

# Two New Authentication Schemes from Singular Symplectic Geometry over Finite Fields\*

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**Abstract:** Two kind of authentication schemes are constructed using singular symplectic geometry over finite fields in this paper. One is an authentication code with arbitration, another is a multi-receiver authentication code. The parameters of two kinds of codes have been computed. Under the assumption that the encoding rules of the transmitter and the receiver are chosen according to a uniform probability distribution, the maximum probabilities of success of different types of deceptions attacks are also computed.

**Key words:** authentication; arbitration; multi-receiver; singular symplectic geometry

## 1 Introduction

Authentication codes were invented by Gilbertetal<sup>[1]</sup> in 1974. Simmons<sup>[2]</sup> has developed the theory of unconditional authentication analogous to Shannon's theory of unconditional secrecy. The authentication codes without arbitration haven't valid to prevent transmitter and receiver from attacking mutual. In order to prevent the mutual deceit of the transmitter and the receiver, Simmons<sup>[3]</sup> put forward the concept of authentication codes with arbitration again. In Simmons' model there is only one receiver. As an extension of Simmons' unconditionally secure authentication, multireceiver authentication codes were introduced by Desmedt, Frankel, and Yung<sup>[4]</sup>. This paper makes use of the singular symplectic geometry to get a type of authentication codes with arbitration, at the same time, to construct a multi-receiver authentication code on this foundation, and the probabilities of success for different types of deceptions are also computed.

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To solve the distrust problem of the transmitter and the receiver in the communications system, Simmons introduced a model of authentication codes with arbitration, we simply write ( $A^2$ -code) defined as follows:

**Definition 1.1** Let  $S, E_T, E_R$  and  $M$  be four non-empty finite sets, and  $f : S \times E_T \rightarrow M$  and  $g : M \times E_R \rightarrow S \cup \{\text{reject}\}$  be two maps. The six tuple  $(S, E_T, E_R, M, f, g)$  is called an authentication code with arbitration ( $A^2$ -code), if

1) The maps  $f$  and  $g$  are surjective;

2) For any  $m \in M$  and  $e_T \in E_T$ , if there is an  $s \in S$ , satisfying  $f(s, e_T) = m$ , then such an  $s$  is uniquely determined by the given  $m$  and  $e_T$ ;

3)  $p(e_T, e_R) \neq 0$  and  $f(s, e_T) = m$  implies  $g(m, e_R) = s$ , otherwise,  $g(m, e_R) = \{\text{reject}\}$ .

**Notes:**  $p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0$  implies that any information  $s$  encoded by  $e_T$  can be authenticated by  $e_R$ .

$S, E_T, E_R$  and  $M$  are called the set of source states, the set of transmitter's encoding rules, the set of receiver's decoding rules and the set of messages, respectively;  $f$  and  $g$  are called the encoding map and decoding map respectively. The cardinals  $|S|$ ,  $|E_T|$ ,  $|E_R|$  and  $|M|$  are called the size parameters of the code.

In an authentication system that permits arbitration, there are four participants: a transmitter, a receiver, an opponent, and an arbiter, and there are five attacks:

1) The opponent's impersonation attack: the largest probability of an opponent's successful impersonation attack is  $P_I$ . Then

$$P_I = \max_{m \in M} \frac{|\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m\}|}{|E_R|}.$$

2) The opponent's substitution attack:

An opponent, after observing a message  $m$  that is transmitted by the sender, replace  $m$  with another  $m'$ . The opponent is successful if  $m'$  is accepted by the receiver. We denote by  $P_S$  the maximal probability of the opponent in performing a substitution attack on the receiver. Then

$$P_S = \max_{m \in M} \frac{\max_{m' \neq m \in M} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m \text{ and } e_R \subset m'\}|}{|\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m\}|}.$$

3) The transmitter's impersonation attack: the largest probability of a transmitter's successful impersonation attack is  $P_T$ . Then

$$P_T = \max_{e_T \in E_T} \frac{\max_{m \in M, e_T \notin m} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m \text{ and } p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}{|\{e_R \in E_R | p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}.$$

4) The receiver's impersonation attack: the largest probability of a receiver's successful impersonation attack is  $P_{R_0}$ . Then

$$P_{R_0} = \max_{e_R \in E_R} \frac{\max_{m \in M} |\{e_T \in E_T | e_T \subset m \text{ and } p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}{|\{e_T \in E_T | p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}.$$

5) The receiver's substitution attack: the largest probability of a receiver's successful substitution attack is  $P_{R_1}$ . Then

$$P_{R_1} = \max_{e_R \in E_R, m \in M} \frac{\max_{m' \in M} |\{e_T \in E_T | e_T \subset m, m' \text{ and } p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}{|\{e_T \in E_T | p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}.$$

The following notations will be fixed throughout this paper:  $p$  is a fixed prime and  $q = p^\alpha$  is a fixed power of  $p$ .  $F_q$  is a field with  $q$  elements.  $V = F_q^{2\nu+l}$  is a singular symplectic space over  $F_q$  with index  $\nu$ .  $e_i (1 \leq i \leq 2\nu+l)$  is row vector in  $V$  whose  $i$ -th coordinate is 1 and all other coordinates are 0. Denote by  $E$  the  $l$ -dimensional subspace of  $V$  generated by  $e_{2\nu+1}, e_{2\nu+2}, \dots, e_{2\nu+l}$ .  $K_l$  denotes the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(\nu)} & 0 \\ -I^{(\nu)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0^{(l)} \end{pmatrix}.$$

$N(m, n)$  denotes the number of  $m$ -dimensional subspaces of  $F_q^n$ ,  $N(k, m, n)$  denotes the number of  $k$ -dimensional subspaces contained in a given  $m$ -dimensional subspace of  $F_q^n$ ,  $N'(k, m, n)$  denotes the number of  $m$ -dimensional subspaces containing a given  $k$ -dimensional subspace of  $F_q^n$ ,  $N(m, s; 2\nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of  $(m, s)$  in  $2\nu$ -dimensional symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ ,  $N(m_1, s_1; m, s; 2\nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of type  $(m_1, s_1)$  contained in a given subspace of type  $(m, s)$  in  $2\nu$ -dimensional symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ ,  $N'(m_1, s_1; m, s; 2\nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of type  $(m, s)$  containing a given subspace of type  $(m_1, s_1)$  in  $2\nu$ -dimensional symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ ,  $N(m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of type  $(m, s, k)$  in  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional singular symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ ,  $N(m_1, s_1, k_1; m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of type  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  contained a given subspace of type  $(m, s, k)$  in  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional singular symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ ,  $N'(m_1, s_1, k_1; m, s, k; 2\nu+l, \nu)$  denotes the number of subspaces of type  $(m, s, k)$  containing a given subspace of type  $(m_1, s_1, k_1)$  in  $(2\nu+l)$ -dimensional singular symplectic spaces over  $F_q$ .

The reader is referred to [18], geometry of classical groups over finite fields, for notations and terminology.

## 2 The first Construction

In this section, we construct an authentication code with arbitration from singular symplectic geometry over finite fields.

Let  $n = 2v + l$ ,  $4 < r < t < v + 1$ ,  $v \geq 6$ ,  $1 \leq k < l$ , let  $U$  be a fixed subspace of type  $(r + 1, 1, 1)$  in  $V$  and let  $U_0 = U \cap U^\perp$ . Then  $U^\perp$  and  $U_0$  are subspaces of types  $(2v - r + l, v + 1 - r, l)$  and  $(r - 1, 0, 1)$  in  $V$ , respectively.

Our authentication code is a six-tuple

$$(S, E_T, E_R, M; f, g),$$

where the set of source states

$$S = \{s \mid s \text{ is a subspace of type } (2t - r - 2 + k, t - r, k) \text{ in } V, U_0 \subset s \subset U^\perp\};$$

the set of transmitter's encoding rules

$$E_T = \{e_T \mid e_T \text{ is a subspace of type } (2r - 1, r - 1, 1) \text{ in } V \text{ and } U \subset e_T\};$$

the set of receiver's decoding rules

$$E_R = \{e_R \mid e_R \text{ is a subspace of type } (2r - 3, r - 3, 1) \text{ in } V \text{ and } U \subset e_R\};$$

the set of messages

$$M = \{m \mid m \text{ is a subspace of type } (2(t - 1) + k, t - 1, k), U \subset m, \\ m \cap U^\perp \text{ is a subspace of type } (2t - r - 2 + k, t - r, k) \text{ in } V\};$$

the encoding function:

$$f : S \times E_T \rightarrow M, (s, e_T) \mapsto m = s + e_T;$$

and the decoding function:  $g : S \times E_R \rightarrow S \cup \{\text{reject}\}$ ,

$$(m, e_R) \mapsto \begin{cases} s & \text{if } e_R \subset m, \text{ where } s = m \cap U^\perp. \\ \{\text{reject}\} & \text{if } e_R \not\subset m. \end{cases}$$

Assuming the transmitter's encoding rules and the receiver's decoding rules are chosen according to a uniform probability distribution, we can suppose that

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & l-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

Then

$$U^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^{(v+1-r)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(v+1-r)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(t)} \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ v+1-r \\ v+1-r \\ t \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & t \end{matrix}$$

and

$$U_0 = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ t \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & t-1 \end{matrix}$$

**Lemma 2.1** *The six-tuple  $(S, E_T, E_R, M; f, g)$  is a well-defined authentication code with arbitration, that is*

- (1)  $s + e_T = m \in M$ , for all  $s \in S$  and  $e_T \in E_T$ ;
- (2) for any  $m \in M$ ,  $s = m \cap U^\perp$  is uniquely information source contained in  $m$  and there is  $e_T \in E_T$ , such that  $m = s + e_T$ .

*Proof.* (1) For  $s \in S$ , we can suppose that

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & 0 & 0 & R_9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k-1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ 1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix},$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & k-1 & t-k \end{matrix}$$

where

$$sK_t^t s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -R_6^t R_3 + R_3^t R_6 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ k \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} r-2 & 2(t-r) & k \end{matrix}$$

Since  $\text{rank}(sK_t^t s) = 2(t-r)$ ,  $\text{rank}(-R_6^t R_3 + R_3^t R_6) = 2(t-r)$ . For  $e_T \in E_T$ , we can suppose that

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & R'_5 & R'_6 & 0 & R'_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & t-1 \end{matrix}$$

where  $\text{rank}(R'_3, R'_5, R'_6, R'_8) = r - 2$ , and

$$e_T K_l {}^t e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & R'_5 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -R'_5 & -R'_6 {}^t R'_3 + R'_3 {}^t R'_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

Since  $e_T$  is a subspace of type  $(2r - 1, r - 1, 1)$ ,  $\text{rank}(R'_5) = r - 2$ . Let  $R'_5 = I^{(r-2)}$ , we can assume that

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & R'_6 & 0 & R'_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

1     $r-2$      $\nu+1-r$     1     $r-2$      $\nu+1-r$     1     $l-1$

So

$$e_T K_l {}^t e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -I^{(r-2)} & -R'_6 {}^t R'_3 + R'_3 {}^t R'_6 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

and

$$m = s + e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & 0 & R_8 \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & R'_6 & 0 & R'_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ 2(t-r) \\ r-2 \\ k \end{matrix}.$$

1     $r-2$      $\nu+1-r$     1     $r-2$      $\nu+1-r$      $k$      $l-k$

Clearly,  $m$  is a  $2(t - 1) + k$  dimensional subspace, and  $\dim(m \cap E) = k$ . As

$$m K_l {}^t m$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -R_6' R_3 + R_3' R_6 & -R_6' R_3' + R_3' R_6' & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -I^{(r-2)} & 0 & -R_6' R_3 + R_3' R_6 & -R_6' R_3' + R_3' R_6' & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ 2(t-r) \\ r-2 \\ k \end{matrix} \\
&\sim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & -R_6' R_3 + R_3' R_6 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ 2(t-r) \\ r-2 \\ k \end{matrix}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $\text{rank}(-R_6' R_3 + R_3' R_6) = 2(t-r)$ ,  $\text{rank}(mK_1' m) = 2(t-1)$ , so  $m$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-1)+k, t-1, k)$  containing  $U$ . Again,

$$m \cap U^\perp = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & 0 & R_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ k \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ v+1-r \\ k \\ l-k \end{matrix}$$

this is a subspace of type  $(2t-r-2+k, t-r, k)$ . Hence, we have shown that  $m \in M$ .

(2) For any  $m \in M$ , let  $P = m \cap U^\perp$ . Then  $P$  is the subspace of type  $(2t-r-2+k, t-r, k)$  containing  $U$ , and  $U_0 = U \cap U^\perp \subset m \cap U^\perp = P$ . Thus  $P$  is a source state contained in  $m$ .

Since  $U$  is a subspace of type  $(r+1, 1, 1)$  and  $U_0$  a subspace of type  $(r-1, 0, 1)$ , exist an isotropic subspace  $U_1$  of type  $(2, 1, 0)$  such that  $U = U_0 \perp U_1$ . While  $P$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-1)-r+k, t-r, k)$ , exist a subspace  $Q_0$  of type  $(2(t-r)+k-1, t-r, k-1)$  such that  $P = U_0 \perp Q_0$ . Moreover,  $Q_0 = Q_1 \perp Q_2$  where  $Q_1$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-r), t-r, 0)$  and  $Q_2 = Q_0 \cap E$ . Hence  $Q_1$  is a regular subspace of  $V$ , and

$$V = Q_1 \perp Q_1^\perp, m = m \cap V = m \cap (Q_1 \perp Q_1^\perp) = Q_1 \perp (Q_1^\perp \cap m).$$

Notice that  $Q_2, U_0, U_1 \subset Q_1^\perp \cap m$ , so there is a subspace  $V_0 \subset m$ , satisfying  $Q_1^\perp \cap m = Q_2 \oplus U_0 \oplus U_1 \oplus V_0$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned}
m &= Q_1 \perp (Q_2 \oplus U_0 \oplus U_1 \oplus V_0) = (Q_1 \oplus Q_2) \oplus (U_0 \oplus U_1 \oplus V_0) \\
&= Q_0 \perp (U_0 \oplus U_1 \oplus V_0) = Q_0 \perp (U \oplus V_0).
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $e_T = U_0 \oplus U_1 \oplus V_0 = U \oplus V_0$ . Since  $m$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-1)+k, t-1, k)$ ,  $e_T$  is a subspace of type  $(2(r-1)+1, r-1, 1)$ , and  $U \subset e_T$ . Thus  $e_T$  is an encoding rule of transmitter satisfying  $m = P + e_T$ .

Let  $s'$  be another source state contained in  $m$ . Then  $s' \subset m \cap U^\perp = P$ . Since  $\dim s' = \dim P$ ,  $s' = P$ . That is,  $P$  is uniquely source state contained in  $m$ .

Hence, we have shown that the first construction is a well-defined authentication code with arbitration.

Next we compute the parameters of the code.

**Lemma 2.2** *The number of the source states is  $|S| = q^{2(t-r)(t-k)} N(2(t-r), t-r; 2(v+1-r)) N(k-1, l-1)$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $s \in S$ . Since  $U_0 \subset s \subset U^\perp$ ,  $s$  has the form

$$s = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & 0 & 0 & R_9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k-1)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ 1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix},$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & k-1 & l-k \end{matrix}$$

where  $(R_3, R_6)$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-r), t-r)$  in the symplectic space  $F_q^{2(v+1-r)}$ ,  $R_9$  arbitrarily. Therefore, the number of the source states is

$$|S| = q^{2(t-r)(t-k)} N(2(t-r), t-r; 2(v+1-r)) N(k-1, l-1).$$

**Lemma 2.3** *The number of the encoding rules of transmitter is*

$$|E_T| = \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}.$$

*Proof.* Since each encoding rule is a subspace of type  $(2r-1, r-1, 1)$  containing  $U$  in singular symplectic space  $F_q^{(2v+l)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} E_T &= N'(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v) \\ &= \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.4** *The number of the decoding rules of receiver is*

$$|E_R| = \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}.$$

*Proof.* Since each encoding rule is a subspace of type  $(2r-3, r-3, 1)$  containing  $U$  in singular symplectic space  $F_q^{(2v+l)}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} |E_R| &= N'(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v) \\ &= \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}. \end{aligned}$$



**Lemma 2.5** For any  $m \in M$ , let the number of encoding rules and decoding rules contained in  $m$  be  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively. Then

$$a = q^{2(r-2)(t-r)+(r-2)(k-1)}, \quad b = q^{(r-4)(2(t-r)+k-1)}N(r-4, r-2).$$

*Proof.* Since  $m$  is a subspace of type  $(2(t-1)+k, t-1, k)$  containing  $U$  and  $m \cap U^\perp$  is a subspace of type  $(2t-r-2+k, t-r, k)$  in  $V$ , we may take

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^{(t-r)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(t-r)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ t-r \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ t-r \\ v+1-t \\ k \\ t-k \end{matrix}$$

Let  $e_T \in E_T$  and  $e_T \subset m$ . Since  $e_T$  is the subspace of type  $(2r-1, r-1, 1)$  containing  $U$ ,

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

where  $R_3, R_7$  and  $R_{10}$  are arbitrary. Thus the number of  $e_T$  contained in  $m$  is

$$a = q^{2(r-2)(t-r)+(r-2)(k-1)}.$$

Let  $e_R \in E_R$  and  $e_R \subset m$ . Since  $e_R$  is a subspace of type  $(2r-3, r-3, 1)$  containing  $U$ ,

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

where  $R_6$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace, and  $R_3, R_7$  and  $R_{10}$  are arbitrary. Thus the number of  $e_R$  contained in  $m$  is

$$b = q^{2(t-r)(r-4)+(k-1)(r-4)}N(r-4, r-2) = q^{(r-4)(2(t-r)+k-1)}N(r-4, r-2).$$

**Lemma 2.6** The number of the messages is  $|M| = \frac{|S||E_T|}{a}$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\Omega = \{(m, e_T) | m \in M, e_T \in E_T, e_T \subset m\}$ . Then

$$|\Omega| = \sum_{m \in M} |\{e_T \in E_T | e_T \subset m\}| = |M|a,$$

and

$$|\Omega| = \sum_{e_T \in E_T} |\{m \in M | e_T \subset m\}|.$$

Since  $m$  only contains a source state for any  $m \in M$ ,  $|\{m \in M | e_T \subset m\}| = |S|$ . Therefore,

$$|\Omega| = \sum_{e_T \in E_T} |S| = |S||E_T|.$$

Furthermore,  $|M| = \frac{|S||E_T|}{a}$ .

By Lemmas 2.1-2.6, we have Theorem 2.1.

**Theorem 2.1** The parameters of constructed authentication code with arbitration are

$$\begin{aligned} |M| &= \frac{|S||E_T|}{a}; \\ |S| &= q^{2(t-r)(l-k)} N(2(t-r), t-r; 2(v+1-r)) N(k-1, l-1); \\ |E_T| &= \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-1, r-1, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}; \\ |E_R| &= \frac{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v) N(2r-3, r-3, 1; 2v+l, v)}{N(r+1, 1, 1; 2v+l, v)}. \end{aligned}$$

**Lemma 2.7** (1) For any  $e_T \in E_T$ , the number of decode rules  $e_R$  contained in  $e_T$  is  $c = N(r-4, r-2)$ .

(2) For any  $e_R \in E_R$ , the number of encode rules  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  is  $d = q^{4(v+1-r)+2(l-1)}$ .

*Proof.* (1) Let  $e_T \in E_T$ . Then  $e_T$  is a subspace of type  $(2r-1, r-1, 1)$  containing  $U$ . We can suppose that

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & l-1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

For any  $e_R \in E_R$ . If  $e_R \subset e_T$ , for  $e_R$  is a subspace of type  $(2r-3, r-3, 1)$  containing  $U$ , then we can suppose that

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $l-1$

where  $R_5$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace. Thus the number of  $e_R$  contained in  $e_T$  is  $c = N(r-4, r-2)$ .

(2) Let  $e_R \in E_R$ . Then  $e_R$  is a subspace of type  $(2r-3, r-3, 1)$  containing  $U$ . We can assume that

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-4)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $r-4$     2     $v+1-r$     1     $l-1$

For any  $e_T \in E_T$ . If  $e_T \supset e_R$ , for  $e_T$  is a subspace of type  $(2r-1, r-1, 1)$  containing  $U$ , then we can assume that

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-4)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & R_9 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $r-4$     2     $v+1-r$     1     $l-1$

where  $R_3, R_7, R_9$  arbitrarily, and  $R_6 = I^{(2)}$ . Thus the number of  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  is  $d = q^{4(v+1-r)+2(l-1)}$ .

**Lemma 2.8** For any  $m \in M$  and  $e_R \in E_R$ . If  $e_R \subset m$ , the the number of encode rules  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  and contained in  $m$  is  $q^{2(2l+k-2r-1)}$ .

*Proof.* Let the matrix representation of  $m$  be the same as Lemma 2.5. For any

$e_R \in E_R$ . If  $e_R \subset m$ , then we write

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & t-r & v+1-t & 1 & r-2 & t-r & v+1-t & 1 & k-1 & t-k \end{matrix}$$

where  $R_6$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace. For any  $e_T \in E_T$ . If  $e_T \subset m$  and  $e_T \supset e_R$ , then we can write

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & 0 & R'_6 & R'_7 & 0 & 0 & R'_{10} & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & t-r & v+1-t & 1 & r-2 & t-r & v+1-t & 1 & k-1 & t-k \end{matrix}$$

where  $\begin{pmatrix} R_6 \\ R'_6 \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $(r-2)$ -dimensional vector space,  $R'_3$ ,  $R'_7$  and  $R'_{10}$  arbitrarily.

Thus the number of  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  and contained in  $m$  is  $q^{2(2r+k-2r-1)}$ .

**Lemma 2.9** Assume that  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  are two distinct messages which commonly contain an encoding rule  $e'_T$  of the transmitter. Assume that  $s_1$  and  $s_2$  are two source states contained in  $m_1$  and  $m_2$ , respectively. Let  $s_0 = s_1 \cap s_2$ , and  $\dim s_0 = k_1$ . Then

(1)  $r-1 \leq k_1 \leq 2t-r-3+k$ ;

(2) the number of  $e_R$  contained in  $m_1 \cap m_2$  is  $N(r-4, r-2)q^{(r-4)(k_1-r+1)}$ ;  
and

(3) the number of  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  in  $m_1 \cap m_2$  is  $q^{2(k_1-r+1)}$  for any  $e_R \subset m_1 \cap m_2$ .

*Proof.* (1) Clearly,  $m_1 = s_1 + e'_T$ , and  $m_2 = s_2 + e'_T$ . For  $m_1 \neq m_2$ ,  $s_1 \neq s_2$ . Again because of  $s_1 \supset U_0$  and  $s_2 \supset U_0$ ,  $r-1 \leq k_1 \leq 2t-r-3+k$ .

(2) Let  $s'_i$  be the complementary subspace of  $s_0$  in  $s_i$ . Then  $s_i = s_0 \oplus s'_i$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). For  $s_i = m_i \cap U^\perp$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ),

$$s_0 = (m_1 \cap U^\perp) \cap (m_2 \cap U^\perp) = m_1 \cap m_2 \cap U^\perp = s_1 \cap m_2 = s_2 \cap m_1,$$

and

$$m_1 \cap m_2 = (s_1 + e'_T) \cap m_2 = (s_0 + s'_1 + e'_T) \cap m_2 = ((s_0 + e'_T) + s'_1) \cap m_2.$$

Again, for  $s_0 + e'_T \subset m_2$ ,

$$m_1 \cap m_2 = (s_0 + e'_T) + (s'_1 \cap m_2).$$

Furthermore,  $m_1 \cap m_2 = s_0 + e'_T$  for  $s'_1 \cap m_2 \subseteq s_1 \cap m_2 = s_0$ .

$$\text{Since } \dim(m_i) = \dim(s_i) + \dim(e'_T) - \dim(s_i \cap e'_T),$$

$$\dim(s_i \cap e'_T) = r - 1.$$

Due to  $\dim(U_0) = r - 1$ , and  $U_0 \subseteq s_i \cap e_T$ , so  $s_i \cap e_T = U_0$  ( $i = 1, 2$ ). Therefore,

$$\dim(m_1 \cap m_2) = \dim(s_0) + \dim(e'_T) - \dim(s_0 \cap e'_T) = k_1 + r.$$

Without loss of generality, we can assume

$$e'_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \end{matrix}.$$

1    r-2    v+1-r    1    r-2    v+1-r    1    l-1

Then  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  have the matrix representations

$$m_1 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & A_3 & 0 & 0 & A_6 & 0 & A_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & A'_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix},$$

1    r-2    v+1-r    1    r-2    v+1-r    1    l-1

and

$$m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & B_3 & 0 & 0 & B_6 & 0 & B_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & B'_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 2(t-r) \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix},$$

1    r-2    v+1-r    1    r-2    v+1-r    1    l-1

respectively. Thus

$$m_1 \cap m_2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 & 0 & C_6 & 0 & C_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C'_8 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 2(r-r) \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ k-1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & l-1 \end{matrix}$$

For  $\dim(m_1 \cap m_2) = k_1 + r$ ,

$$\dim \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 & 0 & C_6 & 0 & C_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C'_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} = k_1 - r + 2.$$

For any  $e_R \in E_R$ . If  $e_R \subset m_1 \cap m_2$ , then

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & R_5 & R_6 & 0 & R_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & l-1 \end{matrix}$$

where  $R_5$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace while every row of  $(0 \ 0 \ R_3 \ 0 \ 0 \ R_6 \ 0 \ R_8)$  is a linear combination of the base of subspace

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 & 0 & C_6 & 0 & C_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C'_8 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the number of  $e_R$  contained in  $m_1 \cap m_2$  is

$$q^{(r-4)(k_1-r+2-1)}N(r-4, r-2) = q^{(r-4)(k_1-r+1)}N(r-4, r-2).$$

(3) Assume that  $m_1 \cap m_2$  has the form as above. Then, for any  $e_R \subset m_1 \cap m_2$ , we can write

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & R_5 & R_6 & 0 & R_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & r-2 & v+1-r & 1 & l-1 \end{matrix}$$

where  $R_5$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace. For any  $e_T \in E_T$ . If  $e_R \subset e_T$  and  $e_T \subset m_1 \cap m_2$ , then

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & R_5 & R_6 & 0 & R_8 \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & R'_5 & R'_6 & 0 & R'_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ r-4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $r-2$      $v+1-r$     1     $i-1$

where  $\begin{pmatrix} R_5 \\ R'_5 \end{pmatrix}$  is a  $(r-2)$ -dimensional subspace while every row of

$$(0 \ 0 \ R'_3 \ 0 \ 0 \ R'_6 \ 0 \ R'_8)$$

is a linear combination of the base of subspace

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & C_3 & 0 & 0 & C_6 & 0 & C_8 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & C_{g'} \end{pmatrix}.$$

Therefore, the number of  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  in  $m_1 \cap m_2$  is  $q^{2(k_1-r+1)}$ .

**Theorem 2.2** *In the  $A^2$  authentication code that we construct above, if the encoding rules of the transmitter and the receiver are chosen according to a uniform probability distribution, then the largest probabilities of success for different types of deceptions are  $P_I = \frac{1}{q^{(r-4)(2(v-t+1)+l-k)}}$ ,  $P_S = \frac{1}{q^{(r-4)}}$ ,  $P_T = \frac{q^2-1}{q^{(r-2)}-1}$ ,  $P_{R_0} = \frac{1}{q^{4(v-t)+2(l-k)+8}}$ , and  $P_{R_1} = \frac{1}{q^2}$ , respectively.*

*Proof.* (1) Since the number of  $e_R$  contained in  $m$  is  $b$  by Lemma 2.5,

$$P_I = \max_{m \in M} \frac{|\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m\}|}{|E_R|} = \frac{b}{|E_R|} = \frac{1}{q^{(r-4)(2(v-t+1)+l-k)}}.$$

(2) Because of  $|\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m, e_R \subset m'\}| = N(r-4, r-2)q^{(r-4)(k_1-r+1)}$  by Lemma 2.9, where  $r-1 \leq k_1 \leq 2t-r-3+k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} P_S &= \frac{\max_{m \neq m' \in M} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m \text{ and } e_R \subset m'\}|}{\max_{m \in M} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m\}|} \\ &= \frac{q^{(r-4)(k_2-r+1)} N(r-4, r-2)}{b} \\ &= \frac{1}{q^{(r-4)}}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $k_2 = 2t - r - 3 + k$ .

(3) Since

$$\begin{aligned} P_T &= \max_{e_T \in E_T} \frac{\max_{m \in M, e_T \not\subset m} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m \text{ and } p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}{|\{e_R \in E_R | p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|} \\ &= \max_{e_T \in E_T} \frac{\max_{m \in M, e_T \not\subset m} |\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset m \cap e_T\}|}{|\{e_R \in E_R | e_R \subset e_T\}|}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume that  $e_T \not\subset m$ . Let  $e_T = U \oplus W$ , and  $m = U \oplus \Omega$ . Then  $\dim(W) = (2r - 1) - (r + 1) = r - 2$ , and  $\dim(\Omega) = 2(t - 1) + k - (r + 1) = 2t - r + k - 3$ . Because  $U \subset e_R \subset e_T \cap m$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e_R &= e_R \cap e_T = U \oplus (e_R \cap W) \\ &= e_R \cap m = U \oplus (e_R \cap \Omega) \\ &\supseteq U \oplus (e_R \cap W \cap \Omega). \end{aligned}$$

So  $\dim(e_R \cap W \cap \Omega) \leq r - 4$ , and  $e_R \cap W \cap \Omega$  is at most a  $(r - 4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $W \cap \Omega$  subspace. Since  $e_T \not\subset m$ ,  $\dim(W \cap \Omega) \leq r - 3$ . When  $\dim(W \cap \Omega) = r - 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} e_T &= \begin{pmatrix} U \\ W \cap \Omega \\ e_{\nu+r-2} \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-3)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & r-2 & \nu+1-r & 1 & r-3 & 1 & \nu+1-r & 1 & l-l \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ r-3 \\ 1 \end{matrix}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $e_T \cap m = \begin{pmatrix} U \\ W \cap \Omega \end{pmatrix}$ , and  $W \cap \Omega = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ I^{(r-3)} \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$ . Since  $e_R \subset e_T$ ,

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} U \\ e_R \cap W \cap \Omega \end{pmatrix}$$



$$= \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & R_5 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ 1 \\ r-4 \end{matrix},$$

1    r-2    v+1-r    1    r-3    1    v+1-r    1    t-1

where  $e_R \cap W \cap \Omega = (0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ R_5 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0 \ 0)$ . So  $e_R \cap W \cap \Omega$  is a  $(r-4)$ -dimensional subspace in  $W \cap \Omega$ ,  $\text{rank}(R_5) = r-4$ , and the number of  $R_5$  is  $N(r-4, r-3)$ . The number of  $e_R$  is  $N(r-4, r-3)$  at most. The number of  $e_R$  contained in  $e_T$  is  $c$  by Lemma 2.7. Thus

$$P_T = \frac{N(r-4, r-3)}{c} = \frac{q^2-1}{q^{r-2}-1}.$$

(4) For  $m \in M$ , we can assume

$$m = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & I^{(t-r)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(t-r)} & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & I^{(k)} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ r-2 \\ t-r \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ t-r \\ k \end{matrix}$$

1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    k    t-k

For  $e_R \in E_R$ , if  $e_R \subset m$ , then  $e_R$  has form

$$e_R = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    1    k    t-k

where  $\text{rank}(R_6) = r-4$ . At the same time, for  $e_T \in E_T$ , if  $e_R \subset e_T \subset m$ , then  $e_T$  has form

$$e_T = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & I^{(r-2)} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & R_3 & 0 & 0 & R_6 & R_7 & 0 & 0 & R_{10} \\ 0 & 0 & R'_3 & 0 & 0 & R'_6 & R'_7 & 0 & 0 & R'_{10} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \begin{matrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ r-2 \\ r-4 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{matrix},$$

1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    1    r-2    t-r    v+1-t    1    k-1    t-k

where  $\text{rank} \begin{pmatrix} R_6 \\ R_6 \end{pmatrix} = r - 2$ , and  $R'_3, R'_7$  and  $R'_{10}$  are arbitrary. The number of  $e_T$  containing  $e_R$  and contained in  $m$  is  $q^{2(2(t-r)+k-1)}$ . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} P_{R_0} &= \max_{e_R \in \bar{E}_R} \left\{ \frac{\max_{m \in M} |\{e_T \in E_T | e_T \subset m \text{ and } p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|}{|\{e_T \in E_T | p(e_R, e_T) \neq 0\}|} \right\} \\ &= \max_{e_R \in \bar{E}_R} \left\{ \frac{\max_{m \in M} |\{e_T \in E_T | e_T \subset m \text{ and } e_R \subset e_T\}|}{|\{e_T \in \bar{E}_T | e_R \subset e_T\}|} \right\} \\ &= \frac{q^{2(2t-2r+k-1)}}{d} \\ &= \frac{1}{q^{A(v-t)+2(l-k)+8}}. \end{aligned}$$

(5) Assume that the receiver declares to receive a message  $m_2$  instead of  $m_1$ , when  $s_2$  contained in  $m_1$  is different from  $s_2$  contained in  $m_2$ , the receiver's substitution attack can be successful. Since  $e_R \subset e_T \subset m_1$ , receiver is superior to select  $e'_T$ , satisfying  $e_R \subset e'_T \subset m_1$ , thus  $m_2 = s_2 + e'_T$ , and  $\dim(s_1 \cap s_2) = k_1$  as large as possible. Therefore, the probability of a receiver's successful substitution attack is

$$P_{R_1} = \frac{q^{2(k_1-r+1)}}{q^{2(2(t-r)+k-1)}},$$

where  $k_1 = 2t - r - 3 + k$ .  $P_{R_1} = \frac{1}{q^2}$  is the largest.

### 3 The Second Construction

In this section, from singular symplectic geometry and the first construction, we construct an authentication code with a transmitter and multi-receivers, and compute the probabilities of success for different types of deceptions. The definition of multireceiver authentication codes refer to [16].

Let  $n = 2v + l$ ,  $4 < r < t < v + 1$ ,  $v \geq 6$ ,  $1 \leq k < l$ . Let  $U$  be a fixed subspace of type  $(r + 1, 1, 1)$  in  $V$ , then  $U^\perp$  is a subspace of type  $(2v - r + l, v + 1 - r, l)$  in  $V$ . Let  $U_0 = U \cap U^\perp$ , then  $U_0$  is a subspace of type  $(r - 1, 0, 1)$  in  $V$ . Let  $S = \{s | s \text{ is a subspace of type } (2t - r - 2 + k, t - r, k) \text{ and } U_0 \subset s \subset U^\perp\}$ ; let  $E = \{e | e \text{ is a subspace of type } (2r - 1, r - 1, 1) \text{ and } U \subset e\}$ ; let  $M = \{m | m \text{ is a subspace of type } (2(t - 1) + k, t - 1, k), U \subset m, m \cap U^\perp \text{ is a subspace of type } (2t - r - 2 + k, t - r, k)\}$ , and let  $M^* = \{(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda) \in M^\lambda | m_1 \cap U^\perp = m_2 \cap U^\perp = \dots = m_\lambda \cap U^\perp\}$ .

First, we construct  $(\lambda + 1)$   $A$ -codes. Let  $C = (S, E^\lambda, M^*, f)$ , where  $S, E^\lambda$  and  $M^*$  are the sets of source states, keys and authenticators of  $C$ , respectively, and  $f : S \times E^\lambda \rightarrow M^*$ ,  $f(s, e) = (s + e_1, s + e_2, \dots, s + e_\lambda)$  for  $e = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_\lambda) \in E^\lambda$ , is the authentication mapping of  $C$ . Let  $C_i = (S, E_i, M_i; f_i)$ , where  $S, E_i = E$  and  $M_i = M$  are the sets of source states, keys and authenticators of  $C_i$ , respectively, and  $f_i : S \times E_i \rightarrow M_i$ ,  $f_i(s, e_i) = s + e_i$  for  $e_i \in E_i$ , is the authentication mapping of  $C_i$ . It is easy to know that  $C$  and  $C_i$  are well-defined  $A$ -codes.

Our authentication scheme is a  $(\lambda + 1)$ -tuple  $(C; C_1, C_2, \dots, C_\lambda)$ . Let  $\tau_i : E^\lambda \rightarrow E_i$ ,  $\tau_i(e) = e_i$  for  $e = (e_1, e_2, \dots, e_\lambda) \in E^\lambda$ , and let  $\pi_i : M^* \rightarrow M_i$ ,  $\pi_i(m) = m_i$  for  $m = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda) \in M^*$ . Then

$$\pi_i(f(s, e)) = \pi(s + e_1, s + e_2, \dots, s + e_\lambda) = s + e_i,$$

$$f_i((I_s \times \tau_i)(s, e)) = f_i((I_s(s), \tau_i(e)) = f_i(s, e_i) = s + e_i.$$

Therefore,  $\pi_i(f(s, e)) = f_i((I_s \times \tau_i)(s, e))$ . Thus our scheme is indeed a well-defined authentication code with a transmitter and multi-receivers.

**Theorem 3.1** *In the construction of multi-receiver authentication codes, if the encoding rules are chosen according to a uniform probability distribution, then the probabilities of impersonation attack and substitution attack are respectively:*

$$P_I[i, J] = \frac{1}{q^{(r-2)(2(v-t)+l-k+2)}}, P_S[i, J] = \frac{1}{q^{(r-2)(2v-2t+l-k+5)}}.$$

where  $J = \{i_1, i_2, \dots, i_j\}$ ,  $i \notin J$ .

*Proof.* Let  $e_J = (e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_j})$ , then

$$\tau_J(e) = e_J \iff e = (\dots, e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_j}, \dots).$$

It is easy to know that  $|e \in E^\lambda | \tau_J(e) = e_J| = |E|^{\lambda-j}$ . And

$$f_i(s, e_i) = \pi_i(m), s + e_i = m_i = \pi_i(m). \quad (1)$$

From Lemma 2.5, we know the number of  $e_i$  satisfying (1) is  $a$ . For any  $e_i$  satisfying (1), the number of  $e$  satisfying  $\tau_J(e) = e_J$  and  $\tau_i(e) = e_i$  is  $|E|^{\lambda-j-1}$ . So

$$|e \in E^\lambda | \tau_J(e) = e_J, \tau_i(e) = e_i, f_i(s, e_i) = \pi_i(m)| = |E|^{\lambda-j-1}.$$

And  $a = q^{(r-2)(2v-2t+l-1)}$ , thus

$$\begin{aligned} P_I[i, J] &= \max_{e_J \in E^J} \max_{s \in S} \max_{m \in M} \frac{|\{e \in E^\lambda | \tau_J(e) = e_J, \tau_i(e) = e_i, f_i(s, e_i) = \pi_i(m)\}|}{|\{e \in E^\lambda | \tau_J(e) = e_J\}|} \\ &= \max_{e_J \in E^J} \max_{s \in S} \max_{m \in M} \frac{a}{|E|} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \frac{q^{(r-2)(2t-2r+k-1)}}{q^{(r-2)(2v-2r+l+1)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{q^{(r-2)(2(v-t)+l-k+2)}}.
\end{aligned}$$

Now we compute the probability of substitution attack. We know

$$m = f(s, e) = (s + e_1, s + e_2, \dots, s + e_\lambda) = (m_1, m_2, \dots, m_\lambda).$$

and  $\tau_J(e) = (e_{i_1}, e_{i_2}, \dots, e_{i_j})$ , whenever  $e = (e_1, e_2, \dots, \underbrace{e_{i_1}, \dots, e_{i_j}}_j, e_k, \dots, e_\lambda)$ . While

$$|\{e \in E^\lambda | m = f(s, e), \tau_J(e) = e_J\}| = |E|^{\lambda-j},$$

$$|\{e \in E^\lambda | m = f(s, e), \tau_J(e) = e_J, \tau_i(e) = e_i \in E_i, f_i(s', e_i) = \pi_i(m)\}| = |E|^{\lambda-j-1} \times b,$$

and  $b = q^{(r-2)(k_1-r+1)}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
&P_2[i, J] \\
&= \max_{e_j \in E^J} \max_{s \in S, m \in M} \max_{s' \neq s' \in S} \frac{|\{e \in E^\lambda | m = f(s, e), \tau_J(e) = e_J, \tau_i(e) = e_i \in E_i, f_i(s', e_i) = \pi_i(m)\}|}{|\{e \in E^\lambda | m = f(s, e), \tau_J(e) = e_J\}|} \\
&= \max_{e_j \in E^J} \max_{s \in S, m \in M} \max_{s' \neq s' \in S} \frac{b}{|E|} \\
&= \max_{e_j \in E^J} \max_{s \in S, m \in M} \max_{s' \neq s' \in S} \frac{q^{(r-2)(k_1-r+1)}}{q^{(r-2)(2v-2r+l+1)}} \\
&= \frac{1}{q^{(r-2)(2v-2r+l-k+5)}}
\end{aligned}$$

where  $k_1 = 2t - r - 3 + k$ .

The results about multi-receiver authentication codes based on geometry of classical groups over finite fields are fewer.

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