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# Some subsets of points in the plane associated to truncated Reed–Muller codes with good parameters

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## Abstract

We give some examples of subsets of points in the projective plane associated to truncated generalized projective Reed–Muller codes with good parameters, of dimensions 6 and 10 over  $GF(7)$ ,  $GF(8)$  and  $GF(9)$ .

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## 1. Introduction

We use the standard notation  $[n, k, d]$  to denote the parameters of a linear code  $C$  over  $GF(q)$ . As usual  $n$  stands for its length,  $k$  its dimension and  $d$  its minimal distance. We say that  $C$  is an  $[n, k, d]$ -code over  $GF(q)$ .

We say that the code  $C$  of parameters  $[n, k, d]$  is optimal if there is no  $[n, k, d + 1]$ -code. We will refer to E. Brouwer's table [2] to get the known lower and upper bounds for the minimal distance (given  $n$  and  $k$ ). We will say that a code meets (resp. beats) the record if it reaches the lower bound of Brouwer (resp. if it gives a better lower bound).

In this paper, we consider truncated Reed–Muller codes obtained by evaluating polynomials at a given subset of points in the projective plane.

Let  $PG(m, q)$  be the  $m$ -dimensional projective space over  $GF(q)$  and let  $H_q(m, l)$  be the  $GF(q)$ -vector space of all homogeneous polynomials of degree  $l$  in  $m + 1$ -variables. Let  $\Omega \subset PG(m, q)$  be a subset of cardinality  $|\Omega| = \omega$ . We consider an arbitrary ordering of the points of  $\Omega$ , say  $\Omega = \{A_1, \dots, A_\omega\}$ . Then we define a  $GF(q)$ -linear evaluation map

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi_\Omega : H_q(m, l) &\rightarrow GF(q)^\omega \\ P &\mapsto (P(A_1), \dots, P(A_\omega)). \end{aligned}$$

Its image  $\Phi_\Omega(H_q(m, l))$  is a linear code  $C_\Omega(m, l)$  over  $GF(q)$  of length  $\omega$ . Moreover, if  $\Phi_\Omega$  is injective, then  $C_\Omega(m, l)$  has dimension  $\binom{m+l}{m}$ . To shorten notations in the planar case, we will denote  $C_\Omega(2, l)$  by  $C_\Omega(l)$ .

When  $\Omega = PG(m, q)$  we get the so-called projective Reed–Muller codes [3]. If  $\Omega$  is an algebraic subset then Bézout's Theorem gives a bound on the minimal distance as we see in Section 1 (following [5]).

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The idea of the following sections is to take for  $\Omega$  a  $(\kappa, \nu)$ -arc in the projective plane which is a subset of  $\kappa$  points in  $PG(2, q)$  such that some  $\nu$  but no  $\nu + 1$  are collinear. Then, we generalize this idea and introduce the notion of a  $(\kappa, \nu, 2)$ -arc in the projective plane and show how it produces some new codes over  $GF(7)$ ,  $GF(8)$ ,  $GF(9)$  of dimensions 6 and 10.

### 2. Codes from Bézout’s Theorem

Let  $\chi$  be an absolutely irreducible projective curve of genus  $g$  over  $GF(q)$ . The Hasse–Weil bound says that its number of  $GF(q)$ -rational points satisfy  $|\chi(GF(q))| \leq q + 1 + 2g\sqrt{q}$ . Curves which reach the Hasse–Weil bound are called maximal.

Table 1 gives, for small  $q$ , the maximum number of  $GF(q)$ -rational points of a projective absolutely irreducible curve of given genus  $g$ :

Let  $F \in H_q(2, l)$  and denote by  $Z(F)$  the locus of zeros of  $F$  in  $PG(2, q)$  and let  $N(F) = |Z(F)|$  their number. If  $F$  is absolutely irreducible of degree  $l$  over  $GF(q)$ , we have

$$N(F) \leq q + 1 + \frac{(l - 1)(l - 2)}{2} \lfloor 2\sqrt{q} \rfloor,$$

since the genus  $g$  of the algebraic projective plane curve given by the equation  $F = 0$  of degree  $l$  is such that  $g \leq (l - 1)(l - 2)/2$  (equality holds if the curve is non-singular).

We illustrate the construction given in [5, Theorem 2.27], writing down the result obtained by Bézout’s Theorem:

**Theorem 2.1.** *Let  $F \in H_q(3, l')$  be such that  $F = 0$  is the equation of an irreducible non-singular plane curve. Let  $\Omega = Z(F)$  and let  $l$  be an integer such that  $|\Omega| > ll'$ . Then,  $C_\Omega(l)$  is a linear code over  $GF(q)$  with parameters:*

- $n = |\Omega|,$
- $d \geq n - ll'$
- $k = \begin{cases} \binom{l+2}{2} & \text{if } l < l' \\ ll' + 1 - \binom{l'-1}{2} & \text{if } l \geq l' \end{cases}$

To use Theorem 2.1, we are obviously interested in curves with many points (maximal curves for instance) in order to get codes with good parameters.

**Example.** We take as an example,  $\Omega = Z(X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X)$  where  $X^3Y + Y^3Z + Z^3X = 0$  is the equation of a projective non-singular maximal plane curve over  $GF(8)$ . Then  $C_\Omega(l)$ , with  $l = 2, 3, 4, 5$ , are codes of parameters  $[24, 6, \geq 16]$ ,  $[24, 10, \geq 12]$ ,  $[24, 14, \geq 8]$ ,  $[24, 18, \geq 4]$ . To compare with the parameters of records  $[24, 6, 16]$ ,  $[24, 10, 12]$ ,  $[24, 14, 8]$ ,  $[24, 18, 5]$ .

Table 1  
Maximal number of  $GF(q)$ -rational points

$q$	2	3	4	5	7	8	9	11	13	16
$g = 1$	5	7	9	10	13	14	16	18	21	25
$g = 2$	6	8	10	12	16	18	20	24	26	33
$g = 3$	7	10	14	16	20	24	28	28	32	38

### 3. Configuration of lines in the plane

#### 3.1. Arcs in the plane

Concerning all the notions of this section we refer to [1,4,6] for a survey. A  $\kappa$ -arc in  $PG(2, q)$  is a set of  $\kappa$  points no three of which are colinear. The maximum number of points in a  $\kappa$ -arc is denoted by  $m(2, q)$ . A maximal plane  $\kappa$ -arc is called an *oval*. We have

$$m(2, q) = \begin{cases} q + 1 & \text{for } q \text{ odd,} \\ q + 2 & \text{for } q \text{ even.} \end{cases}$$

More generally, a  $(\kappa, v)$ -arc in  $PG(2, q)$  is a subset of  $\kappa$  points such that some  $v$  but no  $v + 1$  are colinear. Again, we denote by  $m_v(2, q)$  the maximum number of points in a  $(\kappa, v)$ -arc. We have the trivial values:  $m_2(2, q) = m(2, q)$ ,  $m_{q+1}(2, q) = q^2 + q + 1$  and  $m_q(2, q) = q^2$  [4]. And for  $v \leq q - 1$  “Table 2” is the table of values  $m_v(2, q)$  for small  $q$ :

We have also the inequality:  $m_v(2, q) \leq (v - 1)q + v$ , and there are many upper bounds when we add some conditions on  $v$ . A  $(\kappa, v)$ -arc which satisfies  $m_v(2, q) = (v - 1)q + v$  is said to be *maximal*. However, we are mostly interested in lower bound, and for instance let us state the following:

**Proposition 3.1.** We have

- (1) if  $q = 2^h$ ,  $v = q - 2$ , then  $m_v(2, q) \geq (v - 1)q + 2$ ,
- (2) if  $q$  is a square, then  $m_v(2, q) \geq (q + \sqrt{q} + 1)(v - \sqrt{q})$ ,
- (3) if  $q$  is a square and  $v = q - \sqrt{q}$ , then  $m_v(2, q) \geq (v - 1)q + \sqrt{q}$ .

#### 3.2. Truncated Reed–Muller codes

Let  $N_q(l, \Omega)$  be the maximal number of zeros in  $\Omega \subset PG(2, q)$  of a polynomial in  $H_q(2, l)$ . We also define arc  $(\Omega)$  to be the lowest integer  $v$  such that  $\Omega$  does not contain any  $(\kappa, v + 1)$ -arc. We have the following:

**Proposition 3.2.** Let  $\Omega \subset PG(2, q)$  and set  $\omega = |\Omega|$ . If  $N_q(l, \Omega) < \omega$ , then the evaluation map  $\Phi_\Omega$  is injective and its image  $C_\Omega(l)$  is a code of parameters

$$\left[ \omega, \frac{(l + 1)(l + 2)}{2}, \omega - N_q(l, \Omega) \right]$$

over  $GF(q)$ .

Table 2  
 $m_v(2, q)$

v	q					
	3	4	5	7	8	9
2	4	6	6	8	10	10
3		9	11	15	15	17
4			16	22	28	28
5				29	33	37
6				36	42	48
7					49	55
8						65

Since it is difficult to compute  $N_q(l, \Omega)$  in general, we may bound it. Let  $I_q(l)$  be the maximal numbers of zeros in  $PG(2, q)$  of an absolutely irreducible polynomial in  $H_q(2, l)$ . Note that we clearly have

$$I_q(l) \leq q + 1 + (l - 1)(l - 2)\sqrt{q}$$

by the Hasse–Weil bound.

The following result handle the situation where the maximal numbers of zeros of a polynomial on  $\Omega$  is bounded by those of a product of linear factors.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Let  $\Omega \subset PG(2, q)$  and set  $\omega = |\Omega|$ . Let  $\text{arc}(\Omega) = a$ . If  $I_q(j) \leq ja$  for all  $j \in \{2, \dots, l\}$ , then  $N_q(l, \Omega) \leq la$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $F \in H_q(2, s)$  with  $s \leq l$  and let  $N(F)$  be its number of zeros. If  $s = 1$  then we obviously have  $N(F) \leq a$  since  $N_q(1, \Omega) = \text{arc}(\Omega) = a$ . Assume now that  $s > 1$ .

It is enough to show that  $N(F) \leq sa$ . We proceed by induction on  $s$ . Let  $F = f_1 \cdots f_r$  be the decomposition of  $F$  into absolutely irreducible factors. If  $r = 1$  then  $N_q(F) \leq I_q(s) \leq sa$  by assumption. Then, we may assume that  $r > 1$ .

The polynomial  $f_i$  has coefficients in a given extension  $GF(q^{u(i)})$  of degree  $u(i)$  of  $GF(q)$ . Considering a basis of the  $GF(q)$ -vector space  $GF(q^{u(i)})$ , the equation  $f_i = 0$  splits into a system of  $u(i)$  polynomial equations over  $GF(q)$  which are either the zero equation or equations of degree equal to  $\deg f_i$ . Pick one such nonzero equation  $\tilde{f}_i = 0$ . We obviously have  $N_q(f_i) \leq N_q(\tilde{f}_i)$  and hence by the induction hypothesis  $N(f_i) \leq N(\tilde{f}_i) \leq a \deg f_i$ . This concludes the proof.  $\square$

In the following, the difference between our use of Proposition 3.2 in place of Theorem 2.1 is that, instead of taking  $\Omega$  to be all the  $GF(q)$ -rational points of a maximal curve, we consider for  $\Omega$  a  $(\kappa, v)$ -arc with  $\kappa$  as big as possible, namely  $\kappa = m_v(2, q)$ .

For instance, when  $l = 1$ , we have an easy bound for  $N_q(1, \Omega)$ . Thus, when  $l = 1$ , we may compare codes of dimension 3 obtained by Theorem 2.1 (the Bézout construction with  $l' = 2$ ) and those obtained from Proposition 3.2 (the arc construction with  $v = 2$ ).

**Examples.** 1. Over  $GF(q)$ , the Bézout construction gives  $[q + 1, 3, q - 1]$ -codes, whereas the arc construction gives  $[q + 1, 3, q - 1]$ -codes for  $q$  odd and  $[q + 2, 3, q]$ -codes for  $q$  even.

2. For greater length, we can produce a lot of examples where the arc construction (together with Table 2) give better result than the Bézout construction (together with Table 1).

For instance, over  $GF(7)$ , the Bézout construction yields  $[13, 3, 10]$  and  $[20, 3, 16]$ -codes, whereas the arc construction yields  $[15, 3, 12]$  and  $[22, 3, 18]$ -codes.

#### 4. Quadric-arcs and codes

As an application of Proposition 3.2 to codes of dimension 6, we have to bound  $N_q(2, \Omega)$ , namely to bound the number of zeros of a polynomial  $P$  of degree 2 in a subset  $\Omega$  of  $PG(2, q)$ .

If  $P$  is absolutely irreducible ( $P$  is a conic) then we know that it has at most  $q + 1$  zeros in  $PG(2, q)$ . And if  $P$  is reducible, namely a product of two linear factors, then the number of its zeros in  $\Omega$  is bounded by  $2 \text{arc}(\Omega)$ .

So we get

$$N_q(2, \Omega) \leq \max(q + 1, 2 \text{arc}(\Omega)),$$

which leads to the following result:

**Proposition 4.1.** *If  $2v \geq q + 1$  then  $m_v(2, q) \geq q + 1$  and there is a code with parameters  $[m_v(2, q), 6, \geq m_v(2, q) - 2v]$  over  $GF(q)$ .*

**Example.** We have

1. Let  $\Omega$  be a  $(29, 5)$ -arc in  $PG(2, 7)$  (such an arc exists by Table 2). By the Hasse–Weil bound, we have  $I_7(2) \leq 7 + 1 = 8$  and hence  $I_7(2) \leq 2 \text{ arc}(\Omega) = 10$ . Which defines a  $[29, 6, 19]$ -code over  $GF(7)$  meeting the record.
2. Together with Proposition 3.1, Proposition 4.1 yields the existence of codes over  $GF(q)$  with parameters:  $[(q + \sqrt{q} + 1)(v - \sqrt{q}), 6, (q + \sqrt{q} + 1)(v - \sqrt{q}) - 2v]$  if  $q$  is a square.

Next, to get a more precise bound on  $N_q(2, \Omega)$  we introduce the notion of quadric-arc.

**Definition.** A quadric arc or a  $(\kappa, v, 2)$ -arc is a set of  $\kappa$  points in  $PG(2, q)$  such that some  $v$  but no  $v + 1$  are the zeros (not counted with multiplicity) of a polynomial of degree 2. Let  $m_{v,2}(2, q)$  be the maximal number of points in a  $(\kappa, v, 2)$ -arc.

Of course, we have the following result, which can be seen as a straightforward generalization of Proposition 4.1:

**Theorem 4.2.** *There is a code of parameters  $[m_{v,2}(2, q), 6, \geq m_{v,2}(2, q) - v]$  over  $GF(q)$ .*

Since it is difficult to get exact values for  $m_{v,2}(2, q)$  in general, we give the following simple ones:

**Proposition 4.3.** *For all  $q$ , we have  $m_{4,2}(2, q) = 4, m_{2q,2}(2, q) = q^2$  and  $m_{2q+1,2}(2, q) = q^2 + q + 1$ . Furthermore, for very small  $q$ , the values of  $m_{v,2}(2, q)$  are given by Table 3:*

**Proof.** The values of  $m_{4,2}(2, q)$  and  $m_{2q+1,2}(2, q)$  are obvious. So we will focus on  $m_{2q,2}(2, q)$ .

We need the following elementary result:

**Lemma 4.4.** *Let  $a$  be such that  $m_{v-1}(2, q) < a \leq m_v(2, q)$  and  $a - v > m_{v'}(2, q)$ . Then  $m_{v+v',2}(2, q) < a$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $\Omega \subset PG(2, q)$  be such that  $|\Omega| = a$ . Then, there is a line  $L$  containing  $v$  points of  $\Omega$ . Since  $|\Omega \setminus L| = a - v$ , there is a line  $K$  containing  $v' + 1$  points of  $\Omega \setminus L$ . Thus, the union of the two lines  $L \cup K$  contains at least  $v + v' + 1$  points of  $\Omega$ .  $\square$

By the inequality  $m_v(2, q) \leq (v - 1)q + v$  and Lemma 4.4 (with  $(a, v, v') = (q^2 + 1, q + 1, q - 1)$ ) we deduce that  $m_{2q,2} \leq q^2$ .

For the converse inequality, we consider  $q$  parallel lines in the affine plane, and obviously get  $m_{2q,2}(2, q) \geq q^2$ . In fact it is the generic example since all  $(q^2, q)$ -arcs are projectively equivalent to subsets  $\Omega = PG(2, 4) \setminus l$  where  $l$  is a line in  $PG(2, 4)$  [4, 12.2.1(ii)].

Now, we compute the values of  $m_{v,2}(2, 4)$  for  $v \in \{5, 6, 7\}$ . By Lemma 4.4 with  $(a, v, v') = (10, 4, 1)$  we have  $m_{5,2}(2, 4) \leq 9$ . Likewise  $m_{6,2}(2, 4) \leq 10$  (take  $(a, v, v') = (10, 4, 1)$ ) and  $m_{7,2}(2, 4) \leq 13$  (take  $(a, v, v') = (10, 4, 1)$ ). Let

$$\Omega_5 = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, a, 1), (a, 1, 1), (a, 0, 1), (a + 1, a, 1), (1, 1, 1), (0, 1, 0)\},$$

$$\Omega_6 = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (0, a, 1), (a, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1), (a + 1, a, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, a, 0), (a, 1, 0)\},$$

$$\Omega_7 = \{(0, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1), (1, 0, 1), (0, a, 1), (a, 0, 1), (1, 1, 1), (a + 1, a, 1), (1, a, 1), (a, 1, 1), (a, 1, 1), (1, 1, 0), (1, a, 0), (a, 1, 0)\}.$$

By a Maple computation on  $\Omega_5, \Omega_6, \Omega_7$ , we respectively deduce that  $m_{5,2}(2, 4) \geq 8, m_{6,2}(2, 4) = 10$  and  $m_{7,2}(2, 4) = 13$ . So it only remains to show that  $m_{5,2}(2, 4) \neq 9$ .

The full list of projectively distinct  $(9, 3)$ -arcs in  $PG(2, 4)$  is given in [4, pp. 355]: a  $(9, 3)$ -arc is either of the form  $PG(2, 4) \setminus (l_1 \cup l_2 \cup l_3)$  or  $PG(2, 4) \setminus (O \cup l \cup l')$  where  $l_1, l_2, l_3$  are distinct lines,  $O$  an oval,  $l = (PQ), l' = (PQ')$

Table 3  
 $m_{v,2}(2, q)$

v	q		
	2	3	4
5	7	7	8
6		9	10
7		13	13
8			16
9			21

with  $P, Q, Q' \in O$ .

- First case:  $\Omega = PG(2, 4) \setminus (l_1 \cup l_2 \cup l_3)$ . Send  $l_3$  to infinity. Then consider the parallel lines of  $l_1$  in the affine plane  $AG(2, 4) = PG(2, 4) \setminus \{l_3\}$ . They intersect  $l_1 \cup l_2 \cup l_3$  at most in one point in  $AG(2, 4)$ . And hence a product of two of them contains at least 6 points of  $\Omega$ , a contradiction.
- Second case:  $\Omega = PG(2, 4) \setminus (O \cup l \cup l')$ . After a change of coordinates, we may assume that  $P = (0, 0, 1)$ ,  $Q = (0, 1, 0)$  and  $(QQ')$  is the line at infinity (i.e. of equation  $z = 0$ ). Let  $D_i$  be the line of equation  $x = iz$ ,  $i \in GF(4)$ . Then the oval  $O$  contains exactly 3 points in  $AG(2, 4) \setminus D_0$ , where  $AG(2, 4)$  is the affine plane  $PG(2, 4) \setminus \{(QQ')\}$ . Necessarily we can find a union of two lines  $D_i, D_j$ , where  $i, j \in GF(4) \setminus \{0\}$ , which contains six points of  $\Omega \cap AG(2, 4)$ .

This concludes the proof.  $\square$

## 5. Further examples and results

### 5.1. Codes of dimension 6

All the codes of this section are constructed using Theorem 4.2. Our estimates of  $m_{2v,2}(2, q)$  mainly comes from Lemma 4.4, and sometimes using Bézout’s Theorem (to get lower bounds), or even by a direct explicit computation.

Note that we have explicit generating matrices of the codes given below, since the construction of maximal  $(\kappa, v)$ -arcs and  $(\kappa, v, 2)$ -arcs of Tables 2 and 3 can be made explicit.

- Over  $GF(7)$ : We have the elementary inequalities  $13 \leq m_{6,2}(2, 7) \leq 15$ . Since there is no code of parameters  $[15, 6, 9]$  we deduce that  $m_{6,2}(2, 7) \leq 14$ . Furthermore, if  $m_{6,2}(2, 7) = 14$  then we would get a new code  $[14, 6, 8]$ . Although, all the computation we have done show only  $m_{6,2}(7, 2) \geq 13$ .

We have also  $m_{8,2}(2, 7) \geq 22$  since  $I_7(2) = 8$ .

*Results:* We construct 10 codes of dimension 6 and length  $\leq 29$  which meet the record.

- Over  $GF(8) = GF(2)[b]$  with  $b^3 = b + 1$ : We have  $14 \leq m_{6,2}(2, 8) \leq 15$ .

We have also the elementary inequalities  $24 \leq m_{8,2}(2, 8) \leq 28$ . In fact, a computation on the set

$$\begin{aligned} &\{(0, 1, 0), (b^2, b, 1), (b, 1, 1), (b + b^2, b, 1), (1, b + b^2, 1), (1 + b^2, 1 + b^2, 1), \\ &(1 + b, b + b^2, 1), (1 + b + b^2, 1 + b^2, 1), (1, 1, 0), (0, 1 + b, 1), \\ &(b^2, b + b^2, 1), (b, 1 + b, 1), (b + b^2, b + b^2, 1), (1, 1, 1), (1 + b^2, b^2, 1), \\ &(1 + b, 1, 1), (1 + b + b^2, b^2, 1), (0, b^2, 1), (b^2, 1 + b, 1), \\ &(b, b^2, 1), (b + b^2, 1 + b, 1), (1, 1 + b^2, 1), (1 + b^2, b, 1), \\ &(1 + b, 1 + b^2, 1), (1 + b + b^2, b, 1), (b^2 + b, 1, 0), (b^2 + b + 1, 1, 0)\} \end{aligned}$$

shows that  $m_{8,2}(2, 8) \geq 27$ .

*Results:* We construct codes with parameters  $[27 - i, 6, 19 - i]$  which beat the record for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ ,

- Over  $GF(9)$ : We have the elementary inequalities  $16 \leq m_{6,2}(2, 9) \leq 17$ .

Table 4  
 $m_{v,2}(2, q)$

v	q						
	2	3	4	5	7	8	9
6		9	10	11	13–14	14–15	16–17
7		13	13	12–15	14–19	15–19	17–21
8			16	16	22	27–28	28
9			21	17–24	23–27	29–33	29–33
10				25	29	33–34	37
11				31	30–35	34–39	38–43
12					36	42	48

We have also  $m_{8,2}(2, 9) = 28$  and  $m_{12,2}(2, 9) = 48$ ,  $m_{13,2}(2, 9) \geq 49$ .

*Results:* We construct codes of parameters  $[48 - i, 6, 36 - i]$  for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ , and also  $[49, 6, 36]$ , which beat the record.

We end this section by a table of very loose possible ranges of values for  $m_{v,2}(2, q)$  (Table 4):

To get these values, we mainly used Lemma 4.4 and Table 2.

### 5.2. Codes of dimension 10

Using Proposition 3.2 with  $l = 3$ , we may construct codes of dimension 10. To estimate the minimal distance, we have to bound  $N_q(3, \Omega)$  for  $\Omega \subset PG(2, q)$ . For instance, the Hasse–Weil bound gives

$$N_q(3, \Omega) \leq \max(q + 1 + 2\sqrt{q}, \text{arc}(\Omega) + N_q(2, \Omega)).$$

and also

$$N_q(3, \Omega) \leq \max(q + 1 + 2\sqrt{q}, \text{arc}(\Omega) + q + 1, 3 \text{arc}(\Omega)).$$

*Results:* Over  $GF(8)$ , we construct  $[27 - i, 10, 15 - i]$ -codes which beat the record for  $i \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

We construct also, over  $GF(7)$ ,  $GF(8)$  and  $GF(9)$ , few other codes of dimension 10 which meet the record.

It would be natural to try to apply Proposition 3.2 to get codes of higher dimensions (namely of dimension  $(l + 1)(l + 2)/2$  when  $l \geq 4$ ). But when  $l$  grows, the Hasse–Weil bound gives a poor bound on  $N_q(l)$ , and we get codes far from the record. This is in contrast to the Bézout construction where the algebraic nature of the subset  $\Omega$  ensures a good bound on  $N_q(l, \Omega)$  by Bézout’s Theorem.

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