0 & P_1(g_k + 1) & . & . & . & P_1(g_n) \\ 0 & 1 & . & . & . & 0 & P_2(g_k + 1) & . & . & . & P_2(g_n) \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . & . \\ 0 & 0 & . & . & . & 1 & P_k(g_k + 1) & . & . & . & P_k(g_n) \end{pmatrix}$$

where for  $i = 1 \dots k$ ,  $P_i$  is the unique  $q$ -polynomial of degree  $k$  checking for all  $j \leq k$ ,  $P_i(g_j) = \delta_{i,j}$ ,  $j = k + 1, \dots, n$ .

## 2.5 Equivalence of linear codes

Two linear codes over  $GF(q^m)$  are called equivalent if one can be obtained from the other by a combination of operations of the following types:

- (A) permutation of the positions of code;
- (B) multiplication of the symbols appearing in a fixed position by a non-zero scalar.

**Remark 1** If a code is displayed as an  $M \times n$  matrix whose rows are the codewords, where  $M$  is the cardinal of the code and  $n$  the length of codewords, then an operation of type (A) corresponds to a permutation, or rearrangement of the columns of the matrix, while an operation of type (B) corresponds to a re-labelling of the symbols appearing in a given column.

Clearly the distances between codewords are unchanged.

**Theorem 2** *Two  $k \times n$  matrices generate equivalent linear  $[n, k]$ -codes over  $GF(q^m)$  if one matrix can be obtained from the other by a sequence of operations of the following types:*

- ( $R_1$ ) *Permutation of the rows.*
- ( $R_2$ ) *Multiplication of a row by a non-zero scalar.*
- ( $R_3$ ) *Addition of a scalar multiple of one row to another.*
- ( $C_1$ ) *Permutation of the columns.*
- ( $C_2$ ) *Multiplication of any column by a non-zero scalar.*

**Proof:**

The row operations ( $R_1$ ), ( $R_2$ ) and ( $R_3$ ) preserve the linear independence of the rows of a generator matrix and simply replace one basic by another of the same code. Operations of type ( $C_1$ ) and ( $C_2$ ) convert a generator matrix to one for an equivalent code.

### 3 Results

#### Gabidulin operator $\nabla_{Gab}$

Given a vector  $(g_1, \dots, g_n)$  over  $GF(q^m)^n$  and  $Gab_k(g)$  a generator matrix of a Gabidulin code  $\mathbf{C}$  of length  $n$  and dimension  $k$ .

Let put  $Gab_k(g) = (L, M)$ .

We may suppose, to the rank of  $rg(Gab_k(g)) = k$ , that  $L$  is an invertible matrix. If not we can permute columns of  $Gab_k(g)$  in order to obtain an invertible matrix  $L$ . This is possible because  $rg(Gab_k(g)) = k$ . So, we obtain a matrix  $Gab_k^\sigma(g) = Gab_k P_\sigma(g)$ , where  $P_\sigma$  is the permuted matrix corresponding to the permutation  $\sigma$ .

In the sequel we suppose  $Gab_k(g) = (L, M)$  where  $L$  is  $k \times k$  invertible matrix and  $GF(q^m) = K$ .

Let  $E_{Gab_k}(K)$  be the set of generator matrices of Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and dimension  $k$  and  $S_{Gab_k}(K)$  the set of corresponding systematic matrices of Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and dimension  $k$ .

Let us consider  $\nabla_{Gab} : E_{Gab_k}(K) \longrightarrow S_{Gab_k}(K)$   
 $(L, M) \longmapsto L^{-1}(L, M) = (I_k | L^{-1}M).$

$\nabla_{Gab}$  acts on  $Gab_k(g)$  by transforming the  $Gab_k(g)$  matrix of the code  $\mathbf{C}$  by another matrix of the code  $\mathbf{C}$ . It replaces the base  $(L_i)_{1 \leq i \leq k}$  by the base  $(\delta_{ij}, P_i(g_j))$ , where  $(L^{-1}M) = (P_i(g_j))$ . This transformation allows to obtain  $(P_i(g_j))$ .

$\nabla_{Gab}$  is called Gabidulin operator.

**Conclusion:** We have two cases.

1. If  $L$  is invertible then the equivalent matrix  $Gab_k(g)$  of Gabidulin code generate the same code as  $Gab_k(g)$ .

2. But if  $L$  is not invertible, the operations of  $(C_1)$  and  $(C_2)$  of theorem 2 are also used, the equivalent matrix of  $Gab_k(g)$  generate code which is equivalent to ( not necessarily the same ) that generate by  $Gab_k(g)$ .

Therefore by the Gabidulin operator, the Hamming distance between codewords is unchanged.

**Proposition 4 :**

Every Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and of dimension  $k = 2$  over  $GF(q^m)$ , with generator vector  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$  is a GRS code with parameters  $v = a = g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$

**Proof**

Let be  $Gab_2(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n \\ g_1^2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^2 \end{pmatrix}$  a generator matrix of Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and of dimension 2.

Let us set  $L_1 = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$  the first line of the matrix and  $L_2 = (g_1^2, \dots, g_n^2)$  the second one. Since  $v = a = g$  we have  $L_1 = (v_1, \dots, v_n)$  and  $L_2 = (g_1 \cdot g_1, \dots, g_n \cdot g_n) = (v_1 \cdot a_1, \dots, v_n \cdot a_n)$

Thus  $GRS_2(v, a) = \begin{pmatrix} L_1 \\ L_2 \end{pmatrix}$

**Corrolary 1** Every Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and dimension  $n - 2$  over  $GF(q^m)$ , with generator vector  $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n)$  is a GRS code.

**Proof:**

In fact the dual code of a Gabidulin code is a Gabidulin code, and the dual of a GRS code is also a GRS code.

**Theorem 3 :**

If  $Gab_k(g)$  is a generator matrix of the Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k = 3$ ,  $(I, P_i(g_j))$  the systematic generator matrix corresponding, then unknown elements of the following equation  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$  are obtained up to affine permutations keeping the hamming distance, with  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k + 1 \leq j \leq n$ .

**Proof:**

Let be

$$Gab_k(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[0]} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_1^{[k-1]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[k-1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

a generator matrix of Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$   
For  $k = 3$  we have

$$Gab_3(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & g_2^{[0]} & g_3^{[0]} & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[0]} \\ g_1^{[1]} & g_2^{[1]} & g_3^{[1]} & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[1]} \\ g_1^{[2]} & g_2^{[2]} & g_3^{[2]} & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[2]} \end{pmatrix}$$

Without losing generality, we may suppose that

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & g_2^{[0]} & g_3^{[0]} \\ g_1^{[1]} & g_2^{[1]} & g_3^{[1]} \\ g_1^{[2]} & g_2^{[2]} & g_3^{[2]} \end{pmatrix}$$

is invertible

$$\text{and } M = \begin{pmatrix} g_4^{[0]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[0]} \\ g_4^{[1]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[1]} \\ g_4^{[2]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[2]} \end{pmatrix}$$

Then the form  $(I_3|L^{-1}M)$  is a systematic matrix of the Gabidulin code with generator matrix  $Gab_3(g)$ . By identification  $(I_3|L^{-1}M)$  and  $(I_3|P_i(g_j))$ , we obtain:

$$(L^{-1}M) = (P_i(g_j)) \quad (1)$$

where  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and  $4 \leq j \leq n$ . By calculating  $(L^{-1}M)$ ,  
where  $L^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det L} tCof(L)$ , we can determine  $P_i$ .

We have

$$tCof(L) = t(Cof(g_i^{[l-1]})), \quad 1 \leq i \leq 3, \quad 1 \leq l \leq 3 \quad \text{and} \quad [l] = q^l.$$

$\det(L) \neq 0$  because  $L$  is invertible. By equality (1), we have:

$$P_i(z) = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^3 p_i^l z^{[l-1]}}{\det(L)} \quad (2)$$

where  $p_i^l = Cof(g_i^{[l-1]})$  with  $1 \leq i \leq 3$  and  $1 \leq l \leq 3$ .

$$\det(L)P_i(z) = \sum_{l=1}^3 p_i^l z^{[l-1]} = p_i^1 z^{[0]} + p_i^2 z^{[1]} + p_i^3 z^{[2]}. \quad (3)$$

The  $L$  matrix is a Vandermonde generalized matrix, then the determinant of  $L$  is :

$$\det(L) = g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)$$



Let us consider the polynomial  $D_t(z)$  obtained by the determinant of  $L$  matrix by substituting the column  $t$  by elements  $z, z^q, z^{q^2}$ , where  $1 \leq t \leq 3$ . For instance

$$D_1(z) = \begin{vmatrix} z & g_2 & g_3 \\ z^q & g_2^q & g_3^q \\ z^{q^2} & g_2^{q^2} & g_3^{q^2} \end{vmatrix} = (g_2 g_3^q - g_3 g_2^q) z^{q^2} + \sum_{i=0}^2 \lambda_i z^{q^i}$$

Where  $\lambda_i \in GF(q^m)$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$

First, since  $g_1, g_2, g_3$  are linearly independent over  $GF(q)$ ,  $g_2, g_3$  are linearly independent over  $GF(q)$ . We have  $D_1(g_2) = D_1(g_3) = 0$ , and since  $D_1(z)$  is a  $q$ -polynomial over  $GF(q^m)$ , all combination  $\lambda_2 g_2 + \lambda_3 g_3$  with  $\lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)$  are roots of  $D_1(z)$ . Thus  $D_1(z)$  has  $q^2$  distinct roots, so that we obtain a factorization

$$D_1(z) = (g_2 g_3^q - g_2^q g_3) \prod_{\lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (z - \sum_{l=2}^3 \lambda_l g_l)$$

Thus

$$D_i(z) = (g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (z - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^3 \lambda_l g_l) \quad (4)$$

where the product (4) is did over the set of linear combinations of  $(g_t)_{1 \leq t \leq 3, t \neq i}$

In the other way, by expansion along the first column we get :

$$D_1(z) = p_1^1 z^{[0]} + p_1^2 z^{[1]} + p_1^3 z^{[2]}, \quad [t] = q^t, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 2$$

i.e.

$$D_i(z) = p_i^1 z^{[0]} + p_i^2 z^{[1]} + p_i^3 z^{[2]} \quad (5)$$

So we get by (2), (3), (4), and (5) :

$$P_i(z) = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^3 p_i^l z^{[l-1]}}{\det(L)} = \frac{(g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (z - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)}$$

We have for  $z = g_j$

$$P_i(g_j) = \frac{(g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)}$$

Let us consider the affine permutations  $\psi_{ij}$  defined by

$$\psi_{ij} : GF(q^m) \longrightarrow GF(q^m)$$

$$x \longmapsto a_{ij}x$$

where

$$a_{ij} = \frac{\prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \lambda_i g_i - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{g_j - g_i}$$

with  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $(\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3) \neq (0, 0, 0)$ .

Thus  $a_{ij}$  is all products of linear combinations containing  $g_i$  except the term  $(g_j - g_i)$  Those affine permutations keep the hamming distance.

We are going to extend the action of  $\psi_{ij}$  to  $GF(q^m)^n$  by the following form :

$$\psi : (GF(q^m))^n \longrightarrow (GF(q^m))^n$$

$$(x_1, x_2, x_3, x_j, \dots, x_n) \longmapsto (x_1, x_2, x_3, \psi_{ij}(x_j), \dots, \psi_{in}(x_n))$$

i.e the  $\psi$  act over the elements of  $GF(q^m)^n$  by leaving invariant the  $k$  first components and in transforming the  $n - k$  components.

Let be  $Gab(g)$  a generator matrix of a Gabidulin code put under the systematic form. We set in the application  $\psi$  such as  $\psi(Gab(g)) = (\psi(L_i))$  where  $L_i = (I_i, P_i(g_j))$  with  $I_i = \delta_{ij}$   $1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $k + 1 \leq j \leq n$

$$\psi(Gab(g)) = (I_i, \psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)))$$

By applying  $\psi_{ij}(x) = a_{ij}x$  we get :

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \frac{(g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l) (g_j - g_i)} \quad (6)$$

Where  $\prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^3 \lambda_l g_l)$  is all products of linear combinations of  $g_1, g_2, g_3$ ,  $\lambda_l \in GF(q)$

Let us put

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \frac{c_1 d_j}{x_1 + y_j} \quad (7)$$

Then by identification of (6) and (7), we have :

$$\begin{cases} c_i = \frac{(g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i}}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)} \\ d_j = \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^3 \lambda_l g_l) \\ x_i = -g_i \\ y_j = g_j, \quad \text{with } 4 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

Thus we get :

1. For  $i = 1$   $\psi_{1j}(P_1(g_j)) = a_{1j}(P_1(g_j)) = \frac{c_1 d_j}{x_1 + y_j}$ , we have :

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{g_2 g_3^q - g_3 g_2^q}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)} \\ d_j = \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^3 \lambda_l g_l) \\ x_1 = -g_1 \\ y_j = g_j, \text{ with } 4 \leq j \leq n \end{cases}$$

2. For  $i = 2$

$$\psi_{2j}(P_2(g_j)) = \frac{c_2 d_j}{x_2 + y_j}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} c_2 = \frac{g_1 g_3^q - g_3 g_1^q}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)} \\ x_2 = -g_2 \end{cases}$$

3. For  $i = 3$

$$\psi_{3j}(P_3(g_j)) = \frac{c_3 d_j}{x_3 + y_j}$$

with

$$\begin{cases} c_3 = \frac{g_1 g_2^q - g_2 g_1^q}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)} \\ x_3 = -g_3 \end{cases}$$

We have  $x_1 \neq x_2 \neq x_3$ , because  $g_1, g_2$ , and  $g_3$  are distinct and  $y_j$  are pairwise distinct with  $4 \leq j \leq n$

### 3.1 Example

- Let be the Gabidulin code of the length  $n = 4$  and of the dimension  $k = 3$  over  $GF(2^4)$
- Let be  $\alpha$  a primitive element of  $GF(2^4)$ , we have  $\alpha^{15} = 1$  and  $\alpha^4 = \alpha + 1$   
 $GF(16) = \{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3, \alpha + 1, \alpha^2 + \alpha, \alpha^3 + \alpha^2, \alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^3 + \alpha, \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1, \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha, \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1, \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^3 + 1\}$   
Let be  $(1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3)$  a base of  $GF(16)$ .  
Let us take  $g = (g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4) \in (F_{2^4})^4$  such as :  
 $g_1 = \alpha \longrightarrow 0100$   
 $g_2 = \alpha^2 \longrightarrow 0010$   
 $g_3 = \alpha^3 \longrightarrow 0001$   
 $g_4 = \alpha^4 = \alpha + 1 \longrightarrow 1100$   
 $g = (g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4)$  is linearly independent.

$$Gab_3(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & g_2^{[0]} & g_3^{[0]} & g_4^{[0]} \\ g_1^{[1]} & g_2^{[1]} & g_3^{[1]} & g_4^{[1]} \\ g_1^{[2]} & g_2^{[2]} & g_3^{[2]} & g_4^{[2]} \end{pmatrix}$$

$$Gab_3(g) = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 & \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us put

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 \\ \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha \end{pmatrix}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \det L &= g_1 \prod_{i=1}^2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(2)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l) \\
 \det L &= g_1(g_2 - g_1)g_2 \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in GF(2)} (g_3 - (\lambda_1 g_1 + \lambda_2 g_2)) \\
 \det L &= g_1 g_2 (g_2 - g_1) [g_3 (g_3 - g_2) (g_3 - g_1) (g_3 - g_1 - g_2)] \\
 \det L &= \alpha \alpha^2 (\alpha^2 - \alpha) [\alpha^3 (\alpha^3 - \alpha^2) (\alpha^3 - \alpha) (\alpha^3 - \alpha^2 - \alpha)] \\
 \det L &= \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) &= \frac{(g_t g_m^q - g_t^q g_m)_{1 \leq t < m \leq 3, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{\det(L)} \\
 1 \leq i \leq 3, j = 4 \quad \text{where} \quad \psi_{ij}(x) &= a_{ij}x \text{ and } a_{ij} = \frac{\prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(q)} (g_j - \lambda_i g_i - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^3 \lambda_l g_l)}{g_j - g_i} \\
 1. \text{ for } i = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 P_1(g_4) &= \frac{(g_2 g_3^2 - g_3 g_2^2) \prod_{\lambda_2, \lambda_3 \in GF(2)} (g_4 - \lambda_2 g_2 - \lambda_3 g_3)}{\det L} \\
 P_1(g_4) &= \frac{(g_2 g_3^2 - g_3 g_2^2) g_4 (g_4 - g_2) (g_4 - g_3) (g_4 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L} \\
 a_{14} &= (g_4 - g_1 - g_2) (g_4 - g_1 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3) \\
 \psi_{14}(P_1(g_4)) &= \frac{(g_2 g_3^2 - g_3 g_2^2) g_4 (g_4 - g_2) (g_4 - g_3) (g_4 - g_2 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2) (g_4 - g_1 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L}
 \end{aligned}$$

we multiply and we divide by  $(g_4 - g_1)$ . We get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \psi_{14}(P_1(g_4)) &= \frac{(g_2 g_3^2 - g_3 g_2^2) g_4 (g_4 - g_1) (g_4 - g_2) (g_4 - g_3) (g_4 - g_2 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2) (g_4 - g_1 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L (g_4 - g_1)} \\
 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 = \frac{g_2 g_3^2 - g_3 g_2^2}{\det L} \\ d_4 = g_4 (g_4 - g_1) (g_4 - g_2) (g_4 - g_3) (g_4 - g_2 - g_3) (g_4 - g_1 - g_2) (g_4 - g_1 - g_3) \\ \quad (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3) \\ x_1 = -g_1 \\ y_4 = g_4 \end{array} \right.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 = \frac{\alpha^2(\alpha^3)^2 - \alpha^3(\alpha^2)}{\alpha^3 + \alpha + 1} \\ d_4 = \alpha^4(\alpha^4 - \alpha)(\alpha^4 - \alpha^2)(\alpha^4 - \alpha^3)(\alpha^4 - \alpha - \alpha^2)(\alpha^4 - \alpha - \alpha^3)(\alpha^4 - \alpha^2 - \alpha^3) \\ (\alpha^4 - \alpha - \alpha^2 - \alpha^3) \\ x_1 = -\alpha \\ y_4 = \alpha^4 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\implies \left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_1 = \alpha^{-1} \\ d_4 = \alpha^8 \\ x_1 = \alpha \\ y_4 = \alpha^4 \end{array} \right.$$

2. for  $i = 2$

$$P_2(g_4) = \frac{(g_3g_1^2 - g_1g_3^2) \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_3 \in GF(2)} (g_4 - \lambda_1g_1 - \lambda_3g_3)}{\det L}$$

$$P_2(g_4) = \frac{(g_3g_1^2 - g_1g_3^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3)}{\det L}$$

$$a_{24} = (g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)$$

$$\psi_{24}(P_2(g_4)) = \frac{(g_3g_1^2 - g_1g_3^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L}$$

we multiply and we divide by  $(g_4 - g_2)$ . We get

$$\psi_{24}(P_2(g_4)) = \frac{(g_3g_1^2 - g_1g_3^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L(g_4 - g_2)}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_2 = \frac{g_3g_1^2 - g_1g_3^2}{\det L} \\ d_4 = g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3) \\ (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3) \\ x_2 = -g_2 \\ y_4 = g_4 \end{array} \right.$$

By replacing  $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_2 = \alpha^{13} \\ d_4 = \alpha^8 \\ x_2 = \alpha \\ y_4 = \alpha^4 \end{cases}$$

3. for  $i = 3$

$$P_3(g_4) = \frac{(g_1g_2^2 - g_2g_1^2) \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in GF(2)} (g_4 - \lambda_1g_1 - \lambda_2g_2)}{\det L}$$

$$P_3(g_4) = \frac{(g_1g_2^2 - g_2g_1^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_2 - g_1)}{\det L}$$

$$a_{34} = (g_4 - g_3 - g_1)(g_4 - g_3 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)$$

$$\psi_{34}(P_3(g_4)) = \frac{(g_1g_2^2 - g_2g_1^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L}$$

we multiply and we divide by  $(g_4 - g_3)$ . We get

$$\psi_{34}(P_3(g_4)) = \frac{(g_1g_2^2 - g_2g_1^2)g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3)}{\det L(g_4 - g_3)}$$

$$\begin{cases} c_3 = \frac{g_1g_2^2 - g_2g_1^2}{\det L} \\ d_4 = g_4(g_4 - g_1)(g_4 - g_2)(g_4 - g_3)(g_4 - g_2 - g_3)(g_4 - g_1 - g_2)(g_4 - g_1 - g_3) \\ (g_4 - g_1 - g_2 - g_3) \\ x_3 = -g_3 \\ y_4 = g_4 \end{cases}$$

By replacing  $g_1, g_2, g_3, g_4$ , we get

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} c_3 = \alpha^8 \\ d_4 = \alpha^8 \\ x_3 = \alpha^3 \\ y_4 = \alpha^4 \end{cases}$$

## Example 2

Let us consider the Gabidulin code with following parameters  $q = 2$ ,  $k = 3$ ,  $n = 6$  and  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2)$  are linearly independent over  $GF(2)$ .

A generator matrix of the code is given par :

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 & \beta_0 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ \alpha_0^2 & \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_2^2 & \beta_0^2 & \beta_1^2 & \beta_2^2 \\ \alpha_0^4 & \alpha_1^4 & \alpha_2^4 & \beta_0^4 & \beta_1^4 & \beta_2^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let us put

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha_0 & \alpha_1 & \alpha_2 \\ \alpha_0^2 & \alpha_1^2 & \alpha_2^2 \\ \alpha_0^4 & \alpha_1^4 & \alpha_2^4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad M = \begin{pmatrix} \beta_0 & \beta_1 & \beta_2 \\ \beta_0^2 & \beta_1^2 & \beta_2^2 \\ \beta_0^4 & \beta_1^4 & \beta_2^4 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\det(L) = \alpha_0 \prod_{i=0}^1 \prod_{\lambda_0, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(2)} (\alpha_{i+1} - \sum_{l=0}^i \lambda_l \alpha_l)$$

$$\det(L) = \alpha_0(\alpha_1 - \alpha_0)\alpha_1 \prod_{\lambda_0, \lambda_1 \in GF(2)} (\alpha_2 - (\lambda_0 \alpha_0 + \lambda_1 \alpha_1))$$

$$\det(L) = \alpha_0 \alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) [\alpha_2 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)]$$

$$\det(L) = \alpha_0 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)$$

$\det(L) \neq 0$  because  $(\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  is a sub family of free family.

$L$  is so invertible. The generator matrix  $G$  of the code is equivalent to  $(I_3 | L^{-1}M)$ .

Let us put  $(L^{-1}M) = (P_i(\beta_j))$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq 2$ .

where  $L^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det L} tCof(L)$ , we can determine  $P_i$ .

We have

$$tCof(L) = t(Cof(\alpha_i^{[l]})), \quad 0 \leq i \leq 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq l \leq 2.$$

$$P_i(z) = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^2 p_i^l z^{[l]}}{\det(L)}; \quad P_i^l = cof(\alpha_i^{[l]}); \quad 0 \leq i \leq 2, \quad 0 \leq j \leq 2.$$

$$\det(L)P_i(z) = \sum_{l=0}^2 p_i^l z^{[l]} = p_i^0 z + p_i^1 z^2 + p_i^2 z^4$$

$$D_0(z) = p_i^0 z + p_i^1 z^2 + p_i^2 z^4 = (\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) z^4 + \sum_{i=0}^2 \lambda_i z^{2^i}$$

$$D_0(z) = (\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) \prod_{\lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in GF(2)} (z - \sum_{l=1}^2 \lambda_l \alpha_l)$$



$$P_i(z) = \frac{\sum_{l=0}^2 p_i^l z^{[l]} (\alpha_t \alpha_m^2 - \alpha_t^2 \alpha_m)_{0 \leq t < m \leq 2, t, m \neq i}}{\det(L)} = \frac{\prod_{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in GF(2)} (z - \sum_{l=0, l \neq i}^2 \lambda_l \alpha_l)}{\det(L)}$$

We have for  $z = \beta_j$

$$P_i(\beta_j) = \frac{(\alpha_t \alpha_m^2 - \alpha_t^2 \alpha_m)_{0 \leq t < m \leq 2, t, m \neq i} \prod_{\lambda_0, \lambda_1, \lambda_2 \in GF(2)} (\beta_j - \sum_{l=0, l \neq i}^2 \lambda_l \alpha_l)}{\det(L)}$$

Let us consider the affine permutations  $\psi_{ij}$  defined by

$$\psi_{ij} : GF(2^m) \longrightarrow GF(2^m)$$

$$x \longmapsto a_{ij}x$$

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(\beta_j)) = \frac{c_1 d_j}{x_1 + y_j}; 0 \leq i \leq 2 \text{ and } 0 \leq j \leq 2$$

1.

$$\text{For } i = 0 \ j = 0 \ \psi_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = a_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = \frac{c_0 d_0}{x_0 + y_0}$$

$$P_0(\beta_0) = \frac{(\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det L}$$

$$a_{00} = (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\psi_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = \frac{(\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det L}$$

We multiply and we divide by  $(\beta_0 - \alpha_0)$ , we get:

$$\psi_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = \frac{(\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det L (\beta_0 - \alpha_0)}$$

$$\psi_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = \frac{\alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0)}$$

After simplification, we get :

$$\psi_{00}(P_0(\beta_0)) = \frac{\beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_0 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0)}$$

Thus we obtain :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_0 = \frac{1}{\alpha_0 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)} \neq 0 \\ d_0 = \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_0 \neq 0 \\ x_0 = -\alpha_0 \\ y_0 = \beta_0 \end{array} \right.$$

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For  $i = 1$   $j = 0$ 

$$\psi_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = a_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = \frac{c_1 d_0}{x_1 + y_0}$$

$$P_1(\beta_0) = \frac{(\alpha_2 \alpha_0^2 - \alpha_0 \alpha_2^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)}{\det L}$$

$$a_{10} = (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\psi_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = \frac{(\alpha_2 \alpha_0^2 - \alpha_0 \alpha_2^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det L}$$

We multiply and we divide by  $(\beta_0 - \alpha_1)$ , we get:

$$\psi_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = \frac{(\alpha_2 \alpha_0^2 - \alpha_0 \alpha_2^2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det(L) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1)}$$

$$\psi_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = \frac{\alpha_0 \alpha_2 (\alpha_0 - \alpha_2) \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_0 \alpha_1 \alpha_2 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1)}$$

After simplification, we get :

$$\psi_{10}(P_1(\beta_0)) = \frac{-\beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1)}$$

Thus we obtain :

$$\begin{cases} c_1 = \frac{-1}{\alpha_1 (\alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)} \neq 0 \\ d_0 = \beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_0 \neq 0 \\ x_1 = -\alpha_1 \\ y_0 = \beta_0 \end{cases}$$

3. In the same way, for  $i = 2$ ,  $j = 0$ 

$$\psi_{20}(P_2(\beta_0)) = \frac{\beta_0 (\beta_0 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2) (\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_2 (\alpha_2 - \alpha_0) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1) (\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0) (\beta_0 - \alpha_2)}$$

Thus we obtain :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_2 = \frac{1}{\alpha_2(\alpha_2 - \alpha_0)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)} \neq 0 \\ d_0 = \beta_0(\beta_0 - \alpha_0)(\beta_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_0 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_0 \neq 0 \\ x_2 = -\alpha_2 \\ y_0 = \beta_0 \end{array} \right.$$

4.

$$\text{For } i = 0 \ j = 1 \ \psi_{01}(P_0(\beta_1)) = a_{01}(P_0(\beta_1)) = \frac{c_0 d_1}{x_0 + y_1}$$

$$P_0(\beta_1) = \frac{(\alpha_1 \alpha_2^2 - \alpha_2 \alpha_1^2) \beta_1 (\beta_1 - \alpha_1) (\beta_1 - \alpha_2) (\beta_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\det L}$$

$$a_{01} = (\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\psi_{01}(P_1(\beta_1)) = \frac{\beta_1(\beta_1 - \alpha_0)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)}{\alpha_0(\alpha_1 - \alpha_0)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_0)(\alpha_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_0)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0)}$$

Thus we obtain :  $c_0, c_1, c_2; x_0, x_1, x_2$  are the same

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_1 = \beta_1(\beta_1 - \alpha_0)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_1 \neq 0 \\ y_1 = \beta_1 \end{array} \right.$$

For  $i = 1 \ j = 1$  and for For  $i = 2 \ j = 1$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_1 = \beta_1(\beta_1 - \alpha_0)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_1 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_1 \neq 0 \\ y_1 = \beta_1 \end{array} \right.$$

5.

for  $i = 0 \ j = 2, i = 1 \ j = 2$  and for For  $i = 2 \ j = 2$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} d_2 = \beta_2(\beta_2 - \alpha_0)(\beta_2 - \alpha_1)(\beta_2 - \alpha_2)(\beta_2 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2)(\beta_2 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1)(\beta_2 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_2)(\beta_2 - \alpha_0 - \alpha_1 - \alpha_2) \\ d_2 \neq 0 \\ y_2 = \beta_2 \end{array} \right.$$

The generator matrix  $G$  of the Gabidulin code is equivalent to the systematic matrix  $(I|L^{-1}M)$  that is transformed to a Generalized Cauchy matrix by affine permutations  $\psi_{ij}$  keeping the Hamming metric.

## 4 Generalization of main result

**Theorem 4** *If  $Gab_k(g)$  is a generator matrix of the Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$ , over  $GF(q^m)$ ,  $(I, P_i(g_j))$  the systematic generator matrix corresponding, then unknown elements of the following equation  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$  are obtained, up to affine permutations keeping Hamming metric, with  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k+1 \leq j \leq n$ .*

### Proof

The proof is the same as for the case  $k = 3$ .

Let be

$$Gab_k(g) = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[0]} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_1^{[k-1]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_n^{[k-1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

a generator matrix of Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$  and

$$L = \begin{pmatrix} g_1^{[0]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_k^{[0]} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ g_1^{[k-1]} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & g_k^{[k-1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

We know that  $Gab_k(g) = (I_k | P_i(g_j))$  and  $P_i(g_j) = \frac{\sum_{l=1}^k p_i^l g_j^{[l-1]}}{\det(L)}$

$$\det L = g_1 \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)$$

$$D_i(z) = p_i^1 z + p_i^2 z^q + \dots + p_i^k z^{q^{k-1}}$$

Furthermore :

$$D_i(g_j) = Cof(g_i^{[k-1]}) \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^k \lambda_l g_l)$$

Where  $Cof(g_i^{[k-1]})$  is the cofactor obtained by eliminating the row and the column corresponding to element  $g_i^{[k-1]}$ .

Thus

$$P_i(g_j) = \frac{Cof(g_i^{[k-1]}) \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^k \lambda_l g_l)}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)}$$

Let us take  $\psi_{ij}(x) = a_{ij}x$

$$a_{ij} = \frac{\prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in GF(q), \lambda_l \neq \lambda_i} (g_j - \lambda_i g_i - \sum_{l=1, l \neq i}^k \lambda_l g_l)}{g_j - g_i}$$

with  $\lambda_i \neq 0$  and  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k) \neq (0, \dots, 0)$ .

Thus by applying  $\psi_{ij}$ , we have

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \frac{Cof(g_i^{[k-1]}) \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^k \lambda_l g_l)}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)(g_j - g_i)} = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$$

We get :

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} c_i = \frac{Cof(g_i^{[k-1]})}{g_1 \prod_{i=1}^{k-1} \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_i \in GF(q)} (g_{i+1} - \sum_{l=1}^i \lambda_l g_l)} \\ d_j = \prod_{\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_k \in GF(q)} (g_j - \sum_{l=1}^k \lambda_l g_l) \\ x_i = -g_i \\ y_j = g_j \end{array} \right.$$

**Proposition 5** *If  $Gab_k(g)$  is a generator matrix of a Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$  over  $GF(q^m)$  then there exist affine permutations keeping hamming metric that transform a generator matrix of the Gabidulin code to a Generalized Cauchy matrix.*

### Proof

Let be  $Gab_k(g) = (I_k | P_i(g_j))$  a systematic matrix of Gabidulin code.

We know that

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{c_1 d_{k+1}}{x_1 + y_{k+1}} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{c_1 d_n}{x_1 + y_n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{c_k d_{k+1}}{x_k + y_{k+1}} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{c_k d_n}{x_k + y_n} \end{pmatrix} \quad 1 \leq k \leq n \text{ and } k+1 \leq j \leq n$$

is a  $k \times (n - k)$  matrix.

$$\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \begin{pmatrix} c_1 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & c_2 & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & 0 & c_k \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{x_1 + y_{k+1}} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{1}{x_k + y_n} \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \frac{1}{x_k + y_{k+1}} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \frac{1}{x_k + y_n} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} d_{k+1} & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & 0 \\ 0 & d_{k+2} & 0 & \cdot & 0 \\ \cdot & 0 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ 0 & 0 & \cdot & 0 & d_{k+n} \end{pmatrix}$$

i.e.  $\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = (D(c)CD(d))$

$\psi_{ij}(Gab_k(g)) = (I_k | D(c)CD(d))$  where  $\mathbf{C} = (\frac{1}{x_i + y_j})$  is a Cauchy matrix with  $1 \leq i \leq k$  and  $k+1 \leq j \leq n$ .

$(x_1, \dots, x_k)$  are pairwise distinct and  $(y_{k+1}, \dots, y_n)$  are pairwise distinct because  $x_i = -g_i$  and  $y_j = g_j$  are elements of a free family.

$c_i = \frac{Cof(g_i^{[k-1]})}{detL} \neq 0$ . In fact  $Cof(g_i^{[k-1]})$  is a factor of  $D_i(z) \neq 0$  and  $detL \neq 0$

$d_j \neq 0$  because  $D_i(z) \neq 0$

**Theorem 5** any Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$  is a GRS code up to affine permutations keeping Hamming metric.

### Proof

By the theorem 1 a Generalized cauchy code is a GRS code. Thus, by the proposition 5, all Gabidulin code is transformed to GRS code by affine permutations keeping Hamming metric.

## 5 Natural algorithm

1. Input : a generator matrix  $Gab_k(g)$  of Gabidulin code of length  $n$  and dimension  $k$ .
2. Output:  $P_i(g_j), \psi_{ij}, c_i, x_i, d_j, y_j$ .

Procedure:

3. First step: To put the matrix  $Gab_k(g)$  in the systematic form:

To extract a  $k \times k$  square matrix  $L$

To put  $Gab_k(g)$  in the form  $Gab_k(g) = (I_k | L^{-1}M)$

4. Second step:

calculating of  $P_i(g_j) = (L^{-1}M)$

calculating of :  $a_{ij}$

calculating of :  $\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = a_{ij}P_i(g_j)$

calculating of:  $c_i, x_i, d_j, y_j$  by  $\psi_{ij}(P_i(g_j)) = \frac{c_i d_j}{x_i + y_j}$ .

## 6 Conclusions and Future Work

We have shown that for any  $k$  and for any  $n$ , any Gabidulin code of the length  $n$  and of the dimension  $k$  is equivalent up to permutations that keep the Hamming distance to a GRS code.

In our future work we will present an efficient method for decoding of Gabidulin code by using the structure of the inverse of the Vandermonde matrix.

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