# ELEMENTS OF MDS CODES VIA EXTENDED CAUCHY MATRICES 

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#### Abstract

An ( $n, k, d$ ) linear code over the finite field $F=G F(q)$ is maximum- distance separable(MDS) if it attains the Singleton bound $d \leq n-k+1$. A $k \times n$ matrix $G$ over $F$ is a generator matrix of an MDS code if and only if every $k$ columns of $G$ are linearly Independent. In most cases, error patterns with slightly more than $D / 2$ error can be corrected by an ( $N$, $K$ ) maximum- distance separable (MDS) code. Earlier the complexity of computation increased with number of additional errors, where a single error could be amended with an acceptable degree of computation. To fight out this problem Sudan's algorithm (1997) more errors can be corrected, in addition to this provides proof that for a limited number of errors, the correct codeword is always on a very small list of possible transmitted words. The right codeword is always on a very small list of possible transmitted words.


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## 1. INTRODUCTION

An ( $n, k, d$ ) linear code over the finite field $F=G F(q)$ is maximum- distance separable(MDS) if it attains the Singleton bound $d \leq n-$ $\mathrm{k}+1$. A $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix G over F is a generator matrix of an MDS code if and only if all k columns of G are linearly Independent. If G is a systematic generator matrix i.e., $G=[I, A]$, $I$ being the identity matrix of order $k$, and $A$ is a $k \times(n-k)$ matrix, then $G$ generates an MDS code if and only if every square submatrix of A is nonsingular. Such matrix A will be called super regular.
When $\mathrm{k}=1$, there exist arbitrarily long MDS codes, e.g., repetition codes, and
when $\mathrm{k} \geq \mathrm{q}$, a code is MDS only if it has minimum distance $\leq 2$. Therefore, Roth and Lempel (1989) worked only with codes of dimension $\mathrm{k}, 2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$. In this case, it is known that MDS codes cannot be arbitrarily long. Let $\mathrm{N}_{\max }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q}), 2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$, be the maximal length of any MDS code of dimension $k$ over $G F(q)$.Then, $q+1 \leq N_{\max }(k, q) \leq q+k-1$. Furthermore, for some special cases of k and q , it can be shown that $\mathrm{N}_{\text {max }}(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})=\mathrm{q}+1$.
A well-known family of MDS codes is the set of generalized Reed-Solomon (GRS) codes. Let $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{0}, \alpha_{1}, \cdots, \alpha_{n-1}\right)$ be a vector of distinct element of F , and let $v=\left(v_{0}, v_{1}, \cdots, v_{n-1}\right)$ be a vector of nonzero element of F.C is a GRS $(\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}, \alpha$, v$)$, if it has a generator matrix of the form $\mathrm{G}=\left[\mathrm{G}_{0} \mathrm{G}_{1} \cdots \mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{n}-1}\right]$,
Where the $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{i}}$ are columns of the for $\mathrm{G}_{\mathrm{i}}=\left(v_{i}, v_{i} \alpha_{i}, v_{i} \alpha_{i}^{2}, \cdots, v_{i} \alpha_{i}^{k-1}\right)^{T}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq n-1$.
This definition includes extended GRS codes, for which one of the $\alpha_{\mathrm{i}}$ is 0 . A further extension that preserves the MDS property is possible by allowing a column of the form
$G_{\infty}=\left(0,0, \cdots, 0, v_{\infty}\right)^{T}$,
Where $\mathrm{v}_{\infty}$ is a nonzero element of Field F. Such a column is said to correspond to the infinity "element". In this case the code is called a generalized doubly extended RS code (GDRS), and the notation
GDRS ( $\mathrm{n}+1, \mathrm{k}, \alpha, \mathrm{v}$ ) in terms of the vectors a and v by abusing notation and writing
$\alpha=\left(\alpha_{1}, \alpha_{2}, \ldots, \alpha_{s-1}, \infty, \alpha_{s}, \ldots, \alpha_{n}\right)$
and
$\mathrm{v}=\left(\mathrm{v}_{1}, \mathrm{v}_{2}, \ldots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{s}-1}, v_{\infty}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{s}}, \ldots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}}\right)$,
where s is the index of $G_{\infty}$, in Serge (1955) and Thas (1968) considered GRS codes corresponds to a normal rational curve, in geometric terms.
Roth and Seroussi (1985) told that a matrix of the form $G=[I A]$ generates a GRS code iff $A=\left[a_{i j}\right]$ is a Cauchy matrix.i.e.,
$a_{i j}=\frac{c_{i} d_{j}}{x_{i}+y_{j}}, \quad 0 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq n-k-1$, Where the $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}$ and $\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{j}}$ are distinct element of $\mathrm{F}, \mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}+\mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{j}} \neq 0$ for all i and j , and $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{i}}, \mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{j}}$ $\neq 0$.Given a $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{r}$ Cauchy matrix $\mathrm{A}=\left[\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right]$ over $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q})$, according to Roth(1989) we can always assume $\mathrm{a}_{0 \mathrm{j}}=\mathrm{d}_{\mathrm{j}}$ and $\mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{j}}=\mathrm{d}_{1} \mathrm{y}_{\mathrm{j}}{ }^{-1}, 0$ $\leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{r}-1$. A is called an extended Cauchy matrix if it has a row (column) of ones, and deleting this row (column) transforms A into a Cauchy matrix.

## 2. LITERATUTRE REVIEW

Binbin Pang(2021) Entanglement-assisted quantum error-correcting codes (EAQECCs) can be obtained from arbitrary classical linear codes based on the entanglement-assisted stabilizer formalism, which greatly promoted the development of quantum coding theory. In this paper, we construct several families of [Formula: see text]-ary entanglement-assisted quantum maximum-distanceseparable (EAQMDS) codes of lengths [Formula: see text] with flexible parameters as to the minimum distance [Formula: see text]
and the number [Formula: see text] of maximally entangled states. Most of the obtained EAQMDS codes have larger minimum distances than the codes available in the literature.
Hai Q. Dinh (2021) Symbol-pair codes are used to protect against symbol-pair errors in high density data storage systems. One of the most important tasks in symbol-pair coding theory is to design MDS codes. MDS symbol-pair codes are optimal in the sense that such codes attain the Singleton bound. In this paper, a new class of MDS symbol-pair codes with code-length 5p and optimal pair distance of 7 is established. It is shown that for any prime $p \equiv 1(\bmod 5)$, we can always construct four $p$-ary MDS symbol-pair cyclic codes of length 5 p of largest possible pair distance 7 . We also completely determined all MDS symbol-pair and MDS bsymbol codes of length ps and 2 p s over $\mathrm{F} \mathrm{p} \mathrm{m}+\mathrm{uF} \mathrm{p} \mathrm{m}$ by filling in some missing cases, and rectifying some gaps in Type 3 codes of recent papers. As an applications of our results, we use MAGMA to provide many examples of new MDS codes over F p m and Fpm+uFpm
Elif Segah Oztas (2021) MDS codes are elegant constructions in coding theory and have mode important applications in cryptography, network coding, distributed data storage, communication systems et. In this study, a method is given which MDS codes are lifted to a higher finite field. The presented method satisfies the protection of the distance and creating the MDS code over the \$F_q \$ by using MDS code over \$F_p The main generation method for MDS code is Reed Solomon (RS) codes, especially Generalized Reed Solomon (GRS) codes. In GRS, the code $[\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}+1]_{\mathrm{q}}$ can obtain where $\mathrm{n} \leq \mathrm{q}$. There are some approaches for constructing MDS matrices such that Vandermonde matrix, circulant matrix, Cauchy matrix, Toeplitz matrices etc. [2, 3, 10,44-47]. All of them compute and improve their method over the defined field in the papers. However, calculation complexity increases over the field which has high cardinality for any construction methods for MSD codes, especially in the recursive generating method.
Ziling Heng (2020) Recently, subfield codes of geometric codes over large finite fields $\$ \operatorname{lgf}(\mathrm{q}) \$$ with dimension $\$ 3 \$$ and $\$ 4 \$$ were studied and distance-optimal subfield codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}(\mathrm{p}) \$$ were obtained, where $\$ \mathrm{q}=\mathrm{p}^{\wedge} \mathrm{m} \$$. The key idea for obtaining good subfield codes over small fields is to choose very good linear codes over an extension field with small dimension. This paper first presents a general construction of $\$[q+1,2, q] \$$ MDS codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}(q) \$$, and then study the subfield codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}(p) \$$ of some of the $\$[\mathrm{q}+1,2, \mathrm{q}] \$$ MDS codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}(\mathrm{q}) \$$. Several families of distance-optimal codes over small fields are produced
Qiuyan Wang (2020) A linear code with parameters of the form $\$[n, k, n-k+1] \$$ is referred to as an MDS (maximum distance separable) code. A linear code with parameters of the form $\$[\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}] \$$ is said to be almost MDS (i.e., almost maximum distance separable) or AMDS for short. A code is said to be near maximum distance separable (in short, near MDS or NMDS) if both the code and its dual are almost maximum distance separable. Near MDS codes correspond to interesting objects in finite geometry and have nice applications in combinatorics and cryptography. In this paper, seven infinite families of $\$\left[2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}+1,3,2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}-2\right] \$$ near MDS codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}\left(2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}\right) \$$ and seven infinite families of $\$\left[2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}+2,3,2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}-1\right] \$$ near MDS codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}\left(2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}\right) \$$ are constructed with special oval polynomials for odd $\$ \mathrm{~m} \$$. In addition, nine infinite families of optimal $\$\left[2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}+3,3,2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}\right] \$$ near MDS codes over $\$ \operatorname{lgf}\left(2^{\wedge} \mathrm{m}\right) \$$ are constructed with oval polynomials in general.

## 3. BOUNDS ON THE LENGTHS OF MDS CODES

By definition, a GRS code with $2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$ may be of length at most $\mathrm{q}+1$. For $2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$, let $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})$ be minimal integer, if any, such that every $[\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}]$ MDS code over F with $\mathrm{n} \geq \mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})$ is GRS; if no such integer exists, $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})=\mathrm{q}+2$. Clearly, $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(2, \mathrm{q})=2$, and so $N_{\max }(2, q)=q+1$. To obtain an upper bound on $N_{\min }(k, q)$ for larger values of $k$, we make use of the following result.
Lemma 1.1: If $q$ is even, every $[n, 3] \operatorname{MDS}$ code over $\operatorname{GF}(\mathrm{q})$ with $(q-1)((\sqrt{q-1}-7) / 4)<n \leq q$ is GRS.
Lemma 1.2: Given a $k \times r$ extended Cauchy matrix $A=\left[a_{i j}\right]$ over $G F(q)$, we can always assume $a_{0 j}=d_{j}$ and $a_{1 j}=1,0 \leq j \leq r-1$.
Proof: Let C be an $[\mathrm{r}+\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{k}]$ GERS code with a given standard generator matrix G of the form (1.1). First, we show that C has another standard generator matrix $\bar{G}$ with $\mathrm{G}_{0}$ corresponding to infinity and $\mathrm{G}_{1}$ corresponding to one. Assume that the first column of G corresponds to some element $\alpha_{0} \in$ F. MacWilliams and Slone (1977) considered a $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{k}$ nonsingular matrix T exits such that the ith column in $\hat{G}=T . G$ is given by
$\hat{G}_{i}=v_{i}\left(1 \quad\left(\alpha_{i}-\alpha_{0}\right) \quad . \quad . \quad\left(\alpha_{i}-\alpha_{0}\right)^{k-1}\right)$ The infinity column of G, if any, remains unchanged. Thus, the first column of $\hat{G}$ corresponds to the zero element. Reversing the order of the rows of $\hat{G}$, we obtained a standard generated matrix $\tilde{G}$ with its first column corresponding to infinity. As before, there now exists a linear transformation on the row of $\tilde{G}$ yielding a standard generator matrix $\bar{G}$ with the desired first two columns.
Second, let [I A] be the (unique) systematic generator matrix of C. Then A is a extended Cauchy matrix and its rows, being in a one-to-one correspondence with the first k coordinates of C , can be associated with the first k columns of any standard generator matrix of C. In particular, associating the rows of A with the first k columns of $\bar{G}$ yields $\mathrm{a}_{0 \mathrm{j}}=\mathrm{c}_{0} \mathrm{~d}_{\mathrm{j}}$ and $\mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{j}}=\mathrm{c}_{1}$. Now, normalizing the parameters involved, we can always set $\mathrm{c}_{0}=\mathrm{c}_{1}=1$.

## 4. APPLICATION TO SUPERREGULAR MATRI

Let C be a $\operatorname{GDRS}(\mathrm{n}+1, \mathrm{k}, \alpha, \mathrm{v})$ code defined by $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{0}, \alpha_{1}, \cdots, \alpha_{s-1}, \infty, \alpha_{s}, \cdots, \alpha_{\mathrm{n}-1}\right)$ And $\mathrm{v}=\left(\mathrm{v}_{0}, \mathrm{v}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{s}-1}, \mathrm{v}_{\infty}, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{s}}, \cdots, \mathrm{v}_{\mathrm{n}-1}\right)$, with $\mathrm{k}-1$ $<\mathrm{s} \leq \mathrm{n}$. Then C has a generator matrix of the form $[\mathrm{I} \bar{A}]$, where $\bar{A}=\left[\mathrm{A}_{0}, \mathrm{~A}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{s}-\mathrm{k}}, \mathrm{A}_{\infty}, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{s}-\mathrm{k}+1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}+1}\right]$ is a $\mathrm{k} \times(\mathrm{n}+1-\mathrm{k})$ GEC matrix obtained from the Cauchy matrix $A$ by inserting the column. $\mathrm{A}_{\infty}=\mathrm{d}_{\infty}\left(\mathrm{c}_{0}, \mathrm{c}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{k}-1}\right)^{\mathrm{T}}$ before the $(\mathrm{s}-\mathrm{k}+1)$ th column of A if $\mathrm{s}<$ n , or as the last column if $\mathrm{s}=\mathrm{n}$. Here $\mathrm{d}_{\infty}=\mathrm{v}_{\infty}$ and take $\mathrm{c}_{0}=\mathrm{c}_{1}=1$. The results of the previous section on MDS codes be expressed in terms of superregular matrix with the subclass of Cauhy matrices corresponding to GRS codes. For instance, the analog of Lemma 5 takes the following form. Suppose there exist integer $s \geq 1, t \geq 3$ such that every $\mathrm{s} \times \mathrm{t}$ superregular matrix over $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q})$ is a extended Cauchy matrix. Then, for every $r \geq t$, each $s \times r$ matrix is a superregular matrix if and only if it is a extended Cauchy matrix.

Let $\mathrm{A}=\left[\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right]$ be a $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{r}$ matrix over F with $\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}} \neq 0$ for all $0 \leq \mathrm{i} \leq \mathrm{k}-1$ and $0 \leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{r}-1$, and $0 \leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{r}-1$, and let $A^{c}=\left[a_{i j}^{-1}\right]$; that is, every entry of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ is the inverse of the corresponding entry of A .
Lemma 1.3: Let $A$ be a $k \times(r+1)$ matrix over $F$ with nonzero entries. Then $A$ is a Generalized Extended Cauchy (GEC) matrix if and only if $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ satisfies the following two conditions:

1. every $2 \times 2$ submatrix of $A^{c}$ is nonsingular.
2. every $3 \times 3$ submatrix of $A^{c}$ is singular.

Proof: The lemma holds trivially $\min (k, r+1) \leq 2$. Therefore, we assume that $k, r+1 \geq 3$. First, we prove the "only if" part. Suppose A is a generalized extended Cauchy matrix. So
$\mathrm{A}=\left[\mathrm{A}_{0}, \mathrm{~A}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{s-1}, \mathrm{~A}_{\infty}, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{s}}, \cdots, \mathrm{A}_{\mathrm{r}-1}\right]$
Then, the first row of $A^{c}$ is given by
$a_{0}^{c}=\left(\frac{1}{d_{0}} \frac{1}{d_{1}} \cdots \frac{1}{d_{s-1}} \frac{1}{d_{\infty}} \frac{1}{d_{s}} \cdots \frac{1}{d_{r-1}}\right)$ (1.2
The second row of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ is given by
$a_{1}^{c}=\left(\frac{y_{0}}{d_{0}} \frac{y_{1}}{d_{1}} \cdots \frac{y_{s-1}}{d_{s-1}} \frac{1}{d_{\infty}} \frac{y_{s}}{d_{s}} \cdots \frac{y_{r-1}}{d_{r-1}}\right)$
And the ith row of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}, 2 \leq \mathrm{i} \leq \mathrm{k}-1$, is given by
$a_{i}^{c}=\left(\frac{x_{i}+y_{0}}{c_{i} d_{0}} \frac{x_{i}+y_{1}}{c_{i} d_{1}} \cdots \frac{1}{c_{i} d_{\infty}} \cdots \frac{x_{i}+y_{r-1}}{c_{i} d_{r-1}}\right)$,
Therefore,
$a_{i}^{c}=\frac{x_{i}}{c_{i}} a_{o}^{c}+\frac{1}{c_{i}} a_{1}^{c}, \quad 2 \leq \mathrm{i} \leq \mathrm{k}-1, \quad \mathrm{o} \leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{s}-1$ and $\mathrm{s} \leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{r}-1$
And $a_{i \infty}^{c}=\frac{1}{2 c_{i}} a_{0 \infty}^{c}+\frac{1}{2 c_{i}} a_{1 \infty}^{c}$
Which means that every row in $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ is a linear combination of its first two rows, thus proving b). Condition a) follows from the fact that a $2 \times 2$ submatrix of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ is nonsingular if and only if the corresponding $2 \times 2$ submatrix of A is nonsingular.
For the "if" part, suppose $A^{c}$ is a $k \times r+1$ matrix with nonzero entries satisfying a) and b). Then, the first two rows of $A^{c}$ are linearly independent and their entries can still be expressed as in (7.3.1) and (7.3.2), with nonzero $d_{i}$ and nonzero and distinct $y_{j}$. Now, b) implies that every row $a_{i}^{c}, 2 \leq \mathrm{i} \leq \mathrm{k}-1$, is linearly depended on the first two rows of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$, i.e.,
$a_{i j}^{c}=\alpha_{i} a_{0 j}^{c}+\beta_{i} a_{1 j}^{c}, \quad 2 \leq i \leq k-1, \quad 0 \leq j \leq r-1$, For some $\alpha_{i}, \beta_{i} \neq 0$. Define $\mathrm{c}_{\mathrm{i}}=\beta_{i}^{-1}$ and $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}=\alpha_{i} \beta_{i}^{-1}, 2 \leq \mathrm{i} \leq \mathrm{k}-1$. Since every two rows of $\mathrm{A}^{\mathrm{c}}$ are linearly independent, the $\mathrm{x}_{\mathrm{i}}$ are distinct.
Lemma 1.4 leads to efficient ways of verifying whether a given $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix generates a GRS code. Let $\mathrm{G}_{1}$ denote a square matrix of order k , and let $\mathrm{G}=\left[\mathrm{G}_{1}, \mathrm{G}_{2}\right]$. The first step in the test of G is to verify that $\mathrm{G}_{1}$ is nonsingular. Then, apply the transformation $G_{1}^{-1} \cdot G=\left[\begin{array}{ll}I & A\end{array}\right]$ and check that $\mathrm{A}=\left[\mathrm{a}_{\mathrm{ij}}\right]$ satisfies the following two conditions:

1) the ratios $\mathrm{a}_{0 j} / \mathrm{a}_{1 \mathrm{i}}, 0 \leq \mathrm{j} \leq \mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}-1$, are all distinct; and
2) the rows of $A^{c}$ are pairwise independent and are all spanned by the first two rows of $A^{c}$. It can be readily verified that these two conditions are equivalent to those of Lemma 6.3.1, together with Theorem7.2.1, implies the following result.
Theorem 1.5: Let $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q}), \mathrm{q}$ even, and let A be a $\mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{r}$ matrix over F with $\max (k, r)>q+1-((\sqrt{q+1}+5) / 4)$. If all the entries of $A$ are nonzero, then $A$ is super regular if and if every $2 \times 2$ submatrix of $A^{c}$ is nonsingular and every $3 \times 3$ submatrix of $A^{c}$ is singular.

## 5. CONCLUSION

An ( $\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}, \mathrm{d}$ ) linear code over the finite field $\mathrm{F}=\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q})$ is maximum- distance separable(MDS) if it attains the Singleton bound $\mathrm{d} \leq \mathrm{n}$ $\mathrm{k}+1$. $\mathrm{A} \mathrm{k} \times \mathrm{n}$ matrix G over F is a generator matrix of an MDS code if and only if all k columns of G are linearly Independent. If $G$ is a systematic generator matrix i.e., $G=[I, A]$, $I$ being the identity matrix of order $k$, and $A$ is a $k \times(n-k)$ matrix, then $G$ generates an MDS code if and only if every square submatrix of A is nonsingular. Such matrix A will be called superregular. When $\mathrm{k}=1$, there exist arbitrarily long MDS codes, e.g. repetition codes, and when $\mathrm{k} \geq \mathrm{q}$, a code is MDS only if it has minimum distance $\leq 2$. Therefore, Roth and Lempel(1989) worked only with codes of dimension $\mathrm{k}, 2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$. In this case, it is known that MDS codes cannot be arbitrarily long. Let $\mathrm{N}_{\max }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q}), 2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$, be the maximal length of any MDS code of dimension k over $\mathrm{GF}(\mathrm{q})$.Then, $\mathrm{q}+1 \leq \mathrm{N}_{\max }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q}) \leq \mathrm{q}+\mathrm{k}-1$. Furthermore, for some special cases of k and q , it can be shown that $\mathrm{N}_{\max }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})=\mathrm{q}+1$. By definition, $a$ GRS code with $2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$ may be of length at most $\mathrm{q}+1$. For $2 \leq \mathrm{k} \leq \mathrm{q}-1$, let $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})$ be minimal integer, if any, such that every $[\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{k}]$ MDS code over F with $\mathrm{n} \geq \mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})$ is GRS; if no such integer exists, $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})=\mathrm{q}+2$. Clearly, $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(2, \mathrm{q})=2$, and so $\mathrm{N}_{\max }(2, \mathrm{q})$ $=q+1$. To obtain an upper bound on $\mathrm{N}_{\min }(\mathrm{k}, \mathrm{q})$ for larger values of k , we make use of the following result. Let C be a GDRS $(\mathrm{n}+1, \mathrm{k}$, $\alpha$, v) code defined by $\alpha=\left(\alpha_{0}, \alpha_{1}, \cdots, \alpha_{s-1}, \infty, \alpha_{s}, \cdots, \alpha_{n-1}\right)$ And $v=\left(v_{0}, v_{1}, \cdots, v_{s-1}, v_{\infty}, v_{s}, \cdots, v_{n-1}\right)$, with $k-1<\mathrm{s} \leq \mathrm{n}$. Then C has a generator matrix of the form $[I \bar{A}]$, where $\bar{A}=\left[\mathrm{A}_{0}, \mathrm{~A}_{1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{s-k}, \mathrm{~A}_{\infty}, \mathrm{A}_{s-k+1}, \cdots, \mathrm{~A}_{\mathrm{n}-\mathrm{k}+1}\right]$ is a $\mathrm{k} \times(\mathrm{n}+1-\mathrm{k})$ GEC matrix obtained from
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