# Lower Bounds on Distances of Improved Two-Point Codes 

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## Algebraic Geometric (Goppa) Codes

$\mathcal{X} / \mathbb{F}_{q}$ - an algebraic curve (absolutely irreducible, smooth, projective).
$P_{1}, P_{2}, \ldots, P_{n}$ distinct rational points on $\mathcal{X}$.
$D=P_{1}+P_{2}+\ldots+P_{n}$
$G$ - divisor with disjoint support from $D$.

## Definition

$$
\begin{array}{rlrl}
\alpha_{e v}: L(G) & \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q}^{n} & f & \mapsto\left(f\left(P_{1}\right), \ldots, f\left(P_{n}\right)\right) \\
\alpha_{r e s}: \Omega(G-D) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q}^{n} & \omega & \mapsto\left(\operatorname{res}_{P_{1}}(\omega), \ldots, \operatorname{res}_{P_{n}}(\omega)\right)
\end{array}
$$

Definition (AG Codes)

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \mathcal{C}_{L}(D, G)=\operatorname{im}\left(\alpha_{\text {ev }}\right) \\
& \mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(D, G)=\operatorname{im}\left(\alpha_{\text {res }}\right)
\end{aligned}
$$

## Basic Properties of AG Codes

- $\mathcal{C}_{L}(D, G)$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(D, G)$ are dual codes (residue theorem).
- Length: $\operatorname{deg}(D)=n$.
- Dimension of $\mathcal{C}_{L}(D, G)$ :

$$
k=\operatorname{dim} L(G)-\operatorname{dim} L(G-D)
$$

- Dimension of $\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(D, G)$ :

$$
\begin{aligned}
k & =\operatorname{dim} \Omega(G-D)-\operatorname{dim} \Omega(G) \\
& =\operatorname{dim} L(K-G+D)-\operatorname{dim} L(K-G)
\end{aligned}
$$

where $K$ is the canonical divisor.

Set divisor $C=D-G$ for $\mathcal{C}_{L}$ and $C=G-K$ for $\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}$. Now both $\mathcal{C}_{L}$ and $\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}$ can be viewed as the same construction.

## Observation

$\alpha_{*}: L(D-C) \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_{q}^{n}$ with $\operatorname{ker}\left(\alpha_{*}\right)=L(-C)$.
Notation: $\mathcal{C}(C, D)$ - both evaluation and residue codes with given $C$ and D.

## Observation

$$
\begin{aligned}
& k(\mathcal{C}(C, D))=\operatorname{dim} L(D-C)-\operatorname{dim} L(-C) \\
& d(\mathcal{C}(C, D))=\min \{\operatorname{deg}(A): 0 \leq A \leq D, L(A-C) \neq L(-C)\}
\end{aligned}
$$

$\min \operatorname{wt}(\mathcal{C}(C, D) \backslash \mathcal{C}(C+P, D))=$

$$
=\min \{\operatorname{deg}(A): 0 \leq A \leq D, L(A-C) \neq L(A-C-P)\}
$$

## Gaps and semi-groups

D-divisor
$P$-point
Definition
$P$ is a basepoint for $D$ if $L(D)=L(D-P)$.

## Theorem

$P$ is not a basepoint for $A$ and $B$, then $P$ not a basepoint for $A+B$. Denote the semigroup of all divisor that don't have $P$ as basepoint $-\Gamma_{P}$.

## Definition

If $S$ is a set of points, we write $\Gamma_{S}=\bigcap_{P \in S} \Gamma_{P}$.
By convention $\Gamma_{\emptyset}=\Gamma=\{D: \operatorname{dim} L(D)>0\}$ (i.e. all effective divisor classes).

## Geometric Distances

$D=P_{1}+\ldots+P_{n}$
Let $S$ be a set of points s.t. $S \cap D=\emptyset$
$0 \leq A \leq D \Longrightarrow L(A) \neq L(A-P)$ for all $P \notin S$.
Definition ("Geometric Distance")
$\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{\operatorname{deg}(A): A \in \Gamma_{S}\right.$ and $\left.A-C \in \Gamma_{S^{\prime}}\right\}$

Lemma (Distance Bounds)
Given $S \cap D=\emptyset$

$$
\begin{gathered}
\gamma(C ; S, \emptyset) \leq d(\mathcal{C}(C, D)) \\
\gamma(C ; S,\{P\}) \leq \min w t(\mathcal{C}(C, D) \backslash \mathcal{C}(C+P, D)) .
\end{gathered}
$$

## Questions

- How to use geometry to get a bound on $\gamma\left(C, S, S^{\prime}\right)$ ?
- What are the connections between $\gamma\left(C, S, S^{\prime}\right)$ with different $S^{\prime}$.


## Feng-Rao Method for One Point Codes: Statement

Fix a point $P$ outside $D=P_{1}+P_{2}+\ldots+P_{n}$.
$\Lambda$-Weierstrass numerical semigroup at $P$
$i \in \Lambda$ if $L((i-1) P) \neq L(i P)$ (i.e. all one point non-gaps).

## Theorem (Feng-Rao'95)

$$
\begin{gathered}
d\left(\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(i P, D)\right) \geq \min \left\{v_{j}: j>i\right\} \\
v_{j}=\left\{k \in \mathbb{N}_{0}: k \in \Lambda \text { and } j-k \in \Lambda\right\}
\end{gathered}
$$

Feng-Rao Method can be viewed as a Two Step Process:

- Find bounds for cosets $\left(v_{j}\right.$ are $\gamma((j-1) P ;\{P\},\{P\})$ in disguise $)$.
- Combine coset bounds to get bound for the code.


## Example: Hermitian Curve over $\mathbb{F}_{16}$

- $P$ - any point.
- genus - 6
- Weierstrass semigroup generated by 4,5 .
- blue gaps.
- green non-gaps.

| $0 P$ | $1 P$ | $2 P$ | $3 P$ | $4 P$ | $5 P$ | $6 P$ | $7 P$ | $8 P$ | $9 P$ | $10 P$ | $11 P$ | $12 P$ | $13 P$ | $14 P$ | $15 P$ | $16 P$ | $17 P$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| min $\operatorname{wt}(\mathcal{C}(14 P) \backslash \mathcal{C}(15 P))=?$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## Using Step I, for all $v_{i}$ we get:

| $d(\mathcal{C}(D) \backslash \mathcal{C}(D+P))$ | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

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| D |  |  | $2 P$ |  | $P$ | 5 | ${ }_{6}{ }^{\text {P }}$ | $7 P$ | $8 P$ | ${ }_{9}$ | 10 P |  | $P$ |  | 14 |  | 16 P |  | $18 P$ |  |  | 20 | $21 P$ |  |
| $d(\mathcal{C}(12 P))=$ ? |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| $D$ | $0 P$ | $1 P$ | $2 P$ | $3 P$ | $4 P$ | $5 P$ | $6 P$ | $7 P$ | $8 P$ | $9 P$ | $10 P$ | $11 P$ | $12 P$ | $13 P$ | $14 P$ | $15 P$ | $16 P$ | $17 P$ | $18 P$ | $19 P$ | $20 P$ | $21 P$ | $22 P$ |

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$d(\mathcal{C}(12 P))=\min \{6,6,4,5,8,9, \ldots\}=4$
Lemma

$$
d\left(\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(i P, D)\right)=\min _{j \geq i}\left\{\min w t\left(\mathcal{C}_{\Omega}(j P) \backslash \mathcal{C}_{\Omega}((j+1) P)\right)\right\} .
$$

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Suppose we want biggest code with distance $d=5$.

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| $D$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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- blue empty cosets
- red cosets to remove (add checks)
- green good cosets

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Best: $G=15 P, r=9+1$ hidden(constants)

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Redundancy of an AG code is the number of checks required to obtain the given code (i.e. dimension of the dual code).

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Q:Can we reduce the redundancy?
A:Yes, if we don't only take sequential checks. (Exploit the lack of monotonicity in the chain $\left.\mathcal{C}_{*}(i P, D)\right)$

## Improved One-Point Codes: Example and Definition

## Definition

Improved one-point codes for a given distance $d$ is the code obtained by removing only the cosets(adding checks) where $v_{i}<d$.

Note: such codes no longer have the form $\mathcal{C}_{*}(i P, D)$. Example:

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Improved one-point code with $d=5$ here has $r=7+1$ (constants).

## Improved One-Point Codes on the Hermitian Curve

Weierstrass semi-group generated by $q, q+1$ over $\mathbb{F}_{q^{2}}$. Redundancies for classical and improved one-point codes are known analytically for Hermitian curves.[Bras-Amorós - O'Sullivan]

$$
\begin{aligned}
& r(t)= \begin{cases}t(2 t+1), & \text { if } t \leq a / 2 \\
\left(a^{2}-a\right) / 2+(a+1)\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor, & \text { if } a / 2<t<a\left(\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor+1\right) / 2 \\
\left(a^{2}-a\right) / 2+2 t, & \text { if } t \geq a\left(\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor+1\right) / 2 .\end{cases} \\
& \tilde{r}(t)= \begin{cases}t(2 t+1)-\sum_{x^{\prime}=\lceil 2 \sqrt{2 t+1}-2\rceil}^{2 t-1}\left(\left\lfloor\sqrt{x^{\prime 2}+4 x^{\prime}-8 t}\right\rfloor+\delta_{x^{\prime} t}\right), & \text { if } t \leq a / 2 \\
\left(a^{2}-a\right) / 2+(a+1)\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor & \\
-\sum_{x^{\prime}=\lceil 2+\sqrt{2 t+1}}^{a-2+2\rceil}\left(\left\lfloor\sqrt{x^{\prime 2}+4}+4 x^{\prime}-8 t\right\rfloor+\delta_{x^{\prime} t}\right), & \text { if } a / 2<t<a\left(\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor+1\right) / 2 \\
\left.\left(a^{2}-a\right) / 2+2 t-\sum_{x^{\prime}=\left\lceil 2 \sqrt{a-1}+\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a t+1}\right\rfloor\right.}^{a+1}-2\right\rceil\left(\left\lfloor\sqrt{x^{\prime 2}+4 x^{\prime}-8 t}\right\rfloor+\delta_{x^{\prime} t}\right), & \text { if } a\left(\left\lfloor\frac{2 t}{a+1}\right\rfloor+1\right) / 2 \leq t \leq \frac{a(a+1)}{2} \\
\left(a^{2}-a\right) / 2+2 t, & \text { if } t>\frac{a(a+1)}{2}\end{cases}
\end{aligned}
$$

Not pretty!

## Previous Generalizations of Feng-Rao

## Definition

We call $\left\{A_{i}\right\}$ a sequence of divisors if $A_{i+1}=A_{i}+P_{i}$ for some point $P_{i}$.
Previous attempts to generalize Feng-Rao beyond one-point codes.

- Beelen'07
- Duursma-Park'08

| bound | divisor | Step I sq | Step II sq |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FR | $k P$ | $\{i P\}$ | $\{i P\}$ |
| Beelen | any | $\{i P\}$ | any |
| DP | any | any | any |

## Duursma - K. Method

Key Features:

- Step I: Instead of cosets uses finer subset.
- Step II: the same, combine subsets to get distance (or coset) bounds.
- Proof: One unifying theorem with all previous methods (Feng-Rao, Beelen, Duursma-Park, Duursma-K.) being consequences.


## Statement Step I

$\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right)=\min \left\{\operatorname{deg}(A): A \in \Gamma_{S}\right.$ and $\left.A-C \in \Gamma_{S^{\prime}}\right\}$
Theorem (Main Theorem (Technical))
(Roughly) Any sequence of divisors $A_{i}$ gives a bound for $\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right)$ by careful counting.

Lemma (Direct Consequence of Main Theorem)
Let $A_{i}$ be a sequence with support in $S$. Then
$\gamma(C ; S, S) \geq \mid\left\{i: A_{i} \in \Gamma_{P_{i}}\right.$ and $\left.A_{i}-C \notin \Gamma_{p_{i}}\right\} \mid$
Observation

$$
\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right) \leq \min \operatorname{wt}\left(\mathcal{C}(C) \backslash \bigcup_{P \in S^{\prime}} \mathcal{C}(C+P)\right)
$$

## Statement Step II

## Lemma

$$
\begin{gathered}
\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime} \backslash P\right)=\min _{i \geq 0} \gamma\left(C+i P ; S, S^{\prime}\right) \\
\gamma(C ; S, \emptyset)=\min _{D \in \Lambda} \gamma\left(C+D ; S, S^{\prime}\right)
\end{gathered}
$$

where $\Lambda$ is the semigroup of positive divisors generated by $S^{\prime}$.

## What were those $\gamma$ 's again?

- $\gamma$ is a geometric lower bound for a subset of code.
- The subset is an intersections of certain cosets.
- To get the "right" generalization of Feng-Rao we need to go to finer sets than cosets.
- Codes and cosets can be reconstructed by taking unions of those subsets.

Connection with codes:

## Observation

$$
\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right) \leq d\left(\mathcal{C}(C, D) \backslash \bigcap_{P \in S^{\prime}} \mathcal{C}(C+P, D)\right) \text { given } S \cap D=\emptyset
$$

## Example: two-point codes on Hermitian $\mathbb{F}_{16}$

curve - Hermitian over $\mathbb{F}_{16}$
$P, Q$ - any two points
$D=P_{1}+P_{2}+\ldots+P_{n}$, where $P_{i} \notin P, Q$.
$C=a P+b Q$ Since $5 P \sim 5 Q, b<5$.


## Step I: Example

$$
\gamma(C ;\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\}) \leq \min \operatorname{wt}(\mathcal{C}(C) \backslash \mathcal{C}(C+P) \cup \mathcal{C}(C+Q))
$$

Fixing $C$
(1) Pick a divisor sequence $A_{i}$ (ie. a path in the grid).
(2) Count number of $i$ where $A_{i} \in \Gamma_{P_{i}}$ and $A_{i}-C \notin \Gamma_{P_{i}}$ where $P_{i}=P$ or $Q$ depending whether we took a vertical or horizontal step.
(3) $\gamma(C ;\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\})$ is bounded below by that number


## $\gamma\left(C ; S, S^{\prime}\right)^{\prime}$ s with $S=S^{\prime}=\{P, Q\}$ for Hermitian $\mathbb{F}_{16}$



- Analytic form available for all $q$.
- The bounds are sharp (by explicit construction of a divisor matching the bound).
- Best bound always achieved with a straight path.


## Step II: Example

Q: What is the distance of the coset $\mathcal{C}(2 Q-P) \backslash \mathcal{C}(3 Q-P)$

| 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

A: 5

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A: 5
Q: What is the distance for whole code $\mathcal{C}(2 Q-P)$.

| 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |
|  |  | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |
|  |  |  | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |
|  |  |  |  | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

A: 3

## Improved Two Point Codes

We need cosets to talk about redundancies, and consequently improved codes. Two choices:

- Obtain all coset bounds on the grid and then find best path. or
- Directly use $\gamma(C,\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\})$ to choose an optimal path. We will demonstrate the second option.

Improved Codes from $\gamma(C,\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\})$ table

$$
0 \rightarrow P \rightarrow P+Q \rightarrow P+2 Q
$$

## Lemma

If $m P \sim m Q$ then $\gamma(C,\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\}) \leq \gamma(C+m P,\{P, Q\},\{P, Q\})$

| 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | -2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 |  |  |
| 0 | $\phi$ | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 |  |
| 0 | - | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 |

blue - path red - $Q$ step (coset) green - $P$ step (coset)

## Full Path

| 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 1 | 5 |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |  |
| 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |

Coset bounds along that path:

| 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 4 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |

Ex: This gives improved code with $d=5$ and $r=7(+1)$. This happens to be maximal, but also achievable by one-point improved codes.

## Results: Distances vs. redundancies

$n \mathrm{Cl}$ - Classical n-point code nIm - Improved n-point code

$$
1 C l \geq\{1 \mathrm{Im}, 2 \mathrm{Cl}\} \geq 2 \mathrm{~lm}
$$

Hermitian over $\mathbb{F}_{16}$
Low is better!

| $d \backslash r$ | $1 C l$ | $1 / m$ | $2 C l$ | $2 / m$ | $i m p r$ |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| 4 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 5 | 0 |
| 5 | 10 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 6 | 11 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 0 |
| 7 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 0 |
| 8 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 0 |
| 9 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 | 0 |
| 10 | 15 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 0 |
| 11 | 16 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 0 |

$$
i m p r=\min \{2 C I, 1 / m\}-2 I m
$$

Hermitian over $\mathbb{F}_{64}$

| $d \backslash r$ | $1 C l$ | $1 / m$ | $2 C l$ | $2 / m$ | impr |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 5 | 10 | 8 | 10 | 8 | 0 |
| 7 | 21 | 14 | 21 | 14 | 0 |
| 9 | 36 | 20 | 30 | 20 | 0 |
| 11 | 37 | 24 | 30 | 23 | 1 |
| 13 | 37 | 28 | 30 | 27 | 1 |
| 15 | 37 | 30 | 36 | 29 | 1 |
| 17 | 44 | 35 | 39 | 35 | 0 |
| 19 | 46 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 2 |
| 21 | 46 | 41 | 39 | 39 | 0 |
| 23 | 46 | 43 | 45 | 42 | 1 |
| 25 | 52 | 47 | 48 | 47 | 0 |
| 27 | 54 | 50 | 48 | 48 | 0 |
| 29 | 55 | 53 | 52 | 50 | 2 |
| 31 | 55 | 55 | 54 | 54 | 0 |

Suzuki over $\mathbb{F}_{32}$

| $d \backslash r$ | $1 C l$ | $1 / m$ | $2 C l$ | $2 / m$ | impr |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 21 | 128 | 79 | 97 | 77 | 2 |
| 23 | 128 | 82 | 98 | 80 | 2 |
| 25 | 128 | 95 | 101 | 93 | 2 |
| 27 | 128 | 100 | 103 | 96 | 4 |
| 29 | 128 | 102 | 103 | 99 | 3 |
| 31 | 128 | 102 | 103 | 101 | 1 |
| 33 | 156 | 112 | 131 | 108 | 4 |
| 35 | 156 | 116 | 131 | 111 | 5 |
| 37 | 160 | 123 | 131 | 119 | 4 |
| 39 | 160 | 123 | 134 | 121 | 2 |
| 41 | 164 | 128 | 134 | 125 | 3 |
| 43 | 165 | 132 | 134 | 127 | 5 |
| 45 | 165 | 136 | 138 | 132 | 4 |
| 47 | 165 | 138 | 138 | 135 | 3 |
| 49 | 165 | 144 | 141 | 140 | 1 |

Giulietti-Kochmáros over $\mathbb{F}_{729}$

| $d \backslash r$ | $1 C l$ | $1 / m$ | $2 C l$ | $2 / m$ | $i m$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 29 | 127 | 88 | 114 | 84 | 4 | $d \backslash r$ | $1 C l$ | $1 / m$ | $2 C l$ | $2 / m$ | $i m$ |
| 31 | 127 | 92 | 114 | 90 | 2 | 155 | 143 | 149 | 141 | 2 |  |
| 33 | 127 | 94 | 114 | 92 | 2 | 155 | 144 | 155 | 143 | 1 |  |
| 35 | 127 | 96 | 114 | 94 | 2 | 162 | 147 | 156 | 144 | 3 |  |
| 37 | 127 | 102 | 121 | 101 | 1 | 162 | 149 | 156 | 148 | 1 |  |
| 39 | 127 | 105 | 121 | 104 | 1 | 162 | 151 | 162 | 151 | 0 |  |
| 41 | 127 | 109 | 121 | 108 | 1 | 169 | 156 | 163 | 154 | 2 |  |
| 43 | 169 | 160 | 163 | 156 | 4 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 43 | 141 | 114 | 135 | 112 | 2 | 75 | 169 | 160 | 163 | 158 | 2 |
| 45 | 141 | 115 | 135 | 114 | 1 | 77 | 175 | 164 | 170 | 163 | 1 |
| 47 | 141 | 119 | 135 | 118 | 1 | 79 | 176 | 167 | 170 | 165 | 2 |
| 49 | 147 | 124 | 135 | 122 | 2 | 81 | 176 | 169 | 170 | 167 | 2 |
| 51 | 148 | 127 | 142 | 124 | 3 | 83 | 181 | 171 | 176 | 169 | 2 |
| 53 | 148 | 129 | 142 | 128 | 1 | 85 | 183 | 176 | 177 | 171 | 5 |
| 55 | 153 | 133 | 142 | 131 | 2 | 87 | 183 | 178 | 177 | 175 | 2 |
| 57 | 155 | 137 | 149 | 134 | 3 | 89 | 183 | 178 | 182 | 177 | 1 |
| 59 | 155 | 138 | 149 | 135 | 3 | 91 | 189 | 181 | 184 | 179 | 2 |

## Open Problems / Future Work

- Is the path $i P+Q$ always optimal for improved two point codes on Hermitian curves? True for $\mathbb{F}_{16}$ and $\mathbb{F}_{64}$ for all d.
- How to find the best path in general.
- Decoding based on our generalization of Feng-Rao.
- Can we construct improved codes based directly on the subset bounds (maybe non-linear).


## Online Resources

## All data is availble at http://agtables.appspot.com



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