



## Construction Techniques of Generator Polynomials of BCH Codes

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### Abstract

Let  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t$  be a chain of unitary commutative rings (each  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is constructed by the direct product of suitable Galois rings with multiplicative group  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  of units) and  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t$  be the corresponding chain of unitary commutative rings (each  $\mathcal{K}_i$  is constructed by the direct product of corresponding residue fields of given Galois rings, with multiplicative groups  $\mathcal{K}_i^*$  of units), where  $t$  is a non negative integer. In this work presents three different types of constructions of generator polynomials of sequences of BCH codes having entries from  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  and  $\mathcal{K}_i^*$  for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\mathcal{A}$  be a finite commutative ring with identity. The ring  $\mathcal{A}^n$ , with  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , being a free  $\mathcal{A}$ -module preserve the concept of linear independence among its elements is similar to a vector space over a field. Though it is the constraint that an  $r \times r$  submatrix of  $r \times n$  generator matrix  $M$  over  $\mathcal{A}$  is non-singular, or equivalently, has determinant unit in  $\mathcal{A}$ . The existence of non-singular matrices having not obligatory the unit elements is, in fact the primary obstacle in working over a local ring instead of a field. The notion of elementary row operations in a matrix, and its consequences, also carry over  $\mathcal{A}$  with the understanding that only multiplication of a row by a unit element in  $\mathcal{A}$  is allowed, which is in contrast to the multiplication by any nonzero element in the case of a field. The structure of the multiplicative group of units of  $\mathcal{A}$  is the main motivation to calculate the McCoy rank [1] of a matrix  $M$ , that is the largest integer  $r$  such that  $r \times r$  submatrix of  $M$  has determinant unit in  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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Linear codes over finite rings have been discussed in a series of papers initiated by Blake [2], [3], and Spiegel [4], [5]. However a remarkable development, nonetheless, began by Forney et al. [6]. The structure of, the multiplicative group of unit elements of certain local finite commutative rings have recently raised a great interest for its wonderful application in algebraic coding theory. Using multiplicative group of unit elements of a Galois ring extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p^m$ , Shankar [7] has constructed BCH codes over  $\mathbb{Z}_p^m$ . However, Andrade and Palazzo [8] have further extend these construction of BCH codes over finite commutative rings with identity. Both construction techniques of [7] and [8] have been addressed from the approach of specifying a cyclic subgroup of the group of units of an extension ring of finite commutative rings. The complexity of study is to get the factorization of  $x^s - 1$  over the group of units of the appropriate extension ring of the given local ring.

There exist corresponding Galois ring extensions  $\mathcal{R}_i = GR(p^m, h_i)$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $h = b^t$ ,  $b$  is prime,  $t$  is a positive integer and  $h_i = b^i$  (respectively, there residue fields  $\mathbb{K}_i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $h_i = b^i$ ) of unitary local ring  $(\mathcal{R}, \mathcal{M})$  with  $p^m$  elements (respectively,  $p$  elements and residue field  $\mathcal{R}/\mathcal{M}$ ). For each  $i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{R}_i^*$  has one and only one cyclic subgroup  $G_{n_i}$  of order  $n_i$  (divides  $p^{h_i} - 1$ ) relatively to  $p$  (an extension in [7, Theorem 2]). Furthermore, if  $\beta^i$  generates a cyclic subgroup of order  $n_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ . Then  $\beta^i$  generates a cyclic subgroup of order  $n_i d_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}_i^*$ , where  $d_i$  is an integer greater than or equal to 1, and  $(\beta^i)^{d_i}$  generates the cyclic subgroup  $G_{n_i}$  in  $\mathcal{R}_i^*$  for each  $i$  [7, Lemma 1]. Then by extending the given algorithm [7] for constructing a BCH codes with symbols from the local ring  $\mathcal{A}$  for each member in chains of Galois rings and residue fields, respectively. Consequently there are two situations:  $s_i = b^i$  for  $i = 2$  or  $s_i = b^i$  for  $i \geq 2$ . By these motivations in this paper for any  $t \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , we let  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t$  be a chain of unitary commutative rings, whereas for each  $i$ , such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{A}_i$  is direct product of Galois rings, i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} \mathcal{A}_0 & = & \mathcal{R}_{0,1} & \times & \mathcal{R}_{0,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathcal{R}_{0,r} \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \mathcal{A}_1 & = & \mathcal{R}_{1,1} & \times & \mathcal{R}_{1,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathcal{R}_{1,r} \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \mathcal{A}_t & = & \mathcal{R}_{t,1} & \times & \mathcal{R}_{t,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathcal{R}_{t,r} \end{array}$$

Whereas  $\mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{t,j}$ , for each  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , is the chain of Galois rings. In construction I we have different  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  with same characteristic  $p$ . In constructions II and III we take different  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  with different characteristic  $p_j$ , where  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

Through of the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t$  there is a chain of rings constituted through the direct product of their residue fields, i.e.,

$$\begin{array}{rcccccc} \mathcal{K}_0 & = & \mathbb{K}_{0,1} & \times & \mathbb{K}_{0,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathbb{K}_{0,r} \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \mathcal{K}_1 & = & \mathbb{K}_{1,1} & \times & \mathbb{K}_{1,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathbb{K}_{1,r} \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \vdots & & \vdots & & \vdots & & \ddots & & \vdots \\ \cap & & \cap & & \cap & & & & \cap \\ \mathcal{K}_t & = & \mathbb{K}_{t,1} & \times & \mathbb{K}_{t,2} & \times & \dots & \times & \mathbb{K}_{t,r} \end{array}$$

Whereas  $\mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{t,j}$ , for each  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , is the chain of corresponding residue fields. In construction I we have  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j} = \mathbb{K}_{i,j+1}$  and different in remaining types. It follows that  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  and  $\mathcal{K}_i^*$ , for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , are multiplicative groups of units of  $\mathcal{A}_i$  and  $\mathcal{K}_i$ , respectively.

## 2 Construction I

For each  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , let  $p$  be any prime and  $m_j$  be a positive integer. Then ring  $A_j = \mathbb{Z}_p^{m_j}$  is the unitary finite local commutative ring with maximal ideal  $M_j$  and residue field  $K = \frac{A_j}{M_j} = \mathbb{Z}_p$ . The natural projection  $\pi_j : A_j[x] \rightarrow K[x]$  is defined by  $\pi_j(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \bar{a}_k x^k$ , where  $\bar{a}_k = a_k + M_j$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ . Thus, the natural ring morphism  $A_j \rightarrow K$  is simply the restrictions of  $\pi_j$  to the constant polynomial. Now, if  $f_j(x) \in A_j[x]$  is a collection of basic irreducible polynomials with degree  $h = b^t$ , where each  $b$  is a prime and  $t$  is a positive integer, then  $\mathcal{R}_j = \frac{A_j[x]}{(f_j(x))} = GR(p^{m_j}, h)$  is the Galois ring extension of  $A_j$  and

$$\mathbb{K} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_j}{M_j} = \frac{A_j[x]/(f_j(x))}{(M_j, f_j(x))/(f_j(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_j(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_j(x)))} = \frac{\mathbb{K}[x]}{(\pi_j(f_j(x)))} = GF(p^h)$$

is the residue field of  $\mathcal{R}_j$ , where  $M_j = (M_j, f_j(x))/(f_j(x))$  is the corresponding maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{R}_j$ .

Since  $1, b, b^2, \dots, b^{t-1}, b^t$  are the only divisors of  $h$ , and take  $h_0 = 1, h_1 = b, h_2 = b^2, \dots, h_t = b^t = h$ , therefore by [1, Lemma XVI.7] there exist basic irreducible polynomials  $f_{1,j}(x), f_{2,j}(x), \dots, f_{t,j}(x) \in A_j[x]$  with degrees  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t$ , respectively, such that we can constitute the Galois subrings  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_p^{m_j}[x]}{(f_{i,j}(x))} = GR(p^{m_j}, h_i)$  of  $\mathcal{R}_j$  with the maximal ideal  $M_{i,j} = (M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Thus the residue field of each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  becomes

$$\mathbb{K}_i = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{i,j}}{M_{i,j}} = \frac{A_j[X]/(f_{i,j}(x))}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))} = \frac{\mathbb{K}[x]}{(f_{i,j}(x))} = GF(p^{h_i}).$$

As each  $h_i$  divides  $h_{i+1}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , so by [1, Lemma XVI.7] it follows that

$$A_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j$$

is the chain of Galois rings with corresponding chain of residue fields

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{K}_0 \subset \mathbb{K}_1 \subset \mathbb{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathbb{K}.$$

If  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , then we get a chain of commutative rings, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$$

with an other chain of rings  $\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K}$  where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_i^r$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i^*, \mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  and  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$  be the multiplicative groups of units of  $\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  and  $\mathbb{K}_i$  respectively, for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Now, the next theorem extended [1, Theorem XVIII.1], which has a fundamental role in the decomposition of the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  into linear factors over the ring  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ . This theorem asserts that for each element  $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{A}_i^*$  there exist unique elements  $\beta_{i,j} \in \mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , such that  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ .

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$  for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  is a local commutative ring. Then  $\mathcal{A}_i^* = \mathcal{R}_{i,1}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3}^* \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}^*$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ .

Note that  $\bar{\beta}_{i,1} = \bar{\beta}_{i,2} = \bar{\beta}_{i,3} = \dots = \bar{\beta}_{i,r} = \bar{\beta}_i$ , and therefore  $\bar{\alpha}_i = (\bar{\beta}_i, \bar{\beta}_i, \bar{\beta}_i, \dots, \bar{\beta}_i)$ . Following theorem indicates the condition under which  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for each  $i$ , such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Theorem 2.2.** For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over the multiplicative group  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  if and only if  $\bar{\beta}_i$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , where  $\gcd(s_i, p) = 1$  and  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \cdots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$ . Then  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \cdots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Now it follows from the extension of [7, Theorem 3] that  $\beta_i$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\beta_i$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Again it follows from the extension of [7, Theorem 3] that the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \cdots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Since  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , therefore  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \cdots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

Let  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  denotes the cyclic subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  generated by  $\alpha_i$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , i.e.,  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  contains all the roots of  $x^{s_i} - 1$  provided the condition of Theorem 2.2 is met. The BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  can be obtained as the direct product of BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$  over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ . To construct the cyclic BCH codes over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , we need to choose certain elements of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , where  $n_i = s_i$ , as the roots of generator polynomials  $g_i(x)$  of the codes. So that,  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  are all the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , we construct  $g_i(x)$  as

$$g_i(x) = lcm\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}(x)\},$$

where for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , it follows that  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  is the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$ , for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$ , whereas each  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}} = (\beta_{i,1}^{e_{l_i}}, \beta_{i,2}^{e_{l_i}}, \dots, \beta_{i,r}^{e_{l_i}})$ , and  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$ . The following theorem is the extension of [7, Lemma 3] and provides us a method for construction of  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$ , the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$  over the ring  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Theorem 2.3.** For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , where  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$  generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , for  $l_i = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$ . Then  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ , where  $B_i^{l_i} = \{(\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}})^{m_{i,j}} : m_{i,j} = \prod_{j=1}^r p^{q_{i,j}}, 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i, 0 \leq q_{i,j} \leq h_i - 1\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\overline{M}_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  be the projection of  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  over the field  $\mathbb{K}_i$  and  $\overline{M}_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}}$  over  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . We can verify that each  $\overline{M}_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  (minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}}$ ) is divisible by  $\overline{M}_{i,j}^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  (minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\beta}_{i,j}^{e_{l_i}}$ ), for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus it has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequences  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}}, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}})^p, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}})^{p^2}, \dots, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}})^{p^{h_i-1}}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequence  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}, (\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}})^p, (\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}})^{p^2}, \dots, (\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}})^{p^{h_i-1}}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus the element  $\xi_i = (\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}})^{p^{m_i}}$  is the root of  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t, 0 \leq m_i \leq h_i - 1$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ .

**Remark 2.1.** Since, for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , it follows that  $\overline{M}_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  (minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_{l_i}}$ ) is the projection of  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  (minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$ ) over the rings  $\mathcal{K}_i$ . So  $\overline{M}_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  generates the sequence of codes over the special chain of rings  $\mathcal{K}_i = K_i^r$ .

The lower bound on the minimum distances derived in the following theorem applies to any cyclic code. The BCH codes are a class of cyclic codes whose generator polynomials are chosen so that the minimum distances are guaranteed by this bound. In this sense, the following extended [8, Theorem 2.5].

**Theorem 2.4.** [9, Theorem 11] For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $g_i(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over the ring  $\mathcal{A}_i$  from the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t$ , with length  $n_i = s_i$ , and let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  be the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i$  has order  $n_i$ . The minimum Hamming distance of this code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n_i$  in  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Corollary 2.5.** [8, Theorem 2.5] Let  $g(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code over  $A$  with length  $n = s$  such that  $\alpha^{e_1}, \alpha^{e_2}, \dots, \alpha^{e_{n-k}}$  are the roots of  $g(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha, n}$ , where  $\alpha$  has order  $n$ , then minimum Hamming distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n$  in  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-k}\}$ .

## 2.1 Algorithm

We can also use the extension of [7, Theorem 4] for the BCH bound of these codes. The algorithm for constructing a BCH type cyclic codes over the chain of rings  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$  is then as follows.

1. Choose irreducible polynomial  $f_{i,j}(x)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p^{m_j}$  of degree  $h_i = b^i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , which are also irreducible over  $GF(p)$  and form the chains of Galois rings

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_p^{m_j} &= GR(p^{m_j}, h_0) \subset GR(p^{m_j}, h_1) \subset \dots \subset GR(p^{m_j}, h_{t-1}) \subset GR(p^{m_j}, h_t) \text{ or} \\ \mathcal{A}_j &= \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j \end{aligned}$$

and its corresponding chain of residue fields is

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_p &= GF(p) \subset GF(p^{h_1}) \subset \dots \subset GF(p^{h_{t-1}}) \subset GF(p^h) \text{ or} \\ &= \mathbb{K}_0 \subset \mathbb{K}_1 \subset \mathbb{K}_2 \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathbb{K}, \end{aligned}$$

where each  $GF(p^{h_i}) \simeq \frac{K[x]}{(\pi(f_{i,j}(x)))}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

2. Now put  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  is a local commutative ring, and get a chain of rings

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$$

with an other chain of rings

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K},$$

where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_i^r$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

3. Let  $\bar{\eta}_{i,j} = \bar{\eta}_i$  be the primitive elements in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then  $\eta_{i,j}$  has order  $d_{i,j} \cdot n_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  for some integers  $d_{i,j}$ , put  $\beta_{i,j} = (\eta_{i,j})^{d_{i,j}}$ . Then  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{1,i}, \beta_{2,i}, \beta_{3,i}, \dots, \beta_{r,i})$  has order  $n_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  and generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ . For each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $\alpha_i$  be any element of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ .
4. Let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  are chosen to be the roots of  $g_i(x)$ . Find  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$ , for  $l_i = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$ , where each  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}} = (\beta_i^{e_{1,i}}, \beta_i^{e_{2,i}}, \beta_i^{e_{3,i}}, \dots, \beta_i^{e_{r,i}})$ . Then  $g_i(x)$  are given by

$$g_i(x) = lcm\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}(x)\}.$$

The length of each code in the chain is the lcm of the orders of  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$ , and the minimum distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers in the set  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$  for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Example 2.6.** We initiate by constructing a chain of codes of lengths 1, 3 and 15, taking  $\mathcal{A}_1 = \mathbb{Z}_4$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2 = \mathbb{Z}_8$ . Since  $M_1 = \{0, 2\}$  and  $M_2 = \{0, 2, 4, 6\}$ , so  $K_j = \frac{\mathcal{A}_j}{M_j} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_2$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . The regular polynomial  $f_1(x) = x^4 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_4[x]$  and  $f_2(x) = x^4 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_8[x]$  is such that  $\pi_1(f_1(x)) = x^4 + x + 1$  and  $\pi_2(f_2(x)) = x^4 + x + 1$  are irreducible polynomials with degree  $h = 2^2$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . By [9, Theorem 3], it follows that  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  are irreducible over  $\mathcal{A}_1$  and  $\mathcal{A}_2$ , respectively. Let  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{2^2}[x]}{(f_1(x))} = GR(2^2, 4)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{2^3}[x]}{(f_2(x))} = GR(2^3, 4)$  be the Galois rings and  $\mathbb{K} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(\pi_j(f_j(x)))} = GF(2^4)$  be their corresponding common residue field. Since 1, 2 and  $2^2$  are the only divisors of 4, it follows that put  $h_1 = 1$ ,  $h_2 = 2$  and  $h_3 = 2^2$ . Then there exist irreducible polynomials  $f_{i,1}(x) = x^2 - x + 1$  and  $f_{i,2}(x) = f_2(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_4[x]$  with degrees  $h_2 = 2$  and  $h_3 = 4$  such that we can constitute the Galois rings  $\mathcal{R}_{i,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{2^2}[x]}{(f_{i,1}(x))} = GR(2^2, h_i)$ , and  $\mathcal{R}_{i,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{2^3}[x]}{(f_{i,2}(x))} = GR(2^3, h_i)$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 2$ . So  $\mathcal{A}_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} = \mathcal{R}_j$ , for  $j = 1, 2$ . Again by the same argument  $\mathbb{K}_i = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))} =$

$GF(2, h_i) = GF(2^{h_i})$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq 2$  and  $1 \leq j \leq 2$ . That is,  $\mathbb{K}_0 = GR(2, 1) = \mathbb{Z}_2$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_1 = GR(2, 2)$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_2 = \mathbb{K} = GR(2, 4)$ , with  $\mathbb{K}_1 \subset \mathbb{K}_2 \subset \mathbb{K}$ . Now  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_0 &= \mathcal{R}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_4 && \times && \mathcal{R}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_8 \\ \mathcal{A}_1 &= \mathcal{R}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^2+3x+1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^2+7x+2)} \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= \mathcal{R}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^4+x+1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^4+x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_0 &= \mathbb{K}_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2 && \times && \mathbb{K}_0 = \mathbb{Z}_2 \\ \mathcal{K}_1 &= \mathbb{K}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^2+x+1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^2+x+2)} \\ \mathcal{K}_2 &= \mathbb{K}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^4+x+1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_2[x]}{(x^4+x+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = \{x\}$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,1}$  such that  $\bar{u} = \{x\}$  in  $\mathbb{K}_i$ . Then  $\bar{u} + 1$  has order 15 in  $\mathbb{K}_2$ , so  $\bar{\beta}_2 = \bar{u} + 1$ . But  $u + 1$  has order 30 in  $\mathcal{R}_{2,1}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{2,2}$ , so put  $\beta_{2,1} = \beta_{2,2} = (u + 1)^2$  and get  $\alpha_2 = (\beta_{2,1}, \beta_{2,2})$  which generate  $H_{\alpha_2,15}$ . Also  $\bar{u}$  has order 3 in  $\mathbb{K}_1$ , so  $\bar{\beta}_1 = \bar{u}$ . But  $u$  has order 6 in  $\mathcal{R}_{1,1}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{1,2}$ , so  $\beta_{1,1} = \beta_{1,2} = u^2$  and get  $\alpha_1 = (\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{1,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_1,3}$ . Put  $\beta_{0,1} = \beta_{0,2} = 1$  and get  $\alpha_0 = (\beta_{0,1}, \beta_{0,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_0,1}$ . Choose  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_i^3$  to be roots of the generator polynomials  $g_i(x)$  of the BCH codes  $C_i$  over the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ . Then  $M_0^1(x)$ ,  $M_1^1(x)$  and  $M_2^1(x)$  has as roots all distinct element in the sets  $B_0^1 = \{\alpha_0\} \subset H_{\alpha_0,1}$ ,  $B_1^1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_1^3\} \subset H_{\alpha_1,3}$  and  $B_2^1 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_2^2, \alpha_2^4, \alpha_2^8\} \subset H_{\alpha_2,15}$ , respectively. So

$$M_0^1(x) = (x - \alpha_0), M_1^1(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^2) \text{ and } M_2^1(x) = (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^4)(x - \alpha_2^8)$$

Similarly,

$$M_0^3(x) = M_0^3(x) = (x - \alpha_0), M_1^3(x) = (x - 1) \text{ and } M_2^3(x) = (x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^{12})(x - \alpha_2^9).$$

Thus the polynomials  $g_i(x) = lcm(M_i^1(x), M_i^3(x))$  are given by

$$g_0(x) = (x - 1), g_1(x) = (x - 1)(x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^2),$$

$$g_2(x) = (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^4)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^8)(x - \alpha_2^9)(x - \alpha_2^{12}),$$

which generates the cyclic BCH codes  $C_0, C_1$  and  $C_2$  of length 1, 3 and 15 with minimum hamming distance at least 2, 4 and 5 respectively. Also, if we replace  $\alpha_i$  with  $\bar{\alpha}_i$ , then we get codes over  $\mathcal{K}_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ .

### 3 Construction II

Since for any prime  $p_j$  and a positive integers  $m$ , the collection of rings  $A_j = \mathbb{Z}_{p_j^m}$  is the collection of unitary finite local commutative rings with maximal ideals  $M_j$  and residue fields  $\mathbb{K}_j = \frac{A_j}{M_j}$ , for each  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . The natural projections  $\pi_j : A_j[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_j[x]$  is defined by  $\pi(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \bar{a}_k x^k$ , where  $\bar{a}_k = a_k + M_j$  for  $k = 0, \dots, n$ . Thus, the natural ring morphism  $A_j \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_j$  is simply the restriction of  $\pi_j$  to the constant polynomial. Now, if  $f_j(x) \in A_j[x]$  is a basic irreducible polynomial with degree  $h = b^t$ , where  $b$  is a prime and  $t$  is a positive integer, then  $\mathcal{R}_j = \frac{A_j[x]}{(f_j(x))} = GR(p_j^m, h)$  is the family of the Galois ring extension of  $A_j$  and  $\mathbb{K}_j = \frac{\mathcal{R}_j}{\mathcal{M}_j} = \frac{A_j[x]/(f_j(x))}{(M_j, f_j(x))/(f_j(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_j(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_j(x)))}$  is the collection of residue field of  $\mathcal{R}_j$ , where  $M_j = (M_j, f_j(x))$  is the corresponding collection of the maximal ideals of  $\mathcal{R}_j$ . For the construction of a chain of Galois rings, [1, Lemma XVI.7] facilitate us.

Since  $1, b, b^2, \dots, b^{t-1}, b^t$  are the only divisors of  $h$ , and take  $h_0 = 1, h_1 = b, h_2 = b^2, \dots, h_t = b^t = h$ , so by [1, Lemma XVI.7] there exist basic irreducible polynomials  $f_{1,j}(x), f_{2,j}(x), \dots, f_{t,j}(x) \in A_j[x]$  with degrees  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t$ , respectively, such that we can constitute the Galois subrings  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j} =$

$\frac{\mathbb{Z}_{p_j^m}[x]}{(f_{i,j}(x))} = GR(p_j^m, h_i)$ , of  $\mathcal{R}_j$  with the maximal ideals  $\mathcal{M}_{i,j} = (M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Then the residue field of each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  becomes

$$\mathbb{K}_{i,j} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{i,j}}{\mathcal{M}_{i,j}} = \frac{A_j[x]/(f_{i,j}(x))}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))} = \frac{K_j[x]}{(\bar{f}_{i,j}(x))} = GF(p_j^{h_i})$$

As each  $h_i$  divides  $h_{i+1}$  for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , so by [1, Lemma XVI.7], there are chains

$$A_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j$$

of Galois rings, with corresponding chain of residue fields

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p_j} = \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{t,j} = \mathbb{K}_j$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then we get a chain of commutative rings, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$$

with an other chain of commutative rings

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K}$$

where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_{i,1} \times \mathbb{K}_{i,2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{K}_{i,r}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_i^*$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$  be the multiplicative groups of units of  $\mathcal{A}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{K}_i$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ , respectively, for each  $i, j$  where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Now the next theorem, extension of [1, Theorem XVIII.1] has a fundamental role in the decomposition of the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  into linear factors over the rings  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ . This theorem asserts that for each element  $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{A}_i^*$  there exist unique elements  $\beta_{i,j} \in \mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , such that  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ .

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  is a local commutative ring. Then for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , it follows that  $\mathcal{A}_i^* = \mathcal{R}_{i,1}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3}^* \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}^*$ .

Note that corresponding  $\bar{\alpha}_i = (\bar{\beta}_{i,1}, \bar{\beta}_{i,2}, \dots, \bar{\beta}_{i,r})$ . Following theorem indicates the condition under which  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Theorem 3.2.** For each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over the multiplicative groups  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  if and only if each  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , where  $\gcd(s_i, p) = 1$  and  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ , for each  $i, 0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Proof.** For each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , suppose that the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$ . Then  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \dots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$  for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Now it follows from the extension of [7, Theorem 3] that  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Again it follows from the extension of [7, Theorem 3] that, the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \dots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Since  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , so  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Corollary 3.3.** [8, Theorem 3.4] The polynomials  $x^s - 1$  can be factored over the multiplicative group  $\mathcal{R}^*$  as  $x^s - 1 = (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2) \dots (x - \alpha^s)$  if and only if  $\bar{\beta}_j$  has order  $s$  in  $\mathbb{K}_j^*$ , where  $\gcd(s, p_j) = 1$  and  $\alpha$  corresponds to  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r)$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, r$ .

Let  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  denotes the cyclic subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  generated by  $\alpha_i$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , i.e.,  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  contains all the roots of  $x^{s_i} - 1$  provided the condition of above theorem are met. The BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  can be obtained as the direct product of BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$  over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ . To construct the

cyclic BCH codes over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , we need to choose certain elements of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$  as the roots of generator polynomials  $g_i(x)$  of the codes, where  $n_i = \gcd(p_1^{h_i}, p_2^{h_i}, p_3^{h_i}, \dots, p_r^{h_i})$ . So that,  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  are all the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , we construct  $g_i(x)$  as

$$g_i(x) = \text{lcm}\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}(x)\},$$

where  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$ , for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$ , where each  $\alpha_i^{e_l} = (\beta_{i,1}^{e_l}, \beta_{i,2}^{e_l}, \dots, \beta_{i,r}^{e_l})$ . The following theorem is the extension of [7, Lemma 3] and provides us a method for construction of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ , the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  over the ring  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .

**Theorem 3.4.** For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , where  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$  and  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then  $M_i^{e_l}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ , where  $B_i^{l_i} = \{(\alpha_i^{e_l})^{m_{i,j}} : m_{i,j} = \prod_{j=1}^r p_j^{q_{i,j}}, \text{ for } 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i, 0 \leq q_{i,j} \leq h_i - 1 \text{ and } 0 \leq i \leq t\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  be the projection of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  over the fields  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$  and  $\overline{M}_{i,j}^{e_l}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l}$  over  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . We can verify that each  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  is divisible by  $\overline{M}_{i,j}^{e_l}(x)$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus it has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequences  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l}, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j}, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j^2}, \dots, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{h_i-1}}$ , for each  $i, j$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequence  $\alpha_i^{e_l}, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j}, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^2}, \dots, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{h_i-1}}$ , for each  $i, j$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus any element  $\gamma_i = (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{m_i}}$  of the above sequence is the root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ , for each  $i, j$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r, 0 \leq m_i \leq h_i - 1$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Choose any  $k$  in the range  $1 \leq k \leq r$  such that  $k \neq j$ . Then we know that  $\gamma_{i,k}$  a root of  $\overline{M}_{i,k}^{e_l}(x)$  implies that  $(\gamma_{i,k})^{p_k^{q_i}}$  is a root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  (which has coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,k}$ ), for  $0 \leq q_i \leq h_i - 1$ . Hence  $(\gamma_i)^{p_k^{q_i}} = (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{m_i} p_k^{q_i}}$  is a root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ . Proceeding in this manner, we can show that  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  necessarily has as roots all distinct member of  $B_i^{l_i}$ . But the polynomial  $\prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$  has, by construction, coefficient in the direct product of  $\mathcal{A}_j$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_l}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ .

**Corollary 3.5.** [8, Theorem 3.5] For any positive integer  $l$ , let  $M_l(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha^l$  over  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\alpha$  generates  $H_{\alpha, n}$ . Then  $M_l(x) = \prod_{\xi \in B_l} (x - \xi)$ , where  $B_l$  is all distinct elements of the sequence  $\{(\alpha^l)^m : m = \prod_{j=1}^r q_j^{s_j}, q_j = p_j^{m_j}, \text{ where } 0 \leq s_j \leq h - 1\}$ .

**Remark 3.1.** Since  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  be the projection of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  over the field  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ , for each  $i, j$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . So  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  generates the sequence of codes over the special chain of rings  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_{i,1} \times \mathbb{K}_{i,2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{K}_{i,r}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

The lower bound on the minimum distances derived in the following theorem applies to any cyclic code. The BCH codes are a class of cyclic codes whose generator polynomials are chosen so that the minimum distances are guaranteed by this bound. In this sense, the following extended [8, Theorem 2.5].

**Theorem 3.6.** [9, Theorem 11] For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $g_i(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code  $C_i$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i$  from the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t$ , with length  $n_i = s_i$ , and let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  be the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i$  has order  $n_i$ . The minimum Hamming distance of this code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n_i$  in  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Corollary 3.7.** [8, Theorem 2.5] Let  $g(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code over  $A$  with length  $n = s$  such that  $\alpha^{e_1}, \alpha^{e_2}, \dots, \alpha^{e_{n-k}}$  are the roots of  $g(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha, n}$ , where  $\alpha$  has order  $n$ , then minimum Hamming distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n$  in  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-k}\}$ .



### 3.1 Algorithm

The algorithm for constructing a BCH type cyclic codes over the chain of such type of commutative rings  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$  is then as follows.

1. Choose irreducible polynomial  $f_{i,j}(x)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_j^m}$ , of degree  $h_i = b^i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , which are also irreducible over  $GF(p)$  and form the chains of Galois rings

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j^m} &= GR(p_j^m, h_0) \subset GR(p_j^m, h_1) \subset \dots \subset GR(p_j^m, h_{t-1}) \subset GR(p_j^m, h_t) \text{ or} \\ \mathcal{A}_j &= \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j \end{aligned}$$

and its corresponding chains of residue fields are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j} &= GF(p_j) \subset GF(p_j^{h_1}) \subset \dots \subset GF(p_j^{h_{t-1}}) \subset GF(p_j^{h_t}) \text{ or} \\ &= \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{t,j} = \mathbb{K}_j, \end{aligned}$$

where each  $GF(p_j^{h_i}) \simeq \frac{\mathbb{K}_j[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

2. Now put  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  is a local commutative ring, and get a chain of rings

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$$

with an other chain of rings

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K}$$

where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_{i,1} \times \mathbb{K}_{i,2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{K}_{i,r}$ , the direct product of corresponding residue fields  $r$  times, for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

3. Let  $\bar{\eta}_{i,j}$  be the primitive elements in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Then  $\eta_{i,j}$  has order  $d_{i,j}n_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$  for some integers  $d_{i,j}$ , put  $\beta_{i,j} = (\eta_{i,j})^{d_{i,j}}$ . Then  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{1,i}, \beta_{2,i}, \beta_{3,i}, \dots, \beta_{r,i})$  has order  $n_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$  and generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ . Assume for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $\alpha_i$  be any element of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ .
4. Let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  are chosen to be the roots of  $g_i(x)$ . Find  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$ , for  $l_i = 1, 2, \dots, n_i-k_i$ , where each  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}} = (\beta_i^{e_{1,i}}, \beta_i^{e_{2,i}}, \beta_i^{e_{3,i}}, \dots, \beta_i^{e_{r,i}})$ . Then  $g_i(X)$  are given by

$$g_i(x) = lcm\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}(x)\}.$$

The length of each code in the chain is the lcm of the orders of  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$ , and the minimum distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers in the set  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$  for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Example 3.8.** We initiate by constructing a chain of codes of lengths 1, 8 and 16, taking  $A_1 = \mathbb{Z}_9$  and  $A_2 = \mathbb{Z}_{25}$ . Since  $M_1 = \{0, 3, 6\}$  and  $M_2 = \{0, 5, 10, 15, 20\}$ , it follows that  $K_1 = \frac{A_1}{M_1} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $K_2 = \frac{A_2}{M_2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_5$ . The regular polynomials  $f_1(x) = x^4 + x + 8 \in \mathbb{Z}_9[x]$  and  $f_2(x) = x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{25}[x]$  are such that  $\pi_1(f_1(x)) = x^4 + x + 2$  and  $\pi_2(f_2(x)) = x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$  are irreducible polynomials with degree  $h = 2^2$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , respectively. By [9, Theorem 3], it follows that  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  are irreducible over  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{3^2}[x]}{(f_1(x))} = GR(3^2, 4)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_{5^2}[x]}{(f_2(x))} = GR(5^2, 4)$  be the Galois rings and  $\mathbb{K}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(\pi_1(f_1(x)))} = GF(3^4)$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_2 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(\pi_2(f_2(x)))} = GF(5^4)$  be their corresponding residue fields. Since 1, 2 and  $2^2$  are the only divisors of 4, therefore let  $h_1 = 1, h_2 = 2, h_3 = 2^2$ . Then there exist irreducible polynomials  $f_{1,1}(x) = x^2 + 1, f_{2,1}(x) = f_1(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_9[x]$ , and  $f_{1,2}(x) = x^2 + 2, f_{2,2}(x) = f_2(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{25}[x]$  with degrees  $h_2 = 2$  and  $h_3 = 4$  such that we can constitute the Galois rings

$\mathcal{R}_{0,1} = A_1, \mathcal{R}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(f_{1,1}(x))} = GR(3^2, h_2), \mathcal{R}_{2,1} = \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{0,2} = A_2, \mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(f_{1,2}(x))} = GR(5^2, h_2)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \mathcal{R}_2$ . So

$$A_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} = \mathcal{R}_j, \text{ for } j = 1, 2.$$

Again by the same argument  $\mathbb{K}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_2, \mathbb{K}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(\pi_1(f_{1,1}(x)))} = GF(3^2), \mathbb{K}_{2,1} = \mathbb{K}_1$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_5, \mathbb{K}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(\pi_2(f_{1,2}(x)))} = GF(5^2), \mathbb{K}_{2,2} = \mathbb{K}_2$ . So we get chains of fields

$$A_j = \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} = \mathbb{K}_j, \text{ for } j = 1, 2.$$

Now  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_0 &= \mathcal{R}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_9 && \times && \mathcal{R}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_{25} \\ \mathcal{A}_1 &= \mathcal{R}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^2+1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^2+2)} \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= \mathcal{R}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^4+x-1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^4+x^2+x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_0 &= \mathbb{K}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_3 && \times && \mathbb{K}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_5 \\ \mathcal{K}_1 &= \mathbb{K}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^2+1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^2+2)} \\ \mathcal{K}_2 &= \mathbb{K}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^4+x-1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^4+x^2+x+1)}. \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = \{x\}$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  such that  $\bar{u} = \{x\}$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ . Then  $\bar{u}+1$  has order 8, 24, 80 and 624 in  $\mathbb{K}_{1,1}, \mathbb{K}_{1,2}, \mathbb{K}_{2,1}$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{2,2}$ , respectively. So  $\bar{\beta}_{1,1} = \bar{\beta}_{1,2} = \bar{\beta}_{2,1} = \bar{\beta}_{2,2} = \bar{u}+1$ . But  $u+1$  has order 24, 120, 240 and 3120 in  $\mathcal{R}_{1,1}, \mathcal{R}_{1,2}, \mathcal{R}_{2,1}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{2,2}$ , so put  $\beta_{1,1} = (u+1)^3, \beta_{1,2} = \beta_{2,1} = (u+1)^{15}$  and  $\beta_{2,2} = (u+1)^{195}$  and get  $\alpha_2 = (\beta_{2,1}, \beta_{2,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_2,16}$  and  $\alpha_1 = (\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{1,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_1,8}$ . Also 2 has order 4 in  $\mathbb{K}_{0,2}$  and has order 2 in  $\mathbb{K}_{0,1}$ , so  $\bar{\beta}_{0,1} = \bar{\beta}_{0,2} = 2$ . But 2 has order 20 in  $\mathcal{R}_{0,2}$  and has order 6 in  $\mathcal{R}_{0,1}$ , so  $\beta_{0,1} = 8$  and  $\beta_{0,2} = 24$  get  $\alpha_0 = (\beta_{0,1}, \beta_{0,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_0,2}$ . Choose  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_i^2$  to be roots of the generator polynomials  $g_i(x)$  of the BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2$ . Then  $M_0^1(x), M_1^1(x)$  and  $M_2^1(x)$  has as roots all distinct element in the sets  $B_0^1 = \{\alpha_0\} \subset H_{\alpha_0,2}, B_1^1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_1^3, \alpha_1^5, \alpha_1^7\} \subset H_{\alpha_1,8}$  and  $B_2^1 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_2^3, \alpha_2^5, \alpha_2^7, \alpha_2^9, \alpha_2^{11}, \alpha_2^{13}, \alpha_2^{15}\} \subset H_{\alpha_2,16}$ , respectively. So

$$M_0^1(x) = (x - \alpha_0), M_1^1(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^3)(x - \alpha_1^5)(x - \alpha_1^7),$$

and

$$M_2^1(x) = (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^5)(x - \alpha_2^7)(x - \alpha_2^9)(x - \alpha_2^{11})(x - \alpha_2^{13})(x - \alpha_2^{15}).$$

Similarly,

$$M_0^2(x) = (x - 1), M_1^2(x) = (x - \alpha_1^2)(x - \alpha_1^6) \text{ and } M_2^2(x) = (x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^{10})(x - \alpha_2^{14}).$$

Thus the polynomials  $g_i(x) = \text{lcm}(M_i^1(x), M_i^2(x))$  are given by

$$g_0(x) = (x - 1)(x - \alpha_0), g_1(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^2)(x - \alpha_1^3)(x - \alpha_1^5)(x - \alpha_1^6)(x - \alpha_1^7), \text{ and}$$

$$g_2(x) = (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^5)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^7)(x - \alpha_2^9)(x - \alpha_2^{10})(x - \alpha_2^{11})(x - \alpha_2^{13})(x - \alpha_2^{14})(x - \alpha_2^{15})$$

which generates the cyclic BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_0, \mathcal{C}_1$  and  $\mathcal{C}_2$  of length 2, 8 and 16 with minimum hamming distance at least 3, 4 and 4, respectively. Similarly we can construct a sequence of cyclic codes over  $\mathcal{K}_i$  if we replace  $\alpha_i$  with  $\bar{\alpha}_i$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq 2$ .

### 4 Construction III

For any  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , let  $p_j$  be a prime and  $m_j$  a positive integer. The ring  $A_j = \mathbb{Z}_{p_j}^{m_j}$  is a unitary finite local commutative ring with maximal ideals  $M_j$  and residue fields  $\mathbb{K}_j = \frac{A_j}{M_j}$ . The natural

projections  $\pi_j : A_j[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{K}_j[x]$  is defined by  $\pi(\sum_{k=0}^n a_k x^k) = \sum_{k=0}^n \bar{a}_k x^k$ , where  $\bar{a}_k = a_k + M_j$  for  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . Thus, the natural ring morphism  $A_j \rightarrow K_j$  is simply the restriction of  $\pi_j$  to the constant polynomial. Now, if  $f_j(x) \in A_j[x]$  is a basic irreducible polynomial with degree  $h = b^t$ , where  $b$  is a prime and  $t$  is a positive integer, then  $\mathcal{R}_j = \frac{A_j[x]}{(f_j(x))} = GR(p_j^{m_j}, h)$  is the collection of the Galois ring extension of  $A_j$  and  $\mathbb{K}_j = \frac{\mathcal{R}_j}{\mathcal{M}_j} = \frac{A_j[x]/(f_j(x))}{(M_j, f_j(x))/(f_j(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_j(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_j(x)))}$  is the residue field of  $\mathcal{R}_j$ , where  $M_j = (M_j, f_j(x))$  is the corresponding maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{R}_j$  for each  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . For the construction of a chain of Galois ring, [1, Lemma XVI.7] facilitate us.

Since  $1, b, b^2, \dots, b^{t-1}, b^t$  are the only divisors of  $h$ , and take  $h_0 = 1, h_1 = b, h_2 = b^2, \dots, h_t = b^t = h$ , so by [1, Lemma XVI.7], there exist basic irreducible polynomials  $f_{1,j}(x), f_{2,j}(x), \dots, f_{t,j}(x) \in A_j[x]$  with degrees  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_t$ , respectively, such that we can constitute the Galois subring  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_j}{(f_{i,j}(x))} = GR(p_j^{m_j}, h_i)$ , of  $\mathcal{R}_j$  with the maximal ideal  $\mathcal{M}_{i,j} = (M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Then the residue fields of each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  becomes

$$\mathbb{K}_{i,j} = \frac{\mathcal{R}_{i,j}}{\mathcal{M}_{i,j}} = \frac{A_j[x]/(f_{i,j}(x))}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))/(f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{A_j[x]}{(M_j, f_{i,j}(x))} = \frac{(A_j/M_j)[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))} = \frac{K_j[x]}{(f_{i,j}(x))} = GF(p_j^{h_i}).$$

As each  $h_i$  divides  $h_{i+1}$  for all  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , so by [1, Lemma XVI.7], there is a chain

$$A_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j$$

of Galois rings with corresponding chain of residue fields

$$\mathbb{Z}_{p_j} = \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} \subset \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_j.$$

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then we get a chain of commutative rings, i.e.,

$$\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{A}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{A}_t = \mathcal{A}$$

with an other chain of commutative rings

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K},$$

where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_{i,1} \times \mathbb{K}_{i,2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{K}_{i,r}$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

Let  $\mathcal{A}_i^*, \mathcal{K}_i^*, \mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$  be the multiplicative groups of units of  $\mathcal{A}_i, \mathcal{K}_i, \mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , respectively, for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Now the next theorem, extension of [1, Theorem XVIII.1], is fundamental in the decomposition of the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  into linear factors over the rings  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ . This theorem asserts that for each element  $\alpha_i \in \mathcal{A}_i^*$  there exist unique elements  $\beta_{i,j} \in \mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ , for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , such that  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ .

**Theorem 4.1.** For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$ , for  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , is a local commutative ring. Then  $\mathcal{A}_i^* = \mathcal{R}_{i,1}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}^* \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3}^* \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}^*$  for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

Note that  $\bar{\alpha}_i = (\bar{\beta}_{i,1}, \bar{\beta}_{i,2}, \dots, \bar{\beta}_{i,r})$ . Following theorem indicates the condition under which  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Theorem 4.2.** For each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over the multiplicative group  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  if and only if  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$ , for each  $j$  such that  $1 \leq j \leq r$ , has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$  such that  $\gcd(s_i, p) = 1$  and  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ .

**Proof.** Suppose that the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \dots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$ , for each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \dots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$ , for each  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Now it follows from the extension of [7, theorem 3] that  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , for each  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and for each  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Conversely, suppose that  $\bar{\beta}_{i,j}$  has order  $s_i$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}^*$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Again it

follows, from the extension of [7, theorem 3], that the polynomial  $x^{s_i} - 1$  can be factored over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  as  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \beta_{i,j})(x - \beta_{i,j}^2) \cdots (x - \beta_{i,j}^{s_i})$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$  and  $1 \leq j \leq r$ . Since  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{i,1}, \beta_{i,2}, \dots, \beta_{i,r})$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , so  $x^{s_i} - 1 = (x - \alpha_i)(x - \alpha_i^2) \cdots (x - \alpha_i^{s_i})$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Corollary 4.3.** [8, Theorem 3.4] The polynomial  $x^s - 1$  can be factored over the multiplicative group  $\mathcal{R}^*$  as  $x^s - 1 = (x - \alpha)(x - \alpha^2) \cdots (x - \alpha^s)$  if and only if  $\overline{\beta_j}$  has order  $s$  in  $\mathbb{K}_j^*$ , where  $\gcd(s, p_j) = 1$  and  $\alpha$  corresponds to  $\beta = (\beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_r)$ , where  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots, r$ .

Let  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  denotes the cyclic subgroup of  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  generated by  $\alpha_i$ , for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , i.e.,  $H_{\alpha_i, s_i}$  contains all the roots of  $x^{s_i} - 1$  provided the condition of above theorem are met. The BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$  can be obtained as the direct product of BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_{i,j}$  over  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$ . To construct the cyclic BCH codes over  $\mathcal{A}_i^*$ , we need to choose certain elements of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$  as the roots of generator polynomials  $g_i(x)$  of the codes, where  $n_i = \gcd(p_1^{h_i}, p_2^{h_i}, p_3^{h_i}, \dots, p_r^{h_i})$ . So that,  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i - k_i}}$  are all the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , we construct  $g_i(x)$  as

$$g_i(x) = \text{lcm}\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i - k_i}}(x)\},$$

where  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$ , for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$ , where each  $\alpha_i^{e_l} = (\beta_{i,1}^{e_l}, \beta_{i,2}^{e_l}, \dots, \beta_{i,r}^{e_l})$ . The following theorem is the extension of [7, Lemma 3] and provides us a method for construction of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ , the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  over the ring  $\mathcal{A}_i$ .

**Theorem 4.4.** For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  over  $\mathcal{A}_i$ , where  $\alpha_i^{e_l}$  generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , for  $l = 1, 2, \dots, n_i - k_i$  and  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then  $M_i^{e_l}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ , where  $B_i^{l_i} = \{(\alpha_i^{e_l})^{m_{i,j}} : m_{i,j} = \prod_{j=1}^r p_j^{q_{i,j}}, \text{ where } 1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i, 0 \leq q_{i,j} \leq h_i - 1\}$ .

**Proof.** Let  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  be the projection of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  over the fields  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$  and  $\overline{M}_{i,j}^{e_l}(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l}$  over  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ , for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . We can verify that each  $\overline{M}_i^{e_l}(x)$  is divisible by  $\overline{M}_{i,j}^{e_l}(x)$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus it has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequences  $\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l}, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j}, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j^2}, \dots, (\overline{\alpha}_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{h_i - 1}}$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  has, among its roots, distinct elements of the sequence  $\alpha_i^{e_l}, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j}, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^2}, \dots, (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{h_i - 1}}$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Thus any element  $\gamma_i = (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{m_i}}$  of the above sequence is the root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ , for each  $i, j$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t, 1 \leq j \leq r, 0 \leq m_i \leq h_i - 1$  and  $1 \leq l_i \leq n_i - k_i$ . Choose any  $k$  in the range  $1 \leq k \leq r$  such that  $k \neq j$ . Then we know that if  $\gamma_{i,k}$  is a root of  $\overline{M}_{i,k}^{e_l}(x)$  implies that  $(\gamma_{i,k})^{p_k^{q_i}}$  is a root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  (which has coefficients in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,k}$ ), for  $0 \leq q_i \leq h_i - 1$ . Hence  $(\gamma_i)^{p_k^{q_i}} = (\alpha_i^{e_l})^{p_j^{m_i} p_k^{q_i}}$  is a root of  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$ . Proceeding in this manner, we can show that  $M_i^{e_l}(x)$  necessarily has as roots all distinct member of  $B_i^{l_i}$ . But the polynomial  $\prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$  has, by construction, coefficient in the direct product of  $\mathcal{A}_j$ . Hence  $M_i^{e_l}(x) = \prod_{\xi_i \in B_i^{l_i}} (x - \xi_i)$ .

**Corollary 4.5.** [8, Theorem 3.5] For any positive integer  $l$ , let  $M_l(x)$  be the minimal polynomial of  $\alpha^l$  over  $\mathcal{R}$ , where  $\alpha$  generates  $H_{\alpha, n}$ . Then  $M_l(x) = \prod_{\xi \in B_l} (x - \xi)$ , where  $B_l$  is all distinct elements of the sequence  $\{(\alpha^l)^m : m = \prod_{j=1}^r q_j^{s_j}, q_j = p_j^{m_j}, 0 \leq s_j \leq h - 1\}$ .

The lower bound on the minimum distances derived in the following theorem applies to any cyclic code. The BCH codes are a class of cyclic codes whose generator polynomials are chosen so that the minimum distances are guaranteed by this bound. In this sense, the following extend [8, Theorem 2.5]

**Theorem 4.6.** [9, Theorem 11] For each  $i$  such that  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , let  $g_i(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code  $C_i$  over  $A_i$  from the chain  $A_0 \subset A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_{t-1} \subset A_t$ , with length  $n_i = s_i$ , and let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  be the roots of  $g_i(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ , where  $\alpha_i$  has order  $n_i$ . The minimum Hamming distance of this code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n_i$  in  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$ .

**Corollary 4.7.** [8, Theorem 2.5] Let  $g(x)$  be the generator polynomial of BCH code over  $A$  with length  $n = s$  such that  $\alpha^{e_1}, \alpha^{e_2}, \dots, \alpha^{e_{n-k}}$  are the roots of  $g(x)$  in  $H_{\alpha, n}$ , where  $\alpha$  has order  $n$ , then minimum Hamming distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers modulo  $n$  in  $E = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n-k}\}$ .

### 4.1 Algorithm

The algorithm for constructing a BCH type cyclic codes over the chain of such type of commutative rings  $A_0 \subset A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_{t-1} \subset A_t = A$  is then as follows.

1. Choose irreducible polynomial  $f_{i,j}(x)$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_j}^{m_j}$  of degree  $h_i = b^i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , which are also irreducible over  $GF(p)$  and form the chains of Galois rings

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j}^{m_j} &= GR(p_j^{m_j}, h_0) \subset GR(p_j^{m_j}, h_1) \subset \dots \subset GR(p_j^{m_j}, h_{t-1}) \subset GR(p_j^{m_j}, h_t) \text{ or} \\ A_j &= \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{2,j} \subseteq \dots \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t-1,j} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{t,j} = \mathcal{R}_j \end{aligned}$$

and its corresponding chains of residue fields are

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_{p_j} &= GF(p_j) \subset GF(p_j^{h_1}) \subset \dots \subset GF(p_j^{h_{t-1}}) \subset GF(p_j^{h_t}) \text{ or} \\ &= \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} \dots \subset \mathbb{K}_{t-1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{t,j} = \mathbb{K}_j, \end{aligned}$$

where each  $GF(p_j^{h_i}) \simeq \frac{K_j[x]}{(\pi_j(f_{i,j}(x)))}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq t$ .

2. Now put  $A_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,3} \times \dots \times \mathcal{R}_{i,r}$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ , where each  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  is local commutative ring, and get a chain of rings

$$A_0 \subset A_1 \subset A_2 \subset \dots \subset A_{t-1} \subset A_t = A$$

with an other chain of rings

$$\mathcal{K}_0 \subset \mathcal{K}_1 \subset \mathcal{K}_2 \subset \dots \subset \mathcal{K}_{t-1} \subset \mathcal{K}_t = \mathcal{K}$$

where each  $\mathcal{K}_i = \mathbb{K}_i^r$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

3. Let  $\bar{\eta}_{i,j} = \bar{\eta}_i$  be the primitive elements in  $\mathbb{K}_i^*$ , for  $0 \leq i \leq t$ . Then  $\eta_{i,j}$  has order  $d_{i,j}n_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  for some integers  $d_{i,j}$ , put  $\beta_{i,j} = (\eta_{i,j})^{d_{i,j}}$ . Then  $\alpha_i = (\beta_{1,i}, \beta_{2,i}, \beta_{3,i}, \dots, \beta_{r,i})$  has order  $n_i$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}^*$  and generates  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ . Assume for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $\alpha_i$  be any element of  $H_{\alpha_i, n_i}$ .
4. Let  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$  are chosen to be the roots of  $g_i(x)$ . Find  $M_i^{e_{l_i}}(x)$  are the minimal polynomials of  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}}$ , for  $l_i = 1, 2, \dots, n_i-k_i$ , where each  $\alpha_i^{e_{l_i}} = (\beta_i^{e_{l_i}}, \beta_i^{e_{l_i}}, \beta_i^{e_{l_i}}, \dots, \beta_i^{e_{l_i}})$ . Then  $g_i(x)$  are given by

$$g_i(x) = lcm\{M_i^{e_1}(x), M_i^{e_2}(x), \dots, M_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}(x)\}.$$

The length of each code in the chain is the lcm of the orders of  $\alpha_i^{e_1}, \alpha_i^{e_2}, \alpha_i^{e_3}, \dots, \alpha_i^{e_{n_i-k_i}}$ , and the minimum distance of the code is greater than the largest number of consecutive integers in the set  $E_i = \{e_1, e_2, e_3, \dots, e_{n_i-k_i}\}$  for each  $i$ , where  $0 \leq i \leq t$ .

**Example 4.8.** We initiate by constructing a chain of codes of lengths 1, 8 and 16, taking  $A_1 = \mathbb{Z}_9$  and  $A_2 = \mathbb{Z}_5$ . Since  $M_1 = \{0, 3, 6\}$  and  $M_2 = \{0\}$ , so  $K_1 = \frac{A_1}{M_1} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $K_2 = \frac{A_2}{M_2} \simeq \mathbb{Z}_5$ . The regular polynomials  $f_1(x) = x^4 + x + 8 \in \mathbb{Z}_9[x]$  and  $f_2(x) = x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_5[x]$  are such that  $\pi_1(f_1(x)) = x^4 + x + 2$  and  $\pi_2(f_2(x)) = x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$  are irreducible polynomials with degree  $h = 2^2$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , respectively. By [9, Theorem 3], it follows that  $f_1(x)$  and  $f_2(x)$  are irreducible over  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ . Let  $\mathcal{R}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_9[x]}{(f_1(x))} = GR(3^2, 4)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_2 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(f_2(x))} = GR(5, 4)$  be the Galois rings and  $\mathbb{K}_1 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(\pi_1(f_1(x)))} = GF(3^4)$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_2 = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(\pi_2(f_2(x)))} = GF(5^4)$  be their corresponding residue fields. Since 1, 2 and  $2^2$  are the only divisors of 4, it follows that  $h_1 = 1$ ,  $h_2 = 2$  and  $h_3 = 2^2$ . Then there exist irreducible polynomials  $f_{1,1}(x) = x^2 + 1$ ,  $f_{2,1}(x) = f_1(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_9[x]$ , and  $f_{1,2}(x) = x^2 + 2$ ,  $f_{2,2}(x) = f_2(x)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$  with degrees  $h_2 = 2$  and  $h_3 = 4$  such that we can constitute the Galois rings  $\mathcal{R}_{0,1} = A_1$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_9[x]}{(f_{1,1}(x))} = GR(3^2, h_2)$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{2,1} = \mathcal{R}_1$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{0,2} = A_2$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(f_{1,2}(x))} = GR(5, h_2)$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{2,2} = \mathcal{R}_2$ . So

$$A_j = \mathcal{R}_{0,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{1,j} \subset \mathcal{R}_{2,j} = \mathcal{R}_j, \text{ for } j = 1, 2.$$

Again by the same argument  $\mathbb{K}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(\pi_1(f_{1,1}(x)))} = GF(3^2)$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{2,1} = \mathbb{K}_1$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_5$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(\pi_2(f_{1,2}(x)))} = GF(5^2)$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{2,2} = \mathbb{K}_2$ . So we get chains of fields

$$A_j = \mathbb{K}_{0,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{1,j} \subset \mathbb{K}_{2,j} = \mathbb{K}_j, \text{ for } j = 1, 2.$$

Now  $\mathcal{A}_i = \mathcal{R}_{i,1} \times \mathcal{R}_{i,2}$  such that  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{A}_2$ , i.e.,

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{A}_0 &= \mathcal{R}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_9 && \times && \mathcal{R}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_5 \\ \mathcal{A}_1 &= \mathcal{R}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_9[x]}{(x^2+1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^2+2)} \\ \mathcal{A}_2 &= \mathcal{R}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_9[x]}{(x^4+x-1)} && \times && \mathcal{R}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^4+x^2+x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{K}_0 &= \mathbb{K}_{0,1} = \mathbb{Z}_3 && \times && \mathbb{K}_{0,2} = \mathbb{Z}_5 \\ \mathbb{K}_1 &= \mathbb{K}_{1,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^2+1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{1,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^2+2)} \\ \mathbb{K}_2 &= \mathbb{K}_{2,1} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_3[x]}{(x^4+x-1)} && \times && \mathbb{K}_{2,2} = \frac{\mathbb{Z}_5[x]}{(x^4+x^2+x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $u = \{x\}$  in  $\mathcal{R}_{i,j}$  such that  $\bar{u} = \{X\}$  in  $\mathbb{K}_{i,j}$ . Then  $\bar{u}+1$  has order 8, 24, 80 and 624 in  $\mathbb{K}_{1,1}$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{1,2}$ ,  $\mathbb{K}_{2,1}$  and  $\mathbb{K}_{2,2}$ , respectively. So  $\beta_{1,1} = \beta_{1,2} = \beta_{2,1} = \beta_{2,2} = \bar{u}+1$ . But  $u+1$  has order 24, 120, 80 and 624 in  $\mathcal{R}_{1,1}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{1,2}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{2,1}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{2,2}$ , so put  $\beta_{1,1} = (u+1)^3$ ,  $\beta_{1,2} = (u+1)^{15}$ ,  $\beta_{2,1} = (u+1)^5$  and  $\beta_{2,2} = (u+1)^{39}$  and get  $\alpha_2 = (\beta_{2,1}, \beta_{2,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_2,16}$  and  $\alpha_1 = (\beta_{1,1}, \beta_{1,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_1,8}$ . Also 2 has order 4 in  $\mathbb{K}_{0,2}$  and has order 2 in  $\mathbb{K}_{0,1}$ , so  $\bar{\beta}_{0,1} = \bar{\beta}_{0,2} = 2$ . But 2 has order 4 in  $\mathcal{R}_{0,2}$  and has order 6 in  $\mathcal{R}_{0,1}$ , so  $\beta_{0,1} = 2$  and  $\beta_{0,2} = 24$  get  $\alpha_0 = (\beta_{0,1}, \beta_{0,2})$  which generates  $H_{\alpha_0,2}$ . Choose  $\alpha_i$  and  $\alpha_i^2$  to be roots of the generator polynomials  $g_i(X)$  of the BCH codes  $\mathcal{C}_i$  over the chain  $\mathcal{A}_0 \subset \mathcal{A}_1 \subset \mathcal{A}_2$ . Then  $M_0^1(x)$ ,  $M_1^1(x)$  and  $M_2^1(x)$  has as roots all distinct element in the sets  $B_0^1 = \{\alpha_0\} \subset H_{\alpha_0,2}$ ,  $B_1^1 = \{\alpha_1, \alpha_1^3, \alpha_1^5, \alpha_1^7\} \subset H_{\alpha_1,8}$  and  $B_2^1 = \{\alpha_2, \alpha_2^3, \alpha_2^5, \alpha_2^7, \alpha_2^9, \alpha_2^{11}, \alpha_2^{13}, \alpha_2^{15}\} \subset H_{\alpha_2,16}$ , respectively. So

$$M_0^1(x) = (x - \alpha_0), M_1^1(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^3)(x - \alpha_1^5)(x - \alpha_1^7),$$

and

$$M_2^1(x) = (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^5)(x - \alpha_2^7)(x - \alpha_2^9)(x - \alpha_2^{11})(x - \alpha_2^{13})(x - \alpha_2^{15})$$

Similarly,

$$\begin{aligned} M_0^2(x) &= (x - 1), M_1^2(x) = (x - \alpha_1^2)(x - \alpha_1^6), \\ M_2^2(x) &= (x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^{10})(x - \alpha_2^{14}) \end{aligned}$$

Thus the polynomials  $g_i(x) = lcm(M_i^1(x), M_i^2(x))$  are given by

$$\begin{aligned} g_0(x) &= (x - 1)(x - \alpha_0), g_1(x) = (x - \alpha_1)(x - \alpha_1^2)(x - \alpha_1^3)(x - \alpha_1^5)(x - \alpha_1^6)(x - \alpha_1^7), \\ g_2(x) &= (x - \alpha_2)(x - \alpha_2^2)(x - \alpha_2^3)(x - \alpha_2^5)(x - \alpha_2^6)(x - \alpha_2^7)(x - \alpha_2^9)(x - \alpha_2^{10})(x - \alpha_2^{11})(x - \alpha_2^{13})(x - \alpha_2^{14})(x - \alpha_2^{15}) \end{aligned}$$



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