

# On $d$ -dual hyperovals in $PG(2d, 2)$

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## 1 はじめに

射影空間  $PG(m, 2)$  内の高次元双対超卵形 (dimensional dual hyperoval, DHO) は C. Huybrechts と A. Pasini [2] により以下のように定義されました.

**定義 1** (DHO). A family  $S$  of  $d$ -dimensional subspaces of  $PG(m, 2)$  is called a  $d$ -dimensional dual hyperoval in  $PG(m, 2)$  if it satisfies the following conditions:

1. any two distinct members of  $S$  intersect in a projective point,
2. any three mutually distinct members of  $S$  intersect in the empty projective set,
3. the members of  $S$  generate  $PG(m, 2)$ , and
4. there are exactly  $2^{d+1}$  members of  $S$ .

この稿では、概体 (quasifield) から構成された高次元双対超卵形、その中でもとくに擬体 (nearfield) から構成される DHO について考察します.

**定義 2** (概体). An algebraic structure  $(Q; +, \circ)$  is called a quasifield if it satisfies the following conditions:

- (1)  $Q$  is an abelian group under  $+$  with identity  $0$ ,
- (2) for all  $a \in Q$ ,  $a \circ 0 = 0 \circ a = 0$ ,
- (3) there exists an element  $1 \in Q \setminus \{0\}$  such that  $1 \circ a = a \circ 1 = a$  for all  $a \in Q$ ,

- (4) for all  $a, b, c \in Q$ ,  $(a + b) \circ c = a \circ c + b \circ c$ .
- (5) for  $a, c \in Q$  with  $a \neq 0$ , there exists exactly one  $x \in Q$  such that  $a \circ x = c$ , and
- (6) for  $a, b, c \in Q$  with  $a \neq b$ , there exists exactly one  $x \in Q$  such that  $x \circ a - x \circ b = c$ .

擬体 (near field) とは, 積  $\circ$  に関して結合法則が成り立つ擬体のことです. また半体 (semifield) とは, 左分配法則が成り立つ擬体のことです. 標数 2 の擬体から以下のようにして射影空間  $PG(2d, 2)$  内の  $d$  次元双対超卵形が構成できます.

**命題 1.** *Let  $d \geq 2$ . Let  $(Q; +, \circ)$  be a quasifield of characteristic 2 which is a  $(d + 1)$ -dimensional vector space over  $GF(2)$ . We fix an isomorphism  $\phi : Q \cong GF(2^{d+1})$  as a vector space over  $GF(2)$  which sends  $1 \in Q$  to  $1 \in GF(2^{d+1})$ . We denote by  $Tr$  the trace function from  $GF(2^{d+1})$  to  $GF(2)$ . Let  $\sigma$  be a generator of the galois group  $Gal(GF(2^{d+1})/GF(2))$ .*

*In  $Q \oplus Q \setminus \{(0, 0)\} = PG(2d + 1, 2)$ , for  $t \in Q$ , let*

$$X(t) = \{(x, (x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t) \mid x \in Q \setminus \{0\}\}.$$

*Then  $S(Q) := \{X(t) \mid t \in Q\}$  is a  $d$ -dimensional dual hyperoval in  $PG(2d, 2)$  where  $PG(2d, 2) = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in Q, Tr(y) = 0\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ .*

本稿の主な目的は次の定理の証明の概要を説明することです. また, 半体から構成される DHO の同型判定についても考察します.

**定理 1.** *Let  $(N_1; \circ, +)$  and  $(N_2; *, +)$  be nearfields. If  $S(N_1)$  is isomorphic to  $S(N_2)$ , then  $(N_1; \circ, +)$  is isomorphic to  $(N_2; *, +)$ .*

たとえば  $n$  がメルセンヌ素数  $n = 2^p - 1$  で  $q = 2^l$  (ただし  $l = p, 2p, 4p, 8p, \dots$ ) ならば位数  $q^n$  の擬体の同型類が非常にたくさん存在し [3], それにともない, この定理より同型でない DHO が非常にたくさん存在することがわかります.

## 2 特別な自己同型

擬体から命題 1 のようにして構成された DHO には, 以下のような特別な自己同型が存在します.

**補題 1.** For  $b \in N \setminus \{0\}$ , let us define an automorphism  $m_b$  of  $PG(2d, 2)$  as follows;

$$m_b((x, y)) := (x \circ b^{-1}, y).$$

Then,  $m_b$  is a automorphism of the dual hyperoval  $S(N)$ , which satisfies that  $m_b(X(t)) = X(b \circ t)$  and that  $m_b(X(0)) = X(0)$ , where  $X(0) := \{(x, 0) | x \in N\}$ . Hence we see that the multiplicative group  $(N \setminus \{0\}, \circ)$  acts regularly on  $S(N) \setminus \{X(0)\}$ .

上記の自己同型は、次の補題によって特徴付けられます。

**補題 2.** Let  $\Psi$  be an automorphism of  $S(N)$  defined by

$$\Psi((x, y)) = (f(x), y),$$

where  $f$  is some  $GF(2)$ -linear mapping. Then there exists non-zero element  $b$  in  $N$  such that  $f(x) = x \circ b^{-1}$ . Therefore, we have  $\Psi = m_b$  for some  $b \in N \setminus \{0\}$ .

### 3 定理 1 の証明の概要

Cooperstein-Thas [1] による  $PG(2d, 2)$  における  $d$  次元 DHO の次の特徴付けがあるので非常に助かります。

**命題 2.** The subset

$$PG(2d, 2) \setminus \cup \{ \text{the points on the members of the dual hyperoval} \}$$

is a  $(d - 1)$ -dimensional subspace in  $PG(2d, 2)$ .

我々の考察している状況に当てはめれば、次のようになります。

**系 1.** Let  $S(Q) = \{X(t) | t \in Q\}$  with  $X(t) = \{(x, (xot)^\sigma + xot) | x \in Q \setminus \{0\}\}$  be a dual hyperoval constructed from a quasifield  $Q$ . Then, in  $PG(2d, 2) = \{(x, y) | x, y \in Q, Tr(y) = 0\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , we have

$$\{(0, y) | y \in Q, y \neq 0, Tr(y) = 0\} = PG(2d, 2) \setminus \cup_{t \in Q} X(t).$$

これらにより、同型写像の形が次の補題のようになることが分かります。

**補題 3.** Let  $(N_1; \circ, +)$  and  $(N_2; *, +)$  be Nearfields. We regard that the ambient space  $PG(2d, 2) = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in N_1, Tr(y) = 0\} = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in N_2, Tr(y) = 0\}$ . If dual hyperovals  $S(N_1)$  and  $S(N_2)$  are isomorphic by the automorphism of the ambient space  $\Phi : PG(2d, 2) \rightarrow PG(2d, 2)$ , we may assume that  $\Phi$  is represenred, using some  $GF(2)$ -linear mapping  $a(x)$  and  $d(y)$ , as follows:

$$\Phi((x, y)) = (a(x), d(y)).$$

2節の「特別な自己同型」の作用については、以下の命題が成り立ちます。

**命題 3.** Let  $(N_1; \circ, +)$  and  $(N_2; *, +)$  be nearfields. Let the dual hyperovals  $S(N_1)$  and  $S(N_2)$  are isomorphic by the mapping  $\Phi$ , then there is a group isomorphism  $\theta : (N_1 \setminus \{0\}, \circ) \mapsto (N_2 \setminus \{0\}, *)$  such that, for any  $b \in N_1 \setminus \{0\}$  and for any  $X_1(t) \in S(N_1)$ , we have

$$\Phi(m_b(X_1(t))) = m_{\theta(b)}(\Phi(X_1(t))).$$

これらを用いますと、定理の証明が次のように出来ます。

**定理 1.** Let  $(N_1; \circ, +)$  and  $(N_2; *, +)$  be nearfields. If dual hyperovals  $S(N_1)$  and  $S(N_2)$  are isomorphic, then  $(N_1, \circ, +)$  and  $(N_2, *, +)$  are isomorphic.

*Proof.* We assume that dual hyperovals  $S(N_1)$  and  $S(N_2)$  are isomorphic by  $\Phi$ . Hence, we may assume that  $\Phi(X_1(0)) = X_2(0)$ . Therefore,  $\Phi$  is represenred as  $\Phi((x, y)) = (a(x), d(y))$  for some  $GF(2)$ -linear mapping  $a(x)$  and  $d(y)$ . Moreover, we may assume that  $\Phi(X_1(1)) = X_2(1)$ . We define  $\rho$  by  $\Phi(X_1(t)) = X_2(\rho(t))$ . Then we have  $\rho(0) = 0$  and  $\rho(1) = 1$ . We have

$$\Phi(m_b(X_1(t))) = m_{\theta(b)}(\Phi(X_1(t))) \tag{1}$$

using the group isomorphism  $N_1 \setminus \{0\} \ni b \mapsto \theta(b) \in N_2 \setminus \{0\}$ . Since

$$\Phi : X_1(t) \ni (x, (x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t) \mapsto (a(x), d((x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t)) \in \Phi(X_1(t)),$$

and by the equation (1), we have

$$\Phi((x \circ b^{-1}, (x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t)) = (a(x) * \theta(b^{-1}), d((x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t)),$$

hence, by  $\Phi((x, y)) = (a(x), d(y))$ , we have

$$a(x \circ b^{-1}) = a(x) * \theta(b^{-1}). \tag{2}$$

On the other hand, since  $\Phi(X_1(t)) = X_2(\rho(t))$  and since  $X_2(\rho(t)) = \{(x, (x * \rho(t))^\sigma + x * \rho(t)) \mid x \in N_2 \setminus \{0\}\}$ , we have

$$(a(x), d((x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t)) = (a(x), (a(x) * \rho(t))^\sigma + a(x) * \rho(t)),$$

hence we have  $d((x \circ t)^\sigma + x \circ t) = (a(x) * \rho(t))^\sigma + a(x) * \rho(t)$  for any  $x$  and  $t$  in  $N_1$ . Since  $\rho(1) = 1$ , we have  $d(x^\sigma + x) = a(x)^\sigma + a(x)$  if we put  $t = 1$ . Since  $d$  is a linear mapping, if we put  $x = 1$ , we have  $a(1)^\sigma + a(1) = 0$ . Since the mapping  $a$  induces the following  $GF(2)$ -linear isomorphism of  $d$ -subspaces  $X_1(0)$  and  $X_2(0)$ ;

$$\Phi : X_1(0) \ni (x, 0) \mapsto (a(x), 0) \in X_2(0), \quad (3)$$

we have  $a(1) \neq 0$ , hence we have  $a(1) = 1$ . Now, since  $a(1) = 1$ , we have  $a(b^{-1}) = \theta(b^{-1})$  by the equation (2) if we put  $x = 1$ . Hence we have  $a(x) = \theta(x)$  for  $x \in N_1$  if we define  $\theta(0) = 0$ . Therefore, by the equation (2), we conclude that  $a(x \circ y) = a(x) * a(y)$  for any  $x, y \in N_1$ . By (3), and since  $X_1(0) = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in N_1\}$  and  $X_2(0) = \{(x, 0) \mid x \in N_2\}$ , we see that the mapping  $a$  induces an isomorphism  $a : N_1 \cong N_2$  of vector spaces over  $GF(2)$ . Since  $a(x \circ y) = a(x) * a(y)$  for any  $x, y \in N_1$ , and  $a$  induces an isomorphism from  $N_1$  to  $N_2$  as vector spaces over  $GF(2)$ , we see that the mapping  $a$  induces  $(N_1; \circ, +) \cong (N_2; *, +)$ .  $\square$

## 4 半体から構成されるDHOについて

**定義 3.** Let  $(Q; +, \circ)$  be a quasifield.

(1) The set

$$K(Q) := \{a \in Q \mid a \circ (x \circ y) = (a \circ x) \circ y, a \circ (x + y) = a \circ x + a \circ y, x, y \in Q\}$$

is called the **kernel** of  $Q$ . We note that  $K(Q)$  is a subfield of  $Q$ .

(2) The **middle nucleus**  $N_m(Q)$  of  $Q$  is defined as:

$$N_m(Q) := \{n \in Q \mid x \circ (n \circ y) = (x \circ n) \circ y \text{ for all } x, y \in Q\}.$$

We note that  $N_m(Q) \setminus \{0\}$  is a subgroup of  $Q$ .

一般の概体から構成されるDHOにおいても、次の「特別な自己同型」が存在します。

**補題 4.** Let  $(Q; +, \circ)$  be a quasifield, and  $S(Q)$  a dual hyperoval constructed from  $Q$ . Let  $b$  be any non-zero element of the middle nucleus  $N_m(Q) \setminus \{0\}$ . Inside  $PG(2d, 2) = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in Q, Tr(y) = 0\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , let us define the mapping  $m_b$  as follows:

$$m_b((x, y)) := (x \circ b^{-1}, y).$$

Then  $m_b$  is an automorphism of  $S(Q)$ . Moreover, we have  $m_b(X(t)) = X(b \circ t)$ , and  $m_b(X(0)) = X(0)$ . Thus, the group  $N_m(Q) \setminus \{0\}$  acts semi-regularly on  $S(Q) \setminus \{X(0)\}$ .

また、この自己同型は次のように特徴付けられます。

**補題 5.** We assume that  $K(Q) \supseteq GF(2)$ . Inside  $PG(2d, 2) = \{(x, y) \mid x, y \in Q, Tr(y) = 0\} \setminus \{(0, 0)\}$ , let  $\Psi$  be an automorphism of  $S(Q)$  defined by

$$\Psi((x, y)) = (f(x), y),$$

where  $f$  is a  $GF(2)$ -linear mapping. Then we have  $f(x) = x \circ b^{-1}$  for  $b \in N_m(Q) \setminus \{0\}$ . Hence  $\Psi = m_b$  for some  $b \in N_m(Q) \setminus \{0\}$ .

この特徴付けの応用として、とくに半体から構成される DHO が同型でないことの判定に次の系が使えます。

**系 2.** Let  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  be semifields. We assume that  $K(S_1), K(S_2) \supseteq GF(2)$ . If dual hyperovals  $S(S_1)$  and  $S(S_2)$  are isomorphic, then the groups  $N_m(S_1) \setminus \{0\}$  and  $N_m(S_2) \setminus \{0\}$  are isomorphic.

小さい位数  $|S_1| = |S_2| = 16$  でしかも  $|N_m(S_1)| \neq |N_m(S_2)|$  となる半体  $S_1, S_2$  があるので、半体から構成される DHO で同型でないものが非常に多くあることが期待されます。

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