



DISCOVERY OF GOOD DOUBLE AND TRIPLE CIRCULANT CODES USING MULTIPLE IMPULSE METHOD

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Abstract- The construction of optimal linear block error-correcting codes is not an easy problem, for this, many studies describe methods for generating good error correcting codes in terms of minimum distance. In a previous work, we have presented the multiple impulse method (MIM) to evaluate the minimum distance of linear codes. In this paper we will present an optimization of the MIM method by genetic algorithms, and we found many new optimal Double and Triple Circulant Codes (DCC & TCC) with the highest known parameters using the MIM method as an evaluator of the minimum distance. Two approaches are used in the exploration of the space of generators; the first is based on genetic algorithms, however the second is on the random search algorithm.

Keywords- Minimum distance, Error impulse Method, heuristic methods, Genetic algorithms, NP-hardness, Linear error correcting codes, Double and Triple Circulant Codes

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Introduction

The design of good codes is of fundamental importance in a communication system. Furthermore, finding good linear or nonlinear codes may affect the sphere packing problems in Euclidean spaces [1]. When the code rate is $1/2$ or $1/3$; Double or Triple Circulant Codes (DCC & TCC) have been an interesting family of codes with high minimum distances. It is still hard to determine the minimum distances of long binary codes as well as their asymptotic relative minimum distances [2,4]. Besides, Karlin [5] and Pless [3] found many good codes by systematic double circulant codes over $GF(2)$ and $GF(3)$ using quadratic residues respectively. In [6], Gaborit proposes a double circulant code scheme which generalizes the constructions of Karlin and Pless over any field and for any length $n=pm$, where p is an odd prime. Furthermore, Karlin considered binary circulant $[3p+1, p+1]$ and $[3p, p]$ codes using quadratic residues and nonresidues [5]. Recently artificial intelligence techniques were introduced to solve this problem. Among related works, one idea used Genetic Algorithms (GA) to design constant weight codes [7], another one used GA for searching the minimum distance of BCH code [8]. Lacan et al. [9] introduced Genetic algorithms in the search of optimal error correcting codes, and in [10], authors give new good DCC constructed by GA. Here, we propose two heuristic search methods such as Genetic Algorithm, and random search of DCC and TCC when we use the MIM method published in [11] in order to determine the minimum distance, and we give an improvement by introducing the multiple impulse error using genetic algorithm, which we call MIM-GA.

A table of the best known codes is regularly updated on site of code tables maintained by Markus Grassl [17]. For each pair of parameters n and k , this table contains the distance d of the best known code and its theoretical upper bound. In this paper, we are going to search for optimal error-correcting double circulant codes, by the exploration of the space by Genetic Algorithms and random search. Besides, we will present a new optimization which reduces the complexity. Hence, we propose a technique based on heuristic methods to search of good DCC and TCC codes which have not been previously developed, at our knowledge, for this family of codes.

The paper is organized as follows: In the beginning, we give backgrounds about error correcting codes, and the manner of construction of DCC and TCC codes. Then we introduce genetic algorithms. After we give the implementing methods to evaluate minimum distance, and we improve the MIM method to search good DCC and TCC codes. In the last some experimental results and discussion are presented.

Error Correcting Codes (ECC)

In this section, we give the basics of error correcting codes, in particular we introduce the construction of Double and Triple Circulant error correcting codes (DCC & TCC).

Error Correcting Codes

In all communication systems, the information transmitted is represented via a source code as the ASCII code, Huffman code, etc. This source-encoded information is then sent over a Channel, such

as a telephone line, optical fiber, microwave link, etc. To have a reliable transmission the data are encoded again by using an error correcting code that enables the detection and the correction of possible errors introduced during the transmission of message [Fig-1]. Several modes of efficient coding are known: Hamming codes, Reed-Solomon codes, etc.

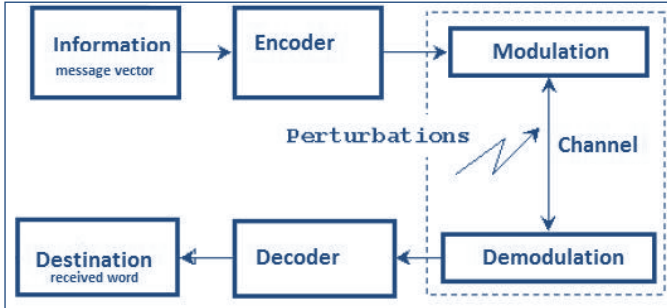


Fig. 1- A simplified model of communication system.

There exist principally two classes of error correcting Codes: convolutional codes and block codes. In this paper, we will focus on a special case of block codes: double and triple circulant codes (DCC & TCC). Let us explain more precisely the background of block code. Firstly, Let us suppose now that the information to transmit is a sequence of elements which take q possible values, where q is a power of the finite field of cardinal p , which is denoted by F_q . In general, transmitted symbols are binary; then $q=2$. Principle of block code is the following: the initial message is cut out into blocks of length k . The length of the redundancy is $n-k$ and thus, the length of the transmitted blocks is n . Main blocks are linear codes. In this case, redundancy is computed in such a way as concatenation of information and of redundancy is an element of vector space (a code) of dimension k of $(F_q)^n$.

The operation of coding can be computed by multiplying the message (considered as a vector of length k) by a $k \times n$ systematic generator matrix of this vector space. Note that a generator matrix is called systematic if their k first columns form the identity matrix. For a giving code, there exists at most one systematic generator matrix. Some codes did not admit a systematic generator matrix. On the other hand, all these codes are equivalent (modulo a permutation of the positions) to a code which admits one. For a linear code, k and n are respectively called the dimension and the length of the code. The last parameter of a code is its minimum distance d . It is the smallest Hamming distance (the number of distinct components) between two codewords. As the considered codes are linear vector spaces, their minimum distance is also the Hamming weight (the number of nonzero components) of the codeword of smaller hamming weight. The correction capability (the maximum number of error that can be corrected per word of length n) of the code is then equal to $t = (d-1)/2$.

Example 1: Let C be a code of length 8 and dimension 4 over F_2 characterized by its systematic generator G :

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

The transmitted codeword corresponding to the message (1101) is: $(1101) \times G = (1101 \ 0100)$.

The set all possible messages (information vectors), the corresponding set of codewords and their weight are shown in [Table-1].

Table 1- Codewords of a code $C(8, 4, 4)$

Message	Codeword	Weight
0000	0000 0000	0
0001	0001 1101	4
0010	0010 1011	4
0011	0011 0110	4
0100	0100 0111	4
0101	0101 1010	4
0110	0110 1100	4
0111	0111 0001	4
1000	1000 1110	4
1001	1001 0011	4
1010	1010 0101	4
1011	10111000	4
1100	1100 1001	4
1101	1101 0100	4
1110	1110 0010	4
1111	1111 1111	8

Double Circulant Codes (DCC)

An $r \times r$ matrix $A = [A_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$ over an alphabet F is called circulant if $A_{ij} = A_{0, j-i}$ for all $0 \leq i, j \leq r-1$, where indices are computed modulo r . Let the notation $[n, k, d]$ stand for a k -dimensional linear code of length n and minimum distance d over F , and let $r = n - k$ denotes the redundancy of the code. An $[n = 2r, k = r, d]$ linear code over F is called a double circulant if its generated matrix $G = [I \mid A]$, where A is an $r \times r$ circulant matrix over $F[2, p. 497]$. Double circulant codes have been discussed extensively in the literature [2] and a subclass of DCC approaches the Gilbert-Varshamov bound [14]. We are interested by this family of codes because it contains good codes with a maximum minimum distance.

Consider a double circulant code C generated by a matrix $[I \mid A]$ where $A = [a_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$. The vector (a_0, \dots, a_{r-1}) is called the header of generator matrix of DCC and I is the identity matrix. With every $(a_0, \dots, a_{r-1}) \in F_r$, we associate a matrix $A = [A_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$ as the [Eq-1]:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{r-4} & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} & a_{r-1} \\ a_{r-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{r-5} & a_{r-4} & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} & a_{r-1} & a_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

Where $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{r-1})$ is the header of the A circulant matrix. Each header corresponds to exactly one DCC.

Example 2: Let $C(18, 9, 6)$ a double circulant where her header generator matrix is (011101001) we have the generator matrix G is as the following:

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 10000000 & 011101001 \\ 01000000 & 101110100 \\ 00100000 & 010111010 \\ 00010000 & 001011101 \\ 00001000 & 100101110 \\ 00000100 & 010010111 \\ 00000010 & 101001011 \\ 00000001 & 110100101 \\ 00000000 & 111010010 \end{pmatrix}$$

There exists other subfamily of Double Circulant codes like the bordered double Circulant Codes which is represented by the form described in [Fig-2].

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & & & 0 & & & \\ \vdots & & & \vdots & & & \\ 1 & & & 0 & & & \\ 0 & 0 & \dots & 0 & 1 & 1 & \dots & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

Fig. 2- Bordered form of Double Circulant Code

$B =$ Circulant matrix presented by one header
 $I_p =$ Identity matrix $p \times p$.

Triple Circulant Codes (TCC)

Let the notation $[n, k, d]$ stand for a k -dimensional linear code of length n and minimum distance d over F , and let $r = n - k$ denotes the redundancy of the code. An $[n = 3r, k = r, d]$ linear code over F is called a triple circulant if its generated matrix $G = [I \mid A \mid B]$, where A and B are two $r \times r$ circulant matrices. We are interested by this family of codes because by experimentation we found good codes with a maximum minimum distance.

Consider a Triple circulant code C generated by a matrix $[I \mid A \mid B]$ where $A = [a_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$ and $B = [b_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$.

The vectors $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{r-1})$ and $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1})$ are called the headers of generator matrix of TCC and I is the identity matrix. With every header $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{r-1}) \in F_r$, we associate a matrix $A = [A_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$ and every header $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1}) \in F_r$, we associate a matrix $B = [b_{ij}]_{0 \leq i, j \leq r-1}$ as the [Eq-2] and [Eq-3]:

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \dots & a_{r-4} & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} & a_{r-1} \\ a_{r-1} & a_0 & a_1 & \dots & a_{r-5} & a_{r-4} & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & \dots & a_{r-3} & a_{r-2} & a_{r-1} & a_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (2)$$

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & b_2 & \dots & b_{r-4} & b_{r-3} & b_{r-2} & b_{r-1} \\ b_{r-1} & b_0 & b_1 & \dots & b_{r-5} & b_{r-4} & b_{r-3} & b_{r-2} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \dots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 & \dots & b_{r-3} & b_{r-2} & b_{r-1} & b_0 \end{pmatrix} \quad (3)$$

Where

$(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{r-1})$ is the header of the circulant matrix A , and $(b_0, b_1, \dots, b_{r-1})$ is the header of the circulant matrix B .

Example 3: Let $C(27, 9, 6)$ a Triple circulant code, where its headers of the generator matrix G are $a = (011101001)$ and $b = (110110110)$, G is as the following :

$$G = \begin{pmatrix} 10000000 & 011101001 & 110110110 \\ 01000000 & 101110100 & 011011011 \\ 00100000 & 010111010 & 101101101 \\ 00010000 & 001011101 & 110110110 \\ 00001000 & 100101110 & 011011011 \\ 00000100 & 010010111 & 101101101 \\ 00000010 & 101001011 & 110110110 \\ 00000001 & 110100101 & 011011011 \\ 00000000 & 111010010 & 101101101 \end{pmatrix}$$

Genetic Algorithms

Before, Genetic Algorithms (GA) was first proposed by John Holland's, as a means to find good solutions to problems that were otherwise computationally intractable. Holland's schema theorem [12], and the related building block hypothesis, provided a theoretical and conceptual basis for the design of efficient GA. It also proved straight forward to implement GA due to their highly modular nature. As a consequence, the field grew quickly and the technique was successfully applied to a wide range of practical problems in science, engineering and industry. GA theory is an active and growing area, with a range of approaches being used to describe and explain phenomena not anticipated by earlier theory. In tandem with this, more sophisticated approaches for directing the evolution of a GA population are aimed at improving performance on classes of problem known to be difficult for GA, [12]. The development and success of GA contributed greatly to a wider interest in computational approaches based on natural phenomena. It is now a major stand of the wider field of computational intelligence, which encompasses techniques such as neural networks, and artificial immunology. Genetic algorithms are search methods that can be used for both solving problems and modelling evolutionary systems. Since it is heuristic (it estimates a solution), GA differs from other heuristic methods in several ways. The most important difference is that it works on a population of possible solutions; while other heuristic methods use another important difference is that GA is not a deterministic but a probabilistic one.

A genetic algorithm is defined by [Fig-3]:

Individual or chromosome: a potential solution of the problem, it's a sequence of genes.

- Population: a set of points of the research space.
- Environment: the space of research.
- Fitness function: the function to maximize / minimize.

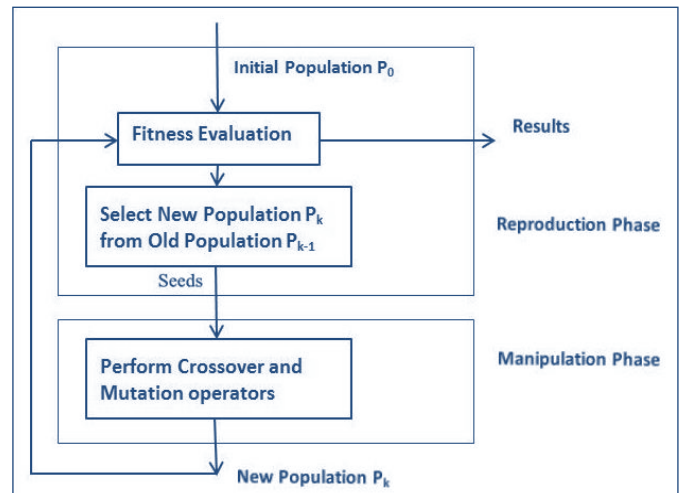


Fig. 3- The Basic Structure of Genetic Algorithm

Encoding of Chromosomes: it depends on the treated problem, the famous known schemes of coding are:

Binary encoding, permutation encoding, value encoding and tree encoding.

The Stochastic Operators are :

- Selection: replicates the most successful solutions found in a population at a rate proportional to their relative quality.

- Crossover: Decomposes two distinct solutions and then randomly mixes their parts to form novel solutions.
- Mutation: Randomly perturbs a candidate solution. In the selection process, some individuals are selected to be copied into a tentative next population. Individual with higher fitness value is more likely to be selected. The selected individuals are altered by the mutation and crossover and form a new population of solutions. The GA is simple yet provides an adaptive and robust optimization methodology [13].

Evaluators of the Minimum Distance

In this section, we give some methods previously used to estimate the minimum distance of error correcting codes; Multiple Impulse Method (MIM) and Genetic algorithm evaluators used by authors for some linear block codes [11], and Chen’s Method for Cyclic codes [15].

Multiple Impulse Method (MIM)

This method produces a tight minimum distance based on true (low-weight) codewords found by a fine-tuned local search. The principal is injecting a noise iteratively in a multiple random positions, on the contrary of error impulse method used by Berrou in [18] where the minimum distance is the magnitude of the noise that we inject to the ‘all zero’ codeword’ in one position. In the MIM method the decoded word in the output of the Soft-In OSD decoder will be mostly near than the ‘all-zero’ codeword, and the minimum distance of the code will be the minimum weight of the decoded words. The MIM algorithm described in [11] is as follow:

MIM Algorithm

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Inputs: G, the generator matrix
We assume that  $d_i$  is in the range  $[d_0, d_1]$  where  $d_0$  and  $d_1$  are two integers. Then  $d_i$  can be determined as follows:
Step 1: set  $A_{min}=d_1+0.5$  and  $dt = n - k - 1; nb\_test$ .
Step 2: For  $i=1$  to  $nb\_test$ 
Step 2.1:  $A = d_0 - 0.5;$ 
Step 2.2: Set  $[(\tilde{x} = x)]=TRUE;$ 
Step 2.3: While $[(\tilde{x} = x) = TRUE] \&\& [A \leq A_{min}-1.0]$ 
Step 2.3.1:  $A = A + 1.0$ 
Step 2.3.2: For  $nb\_error=error\_max$  to 1
Step 2.3.3: Subdivide A randomly on  $nb\_error$  positions
Step 2.3.3.1:  $Y \leftarrow x$  (after modulation) +A
Step 2.3.3.2: OSD decoding of  $Y \rightarrow \tilde{x}$ 
Step 2.3.3.3: If  $(weight(\tilde{x}) \leq d_i)$  then  $d_i = weight(\tilde{x})$ 
Step 2.3.3.4: If  $(\tilde{x} \neq x)$  then  $[(\tilde{x} = x)]=TRUE]$ 
End for
End while
Step 2.4:  $A_{min}=A;$ 
End for
Output:  $d_i$  is the minimum distance
    
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Chen’s Method

A general result for cyclic codes, due to Chen [15] is the following:

Theorem 1: Let c be a codeword of a cyclic $[n, k]$ code. Suppose that the Hamming weight of c is equal to w . Then there exists a cyclic shift of c with exactly $r = \lfloor \frac{kw}{n} \rfloor$. Nonzero coordinates among its first k coordinates.

Some improvements of this theorem were obtained by Voloch [16]. With Chen’s theorem, it is then possible to look for code words of weight w in a cyclic $[n, k]$ code, given the systematic encoding matrix of the code.

Let $G = [I_k M]$ be such a matrix where I_k is the identity matrix of size k . Then, if a codeword of Hamming weight w exists, it can be obtained by the linear combination of r rows of G . Chen’s theorem gives then an explicit way to enumerate low weight codewords, provided that the number of combinations is not too large.

More precisely, if we denote a_{ij} for $0 \leq i, j \leq k$ the binary element at row i and column j of M , then for a given r value, Chen’s algorithm amounts to enumerating vectors of the form:

$$\bigoplus_{1 \leq i_1 < i_2 < \dots < i_r \leq k} [m_{i_1,1}, m_{i_2,2}, \dots, m_{i_r,r}]$$

Where \oplus denotes column wise modulo 2 operation. For each of these vectors, the Hamming weight is computed. If μ is the minimum value of the obtained Hamming weights, then the minimum Hamming weight of codewords obtained by linear combination of r rows of G is then $r + \mu$. Doing this, for each possible w (and r) value, it is then possible to determine the minimum distance of the cyclic code generated by matrix G . In this work we use Chen’s Theorem to minimize the computing of the minimum distance used in the genetic algorithm presented in [10]. And we will focus on a special case of block codes: double and triple circulant codes.

Genetic Method to Find the Minimum Sistance

The steps of the algorithm are organized as follow:

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Step 1: randomly generate an initial population
Seed uniformly, randomly the initial population with a  $N_i$ , and where each individual is a word of length  $k$  with a random weight. We initiate the number of generation  $N_g$  to 1.
Step 2: while  $(N_g < N_{gmax})$  do
Step 2.1: Compute the fitness of each individual in the population
An individual  $i$  represents an information vector of  $k$  bits which is encoded by the generator code to an  $n$ -bit code vector. The fitness is the weight of the encoded individual if this last is different to zero otherwise, the fitness is equal to  $n$  as a maximum value.
 $f \leftarrow weight(coding\ individual)$ 
Step 2.2: Sort population in increasing order of fitness
Step 2.3: select the best  $N_e$  individuals in the intermediate population
Step 2.4: For  $i=N_e$  to  $N_i$ 
Step 2.4.1: tournament select of two parents  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  for reproduction
Step 2.4.2: If  $(rand\_value < p_c)$  { Cross  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  to generate  $ch_1$  and  $ch_2$ ; Mutate  $ch_1$  and  $ch_2$  and introduce them in the next population} Else introduce  $p_1$  or  $p_2$  into the next population with equal probability.
End For
Step 2.5: Let  $currbest=$ fittest of the intermediate population. If  $(fitness(best) < fitness(currbest))$   $best=currbest$ 
End while
Step 3: output best
    
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Description of the Algorithm

In Step 2.4.1, we use the tournament selection, in that only one of two possible parents is preserved to reproduce two children whose will be inserted in the next generation.

Step 2.4.2, in this variant, the crossover operation depends on p_c , and it is done before the mutation step which is done bit-wise on

offspring with probability p_m . In case of no-cross we insert the two initials parents in the next generation. We have used three strategies of crossover: a single crossover point, two point crossover, and uniform crossover. The two-point Crossover that randomly selects two crossover points within a chromosome then interchanges the two parent chromosomes between these points to produce two new offspring [Fig-4]. The Uniform Crossover uses a fixed mixing ratio between two parents. Unlike one- and two-point crossover, the Uniform Crossover enables the parent chromosomes to contribute the gene level rather than the segment level. An example of this operation is depicted in [Fig-5].

An Optimization of the Multiple Impulse Method by Genetic Algorithms (MIM-GA)

From the MIM method presented above, we can pose the key question bellow: Which values of the parameters A and nb_error are good in terms of the minimization which they make on the weight of the decoded word by the OSD decoder ? In other words, which is the good impulse?

In this work, we will use a genetic algorithm to find these appropriate values. Consequently, the MIM-GA method will be works as follows:

MIM-GA Algorithm

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Inputs:
- The population size  $N_{ind}$ 
- The maximum number of generations  $N_{gm}$ 
- The crossover probability  $p_{cr}$ 
- The mutation probability  $p_{mu}$ 
- The mutation amplitude  $r$ 
- The assumed interval  $[d_0, d_1]$ 
- The number of positions  $nb\_error$ 

Outputs:  $d_t$ 

Begin
Step 1: Seed uniformly, randomly the initial population of  $N_{ind}$  individuals, and where each individual is a word of  $n$  genes. Each gene is a reel value. These words are obtained by subdividing some random values ( $A$  between  $d_0$  and  $d_1$ ) on  $nb\_error$  positions. At each individual, the modulated zero word is added. We initiate the number of generation  $N_g$  to 1 and  $d_t$  to  $n$ .
Step 2: While( $N_g < N_{gm}$ ) do
Step 2.1: Compute the fitness of each individual in the population
Step 2.1.1: OSD decoding of the individual  $\rightarrow \tilde{x}$ 
Step 2.1.2:  $f \leftarrow \text{weight}(\tilde{x})$ 
Step 2.1.2: if( $f=0$ ) then  $f \leftarrow n$ 
Step 2.1.3: If( $f \leq d_t$ ) then  $d_t \leftarrow f$ 
Step 2.2: Sort population in increasing order of fitness
Step 2.3: insert the best individuals in the current population
Step 2.4: For  $i=2$  to  $N_{ind}$ 
Step 2.4.1: Randomly select two parents  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  for reproduction
Step 2.4.2: If (  $\text{rand\_value} < p_{cr}$  )
{ Cross  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  to generate  $ch$ ;
Mutate  $ch$  according to  $p_{mu}$  and  $r$ ;
introduce  $ch$  in the current population }
Else insert  $p_1$  or  $p_2$  into the next population with equal probability.
End For
End while
Step 3: output  $d_t$ 
    
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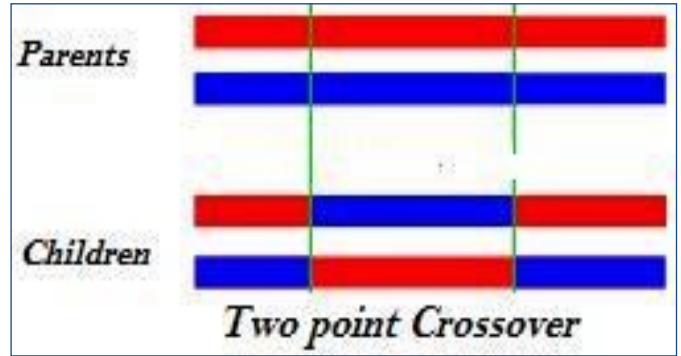


Fig. 4- Two-point Crossover structure.

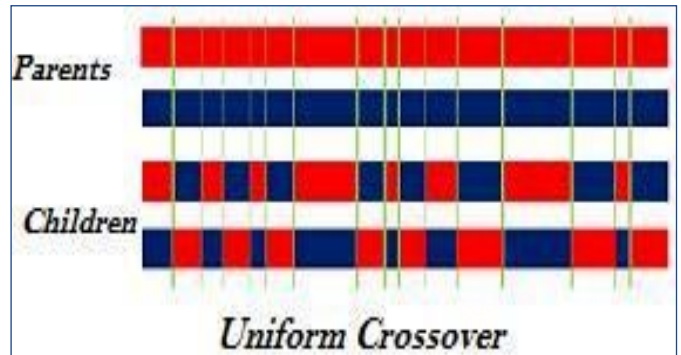


Fig. 5- Uniform Crossover structure.

Comparison between MIM and MIM-GA Algorithms

In order to compare the run times of MIM-GA and MIM algorithms, we fixe all the parameters of MIM-GA at the values outlined in the [Table-2] below:

Table 2- Parameters of implementation of Genetic Algorithms

Parameter of GA	value
N_{ind}	10
N_{gm}	10000
p_{cr}	0.95
p_{mu}	0.05
r	0.1
Crossover type	One point
Order of the OSD decoder	2
Mutation of a gene g	$g \leftarrow g \pm r$

The [Table-3] and [Table-4] below give the run time in seconds of the MIM and MIM-GA algorithms executed for some QR and BCH codes in the same computer, This run time is equal to the beginning of the algorithm and the moment of finding the lowest weight code-word.

Table 3- Comparaision of the Run time of MIM and MIM-GA for some QR codes

QR Code	Distance by MIM	Distance by MIM-GA	Run time of MIM(s)	Run time of MIM-GA(s)
$n=233 \ k=117$	25	25	198	11
$n=241 \ k=121$	31	31	835	218
$n=257 \ k=129$	33	33	5851	980
$n=281 \ k=141$	35	35	40435	94
$n=313 \ k=157$	45	45	51498	7860
$n=337 \ k=169$	51	51	45539	8239

Table 4- Comparison of the Run time of MIM and MIM-GA for some BCH codes

BCH(n,k,d-design)	Distance by MIM	Distance by MIM-GA	Run time of MIM(s)	Run time of MIM-GA(s)
BCH(127,64,21)	21	21	10	1
BCH(127,57,23)	23	23	1	1
BCH(127,50,27)	27	27	4	1
BCH(255,71,59)	61	61	530	101
BCH(255,79,55)	55	55	631	5
BCH(255,87,53)	53	53	5915	157
BCH(255,91,51)	51	51	7617	13
BCH(255,115,43)	43	43	8283	27
BCH(255,123,39)	39	39	7098	14
BCH(255,131,37)	37	37	7570	9
BCH(255,139,31)	31	31	7051	232
BCH(255,147,29)	29	29	4626	19
BCH(255,155,27)	27	27	4177	219
BCH(255,163,25)	25	25	2612	1391
BCH(255,171,23)	23	23	2847	247
BCH(255,179,21)	21	21	1653	9
BCH(255,187,19)	19	19	65	5
BCH(255,191,17)	17	17	1198	3
BCH(255,199,15)	15	15	384	1

The Table-3] and [Table-4] clearly show that the MIM and MIM-GA algorithms give the same value of the estimated minimum distance. However, the run time of MIM-GA is much reduced comparing to the MIM version.

Proposed Methods to find Good DCC and TCC

In order to find good DCC and TCC, we propose two approaches, in the first we use genetic algorithms (GA variant) and in the second we search randomly good headers (RS variant).

Genetic Variant using MIM

All simulations of the GA variant used to discover good codes were made with default GA parameters outlined in the [Table-5].

The Algorithm of the GA Variant is described as follow

1. Generate an initial population, of N_i individuals, each individual is a word of weight w^3 upper bound-1 where its length is equal to k for DCC, and it is equal to $2k$ for TCC.
 $Ng \leftarrow 0$; fix the value of $Ngmax$
2. Make evolve the population:
 - while ($Ng < Ngmax$):
 - Compute the fitness by MIM of individuals:
 - fitness (individual) = $d_{MIM}(\text{individual})$
 - Sort the population by decreasing order of the fitness.
 - $m \leftarrow$ fitness (best individual)
 - Copy the best N_e individuals (of big fitness) in the intermediate population.
 - For $i=N_e$ to N_i :
 - * Select a couple of parents (p_1, p_2) of individuals among the better.
 - * Generate a random number x : $0 \leq x \leq 1$
 - * if $x < pc$ then:
 - a) Cross p_1 and p_2 for generate ch_1 and ch_2
 - b) Mute ch_1 and ch_2
 - * Among ch_1, ch_2 select the word c' of the biggest fitness and insert it in the intermediate population.
 - $Ng \leftarrow Ng + 1$.

Table 5- Parameters of implementation of GA variant.

Parameter of GA	value
Probability of Crossover	80%
Probability of Mutation	2%
Crossover Type	2-point
Selection type	Tournament
Tournament size	2
Generation Number	75
Individuals Number	10000/1000

Good DCC found by Genetic Variant

The [Table-6] summarizes the good DCC codes that we found by the genetic variant, using the multiple impulse method. Where, we denote by LB the lower bound, and by UP, the Upper bound of the minimum distance of a given parameters of a linear code.

Table 6- Good DCC codes obtained by GA variant

DCC	Binary Header of a good DCC	LB	d_{MIM}	UB
C(202,101)	101010101100010001100101100101001101000 000110110000000010000010011111000011001 01101011100101001001001	28	30	46
C(256,128)	0000111111000101111011100011011111111110 100110101100010101001001001011100101110 000010001110011101001110111101100010010 11111111001	38	38	58
C(190,95)	011100011010101111101110010010010101000 101100001100100011000010001100101110110 00000100000111011	27	28	44

Random Search Variant using MIM

The algorithm of the random search (RS) variant using multiple impulse method, we try to discover good codes with best parameters. The algorithm is described as follow:

- Inputs: k, n, Max
 For $i= 1$ to Max
 generate randomly the header of length k
 Generate the Generator matrix G related to h_1 .
 Evaluate the minimum distance d of the Code generated by G using MIM
 If ($d \geq$ Lower Bound) save the code
 End For
 Outputs: list of good codes

Good DCC found by Random Search Variant

The [Table-7] summarizes the good DCC codes that we found by random search variant, using the multiple impulse method and validated by the chen's method.

Good TCC found by Random Search Variant

The [Table-8] summarizes the good TCC codes that we found by random search variant, using the multiple impulse method and validated by the chen's method.

Table 7- Good DCC found using random search variant and validated by the Chen's method

DCC	Binary Header of a good DCC	LB	d _{MIN}	UB	by Chen
C(140,70)	110100001000101011010001101111011101 110110111111011110011100010100110	22	22	32	22
C(146,73)	0010010111010100011000000011101010011 111001100110100101000110010100010110	22	22	33	22
C(146,73)	1100011011110010111100100000011101000 111001001101011100111100110111110011	22	22	33	22
C(160,80)	1110011010110011011100100011011100 0110111100101111001000000111010001110 010011	24	24	36	24
C(190,95)	011100000110111100011001110110000100 10010010100100011100110111111001100 110000011000011000001	27	28	44	28
C(156,78)	0111010100001100000110100111001100010 101101010100000001001110101010110100 1110	22	22	36	22
C(156,78)	0100000100010001100100110000111011001 0001110100001001001001101100011101011 1110	22	22	36	22
C(156,78)	1101110011111011100010111001010101001 110111011111111111101001001100001111 0010	22	22	36	22
C(192,96)	1011000010011000100100010101100100111 0111010001011110000001111100001010101 0011100110101011100010	28	28	44	30
C(192,96)	000100011000101001011100111001110000 0000010111110011101101010110001001010 1110011100100011100111	28	28	44	30
C(192,96)	1100001001010001010111011011111010001 0101010001110111001100011010001111000 1010100001100100101011	28	28	44	30
C(188,94)	1011110101100110011100010001100001101 0001111000111000111101010000100001001 01011010110000110100	26	27	43	27
C(188,94)	0100001110110000010111011010001010111 0011111110001010110000011001100101101 01110011010111010011	26	28	43	30
C(188,94)	0000100101001010011110000100111101100 100100011101010011001001111000110100 10010101011111001100	26	26	43	30
C(192,96)	0000001000001000101101001010010110011 1111011111011000001001110110001101011 0101110001010011110000	28	28	44	30
C(188,94)	0111100101110100110010001010001110011 1011101010001100010111100000110101001 00000001111110000111	26	27	43	29
C(188,94)	111100010011101111110101011000110011 1100011000110101101000010011101111001 11001010011000101011	26	27	43	28
C(188,94)	101011110001101001110111111011001100 100001101001010101011111110000000 00000101100001010101	26	27	43	30

Table 8- Good TCC found using random search Algorithm and validated by the Chen's method

TCC	Binary Headers of a good TCC	LB	d _{MIN}	UB	by Chen
C(36,12)	a= 001010011011 b= 100100000111	12	12	12	12
C(42,14)	a= 10010011110000 b= 00100001010111	13	13	14	13
C(45,15)	a= 110010111000110 b= 101000100110110	14	14	15	14
C(54,18)	a= 100000010001010010 b= 00000101110110111	16	16	18	16
C(57,19)	a= 111010100011011010 b= 000100101100001100	16	16	19	16
C(102,34)	a=01010111110000000101011001 1000100 b=100001100101001111000000110 0010010	24	24	32	24
C(144,48)	a=100010011000100100010011111 00000000010101011001 b=011100100000011000010010010 010001100000110000010	32	32	45	32
C(186,62)	a=011111011100000101100011110 01001101110011000111101111000 101101 b=111111010010011001111101111 11100010101100001001011000101 110110	38	40	58	40
C(192,64)	a=101111011001100111111001010 00000110010110001100101011101 11101110 b=011000010100101110001011011 10010011111011000111011011111 10011011	41	42	60	44
C(192,64)	a=101001110011010001101110110 01100111000111111110100001011 01110111 b=110000101010011111001111001 1011011011001100001010010101 10110000	41	42	60	42
C(204,68)	a=101001111110010111111011110 11100000000011000100101110111 001101111010 b=100001110001001000101101001 11010000110101000011001100001 011000100000	41	42	62	48
C(204,68)	a=001110011001100110110110101 11001001111100010001000100111 000000110010 b=100001100011111100110110110 00000110011011010101010101011 010101001000	41	43	62	47
C(204,68)	a=111011101000001001100001100 00011100001000111111111110010 110101101010 b=001011101010111111111110101 01101011111000101001101010010 001101100100	41	42	62	46
C(204,68)	a=100001000010101000010010100 00001111101101101111011010010 000101010001 b=0101100111111010100001111001 01100110010011100000010001000 100001000010	41	44	62	50

Conclusion

In this paper, we have improved the MIM method in terms of its run time and we have proposed two approaches to search good DCC and TCC. These techniques have given a high performance based on the presented integration of MIM method. Our results show that the MIM method explained in this work lead to good DCC and TCC, and we have found some codes in this family with a higher minimum distance than the lower bound of a given length and dimension. Most importantly, the technique proposed is useful also to be applied to deal with other type of codes especially non-binary ones.

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