

About Reed-Muller codes $RM_q(2, 2)$

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Main Result: Explicit formulas for the higher weight spectra of $\text{RM}_q(2, 2)$.

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Higher weight spectra of $\text{RM}_q(2, 2)$ when $q = 5, 4, 3, 2$

- For $\text{RM}_5(2, 2)$, the same formulas (as in the case $q \geq 7$) work for all $w \neq q^2 - q + 1 = q^2 - 4 = 21$, and $A_{21}^{(1)} = 1500$, $A_{21}^{(2)} = 6500$ and $A_{21}^{(r)} = 0$ for $r = 3, 4, 5, 6$.
- For $\text{RM}_4(2, 2)$, the same formulas work for all $w \neq q^2 - q = q^2 - 4 = 12$ and $w \neq q^2 - q + 1 = q^2 - 3 = 13$. Moreover, $A_{12}^{(1)} = 280$, $A_{12}^{(2)} = 1020$, $A_{12}^{(3)} = 20$, and $A_{12}^{(r)} = 0$ for $r = 4, 5, 6$. Furthermore, $A_{13}^{(1)} = 480$, $A_{13}^{(2)} = 5280$, $A_{13}^{(3)} = 480$, and $A_{13}^{(r)} = 0$ for $r = 4, 5, 6$.
- For $\text{RM}_3(2, 2)$, the same formulas work for all $w \neq q^2 - q - 1 = q^2 - 4 = 5$, $w \neq q^2 - q = q^2 - 3 = 6$, and $w \neq q^2 - q + 1 = q^2 - 2 = 7$. $A_5^{(1)} = 54$, and $A_5^{(2)} = 126$, and $A_5^{(r)} = 0$, for $r = 3, 4, 5, 6$. Furthermore $A_6^{(1)} = 96$, and $A_6^{(2)} = 588$, and $A_6^{(3)} = 84$, and $A_6^{(r)} = 0$, for $r = 4, 5, 6$, and $A_7^{(1)} = 108$, and $A_7^{(2)} = 2160$, and $A_7^{(3)} = 1188$, and $A_7^{(r)} = 0$, for $r = 4, 5, 6$.
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- Use results of **Helleseth–Kløve–Mykkeltveit (1977)** and **Jurrius (2012)** that relate the higher weight spectra with generalized weight polynomials:

$$P_w(q^e) = \sum_{r=0}^e A_w^{(r)} \prod_{i=0}^{r-1} (q^e - q^i) \quad \text{for } e \geq 0 \text{ and } 0 \leq w \leq n.$$

Review of Matroids and Betti numbers

Definition

Let E be a finite set. A **finite matroid** (or simply, **matroid**) on E is a pair (E, \mathcal{I}) where \mathcal{I} is a family of subsets of E with the following properties:

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- The i -th **generalized null space** of \mathcal{M} is

$$N_i := \{\sigma \subseteq E : n(\sigma) = i\} \quad \text{for } i = 0, \dots, n(E).$$

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- R_C is Cohen-Macaulay and $\dim(R_C) = n - k$.
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Problem for Brave People: Do this for any $\text{RM}_q(r, m)$ and $\text{PRM}_q(r, m)$.

Thanks for your attention!

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