

# Lattices generated by orbits of flats under finite affine-singular symplectic groups

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**Abstract** Let  $ASG(2\nu + l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$  be the  $(2\nu + l)$ -dimensional affine-singular symplectic space over the finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and let  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  be the affine-singular symplectic group of degree  $2\nu + l$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . For any orbit  $O$  of flats under  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , let  $\mathcal{L}$  be the set of all flats which are intersections of flats in  $O$  such that  $O \subseteq \mathcal{L}$  and assume the intersection of the empty set of flats in  $ASG(2\nu + l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$  is  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ . By ordering  $\mathcal{L}$  by ordinary or reverse inclusion, two lattices are obtained. This article discusses the relations between different lattices, classify their geometricity and computes their characteristic polynomial.

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## 1. Introduction

We first recall some terminologies and definitions about finite posets and lattices[1,2].

Let  $P$  be a poset. For  $a, b \in P$ , we say  $a$  covers  $b$ , denoted by  $b < \cdot a$ , if  $b < a$  and there exists no  $c \in P$  such that  $b < c < a$ . If  $P$  has the minimum (resp.maximum) element, then we denote it by  $0$  (rep.1) and say that  $P$  is a finite poset with  $0$ (resp.1). Let  $P$  be a finite poset with  $0$ . By a rank function on  $P$ , we mean a function  $r$  from  $P$  to the set of all the integers such that  $r(0) = 0$  and  $r(a) = r(b) + 1$  whenever  $b < \cdot a$ .

A poset  $P$  is said to be a lattice if both  $a \vee b := \sup\{a, b\}$  and  $a \wedge b := \inf\{a, b\}$  exist for any two elements  $a, b \in P$ . Let  $P$  be a finite lattice with  $0$ . By an atom in  $P$ , we mean an element in  $P$  covering  $0$ . We say  $P$  is atomic if any element in  $P \setminus \{0\}$  is a union of atoms. A finite atomic lattice  $P$  is said to be a geometric lattice if  $P$  admits a rank function  $r$  satisfying

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$$r(a \wedge b) + r(a \vee b) \leq r(a) + r(b), \quad \forall a, b \in P.$$

Let  $P$  be a finite poset with 0 and 1. The polynomial

$$\chi(P, t) = \sum_{a \in P} \mu(0, a) t^{r(1) - r(a)}$$

is called the characteristic polynomial of  $P$ ,  $\mu$  is the Möbius function,  $r$  is the rank function on  $P$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}$  and  $\mathcal{L}'$  be two lattices. If there exists a bijection  $\sigma$  from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\mathcal{L}'$  such that

$$\sigma(a \vee b) = \sigma(a) \vee \sigma(b), \quad \sigma(a \wedge b) = \sigma(a) \wedge \sigma(b), \quad \forall a, b \in \mathcal{L},$$

then  $\sigma$  is said to be an isomorphism from  $\mathcal{L}$  to  $\mathcal{L}'$ . In this case we call  $\mathcal{L}$  isomorphic to  $\mathcal{L}'$ , denoted by  $\mathcal{L} \simeq \mathcal{L}'$ . It is well known that two isomorphic lattices have the same characteristic polynomial.

In the following we introduce the concepts of affine-singular symplectic spaces. Notation and terminology will be adopted from Wan's book[3].

Suppose  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field with  $q$  elements, where  $q$  is a prime power. Let  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  be the  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional row vector space over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  and let

$$K_\nu = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(\nu)} \\ -I^{(\nu)} & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad K_l = \begin{pmatrix} K_\nu & \\ & 0^{(l)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

The singular symplectic group of degree  $2\nu+l$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ , denoted by  $Sp_{2\nu+l}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , consists of all  $(2\nu+l) \times (2\nu+l)$  matrices  $T$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  satisfying  $TK_lT^t = K_l$ . The vector space  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  together with the right multiplication action of  $Sp_{2\nu+l}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  is called the  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional singular symplectic space over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Let  $P$  be an  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ , and let  $E$  denote the subspace of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  generated by  $e_{2\nu+1}, e_{2\nu+2}, \dots, e_{2\nu+l}$ , where  $e_i (2\nu+1 \leq i \leq 2\nu+l)$  is the row vector in  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  whose  $i$ -th coordinate is 1 and all other coordinates are 0. An  $m$ -dimensional subspace  $P$  in the  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional singular symplectic space is said to be of type  $(m, s, k)$ , if  $PK_lP^t$  is of rank  $2s$  and  $\dim(P \cap E) = k$ . It is known that subspaces of type  $(m, s, k)$  exist if and only if  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$ . Denote all subspaces of type  $(m, s, k)$  by  $M(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

A coset of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  relative to a subspace  $P$  of type  $(m, s, k)$  is called a  $(m, s, k)$ -flat. The dimension of a flat  $U + x$  is defined to be the dimension of the subspace  $U$ , denoted by  $\dim(U + x)$ . In particular,  $(0, 0, 0)$ -flats are points,  $(1, 0, 0)$ -flats are lines. A flat  $F_1$  is said to be incident with a flat  $F_2$ , if  $F_1$  contains or is contained in  $F_2$ . The point set  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  with all the flats and the incidence relation among them defined above is said to be the  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional affine-singular symplectic space, which is denoted by  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$ .

Let  $\mathcal{L}_n$  denote the set of all flats in affine space  $AG(n, \mathbb{F}_q)$  including the empty set. If we partially order  $\mathcal{L}_n$  by reverse inclusion, then  $\mathcal{L}_n$  is a lattice (see[4]).

Let  $F_1, F_2$  be two flats in  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$ . The set of points belonging to both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  is called the intersection of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , which is denoted by  $F_1 \cap F_2$ . It follows that the intersection of all flats containing two given flats  $F_1$  and  $F_2$  is the minimum flat containing both  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , which is called the join of  $F_1$  and  $F_2$ , which is denoted by  $F_1 \cup F_2$ .

The set of matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ , where  $T \in Sp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and  $v \in \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ , forms a group under matrix multiplication, which is denoted by  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  and called the affine-singular symplectic group of degree  $2\nu+l$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Define the action of  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$  on  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$  as follows:

$$ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q) \times ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q) \rightarrow ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$$

$$\left( x, \begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right) \mapsto xT + v.$$

The above action induces an action on the set of flats in  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$ , i.e., a flat  $P + x$  is carried by

$$\begin{pmatrix} T & 0 \\ v & 1 \end{pmatrix} \in ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$$

into the flat  $PT + (xT + v)$ . It is known that  $(m, s, k)$ -flats exist if and only if  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$ , and that the set of flats of the same type form an orbit under  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ . Denote the orbit of  $(m, s, k)$ -flats by  $O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

For any orbit  $O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  of flats under  $ASp_{2\nu+l, \nu}(\mathbb{F}_q)$ , let  $\mathcal{L}(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  be the set of all flats which are intersections of flats in  $O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and  $O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subseteq \mathcal{L}(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and assume the intersection of the empty set of flats in  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$  is  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ . By ordering  $\mathcal{L}(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , by ordinary or reverse inclusion, two lattices are obtained, denoted by  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  respectively. In this article, we discuss the inclusion relations between different lattices, classify their geometricity and computes characteristic polynomial of  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

For any two flats  $U + x, W + y \in \mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ ,

$$(U + x) \wedge (W + y) = (U + x) \cap (W + y),$$

$$(U+x) \vee (W+y) = \cap \{P+z \in \mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) | P+z \supseteq (U+x) \cup (W+y)\}.$$

Similarly, for any two flats  $U + x, W + y \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ ,

$$(U+x) \wedge (W+y) = \cap \{P+z \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) | P+z \supseteq (U+x) \cup (W+y)\},$$

$$(U + x) \vee (W + y) = (U + x) \cap (W + y).$$

Therefore, both  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  and  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  are finite lattices.

The results on the lattices generated by orbits of subspaces under finite classical groups can be found in Wang and Feng[4], Gao and You[5], Huo Liu and Wan[6-8], Huo and Wan[9], Orlik and Solomon[10], Wang and Guo[11], Guo and Nan[12].

## 2. The inclusion relations between different lattices

**Lemma 2.1** Let  $2\nu + l > 0$ , assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then

$$\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu).$$

**Proof** If  $l = 1$ , we know  $O(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \emptyset$ . then  $\mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \{\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}\} \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

Let  $l \geq 2$ , we need only to show that  $O(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . Let  $P + x \in O(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ , where  $P \in M(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . From the result in [5, Lemma 3.1], we have  $P_1, P_2 \in M(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  such that  $P = P_1 \cap P_2$ , then  $P + x = (P_1 \cap P_2) + x = (P_1 + x) \cap (P_2 + x) \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . Hence  $O(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

**Lemma 2.2** Let  $2\nu + l > 0$ , assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then

$$\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu).$$

**Proof** If  $m - k - 2s = 0$ , we have  $O(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \{\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}\} \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

If  $m - k - 2s > 0$ , we need only to show that  $O(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . Let  $P + x \in O(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ , where  $P \in M(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . From the result in [5, Lemma 3.2], there exist two subspaces  $P_1, P_2 \in M(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  such that  $P = P_1 \cap P_2$ . Hence  $P + x = (P_1 \cap P_2) + x = (P_1 + x) \cap (P_2 + x) \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . We obtain  $O(m - 1, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $2\nu + l > 0$ , assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then

$$\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu).$$

**Proof** If  $s = 0$ , we have  $O(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \emptyset$ . Hence  $\mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \{\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}\} \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

If  $s > 0$ , we need only to show that  $O(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . Let  $P + x \in O(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ , where  $P \in M(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . From the result in [5, Lemma 3.3], there exist two subspaces  $P_1, P_2 \in M(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  such that  $P = P_1 \cap P_2$ . Hence  $P + x = (P_1 \cap P_2) + x = (P_1 + x) \cap (P_2 + x) \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . We obtain  $O(m - 1, s - 1, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

**Theorem 2.4.** Let  $2\nu + l > 0$ , assume that  $(m, s, k)$  and  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfy  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$ ,  $m \neq 2\nu + l$  and  $0 \leq k_1 \leq l$ ,  $2s_1 \leq m_1 - k_1 \leq \nu + s_1$ ,  $m_1 \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ , if and only if

- (i)  $s = s_1 = \nu$ ,  $k_1 \leq k < l$ ;
- (ii)  $s < \nu$ ,  $k_1 = k = l$ ,  $m - m_1 \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$ ;
- (iii)  $s < \nu$ ,  $k_1 \leq k < l$ ,  $(m - k) - (m_1 - k_1) \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$ .

**Proof**  $\Leftarrow$  First, suppose that  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfies  $s = s_1 = \nu$ ,  $k_1 \leq k < l$ . We should show that  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, \nu, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . Let  $k - k_1 = h$  ( $h \geq 0$ ). Since  $s = s_1 = \nu$ ,  $m = 2\nu + k$ ,  $m_1 = 2\nu + k_1$ ,  $m - m_1 = k - k_1 = h$ . By lemma 2.1, we have  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, \nu, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - h, \nu, k - h; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, \nu, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

Next, suppose that  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfies  $s < \nu$ ,  $k_1 = k = l$ ,  $m - m_1 \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$ . Let  $s - s_1 = t$ ,  $m - m_1 = t + t'$  ( $t, t' \geq 0$ ). By lemma 2.3, we have  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s - 1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - t, s - t, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t', s_1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

If  $t' = 0$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

If  $t' > 0$ , by lemma 2.2, we know  $\mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t', s_1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t' - 1, s_1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

Finally, suppose that  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfies  $s < \nu$ ,  $k_1 \leq k < l$ ,  $(m - k) - (m_1 - k_1) \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$ . Let  $t = s - s_1$ ,  $h = k - k_1$  and  $m - m_1 = t + h + t'$  ( $t, t', h \geq 0$ ), by lemma 2.1, we have  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - 1, s, k - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m - h, s, k - h; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t + t', s, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

By lemma 2.3, we know  $\mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t + t', s, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t' + t - 1, s - 1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t', s - t, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t', s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

By lemma 2.2, we have  $\mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t', s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1 + t' - 1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu) \supset \dots \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose that  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \supset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k_1 \leq l$ ,  $2s_1 \leq m_1 - k_1 \leq \nu + s_1$ ,  $O(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \neq \emptyset$ . As  $O(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , we have  $O(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . For any  $Q + x \in O(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and  $Q + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ .

(1) If  $s = \nu$ ,  $k < l$ , in this case  $Q + x$  is  $(m_1, \nu, k_1)$ -flat. Let  $P + y \in O(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  such that  $Q + x \subset P + y$ ,  $x \in P + y$ . There exist  $p \in P$ , such that  $x = p + y$ ,  $y = p - x$ , then  $P + y = P + x$ . Hence  $Q \subset P$ ,  $Q \cap E \subset P \cap E$ ,  $k_1 = \dim(Q \cap E) \leq \dim(P \cap E) = k$ . Therefore,  $s = s_1 = \nu$ ,  $k_1 \leq k < l$ .

(2) If  $s < \nu$ , let  $P + y \in O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  such that  $Q + x \subset P + y$ ,  $Q \subset P$ , then  $Q \cap E \subset P \cap E$ ,  $k_1 = \dim(Q \cap E) \leq \dim(P \cap E) = k$ . If  $k = l$ , since  $Q + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , we have  $Q + x = \cap(P_i + x) = \cap P_i + x$ , ( $i \in I, I$  is a finite set), hence  $Q = \cap P_i$  ( $i \in I$ ). By [5 Theorem1] proof, we can get the result.

### 3. Characterization of flats in $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ contained in $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$

**Theorem 3.1.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0$ ,  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $2\nu+l \neq m$ , then

(i)  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  consists of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and all  $(m_1, \nu, k_1)$ -flats satisfy  $m_1 - k_1 = 2\nu$  and  $0 \leq k_1 \leq k < l$ ;

(ii)  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  ( $s < \nu$ ) consists of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and all  $(m_1, s_1, l)$ -flats satisfy  $m - m_1 \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$  and  $2s_1 \leq m_1 - l \leq \nu + s_1$ ;

(iii)  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  ( $s < \nu, k < l$ ) consists of  $\emptyset$ ,  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and all  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$ -flats satisfy  $\begin{cases} (m - k) - (m_1 - k_1) \geq s - s_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq k_1 \leq k, \\ 0 \leq k_1 < l, 2s_1 \leq m_1 - k_1 \leq \nu + s_1. \end{cases}$

**Proof** (i) By the agreement,  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)} \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . Let  $Q + x$  is a  $(m_1, \nu, k_1)$ -flat with  $m_1 - k_1 = 2\nu$  and  $0 \leq k_1 \leq k < l$ . By theorem 2.4, we have  $\mathcal{L}_R(m_1, \nu, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . Since  $Q + x \in O(m_1, \nu, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , hence  $Q + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

Conversely, if  $Q + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and  $Q + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ , by the proof of Theorem 2.4, we know  $s_1 = \nu$  and  $0 \leq k_1 \leq k < l$ .

(ii) By the agreement,  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)} \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . Let  $Q + x$  be a  $(m_1, s_1, l)$ -flat with  $m - m_1 \geq s - s_1 \geq 0$  and  $2s_1 \leq m_1 - l \leq \nu + s_1$ . By Theorem 2.4 we have  $Q + x \in O(m_1, s_1, l; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, l; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

Conversely, if  $Q + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and  $Q + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ , then  $Q + x$  is a  $(m_1, s_1, l)$ -flat. Since  $Q + x$  is the intersection of flats in  $O(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , there is  $P + y \in O(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  such that  $Q \subset P$ . By the proof of the necessity of Theorem 2.4 We know that  $k_1 = l$  and  $(m_1, s_1, l)$  satisfies

$m - m_1 \geq s - s_1 \geq 0, 2s_1 \leq m_1 - l \leq \nu + s_1.$

(iii) By the agreement,  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)} \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) (s < \nu, k < l).$  Let  $Q + x$  be a  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$ -flat where  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  satisfies

$$\begin{cases} (m - k) - (m_1 - k_1) \geq s - s_1 \geq 0, 0 \leq k_1 \leq k, \\ 0 \leq k_1 < l, 2s_1 \leq m_1 - k_1 \leq \nu + s_1. \end{cases}$$

By Theorem 2.4, we have  $Q + x \in O(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu).$

Conversely, if  $Q + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  and  $Q + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)},$  then  $Q + x$  is a  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$ -flat. Since  $Q + x$  is the intersection of flats in  $O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu),$  there is  $P + y \in O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  such that  $Q + x \subset P + y, Q \subset P.$  By the proof of Theorem 2.4 we know the conclusion.

**Corollary 3.2.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0,$  assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l$  and  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s < 2\nu.$  Then  $\emptyset \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu).$

**Corollary 3.3.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0,$  assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k \leq l, 2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l.$  If  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu), P + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and  $Q + y$  is a  $(m_1, \nu, k_1)$ -flat contained in  $P + x,$  then  $Q + y \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu).$

**Corollary 3.4.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0,$  assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k \leq l, 2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s < 2\nu$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l.$  If  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu), P + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and  $Q + y$  is a  $(m_1, s_1, l)$ -flat contained in  $P + x,$  then  $Q + y \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu).$

**Corollary 3.5.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0,$  assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l, 2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s < 2\nu$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l.$  If  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu), P + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  and  $Q + y \subset P + x,$  then  $Q + y \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu).$

**Corollary 3.6.** Let  $2\nu+l > 0,$  then

$\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu-1+l, \nu, l-1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \cup \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu-1+l, \nu-1, l; 2\nu+l, \nu) \cup \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu-1+l-1, \nu-1, l-1; 2\nu+l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, \mathbb{F}_q),$  where  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, \mathbb{F}_q)$  is the lattice consisting of all flats in  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$  by the partially ordering of reverse inclusion.

**Proof.** It is obvious that the left side of equation is contained in  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, \mathbb{F}_q).$  Now suppose that  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, \mathbb{F}_q).$  If  $P + x = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)},$  then  $P + x$  is contained in every set on the left of equation. If  $P + x \neq \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)},$  then  $P + x$  is a  $(m, s, k)$ -flat. When  $k = l, s < \nu.$  Since  $(m, s, l)$  satisfies  $l \geq 0, 2s \leq m - l \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l.$  Then  $(2\nu-1+l-l) - (m-l) = 2\nu-1 - (m-l) \geq 2\nu-1 - (\nu+s) = (\nu-1) - s \geq 0,$

we have  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu - 1 + l, \nu - 1, l; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . When  $s = \nu$ ,  $k < l$ . Since  $(m, \nu, k)$  satisfies  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ , then  $m - k = 2\nu$ . We have  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu + l - 1, \nu, l - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ . When  $k < l$  and  $s < \nu$ ,  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then  $(2\nu - 1 + l - 1) - (l - 1) - (m - k) = 2\nu - 1 - (m - k) \geq 2\nu - 1 - (\nu + s) = (\nu - 1) - s \geq 0$ . So  $P + x \in \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu - 1 + l - 1, \nu - 1, l - 1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ .

Summarizing the above arguments, we obtain the equation.

**Corollary 3.7.** Let  $2\nu \geq 2$ . Assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k < l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  consists of  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ ,  $\emptyset$  and all  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$ -flats with  $0 \leq k_1 \leq k < l$  and  $0 \leq s - s_1 \leq (m - k) - (m_1 - k_1)$ .

#### 4. The geometricity of lattices $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ and $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$

By Corollary 3.3, 3.4 we easily obtain the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 4.1** If  $0 < k < l$ , then

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu + k, \nu, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(k, l)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(2\nu + k, \nu, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(k, l)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}_R(k, 0, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(k, l)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(k, 0, k; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(k, l)$ .

**Lemma 4.2** If  $0 \leq s < \nu$  and  $2s \leq m - l \leq \nu + s$ , then

- (i)  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(m - l, s; 2\nu)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, l; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(m - l, s; 2\nu)$ .
- (ii)  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, 0; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(m, s; 2\nu)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, 0; 2\nu + l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(m, s; 2\nu)$ .

**Theorem 4.3** Let  $2\nu + l > 0$ , assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m - k \leq \nu + s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu + l$ . Then

- (i) For  $k = 0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $m = 0, 1, 2\nu - 1$ .
- (ii) For  $k = l$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $m - l = 0, 1, 2\nu - 1$ .
- (iii)  $\mathcal{L}_O(k, 0, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is a geometric lattice when  $0 < k < l$ .
- (iv)  $\mathcal{L}_O(2\nu + k, \nu, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $0 < k < l$ .
- (v) For  $0 < s < \nu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is not a finite geometric lattice when  $0 < k < l$ .

**Proof** For any flat  $U + x \in \mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu + l, \nu)$ , define



$$r_O(U+x) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } U+x = \emptyset, \\ m+2, & \text{if } U+x = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}, \\ \dim(U+x)+1, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

(i) If  $k=0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, 0; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(m, s; 2\nu)$  [12, Theorem 3.2].

(ii) If  $k=l$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(m-l, s; 2\nu)$  [12, Theorem 3.2].

(iii), (iv), (v) If  $0 < k < l$ . By Theorem 3.1 all  $(0, 0, 0)$ -flats contained in  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . For any  $F \in \mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \setminus \emptyset$ ,  $F$  is union of some  $(0, 0, 0)$ -flats. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite atomic lattice.

We distinguish the following two cases.

1.  $m-k=0$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_O(k, 0, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(k, l)$  [4, Theorem 1.1].

2.  $0 < 2s \leq m-k \leq \nu+s$ .

(1) when  $s=\nu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_O(2\nu+k, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_O(k, l)$  [4, Theorem 1.1].

(2) when  $0 < s < \nu$ , let  $F_1 = V_1+x_1$  and  $F_2 = V_2+x_2$  be  $(m-1, s-1, k)$ -flat and  $(k+1, 0, k)$ -flat. When  $F_1 \vee F_2 = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ , let

$$V_1 = \begin{pmatrix} I^{(s-1)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(s)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^{(m-k-2s)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \\ s-1 & 1 & m-k-2s & \nu+s-m+k & s & m-k-2s & \nu+s-m+k & k & l-k & \end{pmatrix},$$

$$V_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \\ s-1 & 1 & m-k-2s & 1 & \nu+s-m+k & s & m-k-2s & \nu+s-m+k & k & l-k \end{pmatrix}.$$

Then  $r_O(F_1 \vee F_2) + r_O(F_1 \wedge F_2) = m+3 + \dim(V_1 \cap V_2) > r_O(F_1) + r_O(F_2) = m+k+2$ .

Hence  $\mathcal{L}_O(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is not a geometric lattice in this condition.

**Theorem 4.4** Let  $2\nu+l > 0$ . Assume that  $(m, s, k)$  satisfies  $0 \leq k \leq l$ ,  $2s \leq m-k \leq \nu+s$  and  $m \neq 2\nu+l$ . Then

(i) For  $k=0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $m=0$ .

(ii) For  $k=l$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $m-l=0$ .

(iii)  $\mathcal{L}_R(k, 0, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $k=0$ .

(iv)  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+k, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite geometric lattice when  $k=0$ .

(v) For  $0 < s < \nu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is not a finite geometric lattice when  $0 < k < l$ .

**Proof** For any flat  $U+x \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ , define

$$r_R(U+x) = \begin{cases} m+2, & \text{if } U+x = \emptyset, \\ 0, & \text{if } U+x = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}, \\ m+1 - \dim F, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- (i) If  $k=0$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, 0; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(m, s; 2\nu)$  [12, Theorem 3.3].  
(ii) If  $k=l$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, l; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(m-l, s; 2\nu)$  [12, Theorem 3.3].  
(iii), (iv), (v) If  $0 < k < l$ . By Theorem 3.1 all  $(m, s, k)$ -flats contained in  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ . For any  $F \in \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \setminus \emptyset$ ,  $F$  is union of some  $(m, s, k)$ -flats. It is obvious that  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is a finite atomic lattice.

We distinguish the following two cases.

1.  $m-k=0$ , then  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) = \mathcal{L}_R(k, 0, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(k, l)$  [4, Theorem 1.2].

2.  $m-k > 0$ ,  $0 < 2s \leq m-k \leq \nu+s$ .

(1) when  $s = \nu$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+k, \nu, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \simeq \mathcal{L}_R(k, l)$  [4, Theorem 1.2].

(2) when  $0 < s < \nu$ ,

let  $F_1 = V_1 + x_1 = \langle e_1, \dots, e_s, e_{s+1}, \dots, e_{s+m-k-2s}, e_{\nu+1}, \dots, e_{\nu+s}, e_{2\nu+1}, \dots, e_{2\nu+k} \rangle + x_1$ , and  $F_2 = V_2 + x_2 = \langle e_{\nu-s+1}, \dots, e_{\nu-s+s}, e_{\nu+(\nu-m+k+s)+1}, \dots, e_{\nu+\nu-s}, e_{\nu+\nu-s+1}, \dots, e_{2\nu}, e_{2\nu+1}, \dots, e_{2\nu+k} \rangle + x_2$ .  $F_1, F_2 \in \mathcal{O}(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu) \subset \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ .

If  $m-k = 2s$  and  $s \leq \nu-1$ . When  $m-k > 2s$ ,  $s \leq \nu-2$  and  $F_1 \cap F_2 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $F_1 \cup F_2 = (V_1 + V_2 + \langle x_2 - x_1 \rangle) + x_1$ ,  $x_2 - x_1 \in V_1 + V_2$ , so  $\dim(F_1 \cup F_2) \geq m+2$ ,  $\dim(F_1 \cap F_2) = \dim(V_1 \cap V_2) \leq m-2$ . Clearly  $F_1 \wedge F_2 = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ .

Then  $r_R(F_1 \vee F_2) + r_R(F_1 \wedge F_2) \geq 3 > r_R(F_1) + r_R(F_2) = 2$ .

Hence  $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  is not a geometric lattice in this condition.

## 5. Characteristic polynomial of lattice $\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $2s \leq m-k \leq \nu+s$ ,  $0 \leq k \leq l$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu), t) &= \sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=k+1}^l \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t) + \\ &\sum_{s_1=s+1}^{\nu} \sum_{k_1=0}^k \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t) + \sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=0}^k \\ &\sum_{m_1=m-k-s+s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t), \text{ where } N(m_1, \\ &s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \text{ is the number of type } (m_1, s_1, k_1) \text{ subspaces in } \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Proof** For convenience, we write  $V = \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ ,  $\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$ ,  $\mathcal{L}_0 = \mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, V)$  where  $\mathcal{L}_R(2\nu+l, V)$  is all flats in  $ASG(2\nu+l, \nu; \mathbb{F}_q)$ .

For  $m$ -dimensional flat  $U + x \in \mathcal{L}$ , define

$$\mathcal{L}^{U+x} = \{W + y \in \mathcal{L} \mid W + y \geq U + x\}$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x} = \{W + y \in \mathcal{L}_0 \mid W + y \geq U + x\}.$$

Clearly,  $\mathcal{L}^V = \mathcal{L}$ . For  $U + x \in \mathcal{L} \setminus V$ , by Corollary 3.5 we get  $\mathcal{L}^{U+x} = \mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}$ . Therefore, the characteristic polynomial of  $\mathcal{L}$  is

$$\chi(\mathcal{L}^V, t) = \chi(\mathcal{L}, t) = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}} \mu(V, U+x) t^{r_R(\emptyset) - r_R(U+x)}.$$

$$\mathcal{L}_0^V = \mathcal{L}_0,$$

$$\chi(\mathcal{L}_0^V, t) = \chi(\mathcal{L}_0, t) = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}_0} \mu(V, U+x) t^{r_R(\emptyset) - r_R(U+x)}.$$

From Möbius inversion formula

$$t^{m+2} = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}^V} \chi(\mathcal{L}^{U+x}, t) = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}} \chi(\mathcal{L}^{U+x}, t),$$

$$t^{m+2} = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}_0^V} \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t) = \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}_0} \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t).$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\mathcal{L}, t) &= \chi(\mathcal{L}^V, t) = t^{m+2} - \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L} \setminus V} \chi(\mathcal{L}^{U+x}, t) \\ &= \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L}_0} \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t) - \sum_{U+x \in \mathcal{L} \setminus V} \chi(\mathcal{L}^{U+x}, t) \\ &= \sum_{U+x \in (\mathcal{L}_0 \setminus \mathcal{L} \cup V)} \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t). \end{aligned}$$

By Corollary 3.5,  $U + x \in (\mathcal{L}_0 \setminus \mathcal{L} \cup V)$  if and only if  $\{U + x \in \mathcal{L}_0 \mid U + x \text{ is } (m_1, s_1, k_1)\text{-flat, } l \geq k_1 > k\} \cup \{U + x \in \mathcal{L}_0 \mid U + x \text{ is } (m_1, s_1, k_1)\text{-flat, } s < s_1\} \cup \{U + x \in \mathcal{L}_0 \mid U + x \text{ is } (m_1, s_1, k_1)\text{-flat, } (m-k) - (m_1 - k_1) < s - s_1\}$ .

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \chi(\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu), t) &= \sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=k+1}^l \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t) \\ &+ \sum_{s_1=s+1}^{\nu} \sum_{k_1=0}^k \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t) \\ &+ \sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=0}^k \sum_{m_1=m-k-s+s_1+k_1+1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \chi(\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}, t), \end{aligned}$$

where  $N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu + l, \nu)$  is the number of type  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  subspaces in  $\mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}$ .

It is a routine to show that  $\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x} \simeq \mathcal{L}_n$  where  $n = \dim(U + x) - k$ . Hence both the lattices  $\mathcal{L}_0^{U+x}$  and  $\mathcal{L}_n$  have the same characteristic polynomial.

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_R(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu), t) &= \sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=k+1}^l \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t) + \\ &\sum_{s_1=s+1}^{\nu} \sum_{k_1=0}^k \sum_{m_1=2s_1+k_1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t) + \\ &\sum_{s_1=0}^s \sum_{k_1=0}^k \sum_{m_1=m-k-s+s_1+k_1+1}^{\nu+s_1+k_1} q^{2\nu+l-m_1} N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) \mathcal{X}(\mathcal{L}_n, t), \text{ where} \\ N(m_1, s_1, k_1; 2\nu+l, \nu) &\text{ is the number of type } (m_1, s_1, k_1) \text{ subspaces in } \mathbb{F}_q^{(2\nu+l)}. \square \end{aligned}$$

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