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# Repeated-root constacyclic codes of length $kl^a p^b$ over a finite field



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## ABSTRACT

In this paper, we give an sufficient and necessary condition that a polynomial is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . For different odd primes  $k$ ,  $l$  and  $p$ , we obtain generator polynomials of constacyclic codes of length  $kl^a p^b$  over finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $\text{char}\mathbb{F}_q = p$  and  $(\text{ord}_k q, l) = 1$ . And we answer the question in [3] under the condition.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbb{F}_q$  be the finite field of size  $q$ , where  $q$  is a power of  $p$ . For  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  can be viewed as an ideal  $\langle g(x) \rangle$  in the ring  $\frac{\mathbb{F}_q[x]}{x^n - \lambda}$ , where the generator polynomial  $g(x)$  is the unique monic polynomial of minimum degree in the code and  $g(x) | (x^n - \lambda)$ . The ring  $\frac{\mathbb{F}_q[x]}{x^n - \lambda}$  is a principal ideal ring, i.e., every ideal can be

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generated by a monic divisor of  $x^n - \lambda$ . So the irreducible factorization of  $x^n - \lambda$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$  determines all  $\lambda$ -constacyclic codes of length  $n$ . When  $p \nmid n$ , a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code is called a (simple-root) constacyclic code. When  $p|n$ , a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code is called a repeated-root constacyclic code.

Recently, Dinh determined generator polynomials of all constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , of lengths  $2p^s, 3p^s, lp^s$  and  $2l^m p^n$  [5–8]. Generator polynomials of all repeated-root constacyclic codes of length  $2^t p^s$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  were given in [1]. In [2] and [4], authors studied all repeated-root constacyclic codes of length  $lp^s$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

In this paper, we study all repeated-root constacyclic codes of length  $kl^a p^b$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $k, l, p$  are different odd primes,  $(\text{ord}_k q, l) = 1$  and  $p$  is the character of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . We give generator polynomials of all repeated-root constacyclic codes. In section 2, we give some results about  $n$ -equivalent relation introduced by B. Chen et al. in [2]. And we also give some sufficient and necessary conditions that a polynomial is irreducible over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . In section 3, we give our main results, the factorization of  $x^{kl^a p^b} - \lambda$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q[x]$  and generator polynomials of all repeated-root constacyclic codes of length  $kl^a p^b$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . At last, we give an example of repeated-root constacyclic codes of length  $5 \times 3^2 \times 7$  over  $\mathbb{F}_7$ .

## 2. Preliminaries

For classifying constacyclic codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , B. Chen et al. introduced the equivalence relation  $\sim_n$  called  $n$ -equivalence in [2]. These constacyclic codes belonging to the same equivalence class have the same distance structure and the same algebraic structure.

**Definition 1.** [2] Let  $n$  be a positive integer. For any elements  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , if the polynomial  $\lambda x^n - \mu$  has a root in  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are called  $n$ -equivalent in  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$ , denoted by  $\lambda \sim_n \mu$ .

**Proposition 1.** [3] For any  $\lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$ , the following four statements are equivalent:

- (1)  $\lambda^{-1}\mu \in \langle \beta^n \rangle$ .
- (2)  $(\lambda^{-1}\mu)^d = 1$ , where  $d = \frac{q-1}{(n, q-1)}$ .
- (3)  $\lambda$  and  $\mu$  are  $n$ -equivalent in  $\mathbb{F}_q^*$ , namely there exists an element  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$  such that  $a^n \lambda = \mu$ .
- (4) There exists an  $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^*$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_a : \mathbb{F}_q[x]/\langle x^n - \mu \rangle &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q[x]/\langle x^n - \lambda \rangle \\ f(x) &\mapsto f(ax) \end{aligned}$$

is an  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -algebra isomorphism.

Next we give some results on irreducible polynomials.

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