

# A Search for New Optimal Singly-Even Self-Dual Codes of Length 48

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## ABSTRACT

*The best binary self-dual singly-even codes of length 48 have minimal weight 10 and are called optimal. There are 75 such codes found by Harada et al. in 2005. We use the method for constructing self-dual codes via automorphism of order three to find 102 optimal self-dual singly-even codes of length 48. We use computer algebra system Magma to construct the codes to compute their weight enumerators and automorphism groups. Each of our codes has exactly 768 vectors of weight 10 and automorphism group of order 3 or 6. As a result, the pool of known optimal singly-even self-dual codes of length 48 is increased to 177. We check that all these codes are pair wise inequivalent.*

**PRELIMINARIES**

Prior to the start of this paper, it is necessary that certain terms be defined. We assume the reader has a background in Linear Algebra and Modern Algebra. Let  $GF(q)$  be a finite field with  $q$  elements (where  $q = p^s$  and  $p$  is prime) and  $n$  be a positive integer. Let  $GF(q)^n$  denote the vector space of all  $n$ -tuples with entries from  $GF(q)$ . Any  $k$  dimensional linear subspace of  $GF(q)^n$  is called a  $[n, k]$  code. The number  $n$  is called the *block length* of the code. Any  $k$  by  $n$  matrix with row space equal to an  $[n, k]$  code  $C$  is called a *generator matrix* of  $C$ . The *weight* of a vector  $v \in GF(q)^n$ ,  $wt(v)$ , is the number of nonzero entries of  $v$ . The smallest weight of the nonzero code vectors is known as the *minimum weight* of the code. An  $[n, k]$  code is called an  $[n, k, d]$  code if its minimum weight is  $d$ . Codes are used for error correction when information is sent via noisy channels.

Example. The matrix

$$G_8 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

generates an  $[8,4,4]$  self-dual binary (over  $GF(2)$ ) code,  $C_8$ . We will illustrate how error correction works with  $C_8$ . For us, a piece of information which has to be transmitted is a binary vector,  $u$ , of length 4. We encode  $u$  into a vector  $v = uG_8$  from  $C_8$ , where  $uG_8$  is the usual multiplication of a vector and a matrix over  $GF(2)$ . Then we send  $v$  through the channel. The noise introduces errors and the received vector is  $v' = v + e$ , where  $e$  is the error vector of 8 bits. In general,  $v'$  is not in  $C_8$ . The *Hamming distance* between two vectors  $x$  and  $z$  from  $GF(2)^8$  is  $d(x, z) = wt(x - z)$ . In other words,  $d(x, z)$  equals the number of entries where  $x$  and  $z$  differ. We decode  $v'$  to a closest vector from  $C_8$  with respect to the Hamming distance. That vector corresponds to a unique vector of four bits under reversed encoding. We will show that when  $wt(e) \leq 1$ , that vector is exactly  $u$ . It can be checked that the distance between any two different vectors in  $C_8$  is at least 4. It follows that the spheres in  $GF(2)^8$  with radius one centered at the code vectors of  $C_8$  are disjoint. As  $d(v', v) = wt(v' - v) = wt(e) = 1$ ,  $v'$  is in a unique sphere of radius one centered in  $v$ . Therefore, the procedure described above recovers the vector  $u$ . Thus the code  $C_8$  can correct one error.

For any real number  $r$ , let  $\lfloor r \rfloor$  denote the largest integer not greater than  $r$ . In general, an  $[n, k, d]$  code over  $GF(q)$  can correct up to  $\lfloor (d - 1)/2 \rfloor$  errors [8]. Codes with larger minimum weight have better error-correcting capabilities. Many of the known good codes have additional properties as being self-dual or having automorphisms. Under the *inner product*  $\langle u, v \rangle = u_1v_1 + \dots + u_nv_n$  in  $GF(2)^n$ , the *dual code* of  $C$  is  $C^{\perp} = \{v \in GF(2)^n \mid \langle u, v \rangle = 0 \forall u \in C\}$ . A code  $C$  is *self-dual* if  $C^{\perp} = C$ . Furthermore, a *doubly-even* code is a self-dual code that has only weights divisible by 4; otherwise the code is known as *singly-even*.

The following bound on the minimum distance  $d$  of a binary self-dual  $[n, n/2, d]$  code is obtained in [9]:

$$d \leq \begin{cases} 4\lfloor n/24 \rfloor + 6 & \text{if } n \equiv 22 \pmod{24}; \\ 4\lfloor n/24 \rfloor + 4 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

If a self-dual code meets the upper bound, it is known as *extremal*. Any extremal code of length a multiple of 24 must be *doubly-even* [9]. Two binary codes are called *equivalent* if one can be obtained

from the other by only permuting the entries of its vectors using a single permutation. Up to equivalence, there are unique extremal codes of length 24 and 48 [8], [5].

The best codes in the class of singly-even self-dual codes of length 48 have minimum distance 10 [3]. Such codes are called *optimal*. We investigate the optimal self-dual singly-even [48,24,10] codes.

Let  $A_k$  be the number of words of weight  $k$  in a code  $C$ . Then the polynomial

$$\sum_{k=0}^n A_k y^k$$

of the variable  $y$  is called the *weight enumerator* of  $C$ . The weight enumerator provides information about the distribution of weights in the code. Since permuting entries in a vector does not change its weight, equivalent codes have equal weight enumerators.

Example. The weight enumerator of  $C_8$  is  $1 + 14y^4 + y^8$  because this code has the zero vector, the all one vector, and 14 vectors of weight 4.

There are two possible weight enumerators for optimal self-dual singly-even [48, 24,10] codes [3]:

$$W_{48,1} = 1 + 704y^{10} + 8976y^{12} + 56896y^{14} + \dots \text{ and}$$

$$W_{48,2} = 1 + 768y^{10} + 8592y^{12} + 57600y^{14} + \dots .$$

All self-dual codes which have weight enumerator  $W_{48,1}$  are known. Proposition 3.7 from [4] states that there are exactly ten inequivalent such codes. Each of these ten codes is a neighbor of the unique extremal code of length 48,  $q_{48}$ [8, section 6.5]. A *neighbor* of  $q_{48}$  is any code generated by  $q_{48} \cap \langle v \rangle$  and  $v$  for some  $v \notin q_{48}$ , where  $\langle v \rangle$  is the code generated by  $v$ . All [48, 24, 10] neighbors of  $q_{48}$  are determined in [4]. There are 74 such codes up to equivalence. The first ten of the neighbors of  $q_{48}$  have weight enumerator  $W_{48,1}$ , and the remaining 64 of them have weight enumerator  $W_{48,2}$ . A [48, 24,10] self-dual code with weight enumerator  $W_{48,2}$  which is not a neighbor of  $q_{48}$  is also provided there.

In this work, we show that there are new, previous unknown [48, 24, 10] self-dual codes with weight enumerator  $W_{48,2}$ . We find 102 such codes.

## METHODS

We use the method of constructing self-dual codes with automorphisms developed in [6] and [10]. A permutation is called an *automorphism* of a code if it sends the code to itself. We look for codes which have automorphism of order 3 with no fixed coordinate positions. Let  $C$  be a binary self-dual code having length 48 and automorphism

$$\sigma = (1,2,3)(4,5,6) \dots (46,47,48)$$

of order 3 with 16 disjoint 3-cycles.

We denote the cycle position sets  $\sigma$  by  $\Omega_1 = \{1,2,3\}, \dots, \Omega_{16} = \{46,47,48\}$ . Let

$$F_\sigma(C) = \{v \in C: v\sigma = v\} \text{ and}$$

$$E_\sigma(C) = \{v \in C: wt(v|\Omega_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, i = 1, 2, \dots, 16\}$$

where  $v|\Omega_i$  is the restriction of  $v$  to  $\Omega_i$ . For example, if  $v = 101000 \dots 110$  is a vector from  $E_\sigma(C)$ , then  $v|\Omega_1 = 101, v|\Omega_2 = 000, \dots, v|\Omega_{16} = 110$  are vectors of length three of even weight. If  $v = 000111 \dots 111$  is a vector from  $F_\sigma(C)$ , then  $v|\Omega_1 = 000, v|\Omega_2 = 111, \dots, v|\Omega_{16} = 111$  are repetition vectors of length three.

It is known [6], that  $F_\sigma(C)$  and  $E_\sigma(C)$  are linear subspaces and the following lemma holds.

**Lemma 1** *The code  $C$  is a direct sum of the subcodes  $F_\sigma(C)$  and  $E_\sigma(C)$ .*

Example. The code  $C_8$  has automorphism  $\lambda = (1,2,3)(4,5,6)$  of order 3 with two 3-cycles and two fixed points. The subcodes  $F_\lambda(C_8)$  and  $E_\lambda(C_8)$  are generated by the matrices  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  correspondingly. Because  $\lambda$  has two fixed points, the vectors from  $E_\lambda(C_8)$  must end with two zeros by an extension of the definition.

Knowing  $F_\sigma(C)$  and  $E_\sigma(C)$ , we can recover  $C$ . For that reason, we consider some additional properties of these two subcodes. A vector  $v$  belongs to  $F_\sigma(C)$  if and only if  $v$  belongs to  $C$  and  $v$  is constant on each cycle. We use a projection  $\pi: F_\sigma(C) \rightarrow F_2^{16}$  by  $(v^\pi)_i = v_j$  for some  $j \in \Omega_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 16$ . The map  $\pi$  is called a contraction map because for each set of cycle positions,  $\Omega_i$ ,  $\pi$  replaces the three equal entries of  $v$  with one of them.

Example. The matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  generates the contracted code  $\pi(F_\lambda(C_8))$ . One can check that this is a  $[4,2]$  binary self-dual code. As we will see in the next theorem, the contracted code is always self-dual.

Let  $P$  be the subset of the factor ring  $GF(2)[x]/(x^3 - 1)$  consisting of all even weight polynomials. Denote  $e = x + x^2, xe = 1 + x^2$ , and  $x^2e = 1 + x$ . It is easy to check that  $P = \{0, e, xe, x^2e\}$  is a field with 4 elements. Hence,  $P$  is isomorphic to  $GF(4)$ . For  $v$  in  $E_\sigma(C)$  and for  $j$  in  $\{1, 2, \dots, 16\}$ , we map the restriction  $v|_{\Omega_j} = (v_{3j-2}, v_{3j-1}, v_{3j})$  into  $v_{3j-2} + v_{3j-1}x, v_{3j}x^2$ . This polynomial belongs to  $P$  because the weight of  $(v_0, v_1, v_2)$  is even. Thus, we define a map  $\varphi: E_\sigma(C) \rightarrow P^{16}$ .

A Hermitian inner product in  $P^{16}$  is defined with

$$\langle u, v \rangle = u_1w_1^2 + u_2w_2^2 + \dots + u_{16}w_{16}^2$$

A Hermitian self-dual code is self-dual with respect to this inner product. The inner product is similar to the Hermitian inner product in complex vector spaces. Complex conjugation is an automorphism of order two in the complex number field. In the definition above, it is replaced with squaring which is an automorphism of order two of  $P = GF(4)$ .

Example. Lets delete the last two coordinates of  $E_\lambda(C_8)$  and denote the result by  $E_\lambda(C_8)^*$ . The code  $E_\lambda(C_8)^*$  is generated by the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Replacing the restrictions of the rows on  $\Omega_1$  and  $\Omega_2$  with the corresponding elements from  $P$  produces the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} e & e \\ xe & xe \end{pmatrix}$ . Since the second row is a multiple of the first row, this matrix generates a  $[2,1]$  code over  $GF(4)$ . One can check that this is a Hermitian self-dual code.

The method we use relies on the following theorem which is a specialization of a result in [6].

**Theorem 2** *A binary code  $C$  of length 48 with an automorphism  $\sigma$  is self-dual if and only if the following two conditions hold:*

- (i)  $C_\pi = \pi(F_\sigma(C))$  is a self-dual binary code of length 16;
- (ii)  $C_\varphi = \pi(E_\sigma(C))$  is a Hermitian self-dual code of length 16 over  $GF(4)$ .

Complete classifications of the binary self-dual codes of length 16 and of the Hermitian self-dual codes of length 16 over  $GF(4)$  are presented in [7] and [2]. By selecting one code of each type, applying

the inverse maps of  $\pi$  and  $\varphi$ , and combining them in different ways we can obtain many  $[48,24]$  self-dual binary codes with automorphism  $\sigma$  can be obtained in this way.

**RESULTS**

Let  $\sigma$  be an automorphism of a  $[48,24,10]$  self-dual code  $C$  with weight enumerator  $W_{48,2}$ .

**Lemma 3** *The code  $C_\pi$  is equivalent to the  $[16,8,4]$  binary self-dual code  $F_{16}$  given in [7].*

**Proof.** It is pointed out in the previous section that  $C_\pi$  is a binary self-dual code of length 16. A weight 3 vector from  $C_\pi$  corresponds to a weight 9 vector from  $C$ . Since the minimal weight of  $C$  is 10, the minimal weight of  $C_\pi$  is at least 4. Up to equivalence, there are three such codes [7]. The first two of them have weight enumerator

$$W_1 = 1 + 28y^4 + 198y^8 + 28y^{12} + y^{16}.$$

The third one,  $F_{16}$ , has weight enumerator

$$W_2 = 1 + 12y^4 + 64y^6 + 102y^8 + 64y^{10} + 12y^{12} + y^{16}.$$

Let  $A_i$  and  $a_i$  be the number of vectors of weight  $i$  in the code  $C$  and  $C_\pi$ , correspondingly. The orbit  $\{v, v\sigma, v\sigma^2\}$  of a vector  $v$  from  $C$  under  $\sigma$  has length 1 or 3 because the order of  $\sigma$  is 3. The length of the orbit  $\{v, v\sigma, v\sigma^2\}$  is one if and only if  $v$  is in  $F_\sigma(C)$ . These orbits form a partition  $C$ . Hence,  $A_{3i} \equiv a_i \pmod{3}$  for  $0 \leq i \leq 16$ . These conditions do not hold for  $W_1$  since  $A_{12} \equiv 8592 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  and  $a_4 = 28 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . An easy check shows that the conditions hold for  $W_2$ .

We use

$$MF_{16} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

as a generator matrix of  $F_{16}$ . Lets denote  $G_1$  the automorphism group of  $F_{16}$ . Applying the Magma function *AutomorphismGroup* shows that the order of  $G_1$  is 72728.

**Lemma 4** *The code  $C_\varphi$  is a  $[16,8,6]$  Hermitian self-dual code over  $GF(4)$  equivalent to one of the codes  $D_{16,i}$ ,  $52 \leq i \leq 55$ , given in [2].*

**Proof.** Each nonzero entry of a vector from  $C_\varphi$  contributes 2 to the weight of the corresponding vector from  $E_\sigma(C)$ . Hence the minimum weight of  $C_\varphi$  is at least 5. Any Hermitian self-dual code contains only vectors of even weight. Thus, the minimum weight of  $C_\varphi$  is at least 6. Among all  $[16,8]$  Hermitian self-dual code over  $GF(4)$  listed in [2], only the codes  $D_{16,i}$ ,  $52 \leq i \leq 55$ , meet this requirement.

The following generator matrices for the codes  $D_{16,i}$ ,  $52 \leq i \leq 55$ , are provided in [2]:

$$M_{52} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w^2 & w & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w^2 & w & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w^2 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w^2 & w & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w^2 & w^2 & w & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w^2 & w & 1 & 0 & 1 & w \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & w & w^2 & w^2 & w & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{53} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & w^2 & w^2 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w^2 & w^2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & w & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w^2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & w & w^2 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & w^2 & w^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & w & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & w \\ 0 & w^2 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & w^2 & w & 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w & 0 & 0 & w & 1 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & w \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{54} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & w^2 & w & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w^2 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & w^2 & w & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & w & w^2 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & w^2 & w & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w & w^2 & w & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w^2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & w & 1 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w \\ 0 & w & 1 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & w & 1 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & w^2 & 0 & 0 & w & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$M_{55} = \begin{pmatrix} w & 1 & w & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 1 & w & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 1 & w & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & w & 1 & w & 0 \\ w & 0 & w & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & w & 0 & w & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & w & 0 & w & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & w^2 & 0 & w^2 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Here  $GF(4) = \{0, 1, w, w^4\}$  with  $w^2 = 1 + w$ .

Let  $\pi^{-1}(MF_{16})$  be the 8 by 48 matrix obtained from  $MF_{16}$  by repeating each coordinate three times. Let  $\alpha$  be a permutation from the symmetric group of degree 16, and let  $M_i^\alpha$  be the matrix  $M_i$  with columns permuted with  $\alpha$  where  $i \in \{52, 53, 54, 55\}$ . Let  $\varphi^{-1}(M_i^\alpha)$  denote the 16 by 48 matrix obtained from  $M_i^\alpha$  by replacing each of its entries with a matrix block according to the map

$$0 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad 1 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad w^2 \rightarrow \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then the code  $C_{i,\alpha}$  generated by the rows of  $\pi^{-1}(MF_{16})$  and  $\varphi^{-1}(M_i^\alpha)$  is a binary self-dual  $[48, 24]$  singly-even code.

**Lemma 5** *If  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_2$  belong to the same left coset of the automorphism group  $G_1$  of  $F_{16}$ , then the codes  $C_{i,\alpha_1}$  and  $C_{i,\alpha_2}$  are equivalent.*

**Proof.** Let  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_1 g$  where  $g$  is in  $G_1$ . The codes  $C_{i,\alpha_1}$  and  $C_{i,\alpha_2}$  are generated by the matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16}) \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1}) \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16}) \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_2}) \end{pmatrix}.$$

The matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16}) \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_2}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16}) \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1 g}) \end{pmatrix}$$

and

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16})^{g^{-1}} \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1 g g^{-1}}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16})^{g^{-1}} \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

Generate equivalent codes. Since  $g$  is in the automorphism group of the code  $F_{16}$ ,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16})^{g^{-1}} \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1}) \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \pi^{-1}(MF_{16}) \\ \varphi^{-1}(M_i^{\alpha_1}) \end{pmatrix}$$

The Lemma follows.

A computer search with Magma [1] over a large number of representatives of left cosets of  $G_1$  in the symmetric group of degree 16 produced 73 permutations  $\alpha$  which determine optimal codes  $C_{52,\alpha}$ , 7 permutations  $\alpha$  which determine optimal codes  $C_{53,\alpha}$ , 5 permutations  $\alpha$  which determine optimal codes  $C_{54,\alpha}$ , and 17 permutations  $\alpha$  which determine optimal codes  $C_{55,\alpha}$ . The 102 permutations are given in Table 1 through Table 4 in the Appendix.

## CONCLUSION

We used the Magma function `IsEquivalent` [1] to check that all of the 102 optimal codes we found in this work are pair wise inequivalent. They are also inequivalent to any of the codes found in [4]. We computed the weight enumerators and automorphism groups of the codes. Each code has weight enumerator  $W_{48,2}$ , and automorphism group of order 3 or 6. To the best of our knowledge, these codes are previously unknown. As a result of this work, the pool of optimal self-dual codes of length 48 is increased by 102 new codes.

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APPENDIX

Table 1: The Codes  $\mathcal{C}_{52,\alpha}$

Code	$\alpha$	Code	$\alpha$
1	(9, 12, 14, 15, 13, 11)	2	(9, 12, 15, 13, 11, 10)
3	(9, 14, 12, 15, 13, 11)	4	(9, 15, 13, 10)
5	(8, 9, 15, 13, 10, 11)	6	(8, 12, 15, 13, 11)
7	(7, 11, 13, 8, 10, 15)	8	(7, 11)(8, 10, 9, 15, 13)
9	(7, 11, 8)(9, 15, 13, 10)	10	(7, 10, 14)(9, 11, 15)
11	(7, 10, 15, 13, 11)	12	(7, 10)(8, 15, 9)
13	(7, 10, 13, 11, 14, 12)(8, 15, 9)	14	(7, 10)(8, 9)(11, 14, 12, 13)
15	(7, 12)(8, 11)(9, 15, 13, 10)	16	(7, 9, 11, 13, 10)
17	(7, 9, 11, 13, 14)	18	(7, 9, 11)(13, 14)
19	(7, 9, 11, 10, 13)	20	(7, 9, 11)(10, 13)
21	(7, 9, 13)(10, 11)	22	(7, 9, 13, 11, 10, 15)
23	(7, 9, 13, 14, 11)(10, 15)	24	(7, 9, 15, 10)(11, 13)
25	(7, 9, 14, 12, 13, 11)	26	(7, 9, 14, 12)(11, 13)
27	(7, 9, 10)	28	(7, 9, 12, 14)(11, 13)
29	(7, 9, 13, 8, 12, 14)(10, 15)	30	(7, 9, 11, 13, 8, 14)(10, 15)
31	(7, 9, 12)(8, 13, 11)	32	(7, 9, 15)(8, 13, 11)
33	(7, 9, 8, 10, 11, 13)	34	(7, 15, 9, 10)
35	(7, 15, 9, 10, 13)	36	(7, 15, 10)(11, 13)
37	(7, 15, 9, 13)(10, 11)	38	(7, 15, 10, 14)(9, 13, 11)
39	(7, 15)(8, 13, 11)	40	(7, 15, 9, 12)(8, 13, 11)
41	(7, 15, 9)(8, 10, 11)	42	(7, 13, 14, 9, 11, 15)
43	(7, 13, 14)(9, 11)	44	(7, 13, 14, 15)(9, 11)
45	(7, 13, 11, 9, 14, 12, 15)	46	(7, 13, 12, 15)(9, 14, 11, 10)
47	(7, 13, 11)(10, 15)	48	(7, 13, 11, 9, 12, 14, 15)
49	(7, 13, 15)(9, 10, 11)	50	(7, 13, 10, 9, 15)
51	(7, 14, 11, 15, 9, 8, 12)	52	(7, 8, 13, 11)(9, 10, 15, 12)
53	(7, 8, 13, 11, 9, 14, 15)	54	(6, 11, 7, 10)(8, 15, 9)
55	(6, 11, 15, 10, 13)	56	(6, 11, 13)(12, 14)
57	(6, 11, 8, 13)(9, 15)	58	(6, 10, 7, 15, 9)(11, 12, 13)
59	(6, 10, 13, 11, 12, 7, 9)	60	(6, 10, 9, 14)(11, 12, 15, 13)
61	(6, 10, 15, 13, 11, 12, 9)	62	(6, 12, 14)(9, 15, 13, 10, 11)
63	(6, 12, 13, 10, 11, 8, 15)	64	(6, 9, 13, 11, 10, 14, 15)
65	(6, 9, 15, 13, 14)	66	(6, 9, 11, 10, 14, 15, 13)
67	(6, 9)(7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 13)	68	(6, 9)(7, 10)(11, 14)(13, 15)
69	(6, 15, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 9)	70	(6, 15, 7, 10, 13, 9)(11, 14)
71	(5, 10, 11, 6, 9)(7, 12, 14, 15)	72	(5, 10, 11, 6, 15, 13, 7, 12, 14, 9)
73	(5, 10, 6, 15, 12, 7, 8, 9)(11, 14, 13)		

Table 2: The Codes  $C_{53,\alpha}$

Code	$\alpha$	Code	$\alpha$
1	(8, 14, 10, 13, 9, 15, 12)	2	(8, 14)(9, 10, 13)(12, 15)
3	(8, 14, 10, 13, 9, 12)	4	(7, 13, 14, 10, 9, 15, 12)
5	(7, 12, 8, 14, 10, 9, 13, 15, 11)	6	(6, 15, 9, 11, 10, 13, 12, 8)
7	(6, 12, 8, 13, 9, 14, 10, 15)		

Table 3: The Codes  $C_{54,\alpha}$

Code	$\alpha$	Code	$\alpha$
1	(7, 9)(8, 12)(10, 15, 14, 11)	2	(6, 8, 15, 10, 9)(11, 13, 14, 12)
3	(6, 8, 15, 10, 9, 14, 12, 11, 13)	4	(6, 8, 15, 9, 14, 12, 11, 13)
5	(6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 11, 10)(12, 15)		

Table 4: The Codes  $C_{55,\alpha}$

Code	$\alpha$	Code	$\alpha$
1	(7, 12, 15)(8, 11, 14, 10)	2	(7, 11, 9, 13, 10)(8, 14)(12, 15)
3	(7, 11)(8, 14)(9, 15, 12, 13, 10)	4	(7, 11, 9)(8, 14)(10, 13)(12, 15)
5	(7, 8, 11)(9, 13, 12)(10, 15, 14)	6	(7, 8, 13, 11, 9, 14, 10)(12, 15)
7	(7, 10, 15, 11)(8, 14, 12, 9, 13)	8	(7, 15, 8, 11, 14, 12, 9, 13)
9	(7, 14, 8, 11, 12, 15)(9, 10)	10	(7, 14, 8, 10, 12, 13, 11, 15)
11	(6, 11, 9, 10, 14, 8, 15, 12, 13)	12	(6, 11, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15)
13	(6, 11, 15, 7, 12, 14, 10)	14	(6, 12, 13, 14, 10)(7, 11, 15)
15	(6, 10)(8, 11)(12, 13)(14, 15)	16	(5, 15, 12, 7, 9, 14, 10, 11, 8)
17	(5, 15, 14, 10)(8, 13, 11)(9, 12)		