

# A new family of quantum codes from duadic codes

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**Abstract.** We present a new family of binary quantum codes constructed from quaternary linear Hermitian self-dual codes. We provide a minimum distance lower bound for our quantum codes using the theory of duadic codes. Many new record-breaking quantum codes obtained from our construction are also presented.

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## 1 Background

Quantum error-correcting codes or simply quantum codes are applied to protect quantum information from corruption by noise (decoherence) on the quantum channel in a way that is similar to that of classical error-correcting codes. The parameters of a binary quantum code that encodes  $k$  logical qubits into  $n$  physical qubits and has minimum distance  $d$  are denoted by  $[[n, k, d]]$ .

An important class of quantum codes is quantum stabilizer codes. Binary stabilizer codes were introduced in the works by Calderbank et al. [3] and Gottesman [5]. Each binary stabilizer code is a quaternary additive code (an additive subgroup of  $\mathbb{F}_4^n$ ) which is self-orthogonal with respect to a certain trace inner product [3]. For more information about the structure of quantum codes and their algebraic constructions we refer to the recent survey [7]. In this work, we only restrict our attention to  $\mathbb{F}_4$ -linear subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_4^n$  and the following theorem gives the connection between quaternary linear codes and quantum codes.

**Theorem 1.** [3, Theorem 2] *Let  $C$  be a linear  $[n, k, d]$  code over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  such that  $C^{\perp_h} \subseteq C$ , where  $C^{\perp_h}$  is the Hermitian dual of  $C$ . Then we can construct an  $[[n, 2k - n, d']]$  binary quantum code, where  $d' \geq d$ .*

If the quantum code of Theorem 1 has minimum distance  $d' = d$ , then the code is called a pure quantum code. There are several secondary constructions for quantum codes which take a quantum code and produce a new quantum codes applying standard constructions such as puncturing, lengthening, and shortening of the original code. The next theorem provides two of such constructions.

**Theorem 2.** [3, Theorem 6] *Suppose that an  $[[n, k, d]]$  quantum code exists.*

1. If  $n \geq 2$  and the code is pure, then there exists an  $[[n - 1, k + 1, d - 1]]$  quantum code.
2. If  $n \geq 2$ , then an  $[[n - 1, k, d - 1]]$  quantum code exists.

Duadic codes are an important class of linear cyclic codes and they are thoroughly discussed in [10, Chapter 6] and [9, Section 2.7]. We briefly recall several important properties of this class of linear codes below.

Let  $q$  be a prime power and  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be the field of  $q$  elements. Throughout this extended abstract,  $n$  is always a positive integer such that  $\gcd(n, q) = 1$ .

A linear code  $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_q^n$  is called *cyclic* if for every  $c = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) \in C$ , the vector  $(c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2})$  obtained by a cyclic shift of the coordinates of  $c$  is also in  $C$ . It is well known that there is a one-to-one correspondence between cyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and ideals of the ring  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]/\langle x^n - 1 \rangle$ , for example see [10, Section 4.2]. Under this correspondence, each cyclic code can be uniquely represented by a monic polynomial  $g(x)$ , where  $g(x)$  is the minimal degree generator of the corresponding ideal. The polynomial  $g(x)$  is called the *generator polynomial* of such cyclic code. Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive  $n$ -th root of unity. Alternatively, we can represent the above cyclic code by its unique *defining set*

$$\{t : 0 \leq t \leq n - 1 \text{ and } g(\alpha^t) = 0\}.$$

For each  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , the set  $Z_a = \{(aq^j) \bmod n : 0 \leq j \leq m - 1\}$ , where  $m$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $aq^m \equiv a \pmod{n}$  is called a  *$q$ -cyclotomic coset* modulo  $n$ . The  $q$ -cyclotomic cosets partition  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and each defining set of a linear cyclic code is a union of cyclotomic cosets.

For any integer  $a$  such that  $\gcd(n, a) = 1$ , the function  $\mu_a$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  by  $\mu_a(x) = (ax) \bmod n$  is called a *multiplier*. Clearly a multiplier is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

**Definition 1.** [9, Section 2.7] Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be unions of non-zero  $q$ -cyclotomic cosets modulo  $n$  such that

1.  $0 \notin S_1 \cup S_2$
2.  $S_1 \cup S_2 \cup \{0\} = \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $S_1 \cap S_2 = \emptyset$ ,
3. there is a multiplier  $\mu_b$  such that  $\mu_b S_1 = S_2$  and  $\mu_b S_2 = S_1$ .

Then the pair  $\{S_1, S_2\}$  is called a *splitting* of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\mu_b$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

A vector  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  is called *even-like* provided that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n x_i = 0$$

and it is called *odd-like* otherwise. A linear code is called *even-like* if it has only even-like codewords; a linear code is called *odd-like* if it is not even-like. In the binary case an even-like code has only even weights.

Binary duadic codes were first introduced by Leon et al. [13], and later they were generalized to larger fields by Pless [15, 16].

**Definition 2 (Duadic codes).** [10, Theorem 6.1.5] [9, Section 2.7] Let  $\{S_1, S_2\}$  be a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then the linear cyclic codes with the defining sets  $S_1 \cup \{0\}$  and  $S_2 \cup \{0\}$  are called a pair of even-like duadic codes. The linear cyclic codes with the defining sets  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are called a pair of odd-like duadic codes.

A comprehensive list of important properties of duadic codes is provided below.

**Theorem 3.** [18, Theorem 3.1][10, Theorem 6.1.3] Let  $(C_1, C_2)$  and  $(D_1, D_2)$  be pairs of even-like and odd-like duadic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , respectively, such that  $C_1 \subseteq D_1$  and  $C_2 \subseteq D_2$ . Then

1.  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  (respectively  $D_1$  and  $D_2$ ) are permutation equivalent codes.
2.  $C_1 \cap C_2 = \{0\}$  and  $C_1 + C_2$  is the cyclic code generated by  $x - 1$ .
3.  $D_1 \cap D_2 = H$  and  $D_1 + D_2 = \mathbb{F}_q^n$ , where  $H$  is the subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$  with all ones vector as a basis.
4.  $\dim C_1 = \dim C_2 = (n - 1)/2$  and  $\dim D_1 = \dim D_2 = (n + 1)/2$ .
5.  $C_1$  is the subcode of  $D_1$  containing all even-like vectors. The same holds for  $C_2$  as the subcode of  $D_2$ .
6.  $D_1 = C_1 \oplus H$  and  $D_2 = C_2 \oplus H$ .
7. If  $C_1$  is Hermitian self-orthogonal, then  $C_1^{\perp_h} = D_1$  and  $C_2^{\perp_h} = D_2$ .

Now we briefly mention the class of quadratic residue codes which are special cases of duadic codes. Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Let  $Q_p$  be the set of non-zero squares (quadratic residues) modulo  $p$  and  $N_p$  be the set of nonsquares (quadratic nonresidues) modulo  $p$ . The sets  $Q_p$  and  $N_p$  satisfy the following properties:

1.  $|Q_p| = |N_p| = \frac{p-1}{2}$ .
2.  $aQ_p = Q_p$  and  $aN_p = N_p$  for any  $a \in Q_p$ . Also,  $bQ_p = N_p$  and  $bN_p = Q_p$  for any  $b \in N_p$ .

If  $q \in Q_p$  then each  $q$ -cyclotomic coset modulo  $p$  different from  $\{0\}$  either is a subset of  $Q_p$  or it is a subset of  $N_p$ . Thus  $Q_p$  and  $N_p$  give a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  given by  $\mu_b$  for any  $b \in N_p$ . The duadic codes corresponding to such splitting are called *quadratic residue codes*, abbreviated *QR codes*, of length  $p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Self-orthogonal duadic codes and QR codes over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  with respect to the Hermitian inner products are discussed below.

**Theorem 4.** [10, Theorem 6.4.4] Let  $C$  be a linear cyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  with parameters  $[n, \frac{n-1}{2}]$ . Then  $C$  is Hermitian self-orthogonal if and only if  $C$  is an even-like duadic code with the multiplier  $\mu_{-2}$ .

**Theorem 5.** [10, Section 6.6.1] Let  $p$  be an odd prime. The even-like QR codes of length  $p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  are Hermitian self-orthogonal if and only if  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$  or  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$ .

Let  $D$  be an odd-like duadic code with the even-like subcode  $C$ . The *minimum odd-like weight* of  $D$  is defined by

$$d_o = \min\{\text{wt}(v) : v \in D \setminus C\}.$$

Several minimum distance conditions for duadic and QR codes are provided below. Let  $d(C)$  denote the minimum distance of  $C$ .

**Theorem 6.** [10, Theorems 6.5.2, 6.6.6, and 6.6.22] *Let  $D$  be an odd-like duadic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Let  $d_o$  be the minimum odd-like weight of  $D$ . Then*

1.  $d_o^2 \geq n$ .
2. *If the splitting is given by  $\mu_{-1}$ , then  $d_o^2 - d_o + 1 \geq n$ .*
3. *Furthermore, if  $n$  is a prime number and  $D$  is a QR code, then*
  - a.  $d(D) = d_o$ .
  - b. *If  $q = 2$  or  $q = 4$  and  $n \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$ , then  $d(D) \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .*

An extended version of this result is provided in [10, Theorems 6.5.2, 6.6.22]. In general, although the square root bound is a nice theoretical result, our computations given in Table 1 show that it does not provide a tight bound for the minimum distance.

We conclude this section with some useful information regarding when a splitting over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  is given by  $\mu_{-2}$ , or in other words when a duadic code over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  is Hermitian self-orthogonal by Theorem 4.

**Theorem 7.** [10, Theorems 6.4.9 and 6.4.10] *Let  $p$  be an odd prime number.*

1. *If  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$  or  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$ , then every splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  is given by  $\mu_{-2}$ .*
2. *If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$ , then there is no splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  given by  $\mu_{-2}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ .*
3. *If  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then  $\mu_{-2}$  may or may not give a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ .*

*Moreover, if  $\mu_{-2}$  and  $\mu_{-1}$  give the same splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ , then  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ . In particular, if  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$ , then  $\mu_{-2}$  and  $\mu_{-1}$  give the same splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ .*

## 2 A new class of good binary quantum codes

A 0-dimensional quantum code with length  $n$  has parameters  $[[n, 0, d]]$ . Such a quantum code represents a single quantum state capable of correcting any  $(d - 1)/2$  errors. In practice, 0-dimensional quantum codes can be useful for example in testing whether certain storage locations for qubits are decohering faster than they should [3]. Moreover, higher-dimensional quantum codes can be constructed by applying Theorem 2 part 1 to a 0-dimensional quantum code.

In this section, we provide a new infinite family of 0-dimensional quantum codes using duadic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ . Our construction targets nearly self-orthogonal duadic codes and also bounds the minimum distance of the constructed quantum code using minimum distances of an odd-like and an even-like duadic code.

Through this section,  $n$  always is a positive odd integer. For any integer  $a$  such that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , we denote the multiplicative order of  $a$  modulo  $n$  by  $\text{ord}_n(a)$ .

Constructions of 1-dimensional quantum codes can be found in the literature. One such construction is provided below which is obtained by applying the CSS construction to binary duadic codes.

**Theorem 8.** [1, Theorems 4 and 10] *Let  $n$  be a positive odd integer. Then there exists a quantum code with parameters  $[[n, 1, d]]$ , where  $d^2 \geq n$ . If  $\text{ord}_n(2)$  is odd, then  $d^2 - d + 1 \geq n$ .*

Moreover, Guenda in [8] proved that the distance bound  $d^2 - d + 1 \geq n$  in Theorem 8 is still valid when  $\text{ord}_n(4)$  is odd. She also found the following new family of quantum codes when  $\text{ord}_n(4)$  is even.

**Theorem 9.** [8, Theorem 16] *Let  $n = p^m$  be a prime power,  $\gcd(p, 2) = 1$ , and  $\text{ord}_n(4)$  be even. Then there exists an  $[[n, 1, d]]$  quantum code with  $d^2 \geq n$ .*

For  $u, v \in \mathbb{F}_4^n$  let  $\langle u, v \rangle_h$  denote their Hermitian inner product. The next theorem gives some useful information about the weights in certain even-like and odd-like quaternary duadic codes.

**Theorem 10.** *Let  $n$  be a positive odd integer and  $C_o$  be an odd-like duadic code of length  $n$  with the multiplier  $\mu_{-2}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ . Let  $C_e$  be the Hermitian dual of the code  $C_o$ . Then all vectors in  $C_e$  have even weights and all vectors in  $C_o \setminus C_e$  have odd weights.*

*Proof.* First note that by Theorem 4,  $C_e \subset C_o$  and  $C_e$  is Hermitian self-orthogonal. Let  $v = (v_0, v_1, \dots, v_{n-1})$  be an arbitrary codeword of  $C_e$ . Then

$$\langle v, v \rangle_h = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} v_i^3 = 0.$$

Since  $C_e$  is self-orthogonal,  $\text{wt}(v)$  is even. This proves the first part.

Let  $j$  be the all-ones vector of length  $n$  and  $H$  be the subspace spanned by  $j$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ . Now, toward a contradiction, suppose that  $C_o \setminus C_e$  has an even weight vector. By Theorem 3 part 6,  $C_o = C_e \oplus H$ . Thus there exists  $0 \neq a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in C_e$  such that  $j + a$  has an even weight. Let  $\text{wt}(a) = k_1 + k_2$ , where  $k_1$  is the number of coordinates of  $a$  equal to 1 and  $k_2$  is the number of coordinates equal to  $\omega$  or  $\omega^2$ , where  $\omega$  is a primitive cube root of unity in  $\mathbb{F}_4$ . Note that  $\text{wt}(j + a) = n - k_1$  and the facts that  $n$  is odd and  $j + a$  has an even weight imply that  $k_1$  is odd. Moreover, since  $a \in C_e$  has an even weight,  $k_2$  must be odd too. Now we have

$$0 = \langle a, j \rangle_h = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a_i = k_1 + m\omega + (k_2 - m)\omega^2 \quad (1)$$

for some integer  $m$ . Since  $1 = \omega + \omega^2$  and  $k_1 = 1$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ , (1) equals to  $(m+1)\omega + (k_2 - m + 1)\omega^2$ . However, this is a contradiction as  $m+1$  and  $k_2 - m + 1$  have different parities modulo 2 which implies that the right side of (1) is non-zero. So  $C_o \setminus C_e$  cannot contain an even weight codeword.  $\square$

The *nearly self-orthogonality* of a linear code  $C$  with respect to the Hermitian inner product is defined by  $e = \dim(C) - \dim(C \cap C^{\perp_h})$  in [14]. Next, we classify all the odd-like duadic codes having the nearly self-orthogonality  $e = 1$  with respect to the Hermitian inner product.

**Theorem 11.** *Let  $C$  be an odd-like duadic code. Then  $C$  has the nearly self-orthogonality parameter  $e = 1$  if and only if  $C$  has multiplier  $\mu_{-2}$ .*

*Proof.* First suppose that  $\mu_{-2}$  is a multiplier of  $C$ . Thus there exists a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\mu_{-2}$  in the form  $(S_1, S_2)$  such that  $S_1$  is the defining set of  $C$ . The code  $C^{\perp_h}$  has the defining set  $\mathbb{Z}_n \setminus (-2S_1) = \mathbb{Z}_n \setminus S_2 = S_1 \cup \{0\}$ . Hence  $C^{\perp_h}$  is the even-like duadic subcode of  $C$  and

$$e = \dim(C) - \dim(C \cap C^{\perp_h}) = 1.$$

Conversely let  $(S'_1, S'_2)$  be a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\mu_a$  and  $C$  be an odd-like duadic code with the defining set  $S'_1$  and assume that  $e = 1$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} e = \dim(C) - \dim(C \cap C^{\perp_h}) &= n - |S'_1| - \left( n - |S'_1 \cup (\mathbb{Z}_n \setminus (-2S'_1))| \right) \\ &= |S'_1 \cup (\mathbb{Z}_n \setminus (-2S'_1))| - |S'_1|. \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Now if  $-2S'_1 \neq S'_2$ , then  $\{0, s\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n \setminus (-2S'_1)$  for some  $s \in S'_2$ . Thus (2) implies that  $e \geq 2$  which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $-2S'_1 = S'_2$  and  $\mu_{-2}$  is a multiplier of  $C$ .  $\square$

Next, we use the following construction of quantum codes from linear codes which is called *nearly self-orthogonal construction of quantum codes* [14]. This construction extends a linear code, which is not necessarily Hermitian self-orthogonal, to a Hermitian self-orthogonal linear code of a larger length. The next theorem states a slight modification of this construction.

**Theorem 12.** *Let  $C$  be an  $[n, n - k]$  linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  and  $e = n - k - \dim(C \cap C^{\perp_h})$ . Then there exists a quantum code with parameters  $[[n + e, 2k - n + e, d]]$ , where*

$$d \geq \min\{d(C^{\perp_h}), d(C + C^{\perp_h}) + 1\}.$$

*Proof.* The result follows from applying Theorem 2 of [14] to the code  $C^{\perp_h}$  which is an  $[n, k]$  linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ .

Now, we state our main result of this section which provides a construction of a new family of 0-dimensional quantum codes.

**Theorem 13.** *Let  $n$  be a positive odd integer and  $C_o$  be an odd-like duadic code of length  $n$  with the multiplier  $\mu_{-2}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$ . Then there exists a binary quantum code with parameters  $[[n + 1, 0, d]]$ , where*

1.  $d \geq \min\{d(C_e), d(C_o) + 1\}$ , where  $C_e$  is the even-like subcode of  $C_o$ .
2.  $d$  is even.

3. If  $d(C_o)$  is odd, then  $d \geq \sqrt{n} + 1$ . Moreover, if also  $\mu_{-1}$  is a multiplier for  $C_o$ , then  $d^2 - 3(d - 1) \geq n$ .

*Proof.* Let  $(S_1, S_2)$  be a splitting of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\mu_{-2}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_4$  and  $C_o$  and  $C_e$  be the odd-like and even-like duadic code with the defining sets  $S_1$  and  $S_1 \cup \{0\}$ , respectively. By Theorem 11, the code  $C_o$  has the nearly self-orthogonality  $e = 1$ .

The code  $C_o$  has parameters  $[n, n - \frac{n-1}{2}]$ . Now applying the quantum construction given in Theorem 12 to  $C_o$  results in an Hermitian self-dual linear code  $Q$  which is also a quantum code with parameters  $[[n + 1, 0, d]]$ , where  $d \geq \min\{d(C_e), d(C_o) + 1\}$ . The facts that  $Q$  is linear and Hermitian self-dual imply that all weights in  $Q$  are even, as was shown in the proof of Theorem 10.

Note that Theorem 10 implies that if  $d(C_o) = d_o$  is odd, then  $d_o < d(C_e)$ . Thus  $d_o$  satisfies the square root bound provided in Theorem 6. The facts that  $d \geq d_o + 1$  and  $d_o \geq \sqrt{n}$  show that  $d \geq \sqrt{n} + 1$ .

Finally, if the same splitting is given by  $\mu_{-1}$  and  $d(C_o) = d_o$  is odd, then by Theorem 6,  $d_o^2 - d_o + 1 \geq n$ . Now combining  $d - 1 \geq d_o$  with the previous inequality gives the result.  $\square$

The lower bound that we provided in case 1 of Theorem 13 appears to be very good and almost all of our computational results rely on this lower bound.

Restricting the code lengths to prime numbers in the form  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$  or  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$  leads to an infinite family of 0-dimensional quantum codes of length  $p + 1$ .

**Corollary 1.** *Let  $p$  be a prime number such that  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$  or  $p \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$ . Then there exists a  $[[p + 1, 0, d]]$  quantum code with an even minimum distance  $d$  and*

$$d \geq \min\{d(C_e), d(C_o) + 1\},$$

where  $C_o$  is an odd-like duadic code of length  $p$  and  $C_e$  is the even-like subcode of  $C_o$ . If  $C_o$  is also a QR code,  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$ , and  $d = d(C_o) + 1$ , then  $d \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .

*Proof.* The proof follows from Theorems 13 and Theorem 7 part 1. The last fact about the minimum distance follows from Theorem 6 part 3b which implies that  $d(C_o) \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

For each positive odd integer  $n$ , we have  $\text{ord}_n(4) \mid \text{ord}_n(2)$  and if  $\text{ord}_n(2)$  is odd, then  $\text{ord}_n(4) = \text{ord}_n(2)$ . In the latter case, the binary and quaternary cyclotomic cosets modulo  $n$  are the same. Thus the binary and quaternary duadic codes have the same defining sets. In this special case, the following result helps to compute the minimum distance of quaternary duadic codes much faster by only using the binary duadic code with the same defining set.

**Theorem 14.** *[15, Theorem 4] Let  $C$  be a quaternary linear code of minimum distance  $d$  which is generated by a set of binary vectors. Then the binary linear code generated by the same set of generators has the minimum distance  $d$ .*

Another advantage of the above result is that binary duadic codes have been studied extensively in the literature. For instance, the exact or probable minimum distance of all binary duadic codes of length  $n \leq 241$  are determined in [19], [17], and [10, Section 6.5].

### 3 Minimum distance lower bound for cyclic codes using the fixed subcodes

In general, computing the true minimum distance for linear codes is NP-hard [22] and very difficult for linear codes with large lengths and dimensions. In [12], the authors used the fixed subcode by the action of multipliers to find an upper bound (or even the exact value) for the minimum distance of certain linear cyclic codes. In this section, we use this idea to bound the minimum distance of odd-like duadic codes.

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $C \subseteq \mathbb{F}_4^n$  be a linear cyclic code of an odd length  $n$ , with a symmetric defining set, and  $C_f$  be the fixed subcode of  $C$  under the action of  $\mu_{-1}$  (as the permutation on  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ). Then  $d(C_f)/2 + 1 \leq d(C)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $v$  be a minimum weight vector in  $C$ . Since  $C$  is cyclic, without loss of generality, we assume that  $v$  has a non-zero entry in the 0th position (coordinate indices are from  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ). If  $v$  is fixed by the map  $\mu_{-1}$ , then  $d(C_f) = d(C)$ . Otherwise  $v + \mu_{-1}(v)$  is an element of  $C_f$  and  $d(C_f) \leq \text{wt}(v + \mu_{-1}(v)) \leq 2d(C) - 2$  since both  $v$  and  $\mu_{-1}(v)$  have the same 0th entry. Hence  $d(C_f)/2 + 1 \leq d(C)$ .  $\square$

In some examples, the minimum distance of the fixed subcode is computed much faster, while the minimum distance computation for the original duadic code required a much longer time. We use this property and the result of Proposition 1 to prove the existence of new quantum codes from the constructions given in Theorem 13.

### 4 Numerical results

The constructions given in Section 2 lead to many new quantum codes with minimum distances much higher than the previously best-known codes. In some cases the increase is by as much as 10. Table 1 shows parameters of such quantum codes. In the table, the first two columns show the length and the coset leaders of each odd-like duadic code. The third column records whether the original duadic code is a QR code or not.

In Table 1, we used the probable minimum distances provided in [10, Section 6.5] for duadic codes of length 217, 233, and 239, where the binary and quaternary generator polynomials are the same for all these three codes. The probable minimum distance  $d$  for each of these values is denoted by  $d^{ap}$  in the table. All the other minimum distances given in the table are the true minimum distance obtained from the bound given in Theorem 13 part 1.

When the exact value of minimum distance is not known, its lower and upper bounds are separated by a dash. Some of the minimum distance upper bounds presented in Table 1 are computed using functions implemented in Magma [2] to attack the McEliece cryptosystem.

The “source” column in the table provides information about the way the minimum distance of each code is computed. Most minimum weights are computed by the computer algebra system Magma [2], and a reference for each remaining one is provided in the source column.

Finally, the last column shows the minimum distance of the current best known quantum code of the same length and dimension as shown in [6]. In cases where the code that we list in our table has a strictly higher minimum distance than the current best known quantum code shown in [6], we list the distance of our code in boldface in the last column.

It should be noted that we can apply the secondary construction given in Theorem 2 part 2 to the codes listed in Table 1 and produce many more record-breaking codes. For instance:

- the quantum code  $[[224, 0, 32]]$  generates 9 new quantum codes with parameters  $[[224 - i, 0, 32 - i]]$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 9$ .
- the quantum code  $[[200, 0, 32]]$  generates 7 new quantum codes with parameters  $[[200 - i, 0, 32 - i]]$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 7$ .
- the quantum code  $[[240, 0, 32]]$  generates 6 new quantum codes with parameters  $[[240 - i, 0, 32 - i]]$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 6$ .
- the quantum code  $[[192, 0, 28]]$  generates 5 new quantum codes with parameters  $[[192 - i, 0, 28 - i]]$  for each  $1 \leq i \leq 5$ .

The above codes obtained from secondary constructions are not listed in Table 1.

length	coset leaders	type	mod 8	parameters	source	best distance
$n = 5$	1	QR	-3	[[6, 0, 4]]	Magma	4
$n = 7$	1	QR	-1	[[8, 0, 4]]	Magma	4
$n = 13$	1	QR	-3	[[14, 0, 6]]	Magma	6
$n = 17$	1, 3		1	[[18, 0, 8]]	Magma	8
$n = 23$	1	QR	-1	[[24, 0, 8]]	Magma	8
$n = 29$	1	QR	-3	[[30, 0, 12]]	Magma	12
$n = 31$	1, 5, 7	QR	-1	[[32, 0, 8]]	Magma	10
$n = 37$	1	QR	-3	[[38, 0, 12]]	Magma	12
$n = 41$	1, 3		1	[[42, 0, 12]]	Magma	12
$n = 47$	1	QR	-1	[[48, 0, 12]]	Magma	14
$n = 49$	1, 7		1	[[50, 0, 4]]	Magma	14
$n = 53$	1	QR	-3	[[54, 0, 16]]	Magma	16
$n = 61$	1	QR	-3	[[62, 0, 18]]	Magma	18
$n = 71$	1	QR	-1	[[72, 0, 12]]	Magma	18
$n = 73$	1, 3, 5, 13		1	[[74, 0, 10]]	Magma	18
$n = 79$	1	QR	-1	[[80, 0, 16]]	Magma	20
$n = 89$	1, 3, 5, 13		1	[[90, 0, 12]]	Magma	20
$n = 97$	1, 5		1	[[98, 0, 18]]	Magma	22
$n = 101$	1	QR	-3	[[102, 0, 22]]	Magma	22
$n = 103$	1	QR	-1	[[104, 0, 20]]	[10] & Theorem 14	20
$n = 109$	1, 3, 9	QR	-3	[[110, 0, 22]]	Magma	26
$n = 113$	1, 3, 9, 10		1	[[114, 0, 24]]	Magma	<b>24</b>
$n = 119$	1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 21, 51		-1	[[120, 0, 20]]	Magma	<b>20</b>
$n = 127$	1, 9, 11, 13, 15, 19, 21, 31, 47	QR	-1	[[128, 0, 20]]	[19] & Theorem 14	22
$n = 137$	1, 3		1	[[138, 0, 20 - 32]]	Magma	<b>20</b>
$n = 145$	1, 3, 5, 7, 11, 29		1	[[146, 0, 18 - 32]]	Magma	18
$n = 149$	1	QR	-3	[[150, 0, 18 - 30]]	Magma	18
$n = 151$	1, 3, 7, 11, 15		-1	[[152, 0, 24]]	[4] & Theorem 14	<b>24</b>
$n = 155$	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 11, 15, 25, 31		3	[[156, 0, 18 - 20]]	Magma	18
$n = 157$	1, 3, 9	QR	-3	[[158, 0, 20 - 36]]	Magma & Proposition 1	<b>20</b>
$n = 161$	5, 11, 35, 69		1	[[162, 0, 16]]	Magma & Theorem 14	20
$n = 167$	1	QR	-1	[[168, 0, 24]]	[21] & Theorem 14	<b>24</b>
$n = 173$	1	QR	-3	[[174, 0, 20 - 36]]	Magma & Proposition 1	21
$n = 181$	1	QR	-3	[[182, 0, 22 - 38]]	Magma & Proposition 1	<b>22</b>
$n = 191$	1	QR	-1	[[192, 0, 28]]	[20] & Theorem 14	<b>28</b>
$n = 193$	1, 5		1	[[194, 0, 20 - 42]]	Magma	22
$n = 197$	1	QR	-3	[[198, 0, 22 - 40]]	Magma & Proposition 1	22
$n = 199$	1	QR	-1	[[200, 0, 32]]	[20] & Theorem 14	<b>32</b>
$n = 203$	2, 3, 7, 29		3	[[204, 0, 14 - 24]]	Magma	22
$n = 205$	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 21, 31, 41		-3	[[205, 0, 20 - 36]]	Magma & Proposition 1	20
$n = 217$	Many codes		1	[[218, 0, 24 <sup>ap</sup> ]]	[10] & Theorem 14	<b>24</b>
$n = 221$	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 9, 10, 13, 17, 18, 39		-3	[[222, 0, 14 - 36]]	Magma	20
$n = 223$	1, 9, 19	QR	-1	[[224, 0, 32]]	[11] & Theorem 14	<b>32</b>
$n = 229$	1, 3, 5	QR	-3	[[230, 0, 14 - 48]]	Magma	22
$n = 233$	1, 3, 7, 27		1	[[234, 0, 30 <sup>ap</sup> ]]	[10] & Theorem 14	<b>30</b>
$n = 235$	1, 2, 5, 47		3	[[236, 0, 14 - 24]]	Magma	20
$n = 239$	1	QR	-1	[[240, 0, 32 <sup>ap</sup> ]]	[10] & Theorem 14	<b>32</b>
$n = 241$	1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 21, 25, 35		1	[[242, 0, 14 - 56]]	Magma	20

**Table 1.** Parameters of self-dual quantum codes obtained from duadic codes.

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