



# Quantum codes from constacyclic codes over $S_k$

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## Abstract

Let  $S_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^3 = u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$ , where  $1 \leq i, j \leq k$ ,  $q = p^m$ ,  $p$  is an odd prime. First, we define two new Gray maps  $\phi_k$  and  $\varphi_k$ , and study their Gray images. Further, we determine the structure of constacyclic codes and their dual codes, and give a necessary and sufficient conditions of constacyclic codes to contain their duals. Finally, we obtain some new quantum codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  by using CSS construction, and compare the constructed codes better than the existing literature.

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## 1 Introduction

In recent years, quantum theory and technology has become a popular research in the field of information, the research progress of some mathematical problems plays a key role in the study of quantum error correction problems. Calderbank et al. [1] gave a way to construct quantum error correcting codes from classical error correcting codes, constructing quantum error correcting codes is a systematic and effective mathematical method by using constacyclic codes. There are a lot of works about constacyclic codes over finite fields and finite rings [2–10] and many good quantum codes constructed by using cyclic codes over finite rings [11–14]. Currently, some authors have obtained quantum codes from constacyclic codes over finite non-chain ring. Wang et al. [15] studied quantum codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  from Hermitian dual-containing constacyclic codes over  $\mathbb{F}_{q^2} + v\mathbb{F}_{q^2}$ . Prakash et al. [16] obtained quantum codes from skew constacyclic codes over a class of non-chain rings  $R_{e,q} = \mathbb{F}_q[u] / \langle u^e - 1 \rangle$  by applying the CSS construction. Ashraf et al. [17] constructed quantum codes from  $\mathbb{F}_q R_1 R_2$ -cyclic codes and introduced a Gray map to find some new and better quantum codes over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Dertli and Cengellenmis [18] studied quantum codes from constacyclic codes over the finite ring  $u\mathbb{F}_p + v\mathbb{F}_p + uv\mathbb{F}_p$ , Islam and Prakash [19] constructed quantum codes from  $\lambda = (\lambda_1 + u\lambda_2 + v\lambda_3)$ -constacyclic codes over a class of finite commutative non-chain rings  $\mathbb{F}_q[u, v] / \langle u^2 - \gamma u, v^2 - \delta v, uv = vu = 0 \rangle$ .

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Due to the strong motivation discussed above, we construct some new quantum codes by studying the structure of constacyclic codes over a finite non-chain ring. The major two contributions of this paper are as follows.

1. In general, it is difficult to determine the structure of constacyclic codes over a finite non-chain ring, we study the structure of  $\lambda$ -constacyclic codes and their dual codes over the ring  $S_k$ , and give a necessary and sufficient conditions of dual-containing constacyclic codes.
2. As an application, we obtain some new quantum codes from constacyclic codes over  $S_k$  by using CSS construction and compare these codes better than the existing codes that appeared in some recent references.

## 2 Preliminaries

Let  $S_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^3 = u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$ , where  $q = p^m$  and  $p$  is an odd prime. The ring  $S_k$  is a commutative and Frobenius ring with identity but not local, and the cardinality of  $S_k$  is  $q^{(2k+1)}$ .

Let  $e_1 = \frac{u_1^2 + u_1}{2}, e_2 = \frac{u_2^2 - u_1}{2}, \dots, e_{2k-1} = \frac{u_k^2 + u_k}{2}, e_{2k} = \frac{u_k^2 - u_k}{2}, e_{2k+1} = 1 - u_1^2 - u_2^2 - \dots - u_k^2$ , where  $e_i e_j = 0$ , when  $i \neq j$ , and  $e_i^2 = e_i$ , when  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ , and  $1 = e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_{2k+1}$ . By the Chinese Remainder Theorem we can get that

$$S_k = e_1 S_k \oplus e_2 S_k \oplus \dots \oplus e_{2k+1} S_k.$$

$\forall r \in S_k$ ,  $r$  can be expressed uniquely as  $r = r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2 + \dots + r_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}$ , where  $r_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

By the definition above, it can be easily seen that  $S_k$  is a principal ideal ring but not a chain ring, which has  $2k+1$  maximal ideals. For any element  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \dots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$  of  $S_k$ ,  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \dots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$  is a unit if and only if  $\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots, \lambda_{2k+1}$  are units over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

If  $C$  is a code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then  $C$  is a subset of  $S_k^n$ .  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$  if and only if  $C$  is an  $S_k$ -submodule of  $S_k^n$ .

For any unit  $\lambda \in S_k$ , a code  $C$  is called a  $\lambda$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$  if and only if  $C$  is invariant under constacyclic shift operator  $\sigma_\lambda : S_k^n \rightarrow S_k^n$  by

$$\sigma_\lambda(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{n-1}) = (\lambda c_{n-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{n-2}).$$

When  $\lambda = 1$ ,  $C$  is a cyclic code, when  $\lambda = -1$ ,  $C$  is a negacyclic code.

If  $C$  is a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , the dual code of  $C$  is defined as

$$C^\perp = \{x \mid \forall y \in C, x \cdot y = 0\},$$

where  $x \cdot y = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} x_i y_i$ ,  $x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in S_k^n$ ,  $y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in S_k^n$ .

## 3 Gray maps

Let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix, such that  $AA^T = \lambda E_n$ , where  $A^T$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $A$ ,  $E_n$  is the identity matrix of order  $n$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ .

**Definition 1** We define a Gray map  $\phi_k : S_k \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{2k+1}$  by  $r \mapsto (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{2k+1})$ , where  $r = r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2 + \dots + r_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}$ .

And  $\phi_k$  can be expanded as:

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_k : S_k^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n} \\ (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) &\mapsto (a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A),\end{aligned}$$

where

$$a_j = a_{1,j}e_1 + a_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k, \quad j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1,$$

and

$$a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1.$$

When the Gray map is defined as  $\phi_k$ , the Gray weight of  $a \in S_k$  is defined as  $w_G(a) = w_H(\phi_k(a))$ , where  $w_H(\phi_k(a))$  denotes the Hamming weight of  $\phi_k(a)$ .

The Gray weight of a vector  $r = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in S_k^n$  is defined as  $w_G(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_G(x_i)$ , the Gray distance of  $x, y \in S_k^n$  is given by  $d_G(x, y) = w_G(x - y)$ , and the minimum Gray distance of  $C$  is defined as

$$d_G(C) = \min\{d_G(x - y), x, y \in C, x \neq y\}.$$

**Lemma 1**  $\phi_k$  is both a bijection and a distance preserving linear map from  $S_k^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}$ .

*Proof* Let  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in S_k^n$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in S_k^n$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $a_j = a_{1,j}e_1 + a_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $b_j = b_{1,j}e_1 + b_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + b_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1})$ ,  $b^{(i)} = (b_{i,0}, b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,n-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_k(a+b) &= \phi_k(a_0 + b_0, a_1 + b_1, \dots, a_{n-1} + b_{n-1}) \\ &= ((a^{(1)} + b^{(1)})A, (a^{(2)} + b^{(2)})A, \dots, (a^{(2k+1)} + b^{(2k+1)})A) \\ &= (a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A) + (b^{(1)}A, b^{(2)}A, \dots, b^{(2k+1)}A) \\ &= \phi_k(a) + \phi_k(b), \\ \phi_k(la) &= \phi_k(la_0, la_1, \dots, la_{n-1}) \\ &= (la_0A, la_1A, \dots, la_{n-1}A) \\ &= l(a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A) \\ &= l\phi_k(a).\end{aligned}$$

So  $\phi_k$  is linear.

$\forall a, b \in S_k^n$ , suppose  $\phi_k(a) = \phi_k(b)$ , then

$$(a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A) = (b^{(1)}A, b^{(2)}A, \dots, b^{(2k+1)}A).$$

Because  $A$  is an invertible matrix, we have

$$(a^{(1)}, a^{(2)}, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}) = (b^{(1)}, b^{(2)}, \dots, b^{(2k+1)}),$$

so  $a = b$ ,  $\phi_k$  is an injection.

As

$$|S_k^n| = |\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}| = q^{(2k+1)n},$$

so  $\phi_k$  is a bijection.

$\forall a, b \in S_k^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} a - b &= (a_0 - b_0, a_1 - b_1, \dots, a_{n-1} - b_{n-1}), \\ \phi_k(a - b) &= ((a^{(1)} - b^{(1)})A, (a^{(2)} - b^{(2)})A, \dots, (a^{(2k+1)} - b^{(2k+1)})A) = \phi_k(a) - \phi_k(b), \\ d_G(a, b) &= w_G(a - b) = w_H(\phi_k(a - b)) = w_H(\phi_k(a) - \phi_k(b)) = d_H(\phi_k(a), \phi_k(b)). \end{aligned}$$

So  $\phi_k$  is a distance preserving map from  $S_k^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}$ .  $\square$

By Lemma 1 and the definition of  $\phi_k$ , we can have the following lemma.

**Lemma 2** *Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k^n$  and the minimal Gray distance of  $C$  is  $d$ , then  $\phi_k(C)$  is a  $[(2k+1)n, l, d]$  linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $l = \log_q |C|$ .*

Let  $B$  be a  $(2k+1) \times (2k+1)$  matrix, such that  $BB^T = \lambda E_{2k+1}$ , where  $B^T$  denotes the transpose of the matrix  $B$ ,  $E_{2k+1}$  is the identity matrix of order  $2k+1$ ,  $\lambda \in \mathbb{F}_q$  and  $\lambda \neq 0$ .  $\forall r = r_1 e_1 + r_2 e_2 + \dots + r_{2k+1} e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ , the vector form of  $r$  is written as  $r = (r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{2k+1})$ .

**Definition 2** We define a Gray map  $\varphi_k : S_k \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{2k+1}$  by  $r \mapsto rB$ .

And  $\varphi_k$  can be expanded as

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k : S_k^n &\rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n} \\ (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) &\mapsto (a_0 B, a_1 B, \dots, a_{n-1} B), \end{aligned}$$

where  $a_i = a_{1,i} e_1 + a_{2,i} e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,i} e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

When the Gray map is defined as  $\varphi_k$ , the Gray weight of  $a \in S_k$  is defined as  $w_G(a) = w_H(\varphi_k(a))$ , where  $w_H(\varphi_k(a))$  denotes the Hamming weight of  $\varphi_k(a)$ .

The Gray weight of a vector  $r = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) \in S_k^n$  is defined as  $w_G(r) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_G(x_i)$ , the Gray distance of  $x, y \in S_k^n$  is given by  $d_G(x, y) = w_G(x - y)$ , and the minimum Gray distance of  $C$  is defined as

$$d_G(C) = \min\{d_G(x - y), x, y \in C, x \neq y\}.$$

**Lemma 3**  $\varphi_k$  is both a bijection and a distance preserving linear map from  $S_k^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}$ .

*Proof* Let  $a, b \in S_k^n$ , where  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1})$ ,  $l \in \mathbb{F}_q$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_k(a+b) &= \varphi_k(a_0+b_0, a_1+b_1, \dots, a_{n-1}+b_{n-1}) \\ &= ((a_0+b_0)B, (a_1+b_1)B, \dots, (a_{n-1}+b_{n-1})B) \\ &= (a_0B, a_1B, \dots, a_{n-1}B) + (b_0B, b_1B, \dots, b_{n-1}B) \\ &= \varphi_k(a) + \varphi_k(b), \\ \varphi_k(la) &= \varphi_k(la_0, la_1, \dots, la_{n-1}) = (la_0B, la_1B, \dots, la_{n-1}B) \\ &= l(a_0B, a_1B, \dots, a_{n-1}B) \\ &= l\varphi_k(a).\end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi_k$  is linear.

$\forall a, b \in S_k^n$ , suppose  $\varphi_k(a) = \varphi_k(b)$ , then

$$(a_0B, a_1B, \dots, a_{n-1}B) = (b_0B, b_1B, \dots, b_{n-1}B).$$

Because  $B$  is an invertible matrix, we have  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) = b$ ,  $\varphi_k$  is an injection.

As

$$|S_k^n| = |\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}| = q^{(2k+1)n},$$

so  $\varphi_k$  is a bijection.

$\forall a, b \in S_k^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}a-b &= (a_0-b_0, a_1-b_1, \dots, a_{n-1}-b_{n-1}), \\ \varphi_k(a-b) &= ((a_0-b_0)B, (a_1-b_1)B, \dots, (a_{n-1}-b_{n-1})B) = \varphi_k(a) - \varphi_k(b), \\ d_G(a, b) &= w_G(a-b) = w_H(\varphi_k(a-b)) = w_H(\varphi_k(a) - \varphi_k(b)) = d_H(\varphi_k(a), \varphi_k(b)).\end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi_k$  is a distance preserving map from  $S_k^n$  to  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2k+1)n}$ . □

By Lemma 3 and the definition of  $\varphi_k$ , we can have the following lemma.

**Lemma 4** *Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k^n$  and the minimal Gray distance of  $C$  is  $d$ , then  $\varphi_k(C)$  is a  $[(2k+1)n, l, d]$  linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $l = \log_q |C|$ .*

#### 4 Constacyclic codes over $S_k$

Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$  and define

$$C_j = \left\{ x_j \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \mid \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} x_i e_i \in C, x_i \in \mathbb{F}_q^n \right\}, \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1,$$

then,  $C_1, C_2, \dots, C_{2k+1}$  are linear codes of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Moreover, the linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $S_k$  can be represented as

$$C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j.$$

Let  $G_j$  be the Generator matrices of  $C_j$ , then the Generator matrix of  $C$  is

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} e_1 G_1 \\ e_2 G_2 \\ \dots \\ e_{2k+1} G_{2k+1} \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Definition 3** We define a quasi-cyclic shift on  $(\mathbb{F}_q^n)^{2k+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi_{2k+1}(a_{1,0}, a_{1,1} \dots, a_{1,n-1}, a_{2,0}, a_{2,1} \dots, a_{2,n-1}, \\ & \dots, a_{2k+1,0}, a_{2k+1,1} \dots, a_{2k+1,n-1}) \\ &= (\sigma(a_{1,0}, a_{1,1} \dots, a_{1,n-1}), \sigma(a_{2,0}, a_{2,1} \dots, a_{2,n-1}), \\ & \dots, \sigma(a_{2k+1,0}, a_{2k+1,1} \dots, a_{2k+1,n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

**Proposition 1** Let  $\sigma$  be the cyclic shift operator on  $S_k^n$ , let  $\psi_{2k+1}$  be the quasi-cyclic shift on  $(\mathbb{F}_q^n)^{2k+1}$  defined as above. Then  $\phi_k \sigma = \psi_{2k+1} \phi_k$ .

*Proof* Let  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in S_k^n$ , where  $a_j = a_{1,j}e_1 + a_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) &= (a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A), \\ \sigma(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) &= (a_{n-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{n-2}). \end{aligned}$$

If we apply  $\phi_k$ , we can have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k(\sigma(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})) &= \phi_k(a_{n-1}, a_0, \dots, a_{n-2}) \\ &= ((a_{1,n-1}, a_{1,0}, \dots, a_{1,n-2})A, (a_{2,n-1}, a_{2,0}, \dots, a_{2,n-2})A, \\ & \dots, (a_{2k+1,n-1}, a_{2k+1,0}, \dots, a_{2k+1,n-2})A). \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} \psi_{2k+1}(\phi_k(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})) &= \psi_{2k+1}(a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A) \\ &= (\sigma(a^{(1)}A), \sigma(a^{(2)}A), \dots, \sigma(a^{(2k+1)}A)) \\ &= ((a_{1,n-1}, a_{1,0}, \dots, a_{1,n-2})A, \\ & (a_{2,n-1}, a_{2,0}, \dots, a_{2,n-2})A, \\ & \dots, (a_{2k+1,n-1}, a_{2k+1,0}, \dots, a_{2k+1,n-2})A) \\ &= \phi_k(\sigma(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})). \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\phi_k \sigma = \psi_{2k+1} \phi_k$ . □

**Proposition 2** Let  $\sigma$  and  $\psi_{2k+1}$  be defined as above, then a linear code  $C$  of length  $n$  over  $S_k$  is a cyclic code if and only if  $\phi_k(C)$  is a quasi cyclic code of index  $2k+1$  of length  $(2k+1)n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

*Proof* If  $C$  is a cyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ . Then  $\sigma(C) = C$ . We can have  $\phi_k(\sigma(C)) = \phi_k(C)$ .

By Proposition 1,

$$\phi_k(\sigma(C)) = \psi_{2k+1}(\phi_k(C)) = \phi_k(C).$$

So,  $\phi_k(C)$  is a quasi-cyclic code of index  $2k+1$  of length  $(2k+1)n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Conversely, suppose  $\phi_k(C)$  is a quasi-cyclic code of index  $2k+1$  of length  $(2k+1)n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , then  $\psi_{2k+1}(\phi_k(C)) = \phi_k(C)$ .

By Proposition 1, we have  $\psi_{2k+1}(\phi_k(C)) = \phi_k(\sigma(C)) = \phi_k(C)$ .

Since  $\phi_k$  is a bijective linear map, so  $\sigma(C) = C$ . □

**Theorem 1** Let  $\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}$  be a unit of  $S_k$ . Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then  $C$  is a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code over  $S_k$  if and only if  $C_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof*  $\forall c_i = (c_{i,0}, c_{i,1}, \dots, c_{i,n-1}) \in C_i$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

$$c = e_1 c_1 + e_2 c_2 + \cdots + e_{2k+1} c_{2k+1} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,0}, \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,1}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,n-1} \right) \in C.$$

$\forall \lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ , it's easy to know that  $\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1} \in S_k$  is a unit if and only if  $\lambda_i \neq 0$ , that is,  $\lambda_i$  is a unit over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

If  $C_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ , then

$$\sigma_{\lambda_i}(c_i) = \sigma_{\lambda_i}(c_{i,0}, c_{i,1}, \dots, c_{i,n-1}) = (\lambda_i c_{i,n-1}, c_{i,0}, \dots, c_{i,n-2}) \in C_i,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sigma_{\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}}(c) \\ &= \left( (\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}) \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,n-1}, \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,0}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} e_i c_{i,n-2} \right) \\ &= e_1 \sigma_{\lambda_1}(c_1) + e_2 \sigma_{\lambda_2}(c_2) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} \sigma_{\lambda_{2k+1}}(c_{2k+1}) \in C. \end{aligned}$$

So  $C$  is a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code over  $S_k$ .

Conversely, if  $C$  is a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code over  $S_k$ , we have

$$\sigma_{\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}}(c) = e_1 \sigma_{\lambda_1}(c_1) + e_2 \sigma_{\lambda_2}(c_2) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} \sigma_{\lambda_{2k+1}}(c_{2k+1}) \in C.$$

So  $\sigma_{\lambda_i}(c_i) \in C_i$ ,  $C_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ . □

**Theorem 2** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then  $C = \langle e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x) \rangle$ , where  $g_i$  is the generator polynomial of  $C_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof* Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic  $n$  over  $S_k$ , by Theorem 1, we get that  $C_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Because the generator polynomial of  $C_i$  is  $g_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ . Then

$$C = \langle e_1 g_1(x), e_2 g_2(x), \dots, e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x) \rangle.$$

Let  $C' = \langle e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x) \rangle$ . So  $C' \subseteq C$ .

Because  $e_i [e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x)] = e_i g_i(x)$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ . So  $C \subseteq C'$ .

So, we have  $C = C'$ , and the generator polynomial of  $C$  is

$$g(x) = e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x).$$

Because  $g_i(x)$  is the generator polynomial of  $C_i$ ,  $g_i$  divides  $x^n - \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ . Let  $g_i(x) f_i(x) = x^n - \lambda_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Then

$$\begin{aligned} & [e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x)] [e_1 f_1(x) + e_2 f_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}(x)] \\ &= \lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}. \end{aligned}$$

So

$$e_1 g_1(x) + e_2 g_2(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} g_{2k+1}(x) \mid x^n - (\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1}). \quad \square$$

**Theorem 3** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , let  $C_j^\perp$  be the dual code of  $C_j$ , then  $C^\perp = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j^\perp$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof* Let  $\tilde{C} = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j^\perp$ ,  $\forall x = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j x_j \in C$ ,  $\forall \tilde{x} = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j \tilde{x}_j \in \tilde{C}$ , where  $x_j \in C_j$ ,  $\tilde{x}_j \in C_j^\perp$ .

Since  $x_j \tilde{x}_j = 0$ , it follows that  $x \cdot \tilde{x} = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} (x_j \tilde{x}_j) e_j = 0$ .

So,  $\tilde{C} \subseteq C^\perp$ .

Since  $|C| |C^\perp| = |S_k|^n$ , we have

$$|\tilde{C}| = \prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} |C_j^\perp| = \prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} \frac{q^n}{|C_j|} = \frac{|S_k|^n}{|C|} = |C^\perp|.$$

So

$$C^\perp = \tilde{C}. \quad \square$$

**Theorem 4** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then

$$C^\perp = \langle e_1 f_1^*(x) + e_2 f_2^*(x) + \cdots + e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}^*(x) \rangle, \quad |C^\perp| = q^{(\sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \deg(g_i))},$$



$f_i^*(x)$  is the reciprocal polynomial of  $f_i(x) = (x^n - \lambda_i)/g_i(x)$  which is defined as  $f_i^*(x) = x^{\deg(f_i)}f_i(x^{-1})$ , where  $g_i$  is the generator polynomial of  $C_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof* Let  $C_i = \langle g_i(x) \rangle$  be a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .  $\forall x = (x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{n-1}) \in C_i^\perp$ ,  $\forall y = (y_0, y_1, \dots, y_{n-1}) \in C_i$ , then  $\sigma_{\lambda_i}^{n-1}(y) = (\lambda_i y_1, \lambda_i y_2, \dots, \lambda_i y_{n-1}, y_0) \in C_i$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= x \cdot \sigma_{\lambda_i}^{n-1}(y) = \lambda_i x_0 y_1 + \lambda_i x_1 y_2 + \dots + \lambda_i x_{n-2} y_{n-1} + x_{n-1} y_0 \\ &= \lambda_i (x_0 y_1 + x_1 y_2 + \dots + x_{n-2} y_{n-1} + \lambda_i^{-1} x_{n-1} y_0) \\ &= \lambda_i \sigma_{\lambda_i^{-1}}(x) \cdot y. \end{aligned}$$

So,  $\sigma_{\lambda_i^{-1}}(x) \in C_i^\perp$ ,  $C_i^\perp$  is a  $\lambda_i^{-1}$ -constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Let  $\tilde{C}_i = \langle f_i^*(x) \rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f_i^*(x)g_i^*(x) &= x^{\deg(f_i)}f_i(x^{-1})x^{\deg(g_i)}g_i(x^{-1}) \\ &= x^{\deg(f_i)}(x^n - \lambda_i)/g_i(x^{-1})x^{\deg(g_i)}g_i(x^{-1}) \\ &= 1 - x^n \lambda_i = -\lambda_i(x^n - \lambda_i^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

we have  $f_i^*(x) \mid (x^n - \lambda_i^{-1})$ , so  $\tilde{C}_i \subseteq C_i^\perp$ .

Because  $|\tilde{C}_i| = q^{n-\deg f_i^*} = q^{\deg g_i} = \frac{q^n}{|C_i|} = |C_i^\perp|$ , we have  $C_i^\perp = \tilde{C}_i = \langle f_i^*(x) \rangle$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

By Theorem 3,  $C^\perp = \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j^\perp$ , we have  $|C^\perp| = \prod_{j=1}^{2k+1} |C_j^\perp| = q^{(\sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} \deg(g_i))}$ , and we can get the form of  $C^\perp$  is

$$C^\perp = \langle e_1 f_1^*(x), e_2 f_2^*(x), \dots, e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}^*(x) \rangle.$$

Let  $\tilde{C}' = \langle e_1 f_1^*(x) + e_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}^*(x) \rangle$ . Then  $\tilde{C}' \subseteq C^\perp$ .

Because

$$e_i [e_1 f_1^*(x), e_2 f_2^*(x), \dots, e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}^*(x)] = e_i f_i^*(x), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1.$$

So  $C^\perp \subseteq \tilde{C}'$ .

We have

$$C^\perp = \tilde{C}' = \langle e_1 f_1^*(x) + e_2 f_2^*(x) + \dots + e_{2k+1} f_{2k+1}^*(x) \rangle. \quad \square$$

## 5 Quantum codes from constacyclic codes over $S_k$

**Theorem 5** Let  $C$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then

$$\phi_k(C)^\perp = \phi_k(C^\perp), \quad \varphi_k(C)^\perp = \varphi_k(C^\perp).$$

*Proof* Let  $a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}) \in C$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in C^\perp$ , where  $a_j = a_{1,j}e_1 + a_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1}$ ,  $b_j = b_{1,j}e_1 + b_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + b_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1})$ ,  $b^{(i)} = (b_{i,0}, b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,n-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Then

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j b_j = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a_{i,j} b_{i,j} e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} e_i = 0.$$

So

$$a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1.$$

Since

$$\phi_k(a) = (a^{(1)}A, a^{(2)}A, \dots, a^{(2k+1)}A), \quad \phi_k(b) = (b^{(1)}A, b^{(2)}A, \dots, b^{(2k+1)}A).$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_k(a) \cdot \phi_k(b) &= \phi_k(a) \phi_k(b)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} A A^T b^{(i)T} = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} \lambda E_n b^{(i)T} \\ &= \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\phi_k(C^\perp) \subseteq \phi_k(C)^\perp.$$

As  $\phi_k$  is a bijection, and

$$|C| = |\phi_k(C)|.$$

Then

$$|\phi_k(C^\perp)| = \frac{q^{(2k+1)n}}{|C|} = \frac{q^{(2k+1)n}}{|\phi_k(C)|} = |\phi_k(C)^\perp|.$$

So

$$\phi_k(C)^\perp = \phi_k(C^\perp).$$

Let

$$c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in C, \quad d = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in C^\perp,$$

then

$$\varphi_k(c) = (c_1B, c_2B, \dots, c_nB), \quad \varphi_k(d) = (d_1B, d_2B, \dots, d_nB).$$

The vector forms of  $c_i$  and  $d_i$  are respectively

$$c_i = (c_{i1}, c_{i2}, \dots, c_{i(2k+1)}), \quad d_i = (d_{i1}, d_{i2}, \dots, d_{i(2k+1)}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi_k(c) \cdot \varphi_k(d) &= \varphi_k(c) \varphi_k(d)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i B B^T d_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \lambda E_{2k+1} d_i^T = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n c_i d_i^T = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So we have

$$\varphi_k(C^\perp) \subseteq \varphi_k(C)^\perp.$$

As  $\varphi_k$  is a bijection, and

$$|C| = |\varphi_k(C)|.$$

Then

$$|\varphi_k(C^\perp)| = \frac{q^{(2k+1)n}}{|C|} = \frac{q^{(2k+1)n}}{|\varphi_k(C)|} = |\varphi_k(C)^\perp|.$$

Therefore,

$$\varphi_k(C)^\perp = \varphi_k(C^\perp). \quad \square$$

**Theorem 6** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a linear code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , then  $C$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $S_k$  if and only if  $C_j$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , if  $C$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $S_k$ , then  $\phi_k(C)$  and  $\varphi_k(C)$  are self-orthogonal codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof* By using Theorem 1, we have  $C \subseteq C^\perp$  if and only if  $C_j \subseteq C_j^\perp$ , so  $C$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $S_k$  if and only if  $C_j$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , where  $j = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Let  $C$  be a self-orthogonal code,  $\forall a = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1})$ ,  $b = (b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{n-1}) \in C$ ,  $a_j = a_{1,j}e_1 + a_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + a_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1}$ ,  $b_j = b_{1,j}e_1 + b_{2,j}e_2 + \dots + b_{2k+1,j}e_{2k+1} \in S_k$ ,  $j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ ,  $a^{(i)} = (a_{i,0}, a_{i,1}, \dots, a_{i,n-1})$ ,  $b^{(i)} = (b_{i,0}, b_{i,1}, \dots, b_{i,n-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

Then

$$a \cdot b = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} a_j b_j = \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a_{i,j} b_{i,j} e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} e_i = 0.$$

So,

$$a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1.$$

It follows that

$$\begin{aligned}\phi_k(a) \cdot \phi_k(b) &= \phi_k(a)\phi_k(b)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} A A^T b^{(i)T} = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} \lambda E_n b^{(i)T} = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} a^{(i)} b^{(i)T} = 0.\end{aligned}$$

So  $\phi_k(C)$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ .

Let  $c = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) \in C$ ,  $d = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n) \in C$ , then

$$\varphi_k(c) = (c_1 B, c_2 B, \dots, c_n B), \quad \varphi_k(d) = (d_1 B, d_2 B, \dots, d_n B).$$

$$c_i = c_{i,1}e_1 + c_{i,2}e_2 + \dots + c_{i,2k+1}e_{2k+1} \in S_k,$$

$$d_i = d_{i,1}e_1 + d_{i,2}e_2 + \dots + d_{i,2k+1}e_{2k+1} \in S_k,$$

where  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

The vector forms of  $c_i$  and  $d_i$  are respectively

$$c_i = (c_{i,1}, c_{i,2}, \dots, c_{i,2k+1}), \quad d_i = (d_{i,1}, d_{i,2}, \dots, d_{i,2k+1}), \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

Since  $C$  is a self-orthogonal code,

$$c \cdot d = \sum_{j=1}^n c_j d_j = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^{2k+1} c_{i,j} d_{i,j} e_i = \sum_{i=1}^{2k+1} c_i d_i^T e_i = 0.$$

So,

$$c_i d_i^T = 0, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1.$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi_k(c) \cdot \varphi_k(d) &= \varphi_k(c)\varphi_k(d)^T \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n c_i B B^T d_i^T = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i \lambda E_{2k+1} d_i^T = \lambda \sum_{i=1}^n c_i d_i^T = 0.\end{aligned}$$

So  $\varphi_k(C)$  is a self-orthogonal code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . □

**Lemma 5** Let  $C$  be a constacyclic code over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , the generator polynomial is  $g(x)$ . Then,  $C$  contains its dual code if and only if  $x^n - \lambda \equiv 0 \pmod{g(x)g^*(x)}$ , where  $g^*(x)$  is the reciprocal polynomial of  $g(x)$ ,  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .

*Proof* Let  $C^\perp = \langle f^*(x) \rangle$  be the dual code of  $C$ , where  $f(x) = (x^n - \lambda)/g(x)$ ,  $\lambda = \pm 1$ .  $C$  contains its dual code if and only if there exists  $h(x) \in \mathbb{F}_q[x]$ , such that  $f^*(x) = g(x)h(x)$  if and only if  $g^*(x)g(x) = \frac{\lambda(x^n - \lambda^{-1})}{f^*(x)}g(x) = \frac{\lambda(x^n - \lambda^{-1})}{g(x)h(x)}g(x) = \frac{\lambda(x^n - \lambda)}{h(x)}$  if and only if  $(x^n - \lambda) = \lambda^{-1}g^*(x)g(x)h(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{g(x)g^*(x)}$ . □

**Theorem 7** (CSS construction, [20]) Let  $C_1 = [n, k_1, d_1]_q$  and  $C_2 = [n, k_2, d_2]_q$  be linear codes over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , with  $C_2^\perp \subseteq C_1^\perp$ . Let  $d = \min(d_1, d_2)$ , then there exists a quantum error-correcting code  $C$  with parameters  $C = [[n, k_1 + k_2 - n, \geq d]]_q$ . In particular, if  $C_1^\perp \subseteq C_1$ , then there exists a quantum error-correcting code  $C = [[n, 2k_1 - n, \geq d_1]]_q$ .

**Theorem 8** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , where  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$  is a unit in  $S_k$ . Then  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  if and only if  $x^n - \lambda_i \equiv 0 \pmod{g_i(x) \tilde{g}_i(x)}$ , where  $g_i$  is the generator polynomial of  $C_i$ ,  $\tilde{g}_i(x) = \frac{1}{g_i(0)} g_i^*(x) = \frac{1}{g_i(0)} x^{\deg g_i} g_i(x^{-1})$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

*Proof* If  $x^n - \lambda_i \equiv 0 \pmod{g_i(x) \tilde{g}_i(x)}$ , by Lemma 5, we have  $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ , then  $e_i C_i^\perp \subseteq e_i C_i$ , so  $C^\perp = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j^\perp \subseteq \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j = C$ .

Conversely, let  $C^\perp \subseteq C$ , then  $C^\perp = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j^\perp \subseteq \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j = C$ , we have  $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$ , by Lemma 5, we have  $x^n - \lambda_i \equiv 0 \pmod{g_i(x) \tilde{g}_i(x)}$   $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .  $\square$

By using Lemma 5 and Theorem 8, we can have the following corollary.

**Corollary 1** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ , where  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$  is a unit in  $S_k$ . Then  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  if and only if  $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$ , where  $C_i$  is a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ .

By using Theorem 7 and Theorem 8 we can have the following theorems.

**Theorem 9** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ . Let  $C_i$  be a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$ , where  $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ , then  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  and there exists a quantum error-correcting code with parameters  $[[ (2k+1)n, 2l - (2k+1)n, \geq d ]]$ , where  $d$  is the minimum Gray weight of code  $C$ , and  $l$  is the dimension of the linear code  $\phi_k(C)$ .

**Theorem 10** Let  $C = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{2k+1} e_j C_j$  be a  $(\lambda_1 e_1 + \lambda_2 e_2 + \cdots + \lambda_{2k+1} e_{2k+1})$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $S_k$ . Let  $C_i$  be a  $\lambda_i$ -constacyclic code of length  $n$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ ,  $C_i^\perp \subseteq C_i$ , where  $\lambda_i = \pm 1$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, 2k+1$ , then  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  and there exists a quantum error-correcting code with parameters  $[[ (2k+1)n, 2l - (2k+1)n, \geq d ]]$ , where  $d$  is the minimum Gray weight of code  $C$ , and  $l$  is the dimension of the linear code  $\varphi_k(C)$ .

*Example 1* Let

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & 1 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 3 \end{bmatrix},$$

$$S_2 = \mathbb{F}_5[u_1, u_2] / \langle u_1^3 = u_1, u_2^3 = u_2, u_1 u_2 = u_2 u_1 = 0 \rangle, e_1 = \frac{u_1^2 + u_1}{2}, e_2 = \frac{u_1^2 - u_1}{2}, e_3 = \frac{u_2^2 + u_2}{2}, e_4 = \frac{u_2^2 - u_2}{2}, e_5 = 1 - u_1^2 - u_2^2, \text{ when } n = 30,$$

$$x^{30} + 1 = (x+2)^5 (x+3)^5 (x^2 + 2x + 4)^5 (x^2 + 3x + 4)^5,$$

$$x^{30} - 1 = (x+1)^5 (x+4)^5 (x^2 + x + 1)^5 (x^2 + 4x + 1)^5 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{F}_5(x).$$

Let  $C$  be a  $(1 - 2u_2^2)$ -constacyclic code of length 30 over  $S_2$  with generator polynomial  $e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x) + e_4g_4(x) + e_5g_5(x)$ , where  $g_1 = x + 1$ ,  $g_2 = x + 4$ ,  $g_3 = x + 2$ ,  $g_4 = x + 3$ ,  $g_5 = x + 1$ , then  $x^n - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_i(x)\tilde{g}_i(x)}$ , when  $i = 1, 2, 5$ ,  $x^n + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{g_i(x)\tilde{g}_i(x)}$ , when  $i = 3, 4$ . By using Theorem 8, we have  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  and  $\phi_2(C)$  is a linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_5$  with parameters  $[150, 145, 2]$ . By Theorem 9, we know that there is a quantum error correcting code with parameters  $[[150, 140, \geq 2]]_5$ .

*Example 2* Let

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix},$$

$S_2 = \mathbb{F}_7[u_1, u_2]/\langle u_1^3 = u_1, u_2^3 = u_2, u_1u_2 = u_2u_1 = 0 \rangle$ ,  $e_1 = \frac{u_1^2+u_1}{2}$ ,  $e_2 = \frac{u_1^2-u_1}{2}$ ,  $e_3 = \frac{u_2^2+u_2}{2}$ ,  $e_4 = \frac{u_2^2-u_2}{2}$ ,  $e_5 = 1 - u_1^2 - u_2^2$ , when  $n = 15$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} x^{15} - 1 &= (x+3)(x+5)(x+6)(x^4+x^3+x^2+x+1) \\ &\quad \times (x^4+2x^3+4x^2+x+2)(x^4+4x^3+2x^2+x+4), \\ x^{15} + 1 &= (x+1)(x+2)(x+4)(x^4+3x^3+2x^2+6x+4) \\ &\quad \times (x^4+5x^3+4x^2+6x+2)(x^4+6x^3+x^2+6x+1). \end{aligned}$$

Let  $C$  be a  $(1 - 2u_1^2 - u_2^2)$ -constacyclic code of length 15 over  $S_2$  with generator polynomial  $e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x) + e_4g_4(x) + e_5g_5(x)$ , where  $g_1 = x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 + 6x + 4$ ,  $g_2 = x^4 + 5x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x + 2$ ,  $g_3 = g_4 = x^4 + 6x^3 + x^2 + 6x + 1$ ,  $g_5 = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ . By using Theorem 8, we have  $C^\perp \subseteq C$  and  $\phi_2(C)$  is a linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_7$  with parameters  $[85, 65, 4]$ . By Theorem 10, we know that there is a quantum error correcting code with parameters  $[[85, 45, \geq 4]]_7$ .

*Example 3* Let

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix},$$

$n = 3$  and  $S_1 = \mathbb{F}_7[u_1]/\langle u_1^3 = u_1 \rangle$ ,  $e_1 = \frac{u_1^2+u_1}{2}$ ,  $e_2 = \frac{u_1^2-u_1}{2}$ ,  $e_3 = 1 - u_1^2$ ,  $x^3 + 1 = (x+1)(x+2)(x+4)$ ,  $x^3 - 1 = (x+3)(x+5)(x+6)$ .

Let  $C$  be a  $(2u_1^2 - 1)$ -constacyclic code of length 3 over  $S_1$  with generator polynomial  $e_1g_1(x) + e_2g_2(x) + e_3g_3(x)$ , where  $g_1 = x + 3$ ,  $g_2 = x + 5$ ,  $g_3 = x + 4$ . By Theorem 8, we have  $C^\perp \subseteq C$ , and  $\phi_1(C)$  is a linear code over  $\mathbb{F}_7$  with parameters  $[9, 6, 2]$ . By Theorem 9, we know that there is a quantum error correcting code with parameters  $[[9, 3, \geq 2]]_7$ .

In Table 1, we provide some new quantum codes  $[[n, l, d]]_q$  (in the sixth column) and compare the constructed codes  $[[n', l', d']]_q$  (in the seventh column) better (by means of larger code rate or larger distance) than the existing references [13, 16, 17]. Further, the

**Table 1** New Quantum codes over  $S_k$ 

$n$	$k$	$(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{2k+1})$	$\langle g_1(x), \dots, g_{2k+1}(x) \rangle$	$\varphi_k(C)$	$[[n, l, d]]_q$	$[[n', l', d']]_q$
8	1	(1, 1, -1)	(112, 112, 1022)	[24, 16, 3]	$[[24, 8, \geq 3]]_3$	$[[24, 8, 2]]_3$ [13]
24	1	(1, 1, 1)	(1101, 11, 11)	[72, 67, 3]	$[[72, 62, \geq 3]]_3$	$[[72, 48, 2]]_3$ [13]
26	1	(1, 1, 1)	(101102, 121, 121)	[78, 66, 4]	$[[78, 54, \geq 4]]_3$	$[[78, 48, 4]]_3$ [17]
12	1	(1, 1, 1)	(1111, 11, 11)	[36, 31, 4]	$[[36, 26, \geq 4]]_3$	$[[36, 24, 3]]_3$ [17]
28	1	(1, 1, 1)	(1111, 11, 11)	[84, 79, 4]	$[[84, 75, \geq 4]]_7$	$[[84, 72, 3]]_7$ [17]
16	1	(1, 1, 1)	$(1\omega^2\omega^3\omega^5, 1\omega^2, 1\omega^2)$	[48, 43, 3]	$[[48, 38, \geq 3]]_9$	$[[48, 30, 3]]_9$ [16]

first column represents the length  $n$ , the second column is parameter  $k$  for  $S_k$ , the third column gives the value of units  $(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_{2k+1})$ , the fourth column gives the generator polynomials  $\langle g_1(x), \dots, g_{2k+1}(x) \rangle$ , where  $g_i(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  is denoted by  $a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_1 a_0$ , e.g., 112 represents the polynomial  $x^2 + x + 2$ , the fifth column gives parameters of  $\varphi_k(C)$ .

## 6 Conclusion

In this paper, we study the structure of constacyclic codes over the non-chain rings  $S_k = \mathbb{F}_q[u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k] / \langle u_i^3 = u_i, u_i u_j = u_j u_i = 0 \rangle$ , and apply the CSS construction on Gray images of dual containing constacyclic codes to obtain some new quantum codes improving the existing codes that appeared in some recent references.

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