Abstract

Let F_{2^m} be a finite field of 2^m elements, and

 $R = F_{2^m}[u]/\langle u^k \rangle = F_{2^m} + uF_{2^m} + \dots + u^{k-1}F_{2^m}$ $(u^k = 0)$ where k is an integer satisfying $k \geq 2$. For any odd positive integer n, an explicit representation for every self-dual cyclic code over R of length 2n and a mass formula to count the number of these codes are given first.