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# Frameproof Codes Based on The Generalized Difference Function Families

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## Abstract

The frameproof codes are used in copyright protecting. Motivated by the method of constructing frameproof codes coined by D.Tonien et al, in this paper, we introduced a new combinatorial designs which in fact generalized the difference function family introduced by D.Tonien. The new designs can be constructed from difference matrix efficiently. By using the new designs we construct more larger number of frameproof codes .

**Index Terms:** Frameproof codest; difference function family ; difference matrix

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## 1. Introduction

Frameproof codes with tracing baleful users property are often used for copyright and piracy tracing [1][2][3][4][5]. Safavi-Naini et al used a kind of function family satisfying some special properties to construct several kinds of anti-pirate codes. Frameproof code is a kind of anti-pirate code. Recently, D. Tonien and Safavi-Naini introduced the notion of difference function families in [5], and used these designs to give all kind of anti-pirate codes except secure codes. In this paper, we generalize the notion of difference function families, and introduce a new combinatorial designs, which is in fact the generalization of difference matrix, called generalized difference matrix. The new designs can be efficiently construct from any difference matrix, thus we can provide more frameproof codes. So the conclusion in [5] is the special case of our work.

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## 2. Basic Definitions

### A. frameproof code

Let  $A$  be an alphabet of size  $m$ . An  $(l, n, m)$  code  $\Gamma$  of length  $l$  and size  $n$  over  $A$  is a collection of  $n$  elements (called codewords) of  $A^l$ . Each  $\bar{x} \in A^l$  is written in the form  $\bar{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l)$ . The matrix form of  $\Gamma$  is an  $n \times l$  matrix whose rows are codewords of  $\Gamma$ . For a subset  $\Lambda \subset \Gamma$  and a position  $1 \leq i \leq l$ , we define the projection of  $\Gamma$  on the position  $i$  as  $\pi_i(\Lambda) = \{x_i \mid \bar{x} \in \Lambda\}$ , and the set of descendants of  $\Lambda$  as

$$\text{desc}(\Lambda) = \prod_{i=1}^l \pi_i(\Lambda).$$

The set of descendants is a subset of  $A$  that can be constructed by a coalition of users who have the codewords in  $\Gamma$ . If  $\bar{x}^* \in \text{desc}(\Lambda)$ , then codewords in  $\Lambda$  are called parents of  $\bar{x}^*$ . Let  $w$  be a

positive integer and  $\text{desc}^w(\Gamma) = \bigcup_{\Lambda \subset \Gamma, |\Lambda| \leq w} \text{desc}(\Lambda)$ .

In the following context, we let  $\Gamma$  be an  $(l, n, m)$  code and  $w$  be a positive integer.

**Definition1**  $\Gamma$  is called  $w$ -**frameproof** if for any  $\Lambda \subseteq \Gamma$  such that  $0 < |\Lambda| \leq w$ , we have  $\text{desc}(\Lambda) \cap \Gamma = \Lambda$ . Let  $w$ -**FP** $(l, n, m)$  denote above code, and sometimes  $w$ -**FP** for short.

### B. Generalized Difference Function Families

Let  $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ . Assume  $|A| = m$ . An  $(l, n, m)$ -

hash family  $H$  is a collection of  $l$  functions which map  $[n]$  into  $A$ . The **Matrix form** of  $H$  is an  $n \times l$  matrix whose columns represent functions of  $H$ , that is, the matrix entry at row  $i$  and column  $j$  is  $h(i, j)$  where  $h(x)$  is the  $j$ th function of  $H$ .

**Definition2** An  $(n, k, t)$ -generalized difference matrix is a  $k \times n$  integer matrix  $D = (d_{i,j})$  such that for any two different column index  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ , there exist no row index  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_t$  such that

$$d_{u_1, i_1} - d_{u_2, i_1} \equiv d_{u_1, i_2} - d_{u_2, i_2},$$

$\dots, d_{u_{t-1}, i_1} - d_{u_t, i_1} \equiv d_{u_{t-1}, i_2} - d_{u_t, i_2} \pmod{n}$ , but there exists row index  $v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{t-1}$ , such that

$$d_{v_1, i_1} - d_{v_2, i_1} \equiv d_{v_1, i_2} - d_{v_2, i_2},$$

$$\dots, d_{v_{t-1}, i_1} - d_{v_t, i_1} \equiv d_{v_{t-1}, i_2} - d_{v_t, i_2} \pmod{n}.$$

**Remark1** In above theorem, the first condition is called  $R_t$  **property**, and the last condition called  $L_t$  **property** for short.

**Definition3** Let  $n, s, I$  and  $J$  be positive integers such that  $J > 1$  and  $I \leq n$ . An  $(n; I, J, s)$ -**generalized difference function family** is a function family  $\Phi = (\varphi_{i,j}) \subseteq ([n]^{[n]})_{I \times J}$

of size which satisfies the following condition: for any  $s$  different indices  $j_1, \dots, j_s$ , if  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y)$ ,  $\dots, \varphi_{i_1, j_s}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_s}(y)$ , then  $i_1 = i_2$  and  $x = y$ .

**Theorem1** Let  $\Phi = (\varphi_{i,j}) \subseteq ([n]^{[n]})_{I \times J}$  be a rotating function family of size  $n \times J$  with the rotating coefficient matrix  $\Delta = (\delta_{i,j})$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, t)$  – difference function family if and only if the transpose matrix of  $\Delta$  ( $\Delta^T$  for short) is an  $(n, J, t)$  – difference matrix.

**Proof** Suppose  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, t)$  – difference function family, we prove the  $\Delta^T$  is  $(n, J, t)$  – difference matrix.

If there exist two different column indices  $i_1$  and  $i_2$ , and row indices  $u_1, \dots, u_t$  in  $\Phi$  that such that  $\delta_{u_1, i_1} - \delta_{u_2, i_1} \equiv$

$\delta_{u_1, i_2} - \delta_{u_2, i_2}, \dots, \delta_{u_{t-1}, i_1} - \delta_{u_t, i_1} \equiv \delta_{u_{t-1}, i_2} - \delta_{u_t, i_2} \pmod{n}$ . Then in the  $\Delta^T$ , we have  $\delta_{i_1, u_1} - \delta_{i_1, u_2} \equiv$

$\delta_{i_2, u_1} - \delta_{i_2, u_2}, \dots, \delta_{i_1, u_{t-1}} - \delta_{i_1, u_t} \equiv \delta_{i_2, u_{t-1}} - \delta_{i_2, u_t} \pmod{n}$ , then  $\delta_{i_1, u_1} - \delta_{i_2, u_1} = \delta_{i_1, u_t} - \delta_{i_2, u_t} = x - 1 \pmod{n}$ , for  $x \in [n]$ . Hence  $\varphi_{i_1, u_1}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, u_1}(1)$ ,  $\dots, \varphi_{i_1, u_t}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, u_t}(1)$ ,

then  $i_1 = i_2$ , this contradict with  $i_1$  is different from  $i_2$ . So  $\Delta^T$  is  $(n, J, t)$  – difference matrix.

Conversely, suppose  $\Delta^T$  is  $(n, J, t)$  – generalized difference matrix, we will prove  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, t)$  – difference

function family. Assume there are  $t$  different column indices  $1 \leq j_1, \dots, j_t \leq J$  and two row indices  $i_1, i_2$  in  $\Delta^T$  that make  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y), \dots, \varphi_{i_1, j_t}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_t}(y)$ , we will prove  $i_1 = i_2$  and  $x = y$ .

Indeed, we have  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) - \varphi_{i_1, j_2}(x) = \delta_{i_1, j_1} - \delta_{i_1, j_2} = \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y) - \varphi_{i_2, j_2}(y) = \delta_{i_2, j_1} - \delta_{i_2, j_2}, \dots, \varphi_{i_1, j_{t-1}}(x) - \varphi_{i_1, j_t}(x) = \delta_{i_1, j_{t-1}} - \delta_{i_1, j_t} = \varphi_{i_2, j_{t-1}}(y) - \varphi_{i_2, j_t}(y) = \delta_{i_2, j_{t-1}} - \delta_{i_2, j_t}$ , then in  $\Delta^T$ , we have  $\delta_{j_1, i_1} - \delta_{j_2, i_1} = \delta_{j_1, i_2} - \delta_{j_2, i_2}, \dots, \delta_{j_{t-1}, i_1} - \delta_{j_t, i_1} = \delta_{j_{t-1}, i_2} - \delta_{j_t, i_2}$ . As  $\Delta^T$  is  $(n, J, t)$  – difference matrix, then there must be  $i_1 = i_2$  and thus  $x = y$ . ■

From the definition of  $(n, k)$  – difference matrix and the new notion of  $(n, k, t)$  – generalized difference matrix, it is easy to know  $(n, k)$  – difference matrix is  $(n, k, 2)$  – difference matrix. Similarly,

$(n; n, J)$ –difference function family in [5] is  $(n; n, J, 2)$ –generalized difference function family. We can construct  $(n; J, t + 1)$ –generalized difference matrix from  $(n; J, t)$ –generalized difference matrix.

**Theorem2** Let  $\Delta^{(t)}$  be a  $(n; J, t)$ –generalized difference matrix, then we can get a  $(n; J, t + 1)$ –generalized difference matrix.

**Proof** If  $\Delta^{(t)}$  be a  $(n; J, t)$ –difference matrix, then there exist row index  $v_1, \dots, v_{t-1}$  and column index  $i_1, i_2$  that make  $\delta_{v_1, i_1} - \delta_{v_2, i_1} \equiv \delta_{v_1, i_2} - \delta_{v_2, i_2} \pmod{n}$ ,  $\dots, \delta_{v_{t-2}, i_1} - \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1} \equiv \delta_{v_{t-2}, i_2} - \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_2} \pmod{n}$ , let  $\delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(t+1)}$  be  $-\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t)} + \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_1}^{(t)} + \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(t)}$ .

Thus if  $i \neq v_{t-1} + 1, j \neq i_2$ , then let the element  $\delta_{i, j}^{(t+1)} = \delta_{i, j}^{(t)}$ , if  $i = v_{t-1} + 1, j = i_2$ , then let  $\Delta^{(t+1)}$  be above value, i.e.  $-\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t)} + \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_1}^{(t)} + \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(t)}$ . The matrix  $\Delta^{(t+1)}$  is just the wanted  $(n; J, t + 1)$ –difference matrix.

In fact, from  $\delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(t+1)}$ , we can have  $\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t+1)} - \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_1}^{(t+1)}$   
 $\equiv \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_2}^{(t+1)} - \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(t+1)} \pmod{n}$ , so there are  $t$  row indeces  
 $v_1, \dots, v_{t-1}, v_{t-1} + 1$  that make  $\Delta^{(t+1)}$  have  $R_{t+1}$  property.

Next we show  $\Delta^{(t+1)}$  also has the  $L_{t+1}$  property. If

$\Delta^{(t+1)}$  has no  $L_{t+1}$  property, then from the relation of  $\Delta^{(t+1)}$  and  $\Delta^{(t)}$ , it is easy to see there are  $t + 1$  row indices  $v_1, \dots, v_{t-1}, v_{t-1} + 1, v_s$  that violate  $L_{t+1}$  property. Thus

$$\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t+1)} - \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_1}^{(t+1)} \equiv \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_2}^{(s+1)} - \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(s+1)} \pmod{n} \quad (1)$$

and

$$\delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_1}^{(t+1)} - \delta_{v_s, i_1}^{(s+1)} \equiv \delta_{v_{t-1}+1, i_2}^{(s+1)} - \delta_{v_s, i_2}^{(s+1)} \pmod{n} \quad (2)$$

then

$$\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t+1)} - \delta_{v_s, i_1}^{(s+1)} \equiv \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_2}^{(s+1)} - \delta_{v_s, i_2}^{(s+1)} \pmod{n} \quad (3)$$

that is

$$\delta_{v_{t-1}, i_1}^{(t)} - \delta_{v_s, i_1}^{(t)} \equiv \delta_{v_{t-1}, i_2}^{(t)} - \delta_{v_s, i_2}^{(t)} \pmod{n} \quad (4)$$

So  $\Delta^T$  have no  $L_t$  property, but this contradict the fact that  $\Delta^T$  have  $L_t$  property.  $\blacksquare$

### 3. Construction of Generalized Difference Function Families

**Theorem3** Let  $n, J, t, s = 2a$  be positive integers such that  $J > 1$  and  $\gcd(n, t) = \gcd(n, (aJ - a)!) = 1$ . Let  $\eta, \xi, \mu$  be functions mapping  $[n]$  into integer set  $Z$ , such that  $\mu$  is one-to-one modulo  $n$ ,  $\Phi = \{\varphi_{i,j}\} \subseteq [n]^{[n]}$  be a function family of size  $n \times J$  constructed as  $\varphi_{i,j}(x) \equiv tjx + \mu(i) + \eta(j) + \xi(x) \pmod{n}$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, s)$  generalized difference function family.

**Proof** Suppose  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y), \varphi_{i_1, j_2}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_2}(y),$

$\dots, \varphi_{i_1, j_{2a}}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_{2a}}(y)$  for some  $2a$  distinct index  $\{j_1, \dots, j_{2a}\}$ , then  $\sum_{u=0}^{a-1} (\varphi_{i_1, j_{2u+1}}(x) - \varphi_{i_2, j_{2u+1}}(y) +$

$$\varphi_{i_2, j_{2u+2}}(y) - \varphi_{i_1, j_{2u+2}}(x)) \equiv t \left( \sum_{u=1}^a (-1)^{u+1} j_u \right) (x - y)$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{n}. \text{ Since } 1 \leq x, y \leq n, \left| \sum_{u=1}^a (-1)^{u+1} j_u \right| \leq$$

$aJ - a$  and  $n$  is coprime to  $t$  and  $(aJ - a)!$ , it follows that  $x = y$ . Thus  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) - \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y) \equiv \mu(i_1) - \mu(i_2)$

$\equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , Since  $\mu$  is one-to-one modulo  $n$ , we have  $i_1 = i_2$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, s)$  - generalized difference function family. ■

Similarly, we have

**Theorem4** Let  $n, J, t, s = 2a$  be positive integers such that  $J > 1$  and  $\gcd(n, t) = \gcd(n, (aJ - a)!) = 1$ . Let  $\eta, \xi, \mu$  be functions mapping  $[n]$  into integer set  $Z$ , such that  $\xi$  is one-to-one modulo  $n$ ,  $\Phi^* = \{\varphi_{i,j}\} \subseteq [n]^{[n]}$  be a function family of size  $n \times J$  constructed as  $\varphi_{i,j}(x) \equiv tij + \mu(i) + \eta(j)$

$+ \xi(x) \pmod{n}$ , then  $\Phi^*$  is a bijective  $(n; n, J, s)$  -

generalized difference function family.

If  $s$  is odd, we only have following results now.

**Theorem5** Let  $n$  be a prime,  $J, t, s = 3$  be positive integers such that  $J > 1$  and  $\gcd(n, t) = \gcd(n, (J - 1)!) = 1$ . Let  $\mu$  be functions mapping  $[n]$  into integer set  $Z$ , such that  $\mu$  is one-to-one modulo  $n$ ,  $\Phi = \{\varphi_{i,j}\} \subseteq [n]^{[n]}$  be a function family of size  $n \times J$  constructed as  $\varphi_{i,j}(x) \equiv tjx + \mu(i) + j^2x \pmod{n}$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, 3)$  - generalized difference function family.

**Proof** Suppose  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y), \varphi_{i_1, j_2}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_2}(y)$

and  $\varphi_{i_1, j_3}(x) = \varphi_{i_2, j_3}(y)$ , then

$$tj_1(x-y) + \mu(i_1) - \mu(i_2) + j_1^2(x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad (5)$$

$$tj_2(x-y) + \mu(i_1) - \mu(i_2) + j_2^2(x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad (6)$$

$$tj_3(x-y) + \mu(i_1) - \mu(i_2) + j_3^2(x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad (7)$$

From (5) and (6), we have

$$[t(j_1 - j_2) + j_1^2 - j_2^2](x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \quad (8)$$

As  $n$  is a prime, if  $n \nmid x-y$ , then  $n \mid [t(j_1 - j_2) + j_1^2 - j_2^2]$ , i.e.  $n \mid (j_1 + j_2 + t)(j_1 - j_2)$ . As  $1 \leq j_1 \neq j_2 \leq J$  and

$\gcd(n, (J-1)!) = 1$ , then  $n \mid j_1 + j_2 + t$ . Similarly, From (6) and (7), we get  $n \mid j_3 + j_2 + t$ , thus  $n \mid j_1 - j_3$ , it is impossible. So  $n \mid (x-y)$ . As  $x, y \in [n]$ , then  $x = y$ . Thus,  $\varphi_{i_1, j_1}(x) - \varphi_{i_2, j_1}(y) \equiv \mu(i_1) - \mu(i_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . Since  $\mu$  is one-to-one modulo  $n$ , we have  $i_1 = i_2$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, J, 2)$ -difference function family. ■

**Theorem 6**[6] The multiplication table for the finite field  $F_q$  is a  $(q; q, 2)$ -generalized difference matrix modulo  $q$ .

From theorem 2 and 6, for any  $q$  which is a power of some prime, we can get  $(q; q, t)$ -difference matrix ( $2 \leq t \leq q+1$ ).

**Corollary 1** There exists  $(q; q, q, t)$ -generalized difference function family where  $q$  is a power of some prime ( $2 \leq t \leq q+1$ ).

#### 4. Construction of Frameproof Codes

Let  $\varphi \in [n]^{[n]}$ , the matrix  $\varphi(\Gamma)$  is constructed as

$$\varphi(\Gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} a_{\varphi(1)} \\ a_{\varphi(2)} \\ \vdots \\ a_{\varphi(n)} \end{pmatrix}, \text{ where } \Gamma = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{pmatrix}.$$

Let  $\Gamma$  be an  $(l, n, m)$ -code (hash family),  $\Phi$  be an  $(n, n, s)$ -difference function family.  $\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a matrix of size  $n^2 \times ls$  defined as

$$\Phi(\Gamma) = \begin{pmatrix} \varphi_{1,1}(\Gamma) & \varphi_{1,2}(\Gamma) & \cdots & \varphi_{1,s}(\Gamma) \\ \varphi_{2,1}(\Gamma) & \varphi_{2,2}(\Gamma) & \cdots & \varphi_{2,s}(\Gamma) \\ \vdots & \vdots & \cdots & \vdots \\ \varphi_{n,1}(\Gamma) & \varphi_{n,2}(\Gamma) & \cdots & \varphi_{n,s}(\Gamma) \end{pmatrix}$$

From theorem 3,4 ,5 and corollary 1, we can get some difference function families, and thus can get frameproof codes.

**Theorem7** Let  $s = 3, 2a, \frac{n-1}{w} + 1$ , where  $a \geq 1$ , if  $\Gamma$  is a  $w$ -FP( $l, n, m$ ) code,

(1)when  $s = 2a$  and  $\gcd(n, (a[(s-1)w+1]-1)! = 1$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, (s-1)w+1, s)$ - generalized difference function family and  $\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a  $w$ -FP( $[(s-1)w+1]l, n^2, m$ ) code.

(2)when  $s = 3$  and  $\gcd(n, (2w)! = 1$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, 2w+1, s)$ - generalized difference function family and  $\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a  $w$ -FP( $[(2w+1]l, n^2, m$ ) code.

(3)when  $s = \frac{n-1}{w} + 1$ ,  $n$  is a power of prime and  $\gcd(n,$

$(a[(s-1)w+1]-1)! = 1$ , then  $\Phi$  is an  $(n; n, (s-1)w+1, s)$ -

generalized difference function family and  $\Phi(\Gamma)$  is a  $w$ -FP( $[(s-1)w+1]l, n^2, m$ ) code.

## 5. Conclusion

In this paper, we introduce  $(n, n, J, t)$ - generalized difference function family and its dual, i.e.  $(n, J, t)$ - generalized difference matrix. The new function family can be used to generate more frameproof codes which used widely in protection of digital intellectual property. The  $(n; n, J, t)$ - generalized difference function family in fact take the  $(n; n, J)$ - difference function family introduced in [5] as a special case. Our new function family include their conclusion. We find that  $(n, J, t)$ - generalized difference matrix which is the generalized  $(n; n, J, t)$ - generalized difference function family dual designs can construct efficiently from well-known difference matrix ([6]). The  $(n, J, t)$ - generalized difference matrix can be used to construct new frameproof codes.

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