

# Linear codes invariant with respect to generalized shift operators

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**Abstract.** The purpose of this paper is to introduce new linear codes with generalized symmetry. We extend cyclic and group codes in the following way. We introduce codes, invariant with respect to a family of generalized shift operators (GSO). In particular case when this family is a group (cyclic or Abelian), these codes are ordinary cyclic and group codes. They are invariant with respect to this group. We deal with GSO-invariant codes with fast code and encode procedures based on fast generalized Fourier transforms. The hope is that these more general structures will lead to larger classes of useful codes “good” properties.

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## 1. Introduction

Let  $\mathbf{F}$  be a finite field  $\mathbf{F}$ . A *block code* of length  $N$  is a subset  $\mathbf{C}$  of  $\mathbf{F}^N$ , i.e., a collection of  $N$  length vectors with components from  $\mathbf{F}$ . Most of the literature on block codes pertains to block codes over finite fields  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{GF}(q)$  or finite rings  $\mathbf{F} = \mathbf{GR}(q)$ , where  $q = p^s$  and  $p$  is a prime. Although any subset forms a code, there are codes with more structure that are very useful and compose the majority of block codes in practice. A *linear block code* is a block code that is an  $\mathbf{F}$ -subspace of the  $\mathbf{F}$ -vector space  $\mathbf{F}^N$ . In addition to linearity, there are many structural properties that make for good codes. One of the most prevalent such structural properties is symmetry of code, that is described as invariance with respect to a group. Invariance (code symmetry), in many circumstances, leads to some nice encoding and decoding algorithms yet it is a very simple structure to describe. For these reasons, it is one of the most studied structural properties in coding theory.

**Definition 1** [1,2]. A *cyclic block code*  $\mathbf{C} \subset \mathbf{F}^N$  of length  $N$  over a finite field  $\mathbf{F}$  is a linear block code with the property that if  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2}, c_{N-1}) \in \mathbf{C}$  then  $(c_{N-1}, c_0, \dots, c_{N-3}, c_{N-2}) \in \mathbf{C}$ .

It means that group of code symmetry of a cyclic code  $\mathbf{C} \subset \mathbf{F}^N$  is  $\mathbf{Symm}\{\mathbf{C}\} \approx \mathbf{Z}_N$ . Cyclic codes are studied from many points of view. One way is to view them as ideals of an algebra. Define  $\rho: \mathbf{F}^N \rightarrow \mathbf{F}[x]/\langle x^N - 1 \rangle$  via

$$\rho: (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2}, c_{N-1}) \mapsto c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{N-2}x^{N-2} + c_{N-1}x^{N-1}$$

It can be shown that  $\rho$  is an isomorphism. Let  $\mathbf{C} \subset \mathbf{F}^N$  be cyclic block code. Then  $\rho(\mathbf{C})$  is a subspace of the  $\mathbf{F}$ -vectorspace  $\mathbf{F}[x]/\langle x^N - 1 \rangle$ . Now the added condition of being cyclic translates to the following: if  $\rho(c) \in \rho(\mathbf{C})$  then

$$\begin{aligned} x \cdot \rho(c) &= x \cdot (c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_{N-2}x^{N-2} + c_{N-1}x^{N-1}) = \\ &= (c_{N-1} + c_0x + c_1x^2 + \dots + c_{N-2}x^{N-1}) \in \rho(\mathbf{C}). \end{aligned}$$

With this extra condition,  $\rho(\mathbf{C}) \triangleleft \mathbf{F}[x]/\langle x^N - 1 \rangle$ .

There are many generalizations of cyclic codes, some of which may be viewed as ideals of particular rings [3]:

- negacyclic(skew-cyclic) codes[4-11]- ideal of the ring  $Alg^N(\mathbf{F})[x]/\langle x^N + 1 \rangle$ ,
- constacyclic codes [12]- ideal of the ring  $Alg^N(\mathbf{F})[x]/\langle x^N - \lambda \rangle$ , where  $\lambda \in Alg(\mathbf{F})$ ,
- polycyclic codes [3]- ideal of the ring  $Alg^N(\mathbf{F})[x]/\langle f(x) \rangle$ , where  $f(x) \in Alg(\mathbf{F})[x]$ .

The terminology of the cyclic codes theory may be extended to define a larger family of codes. We start by introducing vector-induced clockwise and counterclockwise shifts. Given a vector  $\mathbf{s} = (s_0, s_1, \dots, s_{N-2}, s_{N-1}) \in \mathbf{F}^N$ , the  $\mathbf{s}$ -clockwise and  $\mathbf{s}$ -counterclockwise shifts of codeword  $\mathbf{C} = (c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2}, c_{N-1}) \in \mathbf{F}^N$  are the following correspondences

$$\begin{aligned} R^s \mathbf{c} &= R^s(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) = (0, c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-2}) + c_{N-1}(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N-1}) = \\ &= (c_{N-1}s_0, c_0 + s_1c_{N-1}, c_1 + s_2c_{N-1}, \dots, c_{N-2} + s_{N-1}c_{N-1}), \\ L^s \mathbf{c} &= L^s(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1}) = (c_1, c_2, \dots, c_{N-1}, 0) + c_0(s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots, s_{N-1}) = \\ &= (c_1 + s_0c_0, c_2 + s_1c_0, \dots, c_{N-1} + s_{N-2}c_0, s_{N-1}c_0). \end{aligned}$$

Dyadic codes are defined only for length  $N$ , a power of 2, say  $N = 2^n$ , as follows.

**Definition 2.** For any integer  $i \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1\}$ , let  $i = (i_{n-1}, i_{n-2}, \dots, i_1, i_0)$ . Denote its radix-2 representation, where

$$i = i_{n-1}2^{n-1} + i_{n-2}2^{n-2} + \dots + i_12^1 + i_02^0 = \sum_{l=0}^{n-1} i_l 2^l$$

and  $i_l \in \{0, 1\}$  for  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . Dyadic addition of two numbers  $i$  and  $j$  denoted by  $i \oplus_2 j$  is defined by

$$\begin{aligned} k &= i \oplus_2 j = (i_{n-1}, i_{n-2}, \dots, i_1, i_0) \oplus_2 (j_{n-1}, j_{n-2}, \dots, j_1, j_0) = \\ &= (i_{n-1} \oplus j_{n-1}, i_{n-2} \oplus j_{n-2}, \dots, i_1 \oplus j_1, i_0 \oplus j_0) = (k_{n-1}, k_{n-2}, \dots, k_1, k_0) \end{aligned}$$

where  $k_l = (i_l \oplus j_l) \bmod 2$ , for  $l = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . The dyadic shift,  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ , of a vector  $(c_0, c_1, \dots, c_{N-1})$  is the vector  $(c_{0 \oplus_2 m}, c_{1 \oplus_2 m}, \dots, c_{(N-1) \oplus_2 m})$ .

**Definition 3.** Linear code of length  $N = 2^n$  is called dyadic code if the  $m$ -dyadic shift of every codeword is also a codeword for all  $m = 0, 1, 2, \dots, N-1$ .

The class of dyadic codes is a special case of abelian group codes [13, 14-16] which is briefly discussed in the next section.

In this paper, we would like to introduce new linear codes with generalized symmetry. We extend cyclic and group codes in the following way. We introduce codes, invariant with respect to a family of generalized shift operators (GSO). In particular case when this family is a group (cyclic or Abelian), these codes are ordinary cyclic and group codes. They are invariant with respect to this group. We deal with GSO-invariant codes with fast code and encode procedures based on fast generalized

Fourier transforms. The hope is that these more general structures will lead to larger classes of useful codes “good” properties.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows: in Section 2, the proposed method based on families of generalized shift operators (GSO) is explained.

## 2. Methods

### 2.1. Generalized shift operators

The purpose of this subsection is to introduce the mathematical representations of generalized shift operators associated with arbitrary orthogonal (or unitary) Fourier transforms ( $F$ -transforms). For illustration, we also particularize our results for many transforms popular in coding and signal theories. The ordinary group shift operators  $(T_\tau^\tau f)(t) = f(t + \tau)$  play the leading role in all the properties and tools of the Fourier transform mentioned above. In order to develop for each orthogonal transform a similar wide set of tools and properties as the Fourier transform has, we associate a family of commutative generalized shift operators (GSO) with each orthogonal (unitary) transform. Such families form *hypergroups*. In 1934 F. Marty [17,18] and H.S. Wall [19,20] independently introduced the notion of hypergroup. Only in particular cases these families are Abelian groups and hyperharmonic analysis is the classical Fourier harmonic analysis on groups.

Let  $f(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$  be a  $\mathbf{F}$ -valued signal, where  $\mathbf{F}$  be a finite field. Usually,  $\Omega = [0, N - 1]^d$  in coding theory and digital signal processing, where  $d$  is the dimension of  $\Omega$ :  $d = \dim(\Omega)$ . Let

$$L(\Omega, \mathbf{F}) := \{f(t) | f(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \mathbf{F}\} \approx \mathbf{F}^{|\Omega|},$$

be vector space of  $\mathbf{F}$ -valued functions, where  $|\Omega| = \text{card}(\Omega) = N^d$ .

The theory of generalized shift operators was initiated by Levitan [21]–[22]. According to Levitan the family of generalized shift operators (GSOs)  $T_\tau^\tau[f(t)] := f(t(\tau))$  depending on  $\tau \in \Omega$  as a parameter is defined in signal space  $L(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$  by the following axioms.

**Axiom 1.** For all functions  $f_1(t), f_2(t) \in L(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$  and any constants  $a, b \in \mathbf{F}$  the following relation holds

$$\hat{T}_\tau^\tau [a \cdot f_1(t) + b \cdot f_2(t)] = a \cdot \hat{T}_\tau^\tau [f_1(t)] + b \cdot \hat{T}_\tau^\tau [f_2(t)] \quad (1)$$

**Axiom 2.** For an arbitrary function  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$  and arbitrary  $s, t, r \in \Omega$  it holds

$$T_\tau^r [T_r^\tau [f(t)]] = T_r^\tau [T_\tau^r [f(t)]], \text{ or} \quad (2)$$

$$f(t(\tau(\mathbf{r}))) = f((t(\mathbf{r}))(\tau)), \text{ i.e., } T_\tau^{\tau(\mathbf{r})} = T_{t(\mathbf{r})}^\tau.$$

i. e. the GSOs are associative.

**Axiom 3.** There exists an element  $\tau_0 \in \Omega$  with  $T_{\tau_0}^{\tau_0} [f(t)] \equiv f(t)$  for all  $t \in \Omega$  and for all  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$ . This means that the family of GSOs contains identity operator.

If moreover the following axiom is fulfilled, then the GSOs are called commutative.

**Axiom 4.** For any elements  $\tau, t \in \Omega$  and arbitrary  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, \mathbf{F})$  holds

$$T_\tau^r [T_r^\tau [f(t)]] = T_r^\tau [T_\tau^r [f(t)]], \text{ or} \quad (3)$$

$$f(t(\tau(\mathbf{r}))) = f(t(\mathbf{r})(\tau)), \text{ i.e., } T_\tau^r T_r^\tau = T_r^\tau T_\tau^r$$

We expand notion GSOs on the more complex signal space. Let  $f(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$  be a  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$ -valued signal. The set  $\Omega$  of the values of the variable  $t$  constitutes the *domain* of the signal. Usually,  $\Omega = [0, N - 1]^d$  in coding theory and digital signal processing, where  $d$  is the dimension of  $\Omega$ :  $d = \dim(\Omega)$ . The set of  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$  of values of the signal  $f(t)$  is the *range* of the signal. About the range of the signal we assume, that  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$  is a commutative algebra with an involution operation

$a \rightarrow \bar{a}, \forall a \in \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$ . In particular, if  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$  is the complex field then the involution operation is complex conjugate.

Let  $\Omega^*$  be the space dual to  $\Omega$ . The first one will be called the *spectral domain*, the second one be called *signal domain* keeping the original notion of  $t \in \Omega$  as «time» and  $\omega \in \Omega^*$  as «frequency». Let

$$L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})) := \{f(t) | f(t) : \Omega \rightarrow \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})\} \approx \text{Alg}^{|\Omega|}(\mathbf{F}),$$

$$L(\Omega^*, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})) := \{F(\omega) | F(\omega) : \Omega^* \rightarrow \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})\} \approx \text{Alg}^{|\Omega^*|}(\mathbf{F})$$

be two vector spaces of  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$ -valued functions. Here,  $|\Omega| = |\Omega^*| = N^d$ .

Let  $\{\varphi_\omega(x)\}_{\omega \in \Omega^*}$  be an orthonormal system of functions in  $L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$ . Then for any function  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  there exists such a function  $F(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$ , for which the following equations hold:

$$F(\omega) = (\mathbf{F}f)(\omega) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t), \tag{4}$$

$$f(t) = (\mathbf{F}^{-1}F)(t) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \varphi_\omega(t). \tag{5}$$

The function  $F(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  is called the Fourier spectrum ( $\mathbf{F}$ -spectrum) of the  $\text{Alg}(\mathbf{F})$ -valued signal  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  and expressions (1)-(2) are called the pair of *generalized Fourier transforms* (or  $\mathbf{F}$ -transforms). In the following we will use the notation  $f(t) \xleftrightarrow{\mathbf{F}} F(\omega)$  in order to indicate  $\mathbf{F}$ -transforms pair.

A fundamental and important tool of coding and signal theories are shift operators in the «time» and «frequency» domains. They are defined as

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^\tau f)(t) &:= f(t + \tau), & (D_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) &:= F(\omega + \nu), \\ (\bar{T}_t^\tau f)(t) &:= f(t - \tau) & (\bar{D}_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) &:= F(\omega - \nu). \end{aligned}$$

For  $f(t) = e^{j\omega t}$  and  $F(\omega) = e^{-j\omega t}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} T_t^\tau e^{j\omega t} &= e^{j\omega(t+\tau)} = e^{j\omega\tau} e^{j\omega t} = \lambda_\omega(\tau) e^{j\omega t}, & D_\omega^\nu e^{j\omega t} &= e^{-j(\omega+\nu)t} = e^{-j\nu t} e^{-j\omega t} = \lambda_\nu(t) e^{-j\omega t}, \\ \bar{T}_t^\tau e^{j\omega t} &= e^{j\omega(t-\tau)} = e^{-j\omega\tau} e^{j\omega t} = \bar{\lambda}_\omega(\tau) e^{j\omega t}, & \bar{D}_\omega^\nu e^{j\omega t} &= e^{-j(\omega-\nu)t} = e^{j\nu t} e^{-j\omega t} = \bar{\lambda}_\nu(t) e^{-j\omega t}, \end{aligned}$$

i.e., harmonic signals  $e^{j\omega t}$  and  $e^{-j\omega t}$  are eigenfunctions of «time»-shift and «frequency»-shift operators  $T_t^\tau, \bar{T}_t^\tau$  and  $D_\omega^\nu, \bar{D}_\omega^\nu$ , corresponding to eigenvalues  $\lambda_\omega(\tau) = e^{j\omega\tau}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_\omega(\tau) = e^{-j\omega\tau}$  and  $\lambda_\nu(t) = e^{-j\nu t}$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_\nu(t) = e^{j\nu t}$ , respectively.

**Definition 4.** The following operators (with respect to which all basis functions are invariant eigenfunctions)

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) &:= \varphi_\omega(t) \cdot \varphi_\omega(t) = \lambda_\omega(\tau) \varphi_\omega(t), \quad \forall \tau \in \Omega, \\ (\bar{T}_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) &:= \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \cdot \varphi_\omega(t) = \bar{\lambda}_\omega(\tau) \varphi_\omega(t), \quad \forall \tau \in \Omega \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (D_\omega^\nu \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) &:= \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \lambda_\nu(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t), \quad \forall \nu \in \Omega^*, \\ (\bar{D}_\omega^\nu \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) &:= \varphi_\nu(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \bar{\lambda}_\nu(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t), \quad \forall \nu \in \Omega^* \end{aligned} \tag{7}$$

are called commutative  $\mathbf{F}$ -generalized "time"-shift and "frequency"-shift operators (GSO's), respectively, where  $\lambda_\omega(\tau) = \varphi_\omega(\tau)$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_\omega(\tau) = \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau)$  and  $\lambda_\nu(t) = \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t)$ ,  $\bar{\lambda}_\nu(t) = \varphi_\nu(t)$  are eigenvalues of GSO's  $T_t^\tau, \bar{T}_t^\tau$  and  $D_\omega^\nu, \bar{D}_\omega^\nu$ , respectively.

For these operators we introduce the following designations:

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) &:= \varphi_\omega(t - \tau), \quad (\bar{T}_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) := \varphi_\omega(t + \tau), \quad \forall \tau \in \Omega, \\ (D_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) &:= \bar{\varphi}_{\omega \oplus v}(t), \quad (\bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) := \bar{\varphi}_{\omega \otimes v}(t), \quad \forall v \in \Omega^*, \end{aligned}$$

Here, symbols “ $(, \oplus$ ”, “ $, \otimes$ ”, “ $, \oplus$ ”, “ $, \otimes$ ” denote quasi-sums and quasi-differences, respectively.

If  $T_{t,\sigma}^\tau, \bar{T}_{t,\sigma}^\tau$  and  $D_{\omega,\alpha}^v, \bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v$  are matrix elements of operators  $T_t^\tau = [T_{t,\sigma}^\tau]$ ,  $\bar{T}_t^\tau = [\bar{T}_{t,\sigma}^\tau]$  and  $D_{\omega,\alpha}^v = [D_{\omega,\alpha}^v]$ ,  $\bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v = [\bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (T_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) &= \varphi_\omega(t - \tau) = \varphi_\omega(\tau) \cdot \varphi_\omega(t) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega} T_{t,\sigma}^\tau \varphi_\omega(\sigma), \\ (\bar{T}_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) &= \varphi_\omega(t + \tau) = \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau) \cdot \varphi_\omega(t) = \sum_{\sigma \in \Omega} \bar{T}_{t,\sigma}^\tau \varphi_\omega(\sigma), \end{aligned} \tag{8}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} (D_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) &= \bar{\varphi}_{\omega \oplus v}(t) = \bar{\varphi}_v(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega^*} D_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\alpha(t), \\ (\bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) &= \bar{\varphi}_{\omega \otimes v}(t) = \varphi_v(t) \cdot \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \sum_{\alpha \in \Omega^*} \bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v \bar{\varphi}_\alpha(t) \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

The expressions (8)–(9) are called *multiplication formulae* for basis functions  $\{\varphi_\omega(t)\}_{\omega \in \Omega} \in L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $\{\bar{\varphi}_\omega(t)\}_{\omega \in \Omega^*} \in L(\Omega^*, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$ . They show that the set of basis functions form two hypergroups with respect to multiplication rules (8) and (9), respectively. Consequently, two spaces  $L(\Omega, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $L(\Omega^*, \text{Alg}(\mathbf{F}))$  form time and frequency algebras with structure constants  $T_{t,\sigma}^\tau$  and  $D_{\omega,\alpha}^v$ , respectively.

From (8) and (9) we easily obtain the matrix elements of the GSOs in time and frequency domains

$$\begin{aligned} T_{t,\sigma}^\tau &= \sum_{\omega \in \Omega} \varphi_\omega(\tau) \varphi_\omega(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\sigma), \quad \bar{T}_{t,\sigma}^\tau = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau) \varphi_\omega(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\sigma), \\ D_{\omega,\alpha}^v &= \sum_{t \in \Omega} \bar{\varphi}_v(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \varphi_\alpha(t), \quad \bar{D}_{\omega,\alpha}^v = \sum_{t \in \Omega} \varphi_v(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \varphi_\alpha(t). \end{aligned} \tag{10}$$

$$\tag{11}$$

The expressions (10)–(11) can be compactly written on the operator language

$$\begin{aligned} T_x^\tau &= \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{\varphi_\omega(\tau)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}, \quad \bar{T}_x^\tau = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{\bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}, \\ D_\omega^v &= \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{\varphi_v(t)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1}, \quad \bar{D}_\omega^v = \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{\bar{\varphi}_v(t)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1}. \end{aligned} \tag{12}$$

where  $\text{diag}\{\varphi\}$  denotes a diagonal matrix which entries consist of values of the function  $\varphi$ .

If there exist such element  $t_0$  that the equation  $\varphi_\omega(t_0) \equiv 1$  for all  $\omega \in \Omega$  is fulfilled, then there exist the identity GSO in time domain. Indeed, the substitution of  $t_0$  into the expressions (12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} T_{t_0}^{\tau_0} &= \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{\varphi_\omega(t_0)\} \cdot \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{1\} \cdot \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{F} = I, \\ \bar{T}_{t_0}^{\tau_0} &= \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{\bar{\varphi}_\omega(t_0)\} \cdot \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \text{diag}\{1\} \cdot \mathbf{F} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{F} = I. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

If there exist such an element  $\omega_0$  that the equation  $\varphi_{\omega_0}(x) \equiv 1$  for all  $x \in \Omega$  is fulfilled too, then there exist the identity GSO in frequency domain. Indeed, the substitution of  $\omega_0$  into the expressions (12) gives

$$\begin{aligned} \hat{D}_{\omega_0}^{\nu_0} &= \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{\varphi_{\omega_0}(x)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{1\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = I, \\ \bar{\hat{D}}_{\omega_0}^{\nu_0} &= \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{\bar{\varphi}_{\omega_0}(x)\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \text{diag}\{1\} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = \mathbf{F} \cdot \mathbf{F}^{-1} = I. \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

We see also that two families of time and frequency GSOs form two hypergroups  $HG = \{T_t^\tau\}_{t \in \Omega}$  and  $HG^* = \{D_\omega^\nu\}_{\omega \in \Omega^*}$ . By definition, functions  $\{\varphi_\omega(t)\}_{\omega \in \Omega^*}$  and  $\{\bar{\varphi}_\omega(t)\}_{t \in \Omega}$  are eigenfunctions of GSOs. For this reason we can call them hypercharacters of hypergroups.

For a signal  $f(t) \in L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  we define its shifted copies by

$$\begin{aligned} f(t \leftarrow \tau) &= (T_t^\tau f)(t) = T_t^\tau \left( \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \varphi_\omega(t) \right) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) (T_t^\tau \varphi_\omega)(t) = \\ &= \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \varphi_\omega(\tau) \varphi_\omega(t) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} (F(\omega) \varphi_\omega(\tau)) \varphi_\omega(t), \\ f(t' \leftarrow \tau) &= (\bar{T}_t^\tau f)(t) = \bar{T}_t^\tau \left( \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \right) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) (\bar{T}_t^\tau \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) = \\ &= \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} (F(\omega) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau)) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

Analogously, for a spectrum  $F(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega \oplus \nu) &= (D_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) = D_\omega^\nu \left( \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \right) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) (D_\omega^\nu \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) = \\ &= \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} (f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t)) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t), \\ F(\omega \$ \nu) &= (\bar{D}_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) = \bar{D}_\omega^\nu \left( \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) \right) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) (\bar{D}_\omega^\nu \bar{\varphi}_\omega)(t) = \\ &= \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \varphi_\nu(t) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} (f(t) \varphi_\nu(t)) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(t). \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

We will need in the following modulation operators:

$$\begin{aligned} (M_t^\nu f)(t) &:= \varphi_\nu(t) f(t), & (\bar{M}_t^\nu f)(t) &:= \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t) f(t), \\ (M_\omega^\tau F)(\omega) &:= \varphi_\omega(\tau) F(\omega), & (\bar{M}_\omega^\tau F)(\omega) &:= \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau) F(\omega). \end{aligned}$$

From the GSOs definition it follows the following result (two theorems about shifts and modulations). Shifts and modulations are connected as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(t \leftarrow \tau) &\xleftrightarrow{F} F(\omega) \varphi_\omega(\tau), & f(t' \leftarrow \tau) &\xleftrightarrow{F} F(\omega) \bar{\varphi}_\omega(\tau), \\ (T_t^\tau f)(t) &\xleftrightarrow{F} (M_\omega^\tau F)(\omega), & (\bar{T}_t^\tau f)(t) &\xleftrightarrow{F} (\bar{M}_\omega^\tau F)(\omega) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} F(\omega \oplus \nu) &\xleftrightarrow{F} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t), & F(\omega \$ \nu) &\xleftrightarrow{F} f(t) \bar{\varphi}_\nu(t) \\ (D_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) &\xleftrightarrow{F} (M_t^\nu f)(t), & (\bar{D}_\omega^\nu F)(\omega) &\xleftrightarrow{F} (\bar{M}_t^\nu f)(t). \end{aligned}$$

### 2.2. Generalized convolutions and correlations

Using the notion GSO, we can formally generalize the definitions of convolution and correlation.

**Definition 5.** The following functions

$$y(t) := (h \diamond x)(t) = \sum_{\tau \in \Omega} h(\tau) x(t' \leftarrow \tau), \quad Y(\omega) := (H \heartsuit F)(\omega) = \sum_{\nu \in \Omega^*} H(\nu) F(\omega \$ \nu)$$

and

$$c(\tau) := (f \clubsuit g)(\tau) := \sum_{t \in \Omega} f(t) \bar{g}(t' \leftarrow \tau), \quad C(\nu) := (F \spadesuit G)(\nu) := \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F(\omega) \bar{G}(\omega \$ \nu)$$

are called the  $\diamond$ - and  $\heartsuit$ - convolutions and the cross  $\clubsuit$ - and  $\spadesuit$ - correlation functions, respectively, associated with a classical Fourier transform  $F$ . If  $f = g$  and  $F = G$  then cross correlation functions are called the  $\clubsuit$ - and  $\spadesuit$ - autocorrelation functions.

The spaces  $L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  equipped multiplications  $\diamond$  and  $\heartsuit$  form commutative signal and spectral convolution algebras  $\langle L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F})), \diamond \rangle$  and  $\langle L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F})), \heartsuit \rangle$ , respectively.

**Theorem 1.** Let us take two triplets  $y_1(t), h_1(t), x_1(t) \in L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $y_2(t), h_2(t), x_2(t) \in L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ . Obviously,  $Y_1(\omega), H_1(\omega), X_1(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $Y_2(\omega), H_2(\omega), X_2(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ . Let

$$y_1(t) = (h_1 \diamond x_1)(t) = \sum_{\tau \in \Omega} h_1(\tau) x_1(t' - \tau) \quad \text{and} \quad Y_2(\omega) = (H_2 \heartsuit X_2)(\omega) = \sum_{\nu \in \Omega^*} H_2(\nu) F_2(\omega \$ \nu)$$

then generalized Fourier transforms  $F$  and  $F^{-1}$  map  $\diamond$ - and  $\heartsuit$ -convolutions into the products of spectra and signals, respectively,

$$F \{y_1\} = F \{h_1 \diamond x_1\} = F \{h_1\} \cdot F \{x_1\}, \quad F^{-1} \{Y_2\} := F^{-1} \{H_2 \heartsuit X_2\} = F^{-1} \{H_2\} \cdot F^{-1} \{X_2\},$$

i.e.,

$$y_1(t) = (h_1 \diamond x_1)(t) \xrightarrow{F} Y_1(\omega) = H_1(\omega) \cdot X_1(\omega), \quad y_2(t) = h_2(t) x_2(t) \xrightarrow{F} Y_2(\omega) = (H_2 \heartsuit X_2)(\omega).$$

**Theorem 2.** Let us take two triplets  $c_1(t), f_1(t), g_1(t) \in L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $c_2(t), f_2(t), g_2(t) \in L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ . Obviously,  $C_1(\omega), F_1(\omega), G_1(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $C_2(\omega), F_2(\omega), G_2(\omega) \in L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ . Let

$$c_1(\tau) = (f_1 \clubsuit g_1)(\tau) = \sum_{t \in \Omega} f_1(t) \bar{g}_1(t' - \tau), \quad \text{and} \quad C_2(\omega) = (F_2 \spadesuit G_2)(\omega) = \sum_{\omega \in \Omega^*} F_2(\omega) \bar{G}_2(\omega \$ \nu),$$

then generalized Fourier transforms  $F$  and  $F^{-1}$  map  $\clubsuit$ - and  $\spadesuit$ -correlations into the products of spectra and signals, respectively,

$$F \{c_1\} = F \{f_1 \clubsuit g_1\} = F \{f_1\} \cdot F \{g_1\}, \quad F^{-1} \{C_2\} := F^{-1} \{F_2 \spadesuit G_2\} = F^{-1} \{F_2\} \cdot F^{-1} \{G_2\},$$

i.e.,

$$c_1(\tau) = (f_1 \clubsuit g_1)(\tau) \xrightarrow{F} C_1(\omega) = F_1(\omega) \cdot \bar{G}_1(\omega), \quad c_2(t) = f_2(t) g_2(t) \xrightarrow{F} C_2(\omega) = (F_2 \spadesuit G_2)(\omega).$$

### 2.3. Codes invariant with respect to generalized shift operators

We are going to consider block codes of length  $N$  as subsets  $C \subset L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $C^* \subset L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ , i.e., a collections of  $N$  length vectors with components from  $Alg(\mathbf{F})$ . Let  $\{\varphi_\omega(t)\}_{t \in \Omega}$  and  $\{\varphi_\omega(t)\}_{\omega \in \Omega^*}$  be orthonormal systems of functions for  $L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$ , respectively.

They generate two hypergroups  $HG$ - and  $HG^*$ , respectively.

**Definition 6.**  $HG$ - and  $HG^*$ - invariant block codes  $C \subset L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $C^* \subset L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  are linear block codes with the property that if  $c(t) \in C$  and  $C(\omega) \in C^*$  then

$$(T_t^\tau c)(t) = c(t' - \tau) \in C, \quad \forall T_t^\tau \in HG \quad \text{and} \quad (D_\omega^\nu C)(\omega) = C(\omega \$ \nu) \in C, \quad \forall D_\omega^\nu \in HG^*, \quad \text{respectively.}$$

It means that hypergroups of generalized code symmetry of  $HG$ - and  $HG^*$ - invariant block codes  $C \subset L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  and  $C^* \subset L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$  is  $\mathbf{Symm}\{C\} \approx HG$  and  $\mathbf{Symm}\{C^*\} \approx HG^*$ .

Reed-Solomon (RS) codes are nonbinary cyclic codes [23]. The most natural definition of  $HG$ - and  $HG^*$ - invariant RS codes are in terms of a certain evaluation maps from the subspace  $Alg^k(\mathbf{F})$  of all  $k$ -tuples  $\mathbf{m} = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{k-1})$  (information symbols = message) over  $Alg(\mathbf{F})$  to the set of codewords  $C = Cod[N, k | Alg(\mathbf{F})] \subset L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$

$$\mathbf{m} = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{k-1}) \mapsto \mathbf{c}(t) = (c(0), c(1), \dots, c(N-1))$$

$$Alg^k(\mathbf{F}) \rightarrow L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F})) \tag{16}$$

or to the set of codewords  $\mathbf{C}^* = Cod^*[N, k | Alg(\mathbf{F})] \subset L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$

$$\mathbf{m} = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{k-1}) \mapsto C(t) = (C(0), C(1), \dots, C(N-1))$$

$$Alg^k(\mathbf{F}) \rightarrow L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$$

**Definition 7.** We define an encoding function for HG- and HG\*-invariant Reed-Solomon codes as

$$HG\text{-RS}: Alg^k(\mathbf{F}) \rightarrow L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F})),$$

$$HG^*\text{-RS}: Alg^k(\mathbf{F}) \rightarrow L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F}))$$

in the following forms. A message  $\mathbf{m} = (m_0, m_1, \dots, m_{k-1})$  with  $m_i \in Alg(\mathbf{F})$  are transformed by  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$ :

$$\begin{bmatrix} C(0) \\ C(1) \\ C(2) \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ C(N-2) \\ C(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{F} \begin{bmatrix} m_0 \\ m_1 \\ \dots \\ m_{k-1} \\ \dots \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 00 \end{bmatrix}, \quad \begin{bmatrix} c(0) \\ c(1) \\ c(2) \\ \dots \\ \dots \\ c(N-2) \\ c(N-1) \end{bmatrix} = \mathbf{F}^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} m_0 \\ m_1 \\ \dots \\ m_{k-1} \\ \dots \\ 0 \\ \dots \\ 00 \end{bmatrix},$$

Hence, generator matrices for HG- and HG\*-invariant Reed-Solomon codes are the generalized Fourier matrices  $\mathbf{F}$  and  $\mathbf{F}^{-1}$ .

Convolutional cyclic codes (CC's, for short) form an important class of error-correcting codes in engineering practice. The mathematical theory of these codes has been set off by these seminal papers of Forney [24] and Massey et al. [25].

**Definition 8.** HG- and HG\*-invariant convolutional codes of length  $N$  and dimension  $k$  are ideals  $\langle h(t) \rangle$ ,  $\langle G(\omega) \rangle$  of  $\langle L(\Omega, Alg(\mathbf{F})), \diamond \rangle$  and  $\langle L(\Omega^*, Alg(\mathbf{F})), \heartsuit \rangle$  having the following forms

$$c(t) = (h \diamond m)(t) = \sum_{\tau \in \Omega} h(t' \tau) m(\tau) \text{ and } C(\omega) = (G \heartsuit m)(\omega) = \sum_{\nu \in \Omega^*} G(\omega \$ \nu) m(\nu)$$

where

$$H(\omega) = (\mathbf{F}h)(\omega) = (H(0), H(1), \dots, H(k-1), 0, \dots, 0) \in Alg^k(\mathbf{F}),$$

$$g(\omega) = (\mathbf{F}^{-1}G)(t) = (g(0), g(1), \dots, g(k-1), 0, \dots, 0) \in Alg^k(\mathbf{F}).$$

We call matrices  $\mathbf{G} = [G(\omega \$ \nu)]_{\omega, \nu \in \Omega^*}$  and  $\mathbf{H} = [h(t' \tau)]_{t, \tau \in \Omega}$  encoders.

It is easy to see that cyclic convolutional codes and group convolutional codes are particular cases of HG- and HG\*-invariant convolutional codes.

### 3. Conclusion

In this paper we studied a new class of codes with generalized symmetry. They are invariant with respect to a family of generalized shift operators HG or HG\*. In particular case when this family is a group (cyclic or Abelian), these codes are ordinary cyclic and group codes. We deal with GSO-invariant codes with fast code and encode procedures based on fast generalized Fourier transforms. The hope is that these more general

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