

## SOME IRREDUCIBLE 2-MODULAR CODES INVARIANT UNDER THE SYMPLECTIC GROUP $S_6(2)$

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ABSTRACT. We examine all non-trivial binary codes and designs obtained from the 2-modular primitive permutation representations of degrees up to 135 of the simple projective special symplectic group  $S_6(2)$ . The submodule lattice of the permutation modules, together with a comprehensive description of each code including the weight enumerator, the automorphism group, and the action of  $S_6(2)$  is given. By considering the structures of the stabilizers of several codewords we attempt to gain an insight into the nature of some classes of codewords in particular those of minimum weight.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This paper makes an attempt to answer the following general problem: given a prescribed group, determine all invariant  $p$ -ary codes under the group. This is an enumeration and classification problem which has a merit of its own, but it is also one that lends itself naturally to revealing an interplay between coding theory and modular representation theory. As a by-product one may therefore enumerate and classify all submodules and hence codes invariant under a given group. In [10] and [11] we proposed a novel approach to construct binary codes from the 2-modular primitive representation of a finite group. The said method emerges as a combination of techniques described

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in [5, 6] and partially in [20]. In this article, motivated by questions raised in [11] concerning with a certain class of 2-(64, 28, 12) designs whose derived designs are not quasi-symmetric, and by the work of Crnković and Mikulić ([13]) we examine binary codes obtained from the permutation modules induced by the action of the simple projective symplectic group  $S_6(2)$  on the cosets of some of its maximal subgroups. Using a chain of maximal submodules of a permutation module induced by the action of the group  $S_6(2)$  on various geometrical objects described in [12] as  $O_6^-(2)$ ,  $O_6^+(2)$ , points,  $G_2(2)$ , isotropic planes, isotropic lines, non-isotropic lines and  $S_2(8)$ , we determine all the 2-modular binary linear codes (up to length 135) invariant under the action of the symplectic group  $S_6(2)$ . The submodule lattice of the permutation modules and the weight distribution of the codes obtained from the representations of degrees 28, 36, 63, 120 and 135 respectively are determined and the incidence relations between the constituents of the representations are given. In addition, an explicit description of the codes is given and where possible using the geometry of the objects described above we provide a geometric interpretation of the nature of the codewords. Moreover, we use the well-known Assmus-Mattson Theorem ([3]) to determine designs which are held by the codewords of given non-trivial weights in the codes. Due to computer time limitations we did not attempt an exhaustive and conclusive study of the remaining representations, namely those of degrees 315, 336 and 960. Hence, through computations with MAGMA and MEAT-AXE (called within MAGMA, see [4]), and using the construction prescribed in Lemma 5.1 below we deduce the following main result:

**THEOREM 1.1.** *Let  $C$  be a binary linear code of length 28, 36, 63, 120 or 135 invariant under the group  $S_6(2)$ . The following holds:*

- (i)  *$\text{Aut}(C)$  is isomorphic to  $S_6(2)$ ,  $O_8^+(2)$ ,  $O_8^+(2):2$  or  $L_6(2)$ .*
- (ii) *Up to isomorphism there are 214 non-trivial binary codes obtained from the 2-modular representations of  $S_6(2)$  on these lengths. Of these, 15 are optimal.*

The proof of the theorem follows from a series of propositions in Sections 6–10. The paper is organized as follows: after a brief description of our terminology and some background, Sections 3, 4, and 5 give respectively, a description of the simple symplectic group  $S_6(2)$ ; the incidence relations among its primitive representations and its 2-modular representations. In Sections 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10 we present our results.

## 2. TERMINOLOGY AND NOTATION

Our notation for codes and groups will be standard, and it is as in [3] and [12, 23]. For the structure of groups and their maximal subgroups we follow the Atlas ([12]) notation. The groups  $G.H$ ,  $G:H$ , and  $G \cdot H$  denote a

general extension, a split extension and a non-split extension respectively. For a prime  $p$ , the symbol  $p^m$  denotes an elementary abelian group of that order. The notation  $p_+^{1+2n}$  and  $p_-^{1+2n}$  are used for extraspecial groups of order  $p^{1+2n}$ . If  $p$  is an odd prime, the subscript is  $+$  or  $-$  according as the group has exponent  $p$  or  $p^2$ . For  $p = 2$  it is  $+$  or  $-$  according as the central product has an even or odd number of quaternionic factors. If  $G$  is a finite group and  $\Omega$  is a finite  $G$ -set, then  $F\Omega$  is called a permutation  $FG$ -module, which has the standard inner product with respect to the basis  $\Omega$ .

An incidence structure  $\mathcal{D} = (\mathcal{P}, \mathcal{B}, \mathcal{I})$ , with point set  $\mathcal{P}$ , block set  $\mathcal{B}$  and incidence  $\mathcal{I}$  is a  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda)$  design, if  $|\mathcal{P}| = v$ , every block  $B \in \mathcal{B}$  is incident with precisely  $k$  points, and every  $t$  distinct points are together incident with precisely  $\lambda$  blocks. The complementary design of  $\mathcal{D}$  is obtained by replacing all blocks of  $\mathcal{D}$  by their complements. The design  $\mathcal{D}$  is *symmetric* if it has the same number of points and blocks. The numbers that occur as the size of the intersection of two distinct blocks are the *intersection numbers* of the design. A  $t$ - $(v, k, \lambda)$  design is called *self-orthogonal* if the intersection numbers have the same parity as the block size. An automorphism of a design  $\mathcal{D}$  is a permutation on  $\mathcal{P}$  which sends blocks to blocks. The set of all automorphisms of  $\mathcal{D}$  forms its full automorphism group denoted by  $\text{Aut}\mathcal{D}$ .

The *code  $C$  of the design  $\mathcal{D}$*  over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_p$  is the space spanned by the incidence vectors of the blocks over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . The weight enumerator of  $C$  is defined as  $\sum_{c \in C} x^{\text{wt}(c)}$ . The *hull* of a design  $\mathcal{D}$  with code  $C$  over the field  $F$  is the code obtained by taking the intersection of  $C$  and its dual. An  $[n, k]$  linear code  $C$  is said to be a *best known linear  $[n, k]$  code* if  $C$  has the highest minimum weight among all known  $[n, k]$  linear codes. An  $[n, k]$  linear code  $C$  is said to be an *optimal linear  $[n, k]$  code* if the minimum weight of  $C$  achieves the theoretical upper bound on the minimum weight of  $[n, k]$  linear codes, and *near-optimal* if its minimum distance is at most 1 less than the largest possible value. A linear  $[n, k]$  code is called *projective* if no two columns of a generator matrix  $G$  are linearly dependent, i.e., if the columns of  $G$  are pairwise different points in a projective  $(k - 1)$ -dimensional space. A *two-weight* code is a code which has exactly two non-zero weights, say  $w_1$  and  $w_2$ . The dual of a two-weight code belongs to the important family of uniformly packed codes. A code  $C$  is *self-orthogonal* if  $C \subseteq C^\perp$  and *self-dual* if equality is attained. The all-one vector will be denoted by  $\mathbf{1}$ , and is the constant vector of weight the length of the code, and whose coordinate entries consist entirely of 1's. If  $C_1$  is an  $[n_1, k_1]$ -code, and  $C_2$  is an  $[n_2, k_2]$ -code, then we say that  $C$  is the *direct sum* of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  if (up to reordering of coordinates)  $C = \{(x, y) \mid x \in C_1, y \in C_2\}$ . We denote this by  $C = C_1 \oplus C_2$ . If moreover  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are nonzero, then we say that  $C$  decomposes into  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . A code  $C$  is said to be *decomposable* if there exist nonzero codes  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  such that  $C$  decomposes into  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ . A binary code  $C$  is *doubly-even* if all codewords of  $C$  have weight divisible by four. Two linear codes are *isomorphic* if they

can be obtained from one another by permuting the coordinate positions. An *automorphism* of a code is any permutation of the coordinate positions that maps codewords to codewords and will be denoted  $\text{Aut}(C)$ .

### 3. THE GROUP $S_6(2)$ AND ITS PRIMITIVE PERMUTATION REPRESENTATIONS

Below we give a brief overview of the simple symplectic group  $G = S_6(2)$  (using the Atlas notation) and its maximal subgroups, and primitive permutation representations via the coset action on these subgroups. For a more detailed account on the symplectic groups we refer the reader to [12, p. 60], [26, Section 4.5] or [1]. Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector space over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $f$  a non-degenerate alternating bilinear form  $f : V \times V \rightarrow \mathbb{F}$  on  $V$ . If  $A_f$  is the matrix associated with the form  $f$ , then the group  $Sp(n, \mathbb{F})$  is defined as  $Sp(n, \mathbb{F}) = \{T \in GL(n, \mathbb{F}) \mid T^t A_f T = A_f\}$ . The factor group of  $Sp(n, \mathbb{F})$  by its center is called the projective special symplectic group and denoted  $PSp(n, q)$  or  $S_n(q)$  when the group is simple. In terms of matrices the group  $Sp(n, q)$  is a subgroup of  $GL(n, q)$  consisting of the  $n \times n$  matrices  $P$  satisfying  $P^t A P = A$ , where  $A$  is a fixed invertible skew-symmetric matrix. The group  $PSp(n, q)$  is simple group for all  $n \geq 3$  except when  $PSp(4, 2) \cong S_6$ , and when  $q = 2$  we have that  $PSp(n, q) \cong Sp(n, q)$  and hence a subgroup of  $GL(n, q)$ . The group  $S_6(2)$  is isomorphic to the orthogonal group  $O_7(2)$ , i.e., the group of all  $7 \times 7$  matrices preserving a non-singular quadratic form.  $S_6(2)$  has order 1451520, and it is its own automorphism group.  $G$  acts naturally on the points of the projective geometry  $PG(5, 2)$ . It is known that  $PG(5, 2)$  has 63 points and 651 lines and in addition 315 totally isotropic lines, and 135 totally isotropic planes.  $G$  has 8 primitive permutation representations of degrees 28, 36, 63, 120, 135, 315, 336 and 960 respectively (see [12] or [1]). These representations are shown in Table 1: The first column gives the ordering of the primitive representations as given by Magma (or the Atlas) and as used in our computations; the second gives the degree (the number of cosets of the point stabilizer); the third gives the maximal subgroups; the fourth gives the number of orbits, and the remaining column gives the length of the orbits of the point stabilizer.

TABLE 1. Maximal subgroups of  $S_6(2)$ .

no.	degree	Max subgroup	# of orbits	orbit length
1	28	$U_4(2):2$	2	1, 27
2	36	$S_8$	2	1, 35
3	63	$2^5:S_6$	3	1, 30, 32
4	120	$U_3(3):2$	3	1, 56, 63
5	135	$2^6:L_3(2)$	4	1, 14, 56, 64
6	315	$2 \cdot [2^6]:(S_3 \times S_3)$	5	1, 18, 24, 128, 144
7	336	$S_3 \times S_6$	5	1, 20, 45, 90, 180
8	960	$L_2(8):3$	6	1, 56, 63, 84, 252, 504

We summarize the information obtained from the group and find notations for the objects which are permuted in each of its primitive permutation representations. The primitive representations may also be described (often in several ways, see for example the Atlas [12]) in terms of the action of  $G$  on various sets of geometrical objects: we shall use the notations  $g(m)$  ( $m = 28, 36, 63, 120, 135, 315, 336$  and  $960$ ) to denote these sets. We will use names for all objects in terms of their symplectic specifications from [12], namely  $O_6^-(2), O_6^+(2)$ , points,  $G_2(2)$ , isotropic planes, isotropic lines, non-isotropic lines and  $S_2(8)$ .

4. INCIDENCE RELATIONS

The action of a group fixing an element of  $g(m)$  may be transitive on the elements of  $g(n)$  or may split these elements into several orbits or into two orbits if  $m \neq n$ , of which one has size one if  $m = n$ . The rows and columns of Table 2 represent the intersection of the objects being permuted as named above. If we denote the entries in Table 2 by  $a_{mn}$ , then the entry  $a_{33}$  corresponds the action of  $2^5 : S_6$  on its cosets in  $S_6(2)$  which produces three orbits of lengths 1, 30 and 32 respectively. However the entry  $a_{73}$  indicates that there are three orbits of an intransitive action of an  $S_3 \times S_6$  on  $2^5 : S_6$ , of lengths 3, 15 and 45 and the entry  $a_{57}$  indicates a transitive action of an  $2^6 : L_3(2)$  on  $S_3 \times S_6$ .

TABLE 2. Orbits of primitive permutation representations of  $S_6(2)$

	28	36	63	120	135	315	336	960
28	1-27	36	27-36	120	135	45-270	120-216	960
36	28	1-35	28-35	120	30-105	105-210	56-280	960
63	12-16	16-20	1-30-32	120	15120	15-60-240	16-80-240	960
120	28	36	63	1-56-63	63-72	63-252	336	288-672
135	28	8-28	7-56	56-64	1-14-56-64	7-84-224	112-224	64-896
315	4-24	12-24	3-12-48	24-96	3-36-96	1-18-24-128-144	16-48-128-144	192-768
336	10-18	6-30	3-15-45	120	45-90	15-45-120-135	1-20-45-90-180	240-720
960	28	36	63	36-84	9-126	63-252	84-252	1-56-63-84-252-504

We have considered the 2-modular representations of degrees 28, 36, 63, 120 and 135 and omitted those of degrees 315, 336 and 960 respectively due to computer time limitations.

5. THE 2-MODULAR REPRESENTATIONS OF  $S_6(2)$  AS BINARY CODES

Each conjugacy class of maximal subgroups of  $S_6(2)$  generates a permutation module over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ . We shall consider these  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -modules, and their invariant submodules under the action of  $G$ . Starting with the permutation module we recursively find maximal submodules filtering any isomorphic copies until we obtain an irreducible module. Each maximal submodule constitutes in turn the binary code that is invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . After eliminating isomorphic

copies, we obtain a lattice of submodules. We shall consider these  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -modules, and a chain of all their invariant maximal submodules under the action of  $S_6(2)$ . In this way, we classify and enumerate all submodules, hence codes invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . Taking the submodules as the working modules, the corresponding maximal submodules are found recursively. The recursion terminates as soon as we reach an irreducible maximal submodule or a maximal submodule of dimension 1. In so doing we determine all codes associated with the permutation module of a given dimension and invariant under the group. Our construction is based on a method outlined in [10] which is made explicit by the following lemma whose proof we present for completeness.

LEMMA 5.1 ([9,24]). *Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $\Omega$  a finite  $G$ -set. Then the  $\mathbb{F}_2G$ -submodules of  $\mathbb{F}_2\Omega$  are precisely the  $G$ -invariant codes (i.e.,  $G$ -invariant subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_2\Omega$ ).*

PROOF. Let  $G$  be a finite permutation group acting on a finite set  $\Omega$  in the usual way. Let  $V = \mathbb{F}_2\Omega$  be the  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -vector space with basis the elements of  $\Omega$ . Let  $\rho : G \rightarrow GL(V)$  be a representation of  $G$  given by

$$\rho(g)(x) = g(x) \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and } x \in V.$$

We can consider  $V$  as the  $\mathbb{F}_2G$ -module obtained from  $\rho$ . Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be an  $\mathbb{F}_2G$ -submodule of the permutation module  $V$ . Then since  $\mathcal{S}$  is a  $G$ -invariant code we have

$$\left( \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g \right) \cdot S \in \mathcal{S} \text{ for all } \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g \in \mathbb{F}_2G \text{ and } S \in \mathcal{S}.$$

In particular,

$$g \cdot S \in \mathcal{S} \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and } S \in \mathcal{S}.$$

Thus, for all  $g \in G$  and  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  we obtain  $\rho(g)(S) \in \mathcal{S}$  or  $g(S) \in \mathcal{S}$  and so  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $G$ -invariant. Conversely, if  $\mathcal{S}$  is  $G$ -invariant, then for all  $g \in G$  and  $S \in \mathcal{S}$  we have  $\rho(g)(S) \in \mathcal{S}$ . Therefore for scalars  $\alpha_g \in \mathbb{F}_2$  we have

$$\sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g \rho(g)(S) \in \mathcal{S}$$

by linearity. This implies that

$$\left( \sum_{g \in G} \alpha_g g \right) \cdot S \in \mathcal{S}.$$

□

The construction outlined in Lemma 5.1 requires that we find all submodules of the given permutation module. For this we decompose the permutation module into submodules. These constitutes the building blocks

for the construction of a lattice of submodules where possible, thus attaining an answer to the enumeration problem. With the characterization of these codes we respond to the problem of classification of the codes.

Considering  $G$  to be the simple symplectic group  $S_6(2)$ , the sections that follow present the calculations on the  $G$ -invariant modules by making use of Lemma 5.1. The vectors in each submodule form a code, over  $\mathbb{F}_2$ , whose length is the dimension of the permutation module and whose dimension is the dimension of the submodule. The weight enumerators of the submodules are therefore also the weight enumerators of these codes which are invariant under the action of  $S_6(2)$ .

## 6. 28-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION

In its representation on a set  $\Omega = \{1, 2, \dots, 28\}$  the group  $S_6(2)$  has for point stabilizer  $U_4(2):2$  which has two orbits of lengths 1 and 27 respectively. Using the Atlas [12], we notice that the constituents being permuted by the group are the 28 symbols (copies of  $O_6^-(2)$ ) of the set  $\Omega$ . The permutation module splits into three absolutely irreducible constituents of dimension 1, 6 and 14 with multiplicities 2, 2 and 1 respectively. There is only one irreducible submodule of dimension 1. Moreover, the permutation module has only one maximal submodule of dimension 27. In fact the permutation module has only one composition series, namely:  $\mathbb{F}_2\Omega = 28 \supseteq 27 \supseteq 21 \supseteq 7 \supseteq 1$ . These codes and their duals will be denoted  $C_{28,i}$  and  $C_{28,i}^\perp$  and their properties are discussed below in Proposition 6.1.

FIGURE 1. Submodule lattice of the 28-dimensional permutation module



TABLE 3. Weight distribution of the codes from the 28-dimensional representation.

Name	dim	0	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24	28
$C_{28,1}$	7	1					63		63					1
$C_{28,1}^\perp$	21	1	315	6048	47817	206976	472059	630720	472059	206976	47817	6048	315	1

PROPOSITION 6.1. *The code  $C_{28,1}$  is self-orthogonal and doubly-even, with minimum weight 12. It is a  $[28, 7, 12]_2$  code, and its dual  $C_{28,1}^\perp$  is a  $[28, 21, 4]_2$  singly even code.  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{28,1}$  and  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{28,1}^\perp$ . Moreover,  $C_{28,1}$  and  $C_{28,1}^\perp$  are optimal codes that are generated by their minimum weight codewords, and  $\text{Aut}(C_{28,1}) \cong S_6(2)$*

PROOF. See [11, Proposition 8.1](iii) or [14]. □

REMARK 6.2. The code  $C_{28,1}$  was discussed in [11] in connection with codes obtained from the 2-modular representation of  $A_8$ . It is worth pointing out that  $A_8 \cong O_6^-(2) \leq S_6(2)$ . From the Atlas ([12]) we infer that the words of minimum weight represent the points of the projective space  $PG(5, 2)$  or the isotropic points in the orthogonal space of dimension 7; illustrating yet again the isomorphism between  $S_6(2)$  and  $O_7^+(2)$ . The stabilizer of a point in this action is a group isomorphic to the group  $U_4(2):2$ . The image under  $S_6(2)$  of the codewords of minimum weight form a 2-(28, 12, 11) design on which  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively. Moreover, the codewords of minimum weight in  $C_{28,1}^\perp$  represent the isotropic lines. The stabilizer of an isotropic line is a group isomorphic to  $(2^{1+4} \times 2^2):(S_3 \times S_3)$ . Their minimum words represent the blocks of a 2-(28, 4, 5) design with 315 blocks isomorphic to the well-known Hölz design.

### 7. 36-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Notice from Table 1 (see also Table 2) that there is a single class of maximal subgroups of  $S_6(2)$  of index 36 when  $G$  acts on the cosets of  $S_8$ . Under this action  $S_8$  has two orbits, one of length 1 and another of length 35 respectively and we get a permutation representation of degree 36. Hence we form a permutation module of dimension 36 invariant under  $G$ . By [12] the elements being permuted by  $G$  are copies of  $S_8$ . The permutation module splits into 4 absolutely irreducible constituents of dimensions 1, 6, 8 and 14 with multiplicities of 2, 2, 1 and 1 respectively. There is only one irreducible submodule of dimension 1. Moreover the permutation module has only one maximal submodule of dimension 35. Now, from the 35-dimensional module we get one maximal submodule of dimension 29. From the 29-dimensional module we get two maximal submodules of dimensions 15 and 21 respectively. These two modules contains one maximal submodule each of dimension 7 which has in turn one irreducible maximal submodule of dimension 1.



We thus find that the permutation module has submodules of dimensions 35, 29, 21, 15, 7 and 1 and hence obtain 4 non trivial codes of dimensions 7, 15, 21 and 29. The lattice of the submodules is as shown in Figure 2 and the weight distribution given in Table 4.

FIGURE 2. Submodule lattice of the 36 dimensional permutation module

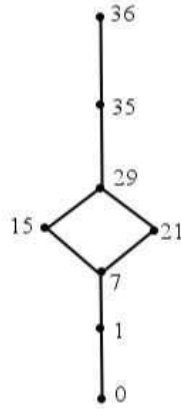


TABLE 4. The weight distribution of the codes from a 36-dimensional representation.

Name	dim	0	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18
		36	32	30	28	26	24	22	20	
$C_{36,1}$	7	1							63	
$C_{36,2}$	15	1		135		945	4320	7623	6720	
$C_{36,2^\perp}$	21	1	336	945	16128	78435	229680	440811	564480	
$C_{36,1^\perp}$	29	1	945	30576	471420	3977568	19541340	59348880	114138486	141852480

Notice that all the codes are self-complementary and that  $C_{36,1}$  is a subcode of all the codes. In addition  $C_{36,1^\perp}$  contains all of them. The containments amongst the codes is given in Proposition 7.1 and a detailed description of them in Proposition 7.2.

- PROPOSITION 7.1. (i)  $C_{36,1} \subset C_{36,2} \subset C_{36,1^\perp}$   
 (ii)  $C_{36,2^\perp} \subset C_{36,1^\perp}$

PROPOSITION 7.2. (i) *The code  $C_{36,1}$  is self-orthogonal and doubly-even, with minimum weight 16. It is a  $[36, 7, 16]_2$  code, and its dual  $C_{36,1}^\perp$  is a  $[36, 29, 4]_2$  singly even code.  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{36,1}$  and  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{36,1}^\perp$  with  $C_{36,1}, C_{36,1}^\perp$  optimal codes that are generated by their minimum weight codewords. Moreover,  $\text{Aut}(C_{36,1}) \cong S_6(2)$  and  $S_6(2)$  acts irreducibly on  $C_{36,1}$ .*

(ii) The code  $C_{36,2}$  is singly-even with minimum weight 8. It is a  $[36, 15, 8]_2$  code, and its dual  $C_{36,2}^\perp$  is a  $[36, 21, 6]_2$  code. Moreover  $\text{Aut}(C_{36,2}) \cong S_6(2)$ .  $C_{36,2}$  is a distance 2 from optimal while  $C_{36,2}^\perp$  is near-optimal. Both codes are generated by their minimum weight codewords.

PROOF. (i)  $S_6(2)$  acts 2-transitively on the set of co-ordinates of  $C_{36,i}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ , and so we have that the support of a codeword of any fixed non-zero weight in  $C_{36,i}$  yields a 2-design. In particular we can show that the support of the minimum weight codewords yield a 2-(36, 16, 12) design with 63 blocks. We denote this design  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  and can show that the blocks of  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  meet in 6 or 8 points. Thus  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  is a quasi-symmetric design. Now, since in  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  we have that  $|B_i \cap B_j| = \{6, 8\} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , with  $B_i$  and  $B_j$  two distinct blocks and  $k = 16 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , we have a self-orthogonal design. Thus, the point block incidence matrix of  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  spans a self-orthogonal code of length 36, which we denote  $C_{36,1}$ . Since the block size of  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  is even we have that  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{36,1}^\perp$ . Since the code is spanned by its minimum-weight codewords whose weights are divisible by four, it is doubly-even. Notice from Table 4 that the weight distribution of  $C_{36,1}$  is  $A_0 = A_{36} = 1$  and  $A_{16} = A_{20} = 63$  and the minimum-weight codewords are the incidence vectors of the blocks of the design and those of weight 20 are the incidence vectors of the blocks of the complementary design. Now, from [21, Theorem 1] or [13, Table 4] we have that  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}) \cong S_6(2)$ . But  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{36,1})$  and  $|\text{Aut}(C_{36,1})| = |S_6(2)|$ , and so the result follows. Furthermore, since  $r = 28 \neq 2\lambda = 24$  and  $C_{36,1}^\perp \neq 0$  we have that the minimum-weight of  $C_{36,1}^\perp$  is at least 4. From the 2-modular character table of  $S_6(2)$  (see [19]) we have that 7 is the smallest dimension for any non-trivial irreducible  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -module invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . Irreducibility now follows easily by using the weight enumerator of the code. The optimality of the codes was found using Magma and verified in the online tables of optimal codes, see [16]. This also follows if we regard  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  as the residual design of a symmetric difference property design, (see [21] for more details). In this way, we obtain a code meeting the Grey-Rankin bound with parameters (36, 128, 16) and of minimum possible 2-rank 7, which is optimal. Finally, since  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{36,1}$  it follows that the code of the complementary 2-(36, 20, 19) design is  $C_{36,1}$ .

(ii) Similarly the support of the codewords of weight 8 in  $C_{36,2}$  holds a 2-(36, 8, 6) design  $\mathcal{D}_{w_8}$  with 135 blocks. The row vectors of the point block incidence matrix of this design generate the code of length 36 denoted  $C_{36,2}$  with  $\text{Aut}(C_{36,2}) \cong S_6(2)$ . From the online tables of optimal codes we can easily verify that  $C_{36,2}$  is a distance 2 from optimal, while  $C_{36,2}^\perp$  is near-optimal.  $\square$

As an immediate consequence of Proposition 7.2 and the results given in Section 7 we deduce the following result.

**COROLLARY 7.3.** *Up to isomorphism there are exactly 4 non-trivial codes of length 36 invariant under  $G$ . There is no  $G$ -invariant self-dual code  $C$  of length 36.*

**REMARK 7.4.** The attentive reader will observe the connection between the designs and codes obtained from the permutation module of dimension 28 discussed in Section 6 and those given in Section 7. It should also become evident to the reader that since  $A_8 \leq S_6(2)$  this connection is natural. In what follows we attempt to outline this interplay between the codes and designs in a more detailed manner:

(i) The designs 2-(28, 12, 11) given in Section 6 and  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  are respectively the derived and the residual designs of a 2-(64, 28, 12) design and they are part of an infinite family of quasi-symmetric designs constructed from the symplectic group  $S_{2m}(2)$  and quadratic forms, see [13, 21]. These designs are on  $v = 2^{2m-1} \pm 2^{m-1}$  points depending on whether we consider hyperbolic or elliptic quadratic forms. Note that the codes  $C_{28,1}$  and  $C_{36,1}$  are isomorphic as  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -modules. In Proposition 7.2 we saw that all codes have  $S_6(2)$  as their full automorphism group. After a careful examination of Table 4 we deduce that the non-zero weight codewords of the codes  $C_{36,i}$   $1 \leq i \leq 3$  are single orbits and are stabilized by maximal subgroups of the automorphism groups. We consider the action of  $\text{Aut}(C) = S_6(2)$  on the codewords of minimum weight to describe the structure of the stabilizers and form 2-designs which are invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . Using this information we describe the nature of the codewords of minimum weight. For this, let  $w_m$  denote a codeword of a nonzero weight  $m$  in  $C = C_{36,i}$ . If we take  $m \in \{16, 8, 6\}$  for  $C_{36,i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ , respectively then from Table 4 we see that  $w_m^{S_6(2)}$  forms a single orbit and so  $S_6(2)$  is transitive on the code coordinates. Now, using Table 4 and the orbit stabilizer theorem we have  $[S_6(2):(S_6(2)_{w_m})] \in \{63, 135, 336\}$ . This implies that  $(S_6(2))_{w_m} \in \{2^5:S_6, 2^6:L_3(2), S_3 \times S_6\}$ . Since  $S_6(2)$  is transitive on code coordinates, the support of the codewords of the given weights yield the designs  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$ . These are in fact 2-(36, 16, 12), 2-(36, 8, 6), and 2-(36, 6, 8) designs. The number of blocks in the designs equal the indices of  $(S_6(2))_{w_m}$  in  $S_6(2)$ . Hence,  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively on  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$ .

(ii) Using the above information we can give a geometric interpretation of codewords of minimum weight. From [12], note that codewords of weight 16 in  $C_{36,1}$  represent the points of the projective space  $PG(5, 2)$  and the stabilizer of a point is a group isomorphic to  $2^5:S_6$ . The codewords of weight 16 are also the blocks of the design  $\mathcal{D}_{w_{16}}$  described earlier. The codewords of weight 8 in  $C_{36,2}$  represent the isotropic planes, and the stabilizer of an isotropic plane is isomorphic to a group of shape  $2^6:L_3(2)$ . Moreover, the image of their support under the action of the group form the blocks of a 2-(36, 8, 6) design. Similarly the codewords of weight 6 in  $C_{36,2}^\perp$  represent non-isotropic lines, and the stabilizer of a non-isotropic line is a group isomorphic to  $S_6 \times S_3$ .

Furthermore, the support of the codewords of minimum weight 6 form the blocks of a 2-(36, 6, 8) design.

(iii) The designs with parameters 2-(28, 10, 40), 2-(36, 12, 33), and 2-(36, 6, 8) were first obtained in [13]. The authors queried in that paper whether or not such designs were known to exist. The 2-(28, 10, 40) design is constructed using the codewords of weight 10 in  $C_{28,1}^\perp$ . From the fixed points of a Sylow 3-subgroup of  $2^4:S_5$  one can construct the 2-(28, 10, 40) design. Furthermore, the 2-(36, 6, 8) design is defined by the ovals of the 2-(36, 8, 6) design, see [13]. Here, we used the codes and the supports of codewords of given non-zero weight to show yet another way of constructing such designs and also provide geometric interconnections which uncover the interplay between coding theory and design theory via modular representation theory.

### 8. 63-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION

It follows from Section 3 and it can also be deduced from Tables 1 and 2 that  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively as rank-3 group of degree 63 on the points of the projective geometry  $PG(5, 2)$ . The stabilizer of a point is a group isomorphic to  $2^5:S_6$  with orbits of lengths 1, 30 and 32 respectively. It is well known that such an action defines a strongly regular (63, 30, 13, 15) graph. We denote this graph  $\Gamma$  and remark that its complement is a strongly regular (63, 32, 16, 16) graph. Since  $\Gamma$  is a graph that appears in a partition of the symplectic graph  $S_6^+(2)$ , it follows from [22, Theorem 5.3] that  $\Gamma$  possesses the triangle property and as such it is uniquely determined by its parameters and by the minimality of its 2-rank. For completeness, we give an overview of the symplectic graph. Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a  $2n \times 2n$  nonsingular alternate matrix over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , the symplectic graph relative to  $\mathcal{A}$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is the graph with the set of one-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2n)}$  as its vertex set and with adjacency defined by  $[u] \sim [v]$  if and only if  $u\mathcal{A}^t v \neq 0$  for any  $u \neq 0$  and  $v \neq 0 \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(2n)}$ , where  $[u]$  and  $[v]$  are one-dimensional subspaces of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2n)}$ , and  $[u] \sim [v]$  means that  $[u]$  and  $[v]$  are adjacent.

Using this action a permutation module of dimension 63 is formed. Moreover, from [12] we can identify the elements being permuted by the group as being the points of the projective geometry. The permutation module splits into four absolutely irreducible constituents of dimension 1, 6, 8 and 14 with multiplicities of 3, 4, 1 and 2 respectively. We found that there are two irreducible submodules of dimension 1 and 6 both absolutely irreducible. Moreover, the 63-dimensional permutation module has two maximal submodules of dimension 57 and 62. Now, from the 57-dimensional module we get four non-isomorphic maximal submodules of dimension 43, 56, 56, 56, and from the 62-dimensional module we get one

maximal submodule of dimension 56 which is isomorphic to the third 56-dimensional submodule. From the 43-dimensional submodule we get three non-isomorphic maximal submodules each of dimension 42. From each of the 56-dimensional submodules we get two maximal submodules, one of dimension 42 and the other of dimension 55. The three 55-dimensional submodules are all isomorphic. We find that the three 42-dimensional submodules are all non-isomorphic, although being each isomorphic to a 42-dimensional submodule obtained from the 43-dimensional submodule. We now have four maximal submodules each of dimension 42, 42, 42 and 55. From each of these, we get one maximal submodule of dimension 41 and in addition we get another maximal submodule of dimension 36 from the third 42-dimensional submodule. Analogous to the representations of degrees 28 and 36, using Meat-Axe we worked recursively through the chain of submodules of the permutation module and filtered out isomorphic copies of maximal submodules. In doing so, we determined a total of 27 submodules of dimensions 1, 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 20, 21, 21, 21, 22, 27, 28, 35, 36, 41, 42, 42, 42, 43, 55, 56, 56, 56, 57, 62 and 63 respectively. The lattice of submodules is shown in Figure 3. We obtain a total of 24 non-trivial binary codes of dimensions 6, 7, 7, 7, 8, 20, 21, 21, 21, 22, 27, 28, 35, 36, 41, 42, 42, 42, 43, 55, 56, 56, 56 and 57 respectively. These codes and their duals will be denoted  $C_{63,i}$  and  $C_{63,i}^\perp$ , with  $1 \leq i \leq 12$  in an increasing order of their dimension. The weight distributions of the codes and those of their duals are given in Tables 5 and 7 respectively. We note that in Table 7 we give only a partial listing of the weight distribution of the duals, since the weights are too large.

FIGURE 3. Submodule lattice of the 63-dimensional permutation module

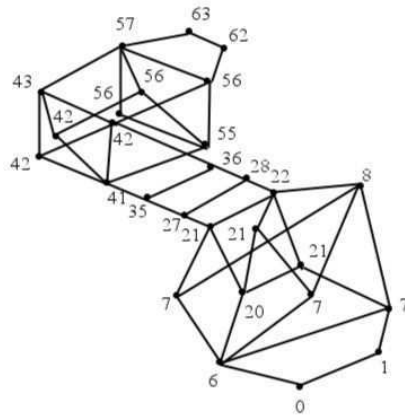


TABLE 5. The weight distribution of the codes from a 63-dimensional representation.

Name	dim	0	11	12	15	16	19	20	23	24	27	28	31
$C_{63,1}$	6	1											
$C_{63,2}$	7	1										36	
$C_{63,3}$	7	1									28		
$C_{63,4}$	7	1											63
$C_{63,5}$	8	1									28	36	63
$C_{63,6}$	20	1			945					91560		248832	
$C_{63,7}$	21	1			1953					182280		499968	
$C_{63,8}$	21	1		336	945				54432	91560	195328	248832	455616
$C_{63,9}$	21	1		315	945				54936	91560	193536	248832	458451
$C_{63,10}$	22	1			651	1953			109368	182280	388864	499968	914067
$C_{63,11}$	27	1	1638			20097		749826		9274440		36318492	
$C_{63,12}$	28	1	378	1638	6699	20097	340830	749826	5564664	9274440	28247716	36318492	53692947

TABLE 6. Table 5 continued.

dim	32	35	36	39	40	43	44	47	48	51	52	63
$C_{63,1}$	63											
$C_{63,2}$	63		28									
$C_{63,3}$	63	36										
$C_{63,4}$	63											1
$C_{63,5}$	63	36	28									1
$C_{63,6}$	458451		193536		54936				315			
$C_{63,7}$	914067		388864		109368				651			
$C_{63,8}$	458451	251136	193536	90720	54936			1008	315			
$C_{63,9}$	458451	248832	193536	91560	54936			945	315			1
$C_{63,10}$	914067	499968	388864	182280	109368			1953	651			1
$C_{63,11}$	53692947		28247716		5564664		340830		6699		378	
$C_{63,12}$	53692947	36318492	28247716	9274440	5564664	749826	340830	20097	6699	1638	378	1

TABLE 7. Partial listing of the weight distribution of the dual of codes of length 63

Name	dim	0	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$C_{63,12}^\perp$	35	1						945			
$C_{63,11}^\perp$	36	1					135	945			6048
$C_{63,10}^\perp$	41	1						9765			
$C_{63,9}^\perp$	42	1						11781		60480	
$C_{63,8}^\perp$	42	1					288	9765	11200		294336
$C_{63,7}^\perp$	42	1					1395	9765			328104
$C_{63,6}^\perp$	43	1					1683	11781	11200	60480	622440
$C_{63,5}^\perp$	55	1	4725		531048			30252537		998505144	
$C_{63,4}^\perp$	56	1	9765		1057224			60544953		1996794072	
$C_{63,3}^\perp$	56	1	336	4725	54432	531048	4327488	30252537	184868320	998505144	4811041872
$C_{63,2}^\perp$	56	1	315	4725	54936	531048	4321791	30252537	184908360	998505144	4810848147
$C_{63,1}^\perp$	57	1	651	9765	109368	1057224	8649279	60544953	369776680	1996794072	9621890019

REMARK 8.1. Using the Jordan-Hölder Theorem for modules we deduce that the codes above are related as shown in the following proposition. We note that  $C_{63,1}$  is a subcode of all these codes while  $C_{63,1}^\perp$  contains all of them. Some obvious and interesting properties of these codes can be deduced from their weight distributions. In Proposition 8.2 we show the containment of the codes and in Proposition 8.3, we collect their properties.

TABLE 8. Table 7 continued

dim	12	14	... 52	53	54	55
$C_{63,12}^\perp$	26208	216000	... 6048			
$C_{63,11}^\perp$	26208	216000	... 6048			945
$C_{63,10}^\perp$	1421784	17856000	... 328104			
$C_{63,9}^\perp$	2697240	35668800	... 622440		11200	
$C_{63,8}^\perp$	1421784	17856000	... 328104	60480		2016
$C_{63,7}^\perp$	1421784	17856000	... 328104			9765
$C_{63,6}^\perp$	2697240	35668800	... 622440	60480	11200	11781
$C_{63,5}^\perp$	20847008637	292087911600	... 4810848147			184908360
$C_{63,4}^\perp$	41694856749	584173436400	... 9621890019			369776680
$C_{63,3}^\perp$	20847008637	292087911600	... 4810848147	998288928	184908360	30292416
$C_{63,2}^\perp$	20847008637	292087911600	... 4810848147	998505144	184908360	30252537
$C_{63,1}^\perp$	41694856749	584173436400	... 9621890019	1996794072	369776680	60544953

TABLE 9. Table 7 continued

dim	56	57	58	59	60	63
$C_{63,12}^\perp$	135					
$C_{63,11}^\perp$	135					1
$C_{63,10}^\perp$	1395					
$C_{63,9}^\perp$	1683					
$C_{63,8}^\perp$	1395					
$C_{63,7}^\perp$	1395					1
$C_{63,6}^\perp$						1
$C_{63,5}^\perp$	4321791		54936		315	
$C_{63,4}^\perp$	8649279		109368		651	
$C_{63,3}^\perp$	4321791	526176	54936	5040	315	
$C_{63,2}^\perp$	4321791	531048	54936	4725	315	1
$C_{63,1}^\perp$	8649279	1057224	109368	9765	651	1

- PROPOSITION 8.2. (i)  $C_{63,6} \subset C_{63,7}$ ;  
 (ii)  $C_{63,6} \subset C_{63,8}$ ;  
 (iii)  $C_{63,7}^\perp \subset C_{63,6}^\perp$ ;  
 (iv)  $C_{63,1} \subset C_{63,2} \subset C_{63,5}$ ;  
 (v)  $C_{63,1} \subset C_{63,6} \subset C_{63,9} \subset C_{63,10}$ ;  
 (vi)  $C_{63,2} \subset C_{63,5}^\perp \subset C_{63,3}^\perp \subset C_{63,1}^\perp$ ;  
 (vii)  $C_{63,2} \subset C_{63,10}^\perp \subset C_{63,7}^\perp \subset C_{63,4}^\perp \subset C_{63,1}^\perp$ ;  
 (viii)  $C_{63,1} \subset C_{63,3} \subset C_{63,5} \subset C_{63,10} \subset C_{63,12} \subset C_{63,11}^\perp \subset C_{63,9}^\perp \subset C_{63,1}^\perp$ .

- PROPOSITION 8.3. (i) The codes  $C_{63,i}$  for  $i \in \{4, 5, 9, 10, 12\}$  and  $C_{63,i}^\perp$  for  $i \in \{2, 6, 7, 11, 12\}$  are self-complementary;  
 (ii) The codes  $C_{63,i}$  for  $i \in \{1, 2, 6, 7, 11\}$  are self-orthogonal and doubly-even. The codes  $C_{63,i}^\perp$  for  $i \in \{5, 6, 12\}$  are singly even;  
 (iii) The codes  $C_{63,i}$  where  $i \in \{1, 4\}$  and  $C_{63,i}^\perp$  for  $i \in \{1, 4, 5, 9, 10\}$  are optimal, while  $C_{63,5}$  and  $C_{63,i}^\perp$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, 6, 7\}$  are near-optimal;  
 (iv)  $\text{Aut}C_{63,i} \cong S_6(2)$  for  $i \in \{2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12\}$ , and  $\text{Aut}C_{63,i} \cong L_6(2)$  for  $i \in \{1, 4, 7, 10\}$ . Moreover,  $L_6(2)$  acts irreducibly on  $C_{63,1}$  as an  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -module and for  $i \in \{4, 9, 10, 12\}$  the codes  $C_{63,i}$  are decomposable.

PROOF. (i) That the codes are self-complementary follows readily since they contain the all-ones vector.

(ii) Arguing similarly as in the proof of Proposition 7.2 (ii), we observe that all but  $C_{63,5}$ , the codes are spanned by their minimum weight codewords. The block sizes of the designs supported by minimum-weight codewords in the codes  $C_{63,i}$ , where  $i \in \{2, 6, 7, 11\}$  have sizes 28, 16, 16 and 12 respectively. Since these are all  $\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  we deduce that the corresponding codes are doubly even and hence self-orthogonal. In fact, for  $i = 1$  or 2 we have that  $\dim(C_{63,i}) = \dim \text{Hull}(C_{63,i})$  which shows yet again that the two codes are self-orthogonal and doubly-even.

(iii) The optimality of the codes was verified computationally, however the reader can check that by consulting the online table of optimal codes ([16]).

(iv) For the automorphism groups, we use the facts established in Proposition 8.2 as well as the following remarks. The codewords of weight 4 in  $C_{63,12}$  span a subcode equivalent to  $C_{63,11}$ . Similarly, the codewords of weight 4 in  $C_{63,10}$  span a subcode isomorphic to  $C_{63,7}$  and  $C_{63,6}$  is the code spanned by weight 4 codewords of  $C_{63,9}$ . Further we have  $C_{63,9} = C_{63,6} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ ,  $C_{63,10} = C_{63,7} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$  and  $C_{63,12} = C_{63,11} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ . Also  $C_{63,5} = C_{63,3} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ ,  $C_{63,5} = C_{63,2} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ ,  $C_{63,4} = C_{63,1} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ , and  $C_{63,10} = C_{63,8} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ . From this we deduce that  $C_{63,4}, C_{63,5}, C_{63,9}, C_{63,10}$  and  $C_{63,12}$  are all decomposable  $\mathbb{F}_2$ -modules. Now, if  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(C_{63,6})$  then since  $\alpha(\mathbf{1}) = \mathbf{1}$  and  $C_{63,9} = C_{63,6} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$  we have  $\alpha \in \text{Aut}(C_{63,9})$  and so  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,6}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,9})$ . Using the same argument we conclude that  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,1}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,4})$ ,  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,2}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,5})$ ,  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,11}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,12})$ ,  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,7}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,10})$  and  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,3}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,5})$ . By computation with Magma we have  $|\text{Aut}(C_{63,3})| = |\text{Aut}(C_{63,5})| = |\text{Aut}(C_{63,2})| = 1451520 = |S_6(2)|$ . Moreover, the support of the codewords of minimum weight 32 in  $C_{63,1}$  yield a symmetric 2-(63, 32, 16) design which we denote  $\mathfrak{D}$ . Since  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{D}) \subseteq \text{Aut}(C_{63,1})$ , and the complement  $(\bar{\mathfrak{D}})$  of this design is a 2-(63, 31, 15) symmetric designs of points and hyperplanes of the projective geometry  $PG(5, 2)$ , it follows that  $\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{D}) \cong PGL_6(2)$ . Also, since  $|\text{Aut}(\mathfrak{D})| = 20158709760 = |\text{Aut}(C_{63,1})|$ , we have  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,1}) \cong PGL_6(2)$ . Now, the result follows using the earlier inclusions since for  $i$  in each of the sets  $\{1, 4\}, \{2, 3, 5\}, \{6, 9\}, \{7, 10\}, \{11, 12\}$  and  $\{8\}$  the codes  $(C_{63,i})$  have isomorphic automorphism groups.  $\square$

8.1. *Stabilizer in  $\text{Aut}(C)$  of a word  $w_i$  in a code  $C$ .* In what follows we determine the structure of the stabilizers  $(\text{Aut}(C))_{w_m}$  where  $m \in M$  where  $M$  is defined as follows. Consider  $M = \{27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36\}$  for the codes  $C = C_{63,i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  and  $M = \{15, 48\}$  for the codes  $C = C_{63,i}$ ,  $6 \leq i \leq 10$ . For  $m \in M$  we define  $W_m = \{w_m \in C_{63,i} \mid \text{wt}(w_m) = m\}$ . In Lemma 8.4 we show that for all  $m \in M$ , the stabilizer  $(\text{Aut}(C))_{w_m} = H$  where  $H < \text{Aut}(C)$  is a maximal subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(C)$ . In addition, for  $w_m \in W_m$  we take the



images of the support of  $w_m$  under the action of  $G = S_6(2)$  or  $G = L_6(2)$  and form the blocks of the  $t$ - $(63, m, k_m)$  ( $t \in \{1, 2\}$ ) designs  $\mathcal{D} = \mathcal{D}_{w_m}$ , where  $k_m = |(w_m)^G| \times \frac{m}{63}$  and show that  $\text{Aut}(C)$  acts primitively on  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$ . The information on these designs is given in Table 11.

LEMMA 8.4. *Let  $C = C_{63,i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 5$  be a code as in Proposition 8.3 and  $0 \neq w_m \in C$ . Then  $\text{Aut}(C)_{w_m}$  is a maximal subgroup of  $\text{Aut}(C)$ . Moreover, the design  $\mathcal{D}$  obtained by orbiting the images of the support of any non-trivial codeword in  $C$  is primitive.*

PROOF. Clearly, from Proposition 8.3, the codes  $C_{63,i}$  have either  $S_6(2)$  or  $L_6(2)$  as their automorphism group. We consider the action of these two groups on the codewords of weight  $m \in M$  separately.

Case I: Let  $\bar{G} = \text{Aut}(C) \cong S_6(2)$ , and  $C = C_{63,i}$  where  $i \in \{2, 3, 5\}$  and  $M = \{27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36\}$ . For all choices of  $m \in M$ , we have that  $W_m$  is invariant under the action of  $\bar{G}$  and from Table 5 and Table 6 we deduce that  $W_m^{\bar{G}} = W_m$ . Hence, each  $W_m$  is a single orbit under this action, so that  $\bar{G}$  acts transitively on  $W_m$ . Using the orbit stabilizer theorem we obtain  $[\bar{G} : \bar{G}_{w_m}] \in \{28, 36, 63\}$ . From the table of maximal subgroups of  $S_6(2)$  (see Table 1) it can be deduced that  $(S_6(2))_{w_m} \in \{U_4(2):2, S_8, 2^5 : S_6\}$ . Now, consider the codes  $C_{63,i}$  for  $i \in \{6, 8, 9\}$  and  $M = \{15, 48\}$ . As above, we obtain that  $W_m$  is invariant under  $S_6(2)$  and  $W_m^{\bar{G}} = W_m$  for all  $m \in M$ , and so  $\bar{G}$  is transitive on each  $W_m$ . Moreover,  $[\bar{G} : \bar{G}_{w_m}] \in \{315, 336\}$ . Thus we have  $(S_6(2))_{w_m} \in \{2 \cdot [2^6]:S_3 \times S_3, S_3 \times S_6\}$ . Since  $S_6(2)$  is transitive on the code coordinates, the support of the codewords of  $W_m$  form the blocks of 1-designs  $D_{w_m}$ . The indices of  $(S_6(2))_{w_m}$  in  $S_6(2)$  constitute the number of blocks of  $D_{w_m}$ . This implies that  $S_6(2)$  is transitive on the blocks of  $D_{w_m}$  for each  $W_m$  and since  $(S_6(2))_{w_m}$  is a maximal subgroup of  $S_6(2)$  for  $m \in M$ , we have that  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively on  $D_{w_m}$ . The parameters of these designs are given in Table 11 and Table 12 respectively.

Case II. Let  $\text{Aut}(C) \cong L_6(2)$ . In this case  $C_{63,i}$ ,  $i \in \{1, 4\}$  and  $M = \{27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36\}$ . For all choices of  $m$  we have  $(w_m)^{L_6(2)} = W_m$ . Thus,  $W_m$  is a single orbit of  $L_6(2)$ , and arguing similarly as in CASE I, we can show that  $(L_6(2))_{w_m}$  is a maximal subgroup of  $L_6(2)$  isomorphic to  $2^5 : L_5(2)$ . When  $C_{63,i}$ ,  $i \in \{7, 10\}$  and  $M = \{15, 48\}$ , we can show in a similar manner that  $(L_6(2))_{w_m}$  is a maximal subgroup of  $L_6(2)$  isomorphic to  $2^7 : (S_3 \times S_3)$ . Hence, showing that  $L_6(2)$  is primitive on the designs  $D_{w_m}$ .  $\square$

REMARK 8.5. If we consider the action of  $\text{Aut}(C)$  on the codewords of the codes  $C = C_{63,i}$ ,  $i \in \{6, 7, 8\}$  of weight  $m \in M$  with  $M = \{27, 28, 31, 32, 35, 36\}$ , it is found that  $\text{Aut}(C)$  splits  $W_m$  into several orbits of different length where each may have a different subgroup as stabilizers. In some cases the stabilizer is maximal and in others it is not. For example  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,6})$  acting on codewords of weight 32 splits these words into 9 orbits

of length 181440, 90720(2), 60840, 15120, 3780, 6048, 10080 and 23040 and only acts primitively on the 9-th orbit. This fact is indicated by writing  $(32_6)_9$  in the Table 10 and Table 11. In Table 10 the first column gives the codes  $C_{63,i}$ , the second column represents the codewords of weight  $m$  (the sub-indices  $m$  represent the code from where the codeword is drawn), the third column gives the structure of the stabilizers in  $\text{Aut}(C)$  of a codeword  $w_m$  and the last column, tests the maximality  $(\text{Aut}(C))_{w_m}$ . In Table 11 the first column represents the codewords of weight  $m$  and the second column gives the parameters of the  $t$ -designs  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$  as defined in Section 8.1. In the third column we list the number of blocks of  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$ . The final column shows whether or not a design  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$  is primitive under the action of  $\text{Aut}(C)$ .

TABLE 10. Stabilizer in  $\text{Aut}(C)$  of a codeword  $w_m$

C	$m$	$(\text{Aut}(C))_{w_m}$	Maximal	C	$m$	$(\text{Aut}(C))_{w_m}$	Maximal
$C_{63,8}$	158	$S_3 \times S_6$	Yes	$C_{63,5}$	325	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes
$C_{63,9}$	159	$2 \cdot [2^6] : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes	$C_{63,6}$	$(32_6)_9$	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes
$C_{63,10}$	1510	$2^7 : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes	$C_{63,7}$	$(32_7)_3$	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes
$C_{63,3}$	273	$U_4(2):2$	Yes	$C_{63,8}$	$(32_8)_9$	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes
$C_{63,5}$	275	$U_4(2):2$	Yes	$C_{63,9}$	$(32_9)_9$	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes
$C_{63,8}$	$(27_8)_6$	$U_4(2):2$	Yes	$C_{63,10}$	$(32_{10})_3$	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes
$C_{63,2}$	282	$S_8$	Yes	$C_{63,3}$	$35_3$	$S_8$	Yes
$C_{63,5}$	285	$S_8$	Yes	$C_{63,5}$	$35_5$	$S_8$	Yes
$C_{63,4}$	314	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes	$C_{63,8}$	$(35_8)_6$	$S_8$	Yes
$C_{63,5}$	315	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes	$C_{63,3}$	362	$U_4(2):2$	Yes
$C_{63,9}$	$(31_9)_9$	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes	$C_{63,5}$	365	$U_4(2):2$	Yes
$C_{63,10}$	$(31_{10})_3$	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes	$C_{63,6}$	486	$2 \cdot [2^6] : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes
$C_{63,1}$	321	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes	$C_{63,7}$	487	$2^7 : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes
$C_{63,2}$	322	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes	$C_{63,8}$	488	$2 \cdot [2^6] : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes
$C_{63,3}$	323	$2^5 : S_6$	Yes	$C_{63,9}$	489	$2 \cdot [2^6] : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes
$C_{63,4}$	324	$2^5 : L_5(2)$	Yes	$C_{63,10}$	4810	$2^7 : (S_3 \times S_3)$	Yes

TABLE 11. Primitive  $t$ -designs  $\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$  invariant under  $\text{Aut}(C)$

$m$	$\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$	No of blocks	Prim	$m$	$\mathcal{D}_{w_m}$	No of blocks	Prim
158	1-(63, 15, 80)	336	Yes	325	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
159	1-(63, 15, 75)	315	Yes	326	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
1510	2-(63, 15, 35)	651	Yes	327	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
273	1-(63, 27, 12)	28	Yes	328	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
275	1-(63, 27, 12)	28	Yes	329	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
278	1-(63, 27, 12)	28	Yes	3210	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes
282	1-(63, 28, 16)	36	Yes	353	1-(63, 35, 20)	36	Yes
285	1-(63, 28, 16)	36	Yes	355	1-(63, 35, 20)	36	Yes
314	2-(63, 31, 31)	63	Yes	358	1-(63, 35, 20)	36	Yes
315	1-(63, 31, 31)	63	Yes	362	1-(63, 36, 16)	28	Yes
319	1-(63, 31, 31)	63	Yes	365	1-(63, 36, 16)	28	Yes
3110	1-(63, 31, 31)	63	Yes	486	1-(63, 48, 240)	315	Yes
321	2-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes	487	1-(63, 48, 96)	651	Yes
322	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes	488	1-(63, 48, 240)	315	Yes
323	1-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes	489	1-(63, 48, 240)	315	Yes
324	2-(63, 32, 32)	63	Yes	4810	2-(63, 48, 376)	651	Yes

REMARK 8.6. (i)  $\Gamma$  is a strongly regular  $(63, 32, 16, 16)$  graph. Since  $\mu = \lambda = 16$  we obtain a symmetric  $2$ - $(63, 32, 16)$  design, henceforth denoted

by  $\mathcal{D}$ . The code  $C_{63,1}$  of this design is a constant weight code, i.e., a code in which all non-zero codewords have same weight. The complement  $\bar{\Gamma}$  is a strongly regular  $(63, 30, 13, 15)$  graph isomorphic to the symplectic graph  $S_6^+(2)$ .  $\Gamma$  satisfies the triangle property and is uniquely determined by the minimality of its 2-rank which is 6. Notice though that  $C_{63,1}$  code is the simplex code of dimension 6 and its dual  $C_{63,1}^\perp$  is the Hamming code  $H_6$ , see [3, 18]. The complement of  $\mathcal{D}$  is the symmetric 2- $(63, 31, 15)$  design  $\bar{\mathcal{D}}$  of points and hyperplanes of the projective geometry  $PG(5, 2)$ .  $\mathcal{D}$  is also a Hadamard design and so extendible to a 3- $(64, 32, 15)$  design ([8]). The code of  $\mathcal{D}$  is  $C_{63,4} = C_{63,1} \oplus \langle \mathbf{1} \rangle$ . These designs and codes are well known and their automorphism group is  $L_6(2)$ .

(ii) The words of minimum weight in  $C_{63,1}^\perp$  can also be given a geometrical interpretation. The images under  $\text{Aut}(C_{63,4})$  of the support of the codewords of minimum weight define a Steiner 2- $(63, 3, 1)$  triple system which we denote  $STS(63)$ . The 651 vectors of minimum weight generate  $C_{63,1}^\perp$ . Notice that  $STS(63)$  is the design of points and lines in  $PG(5, 2)$ . It is a quasi-symmetric design with block intersecting in 0 or 1 points. The block graph of this  $STS(63)$  is a strongly regular  $(651, 90, 33, 9)$  graph complemented by a strongly regular  $(651, 560, 478, 504)$  graph, see [25].

(iii) Lemma 8.4 can be of use in providing a geometric interpretation of the words of minimum weight in the codes examined. The words of weight 27 in  $C_{63,3}$  and  $C_{63,5}$  represent copies of  $O_6^-(2)$  or the minus hyperplane in the orthogonal space. The stabilizer of any such codeword is a group isomorphic to  $U_4(2) : 2$ . The words of weight 28 in  $C_{63,2}$  and  $C_{63,5}$  represent copies of an  $O_6^+(2)$  or a plus hyperplane in the orthogonal space. The codewords of weight 31 in  $C_{63,4}$  and  $C_{63,5}$  and those of weight 32 for  $C_{63,i}, i \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  represent the points of  $PG(5, 2)$  or the isotropic points of the orthogonal space. They also represent the rows of the adjacency matrix of  $\Gamma$  or equivalently the incidence vectors of the blocks of a 2- $(63, 31, 15)$  symmetric design of points and hyperplanes of  $PG(5, 2)$ . The set of codewords of weight 15 in  $C_{63,8}, C_{63,9}$  and  $C_{63,10}$  represent respectively the non-isotropic lines, the isotropic lines and the lines of  $PG(5, 2)$ .

### 9. THE 120-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION

Notice that  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively as a rank-3 group of degree 120 on the cosets of  $U_3(3) : 2$  with orbits of lengths 1, 56 and 63. This action defines a strongly regular  $(120, 56, 28, 24)$  graph. The complement of this graph is a strongly regular  $(120, 63, 30, 37)$  graph. These graphs are in the class of graphs partitioned by the symplectic graph and denoted  $\mathcal{N}_{2n}^-$  where  $n = 4$ , see [17]. The objects permuted in this action are copies of  $G_2(2)$ , see [12]. The permutation module splits into five absolutely irreducible constituents of dimensions 1, 6, 8, 14 and 48 with multiplicities of 4, 4, 2,

2 and 1 respectively. There are 2 irreducible submodules of dimension 1 and 8 both absolutely irreducible. Working through the chain of submodules of the permutation module we obtain in total 14 submodules of dimensions 119, 112, 111, 105, 91, 85, 84, 36, 35, 29, 15, 9, 8 and 1, and hence binary codes of these dimensions. The lattice of submodules is given in Figure 4 and the weight distributions of the codes are given in Table 12, Table 13 and Table 14.

FIGURE 4. Submodule lattice of the 120-dimensional representation

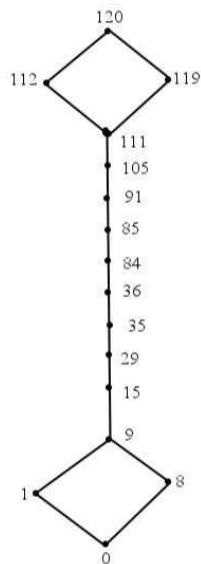


TABLE 12. The weight distribution of the codes from a 120-dimensional representation.

Name	dim	0	56	64
$C_{120,1}$	8	1	120	135

TABLE 13. Table 12 continued.

Name	dim	0	24	28	32	36	40	44	48
$C_{120,2}$	9	1							
$C_{120,3}$	15	1					378		630
$C_{120,4}$	29	1	315		945	20160	119448	2459520	12133800
$C_{120,5}$	35	1	5355		16065	1370880	8096760	145313280	884003400
$C_{120,6}$	36	1	5355	16320	16065	3089920	14676984	289255680	1794267720

TABLE 14. Table 12 continued.

Name	dim	52	56	60
		68	64	
$C_{120,2}$	9		255	
$C_{120,3}$	15		15375	
$C_{120,4}$	29	62233920	102040275	178854144
$C_{120,5}$	35	3566142720	7413648915	10322543616
$C_{120,6}$	36	7041968640	14999707155	20433469056

- PROPOSITION 9.1. (i) *The code  $C_{120,1}$  is a  $[120, 8, 56]_2$  self-orthogonal, doubly-even and projective code. Its dual  $C_{120,1}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 112, 3]_2$  singly even and uniformly packed.  $C_{120,1}^\perp$  is a near-optimal code. Moreover,  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,1}) \cong O_8^+(2) : 2$  which acts irreducibly on  $C_{120,1}$ .*
- (ii)  *$C_{120,2}$  is a self-orthogonal and doubly-even. It is a  $[120, 9, 56]_2$  code, and its dual  $C_{120,2}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 111, 4]_2$  singly even code. Moreover,  $C_{120,2}$  and  $C_{120,2}^\perp$  are optimal codes and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,2}) \cong S_8(2)$ .*
- (iii)  *$C_{120,3}$  is a  $[120, 15, 40]_2$  self-orthogonal, doubly-even and decomposable code. Its dual  $C_{120,3}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 105, 4]_2$  singly even code and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,3}) \cong S_6(2)$ .*
- (iv)  *$C_{120,4}$  is a self-orthogonal and doubly-even  $[120, 29, 24]_2$  code. Its dual  $C_{120,4}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 91, 8]_2$  singly even code.  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{120,4}^\perp$  and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,4}) \cong S_6(2)$ .*
- (v)  *$C_{120,5}$  is a self-orthogonal, doubly-even code. It is a  $[120, 35, 24]_2$  code, and its dual  $C_{120,5}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 85, 8]_2$  singly even code. Also,  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{120,5}$  and  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{120,5}^\perp$  and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,5}) \cong S_8(2)$ .*
- (vi)  *$C_{120,6} = [120, 36, 24]_2$  is a self-orthogonal and doubly-even code. Its dual  $C_{120,6}^\perp$  is a  $[120, 84, 8]_2$  singly even code.  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{120,6}$  and  $\mathbf{1} \in C_{120,6}^\perp$  and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,6}) \cong S_8(2)$ .*

PROOF. The proof follows the same arguments as those used in the previous propositions, so we omit the details.  $\square$

REMARK 9.2. (i) The words of weight 56 in  $C_{120,1}$  have a geometrical interpretation. They represent the rows of the adjacency matrix of the graph  $\Gamma = (120, 56, 28, 24)$  or equivalently the incidence vectors of the blocks of the symmetric 2- $(120, 56, 56)$  design. The code  $C_{120,1} = [120, 8, 56]$  is part of a family of known codes of type  $[2^{2m-1} - 2^{m-1}, 2m + 1, 2^{2m-2} - 2^{m-1}]$ .

(ii) Notice that  $C_{120,1}$  is a two-weight code. It follows from [7] that this code defines a strongly regular  $(256, 120, 56, 56)$  graph  $\Lambda$  complemented by a strongly regular  $(256, 135, 70, 72)$  graph  $\bar{\Lambda}$ . Since  $\lambda = \mu$  we have that  $\Lambda$  is in fact a symmetric 2- $(256, 56, 56)$  design.

(iii) The words of weight 56 in  $C_{120,1}$  represent copies of  $G_2(2)$ . These words are stabilized by a group isomorphic to  $U_3(3)$ . The set of codewords of weight 24 in  $C_{120,4}$  represent the isotropic lines and the stabilizer of an isotropic line is a group isomorphic to  $2 \cdot [2^6] : (S_3 \times S_3)$ . Since  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,1}) =$

$O_8^+(2):2$  and  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,4}) = S_6(2)$ , we deduce that  $O_8^+(2):2$  acts primitively on isomorphic copies of  $G_2(2)$ , and  $S_6(2)$  acts primitively on the set of isotropic lines. The set of codewords of weight 64 in  $C_{120,1}$  represent isotropic planes. The stabilizer of an isotropic plane is isomorphic to  $2^6:L_3(2)$ . Hence  $O_8^+(2) : 2$  acts primitively on the isotropic planes.

(iv) The code  $C_{120,6}$  has 5355 codewords of minimum weight. The supports of the 5355 minimum words form the blocks of a 2-(120, 24, 207) design  $\mathcal{D}_{120,6}$  for which  $\text{Aut}(\mathcal{D}_{120,6}) = \text{Aut}(C_{120,5} + \mathbf{1})$ , and this group is isomorphic to the simple symplectic group  $S_8(2)$ . The automorphism group is 2-transitive on points, primitive on blocks, so the 5355 minimum weight codewords are in one orbit under  $\text{Aut}(C_{120,5} + \mathbf{1})$ . Moreover, the all-one vector  $\mathbf{1}$  is the sum of all the rows. Observe that both  $C_{120,5}^\perp$  and  $C_{120,6}^\perp$  have minimum weight 8. The fact that the minimum weight of  $C_{120,6}^\perp$  is at least 8 follows also from the design parameters, since the replication number  $r$  for  $\mathcal{D}_{120,6}$  is 1071. This design and corresponding codes were also constructed in [15] using an adjacency matrix for the uniform subset graph  $\Gamma(10, 3, 0)$ , i.e. 3-sets from a set of size 10 with adjacency if the sets do not intersect.

By determining all  $S_6(2)$ -invariant submodules, the distinct codes of length 120 respectively are known, and a result we conclude that there is not self-dual  $S_6(2)$ -invariant binary code of this length. Thus we have

**PROPOSITION 9.3.** *Up to isomorphism there are exactly 12 non-trivial codes of length 120 invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . Moreover, there is no self-dual code of length 120 invariant under  $S_6(2)$*

## 10. THE 135-DIMENSIONAL REPRESENTATION

$S_6(2)$  acts as rank-4 group primitive permutation group of degree 135 on the cosets of  $2^6:L_3(2)$  with orbits of lengths 1, 14, 56 and 64. Using this action we form a permutation module of dimension 135 invariant under  $G$ . The elements being permuted in this action are isotropic planes. The permutation module splits into 5 absolutely irreducible constituents of dimension 1, 6, 8, 14 and 48 with multiplicities of 5, 5, 3, 2 and 1 respectively. There are two irreducible submodules of dimensions 1 and 8, both absolutely irreducible. Working as in the earlier permutation representations we obtain submodules of dimensions 1, 8, 9, 14, 15(3), 16, 28, 29(2), 34, 35(10), 36(13), 37(3), 41, 42(7), 43(15), 44(8), 45, 49, 50(6), 51(7), 52 and their duals. The digits in brackets represent the number of modules of the corresponding length. Due to computer time limitations we are unable to determine all submodules and hence codes of length 135 invariant under  $S_6(2)$ . As a result, in Figure 5 we give a partial lattice diagram. We were able to enumerate a total of 172 non-trivial binary codes of length 135. A summary of the properties of the codes found is given in Table 15.

FIGURE 5. Partial submodule lattice of the 135-dimensional representation

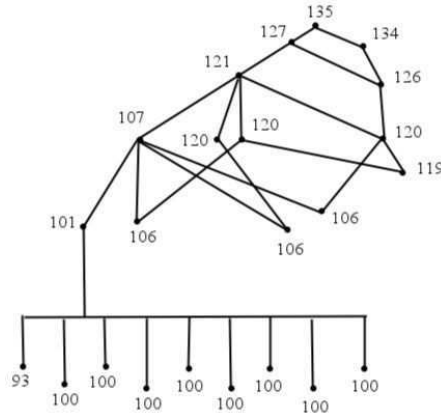


Table 15: Properties of codes from the 135-dimensional representation.

Name	code	wds	Aut	s.o.	s.e.	d.e.	<b>1</b>	opt	dual	wds	s.e	d.e	<b>1</b>
$C_{135,1}$	[135, 8, 64]	135	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	[135, 127, 3]	1575	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,2}$	[135, 9, 63]	120	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 126, 4]	5195	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,3}$	[135, 14, 48]	630	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$	[135, 121, 3]	315	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,4}$	[135, 15, 48]	630	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 120, 4]	2835	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,5}$	[135, 15, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 120, 3]	315	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,6}$	[135, 15, 48]	630	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 120, 4]	2835	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,7}$	[135, 16, 30]	360	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 119, 4]	2835	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,8}$	[135, 28, 32]	95	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	[135, 107, 5]	378	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,9}$	[135, 29, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 106, 5]	378	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,10}$	[135, 29, 32]	945	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 106, 6]	630	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,11}$	[135, 30, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 105, 6]	630	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,12}$	[135, 34, 32]	12285	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	[135, 101, 7]	12285	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,13}$	[135, 35, 31]	3780	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 100, 8]	32400	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,14}$	[135, 35, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,15}$	[135, 35, 24]	945	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 6]	630	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,16}$	[135, 35, 24]	1260	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 5]	378	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,17}$	[135, 35, 32]	12285	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	1080	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,18}$	[135, 35, 31]	3780	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 8]	32400	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,19}$	[135, 35, 32]	12285	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	1080	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,20}$	[135, 35, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,21}$	[135, 35, 32]	12285	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,22}$	[135, 35, 28]	4320	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$t$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	[135, 100, 7]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,23}$	[135, 36, 30]	36	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	16200	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,24}$	[135, 36, 24]	1260	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	13365	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,25}$	[135, 36, 15]	63	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 99, 6]	630	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,26}$	[135, 36, 27]	1120	$O_8^+(2) : 2$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	32400	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,27}$	[135, 36, 27]	1120	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	16200	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,28}$	[135, 36, 27]	1120	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	16200	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,29}$	[135, 36, 28]	4320	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 7]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,30}$	[135, 36, 24]	945	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	13365	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,31}$	[135, 36, 24]	945	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	13365	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,32}$	[135, 36, 24]	1260	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	13365	$t$	$f$	$t$

Table 15 – continued

Name	code	wds	Aut	s.o	s.e	d.e	1	opt	dual	wds	s.e	d.e	1
$C_{135,33}$	[135, 36, 24]	1260	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 99, 8]	13365	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,34}$	[135, 36, 15]	72	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 5]	378	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,35}$	[135, 36, 28]	4320	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 99, 7]	1080	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,36}$	[135, 37, 15]	63	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 98, 8]	13365	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,37}$	[135, 37, 15]	72	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 98, 8]	13365	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,38}$	[135, 37, 27]	1120	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 98, 8]	16200	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,39}$	[135, 41, 24]	2205	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 94, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,40}$	[135, 42, 24]	4725	$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,41}$	[135, 42, 15]	63	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	2025	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,42}$	[135, 42, 24]	2025	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,43}$	[135, 42, 24]	2025	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,44}$	[135, 42, 24]	2025	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,45}$	[135, 42, 15]	72	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,46}$	[135, 42, 24]	4725	$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 93, 8]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,47}$	[135, 43, 24]	4725	$O_8^+(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,48}$	[135, 43, 24]	4725	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	945	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,49}$	[135, 43, 15]	135	$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	2025	$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,50}$	[135, 43, 24]	4725	$S_6(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,51}$	[135, 43, 24]	4725	$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	2025	$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,52}$	[135, 43, 24]	4725	$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]	945	$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,53}$	[135, 43, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,54}$	[135, 43, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,55}$	[135, 43, 15]		$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,56}$	[135, 43, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,57}$	[135, 43, 24]		$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,58}$	[135, 43, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,59}$	[135, 43, 24]		$O_8^+(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,60}$	[135, 43, 24]		$O_8^+(2)$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,61}$	[135, 43, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 92, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,62}$	[135, 44, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,63}$	[135, 44, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,64}$	[135, 51, 24]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,65}$	[135, 44, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,66}$	[135, 44, 24]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,67}$	[135, 44, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,68}$	[135, 44, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,69}$	[135, 44, 15]		$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 91, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,70}$	[135, 45, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 90, 8]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,71}$	[135, 49, 16]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 86, 9]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,72}$	[135, 50, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,73}$	[135, 50, 16]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,74}$	[135, 43, 16]		$O_8^+(2)$	$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,76}$	[135, 50, 15]		$S_6(2)$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,77}$	[135, 50, 16]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,78}$	[135, 50, 16]			$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 85, ]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,79}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,80}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,81}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$t$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,82}$	[135, 51, 16]			$f$	$t$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,83}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,84}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$f$	$f$	$f$
$C_{135,85}$	[135, 51, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	$f$	[135, 84, ]		$f$	$f$	$t$
$C_{135,86}$	[135, 52, 15]			$f$	$f$	$f$	$t$	$f$	[135, 83, ]		$t$	$f$	$f$

In Table 15, the first column gives a label for the code, the second gives the parameters of the code, the third gives the number of codewords of a given weight where possible, the fourth column gives the structure of the automorphism group. From the fifth to the ninth columns we have true



(“t”) indicating if the code is self-orthogonal (s.o.), singly-even (s.e.), doubly even (d.e.), presence of the all-one vector (**1**) in the code or optimality, and false (“f”) otherwise. The last column deals with the properties of the dual code. We have computed the weight distributions up to dimension 44. Currently Magma is unable to give the computations for higher dimensions. Consequently the relations between the codes could not be fully established. A summary of the codes found and their properties is given in Tables 16 and 17.

TABLE 16. Weight distribution of codes of length 135.

dim	0	15	24	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37
8	1													
9	1													
14	1													
15	1													
15	1						36							
15	1													
16	1						36							
28	1								945				3360	
29	1						36		945				3360	
29	1								945				3360	
35	1							3780	12285			12096	33600	
35	1						36		12285				33600	
35	1	945					1044		945				43680	
35	1	1260					1296		4725				33600	
35	1								12285	1260			33600	
35	1							3780	12285			12096	33600	
35	1								12285				33600	4320
35	1						36		12285				33600	
35	1								12285				33600	
35	1			4320					12285				45600	
36	1						36	3780	12285	1260		12096	33600	
36	1	1260					1296		4725				33600	
36	1	63	945				1044	3780	945	16380			43680	
36	1			1120	4320			3780	12285			16416	45600	
36	1			1120			36		12285			4320	33600	4320
36	1			1120					12285	1260		4320	33600	
36	1			4320			36		12285				45600	
36	1	945					1044		945			8640	43680	
36	1	945					1044		945				52320	
36	1	1260					1296		4725				33600	
36	1	72	1260				1296	7560	4725	20160			33600	
36	1			4320					12285	1260			45600	4320
36	1							3780	12285			12096	33600	4320
42	1	4725					4320		68985				638400	
42	1	63	2205				2304	30240	38745	80640		12096	315840	
42	1	2205	1120				2304		38745			276480	315840	276480
42	1	2205		4320			2304		38745				882240	
42	1	2205					2304		38745				949440	
42	1	4725					4320		68985				638400	
42	1	72	2205				2304	30240	38745	70560			315840	
44	1	135	4725		4320	1080	8136	60480	68985	194040	128520	163296	977760	430920

TABLE 17. Table 16 continued

dim	...	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	111	120	135
8	...											
9	...										1	
14	...											
15	...					36						
15	...											
15	...										1	
16	...					36					1	
28	...											
29	...											
29	...					36						
35	...			12285	3780							1
35	...		1260		3780							
35	...		16380		3780						63	
35	...											
35	...				3780	36						
35	...				3780							
35	...				3780							
35	...				3780				1120			
36	...		1260	12285	3780	36						1
36	...			4725		1296				1260		1
36	...		16380	945	3780	1044				945	63	1
36	...			12285	3780			4320	1120			1
36	...		1260		3780			4320				
36	...				3780	36		4320				
36	...		1260		3780				1120			
36	...		16380		3780						63	
36	...		16380		3780						63	
36	...		20160		7560						72	
36	...											
36	...				3780	36			1120			
36	...			12285	3780							1
42	...		151200		60480						135	
42	...		80640	38745	30240	2304				2205	63	1
42	...		80640		30240			4320			63	
42	...		80640		30240				1120		63	
42	...		80640		30240						63	
42	...		151200		60480						135	
42	...		80640	30240	30240	2016				2520	63	
44	...	128520	194040	68985	60480	8136	1080	4320		4725	135	1

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