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## WEIGHTS OF THE $\mathbb{F}_q$ -FORMS OF 2-STEP SPLITTING TRIVECTORS OF RANK 8 OVER A FINITE FIELD

Grassmann codes are linear codes associated with the Grassmann variety  $G(\ell, m)$  of  $\ell$ -dimensional subspaces of an  $m$  dimensional vector space  $\mathbb{F}_q^m$ . They were studied by Nogin for general  $q$ . These codes are conveniently described using the correspondence between non-degenerate  $[n, k]_q$  linear codes on one hand and non-degenerate  $[n, k]$  projective systems on the other hand. A non-degenerate  $[n, k]$  projective system is simply a collection of  $n$  points in projective space  $\mathbb{P}^{k-1}$  satisfying the condition that no hyperplane of  $\mathbb{P}^{k-1}$  contains all the  $n$  points under consideration. In this paper we will determine the weight of linear codes  $C(3, 8)$  associated with Grassmann varieties  $G(3, 8)$  over an arbitrary finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . We use a formula for the weight of a codeword of  $C(3, 8)$ , in terms of the cardinalities certain varieties associated with alternating trilinear forms on  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ . For  $m = 6$  and  $7$ , the weight spectrum of  $C(3, m)$  associated with  $G(3, m)$ , have been fully determined by Kaipa K.V, Pillai H.K and Nogin Y. A classification of trivectors depends essentially on the dimension  $n$  of the base space. For  $n \leq 8$  there exist only finitely many trivector classes under the action of the general linear group  $GL(n)$ . The methods of Galois cohomology can be used to determine the classes of nondegenerate trivectors which split into multiple classes when going from  $\bar{\mathbb{F}}$  to  $\mathbb{F}$ . This program is partially determined by Noui L and Midoune N and the classification of trilinear alternating forms on a vector space of dimension 8 over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$  of characteristic other than 2 and 3 was solved by Noui L and Midoune N. We describe the  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -forms of 2-step splitting trivectors of rank 8, where  $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 3$ . This fact we use to determine the weight of the  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -forms.

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### INTRODUCTION

Let  $V$  be an 8-dimensional vector space over a field  $K$  and let  $\wedge^3 V$  denote the exterior power of degree 3 over  $V$ , the classification of trivectors is the study of the action of general linear group  $GL(V)$  on the space  $\wedge^3 V$  defined by  $f.\omega = (\wedge^3 f)(\omega)$ . The equivalence classes are the  $GL(V)$ -orbits under this action. As  $\wedge^3 V^* \simeq (\wedge^3 V)^*$ , there is no difference between trilinear alternating forms and trivectors. The support of the trivector  $\omega$  is the least subspace  $F$  of  $V$  such that  $\omega \in \wedge^3 F$ , its dimension is the rank of  $\omega$ . Let  $\omega$  be a trilinear alternating form on  $V$ . The set  $\{u \in V, \omega(u, \cdot, \cdot) = 0\}$  is called the radical of  $\omega$  and will be denoted by  $Rad\omega$ . If  $Rad\omega = \{0\}$ , then  $\omega$  is called nondegenerate (full rank).

This classification is motivated by many important applications, especially in the theory of codes. See [2, 4, 5, 7]. Let  $C(3, 8)$  be a grassman code (linear code) associated with the Grassmann

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variety  $G(3, 8)$  of 3-dimensional subspaces of an 8-dimensional vector space  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ , where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field with  $q$  elements. The parameters  $n$  and  $k$  of the code  $C(3, 8)$  are

$$n = |C(3, 8)| = \frac{(q^8 - 1)(q^{8-1} - 1)(q^{8-3+1} - 1)}{(q^3 - 1)(q^{3-1} - 1)(q - 1)},$$

$$k = \binom{8}{3}.$$

The minimum distance of grassmann codes  $C(3, 8)$  equals  $d = q^{3(8-3)} = q^{15}$ . The weight of  $C(3, 7)$ ,  $C(3, 6)$  and  $C(2, m)$  is determined by [2], [5] and [4] respectively. In this paper, we are interested in the classification of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -forms of the 2-step splitting trivectors of rank 8, and in determining the weights of  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -forms where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a finite field of characteristic other than 3. Some undefined terms can be found in references [2, 3, 6] and [5].

## 1 $\mathbb{F}_q$ -FORMS OF 2-STEP SPLITTING TRIVECTORS OF RANK $\leq 8$

If  $\omega$  is a trivector defined over the field  $K$ , a  $K$ -form of  $\omega$  is another trivector of the same type as that of  $\omega$ , defined over  $K$  which is isomorphic to  $\omega$  over  $\overline{K}$ , the algebraic closure of  $K$ . The element  $\omega$  of  $\wedge^3 V$  is called splitting if there exists a decomposition  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2$  such that  $\omega \in V_1 \otimes \wedge^2 V_2$ . If  $\dim V_1 = 2$ ,  $\omega$  is called 2-step splitting.

### Preliminary result

#### 1.1 Degenerate forms

**Theorem 1** ([1]). *Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 7 over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then any trivector of rank  $\leq 7$  in  $\wedge^3 V$  is equivalent to one of the trivectors in Table 1.*

Table1. Trivectors of rank  $\leq 7$  over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  (degenerate forms).

Name	Trivector
$\omega_3$	$e_1 e_2 e_3$
$\omega_5$	$e_1(e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5)$
$\omega_{6,1}$	$e_1 e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5 e_6$
$\omega_{6,1,d_1}$	$e_1(e_3 e_4 + e_5 e_6) + e_2(e_3 e_6 - d_1 e_4 e_5)$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 2$
$\omega_{6,1,d_2}$	$e_1(e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5) + e_6(e_2 e_4 - d_2 e_3 e_5 + e_4 e_5)$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q = 2$
$\omega_{6,2}$	$e_1 e_2 e_4 + e_2 e_3 e_5 + e_1 e_3 e_6$
$\omega_{7,1}$	$e_1(e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5 + e_6 e_7)$
$\omega_{7,2}$	$\omega_{7,1} + e_2 e_4 e_6$
$\omega_{7,3}$	$e_1 e_2 e_3 + e_3 e_4 e_5 + e_5 e_6 e_7$
$\omega_{7,3,d_1}$	$e_1(e_2 e_5 + e_3 e_7) + e_4(e_2 e_3 + d_1 e_5 e_7) + e_6 e_5 e_3$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 2$
$\omega_{7,3,d_2}$	$e_1(e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5) + e_6(e_2 e_4 - d_2 e_3 e_5 + e_4 e_5) + e_1 e_6 e_7$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q = 2$
$\omega_{7,4}$	$e_1(e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5) + e_2 e_4 e_6 + e_3 e_5 e_7$
$\omega_{7,5}$	$\omega_{7,2} + e_3 e_5 e_7$

where  $d_1 \notin (\mathbb{F}_{q^*})^2$ ,  $d_2 \in (\mathbb{F}_{q^*})^2$ .

## Main results

### 1.2 Nondegenerate forms (full rank)

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $V$  be a vector space of dimension 8 over a finite field  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Then any  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -form of 2-step splitting trivector of rank 8 in  $\wedge^3 V$  is equivalent to one of the Table 2.*

Table2. Trivectors of rank 8 over  $\mathbb{F}_q$  (nondegenerate forms).

Name	Trivector
$\omega_{8,1}$	$e_1(e_2e_3 + e_4e_5) + e_6e_7e_8$
$\omega_{8,2}$	$e_1(e_2e_3 + e_4e_5 + e_6e_7) + e_5e_6e_8$
$\omega_{8,3}$	$e_1(e_3e_4 + e_5e_6) + e_2(e_3e_5 + e_7e_8)$
$\omega_{8,4}$	$e_1(e_2e_5 + e_3e_6) + e_4(e_7e_2 + e_8e_3)$
$\omega_{8,4,d_1}$	$e_5(e_1e_2 + e_3e_4) + e_6(e_1e_3 + d_1e_2e_4) + e_7(e_1e_4) + e_8(e_2e_3)$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 2$
$\omega_{8,4,d_2}$	$e_8(e_1e_4 + e_3e_2) + e_7(e_1e_4 + e_4e_2 + d_2e_1e_3) + e_6e_1e_2 + e_5e_3e_4$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q = 2$
$\omega_{8,5}$	$e_1(e_2e_3 + e_4e_5) + e_6(e_2e_3 + e_7e_8)$
$\omega_{8,5,d_1}$	$e_7(e_1e_2 + e_3e_4 + e_5e_6) + e_8[e_1(e_4 + d_1e_5) + e_2e_6 + \frac{1}{d_1}e_3e_5]$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 2$
$\omega_{8,5,d_2}$	$e_3(e_1e_2 + e_4e_7 + e_6e_8) + e_5(e_1e_4 + e_8e_2 + d_2e_6e_7)$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q = 2$
$\omega_{8,5,d_3}$	$e_1(d_3e_3e_4 + d_3e_5e_6 + e_7e_8) + e_2(e_3e_5 + e_4e_7 + e_6e_8)$ if $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 3$
$\omega_{8,6}$	$e_1(e_2e_3 + e_4e_5 + e_6e_7) + e_8(e_4e_3 + e_5e_6)$

where  $d_1 \notin (\mathbb{F}_{q^*})^2$ ,  $d_2 \in (\mathbb{F}_{q^*})^2$ ,  $d_3 \notin (\mathbb{F}_{q^*})^3$ .

*Proof.* The  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -forms of 2-step splitting trivectors of rank 8 where  $\mathbb{F}_q$  is a field of characteristic other than 2 and 3 has been done in [6], hence, in characteristic 2, it is sufficient to study the case of orbits of type  $\omega_{8,i}$ , for  $i = 4, 5$ .

In characteristic 2, the trivectors of type  $\omega_{8,i}$ , for  $i = 4, 5$  are written

$$\omega_{8,4,d_2} = e_8(e_1e_4 + e_3e_2) + e_7(e_1e_4 + e_4e_2 + d_2e_1e_3) + e_6e_1e_2 + e_5e_3e_4$$

$$\omega_{8,5,d_2} = e_3(e_1e_2 + e_4e_7 + e_6e_8) + e_5(e_1e_4 + e_8e_2 + d_2e_6e_7).$$

If  $L$  is the quadratic extension of  $K$ , there exists a trivector  $\omega_L \in \wedge^3 V$  such that  $\omega_L \not\sim \omega_{8,4}$  and  $\omega_L \otimes L \in \wedge^3(V \otimes_K L)$  is  $L$ -isomorphic to  $\omega_{8,4}$ . We construct  $\omega_L$  as follows:  $\omega_{8,4} = e_1(e_2e_5 + e_3e_6) + e_4(e_7e_2 + e_8e_3)$  is a 4-step splitting because  $\omega_{8,4} = e_5u_1 + e_6u_2 + e_7u_3 + e_8u_4$  where  $u_1 = e_1e_2$ ,  $u_2 = e_1e_3$ ,  $u_3 = e_2e_4$  and  $u_4 = e_3e_4$ , thus  $E = \text{vect}\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$  is a subspace of dimension 4 of  $\wedge^4 K^4$ . We put  $\omega_L = \omega_{8,4,d_2} = e_5v_1 + e_6v_2 + e_7v_3 + e_8v_4$ , with  $v_1 = e_3e_4$ ,  $v_2 = e_1e_2$ ,  $v_3 = e_1e_4 + e_4e_2 + d_2e_1e_3$ , and  $v_4 = e_1e_4 + e_3e_2$ , where  $K' = K(\alpha)$ ,  $\alpha^2 + \alpha = d_2$ ,  $\alpha \in K$ . To each of the forms  $\omega_{8,4}$ ,  $\omega_{8,4,d_2}$ , we associate a quadratic form on  $E$  [6]:  $\gamma_2(xu_1 + yu_2 + zu_3 + tu_4)$ , then we get  $\gamma_2(xu_1 + yu_2 + zu_3 + tu_4) = (xt - yz)$ ,  $\gamma_2(xv_1 + yv_2 + zv_3 + tv_4) = (y^2d_2 - x^2 + zt)$  respectively. The two forms are not equivalent over  $K$  but they may become equivalent over the algebraic closure  $\overline{K}$ . We can also prove that  $\omega_{8,4}$  is not equivalent to  $\omega_{8,4,d_2}$  by using the arithmetical invariant  $d_1(\omega)$  [6].

Similar arguments apply to the case for  $\omega_{8,5}$ . □

## 2 FORMULA FOR THE WEIGHT OF A TRIVECTOR

The correspondence between equivalence classes of nondegenerate forms and equivalence classes of nondegenerate linear  $[n, k]$ -codes, is one-to-one. In what follows, we speak by abuse of language not only of a weight of a codeword, but also of a weight of hyperplane and a weight of a form

$\omega \in \wedge^3 V$ . Therefore, the problem on the spectrum of a Grassmann code (at least, on the weights of the codewords) is closely related to that on the classification of the elements of  $\wedge^3 V$ .

The cardinality of the general linear group  $GL(8, \mathbb{F}_q)$  will be denoted by  $[8]_q$

$$[8]_q = q^{8(8-1)/2}(q^8 - 1)(q^{8-1} - 1) \cdots (q - 1).$$

Given a codeword of  $C(3, 8)$ , let  $\omega$  be the corresponding trivector on  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ , and let  $\mathcal{H}$  be the corresponding hyperplane of  $\mathbb{P}(\wedge^3 \mathbb{F}_q^8)$ . The weight of the codeword  $\omega$

$$\text{wt}(\omega) = |\{P_i : 1 \leq i \leq n, P_i \notin \mathcal{H}\}|.$$

We have

$$[3]_q \cdot \text{wt}(\omega) = |\{[v_1, v_2, v_3] : \langle \omega, v_1 \wedge v_2 \wedge v_3 \rangle \neq 0\}|.$$

## 2.1 Weight of a degenerate trivector

If  $\omega$  is degenerate, let  $\text{Rad}\omega$  be  $r$ -dimensional. We pick a basis  $\{e_1, \dots, e_8\}$  of  $V$  such that  $\{e_{8-r+1}, \dots, e_8\}$  is a basis for  $\text{Rad}\omega$ . Let  $W$  denote the span of  $\{e_1, \dots, e_{8-r}\}$ .

Let  $\tilde{\omega}$  denote the restriction of the form  $\omega$  to  $W$ . Since  $W \cap \text{Rad}\omega = \{0\}$ , it is clear that  $\tilde{\omega}$  is a nondegenerate trivector on  $W$ . Thus,  $\tilde{\omega}$  can be thought of as codeword in  $C(3, 8 - r)$ .

**Proposition 1** ([2]). *The weight of a degenerate trivector  $\omega$  in  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$  is given by*

$$\text{wt}(\omega) = q^{3r} \text{wt}(\tilde{\omega}).$$

The proposition shows that in order to calculate the weights of codewords of  $C(3, 8)$ , it is enough to know only the weights of nondegenerate codewords of  $C(3, m)$  for  $m \leq 8$ .

**Lemma 1.** *The weights of degenerate trivectors are*

$$\begin{aligned} \text{wt}(\omega_3) &= q^{15} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_5) &= q^{15} + q^{13} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{6,1}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} - q^{10} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{6,1,d}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{10} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{6,2}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,1}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{11} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,2}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,3}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} - q^{10} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,3,d}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,4}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} \\ \text{wt}(\omega_{7,5}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^9. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* According to Proposition 1, the weight of a degenerate form  $\omega$  is  $q^3$  times the weight of  $\omega$  viewed as a trivector on  $\mathbb{F}_q^7$  the span of  $\{e_1, \dots, e_7\}$ . The latter weights were determined in [2]. We multiply them by  $q^3$ ; we get the weights of  $\omega$ .  $\square$

## 2.2 Weight varieties of a nondegenerate trivector

Let  $V$  be an 8-dimensional vector space over an arbitrary field  $F$ .

We consider the map  $\varphi_w : V \rightarrow \wedge^2 V^*$  sending  $v \mapsto \iota_v \omega$  where  $\iota_v$  is the operation of the interior multiplication defined by

$$\langle \iota_v \omega, \beta \rangle = \langle \omega, v \wedge \beta \rangle, \quad \text{for all } \beta \in \wedge^2 V.$$

Here,  $\langle, \rangle$  is the pairing between  $\wedge^j V^*$  and  $\wedge^j V$  for each  $j$ .

Given a two-form  $\lambda \in \wedge^2 V^*$ , we define certain quantities  $\text{Pf}_k(\lambda) \in \wedge^{2k} V^*$ , for each  $k \geq 1$  which we call the  $k$ -th Pfaffian of  $\lambda$ . Let  $\text{Pf}_0(\lambda) = 1$ . We define  $\text{Pf}_k(\lambda) \in \wedge^{2k} V^*$  inductively by requiring

$$\iota_v \lambda \wedge \text{Pf}_{k-1}(\lambda) = \iota_v \text{Pf}_k(\lambda), \quad \text{for all } v \in V.$$

This  $\text{Pf}_k(\lambda)$  generalizes the forms  $\frac{\lambda^k}{k!} = \frac{1}{k!}(\lambda \wedge \cdots \wedge \lambda)$ .

**Definition 1** ([2]). *Given a nondegenerate trivector  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ , the  $k$ -th weight variety of  $\omega$  is the subvariety of  $\mathbb{P}^7$  given by*

$$X_k(\omega) = \mathbb{P}\{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^8 \setminus \{0\} \mid \text{Pf}_{k+1}(\iota_x \omega) = 0\}.$$

We have

$$\emptyset = X_0(\omega) \subset X_1(\omega) \subset X_2(\omega) \subset X_{\lfloor \frac{8-1}{2} \rfloor = 3}(\omega) = \mathbb{P}^7.$$

**Lemma 2.** *Given a nondegenerate trivector  $\omega$  on  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ .*

*Let*

$$n_i := |X_i(\omega)| - |X_{i-1}(\omega)|.$$

*The weight  $\text{wt}(\omega)$  is given by*

$$\text{wt}(\omega) = q^6 \left[ (q^9 + q^7 + q^6 + q^5 + q^4 + q^3 + q^2 + 1) - \frac{n_2 + n_1(1 + q^2)}{1 + q + q^2} \right]. \quad (1)$$

*Proof.* We use Theorem 7 in [2], we get

$$\text{wt}(\omega) = \frac{q^{2m-4}}{(q^2 - 1)(1 + q + q^2)} \sum_{i=1}^{\lfloor \frac{m-1}{2} \rfloor} n_i (1 - q^{-2i}),$$

for the case  $m = 8$ , we use  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 = |\mathbb{P}^7|$ , we get this result in (1). □

### 3 WEIGHT CLASSIFICATION OF TRIVECTORS ON $\mathbb{F}_q^8$

The weights of the nondegenerate forms  $\omega_{8,i}$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  can be determined from formula (1) once the cardinalities of the varieties  $X_1(\omega_{8,i})$  and  $X_2(\omega_{8,i})$  are known. We recall that

$$X_1(\omega) = \mathbb{P}\{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^8 \setminus \{0\} \mid \text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega) = 0\}$$

$$X_2(\omega) = \mathbb{P}\{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^8 \setminus \{0\} \mid \text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega) = 0\}.$$

**Proposition 2.** *The varieties  $X_1(\omega_{8,i})$  and their cardinalities for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  are*

$\omega_{8,i}$	$X_1(\omega_{8,i})$	$n_1(\omega_{8,i})$
$\omega_{8,1}$	$\mathbb{P}^2 \cup \mathbb{P}^3$	$q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 2$
$\omega_{8,2}$	$\mathbb{P}^2 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^1} \mathbb{P}^3$	$q^3 + 2q^2 + q + 1$
$\omega_{8,3}$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \cup \mathbb{P}^1$	$2q + 2$
$\omega_{8,4}$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \times \mathbb{P}^1$	$q^2 + 2q + 1$
$\omega_{8,4,d}$	$\mathbb{P}^1(\mathbb{F}_{q^2})$	$q^2 + 1$
$\omega_{8,5}$	$\mathbb{P}^1 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^0} \mathbb{P}^1$	$2q + 1$
$\omega_{8,5,d}$	$\emptyset$	$0$
$\omega_{8,6}$	$\mathbb{P}^1$	$q + 1$

*Proof.* Let  $x = \sum_{j=1}^8 x_j e_j$ . We have

$$\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega) = \sum_{j=1}^8 x_j^2 \text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_j} \omega) + \sum_{i < j} x_i x_j (\iota_{e_i} \omega) \wedge (\iota_{e_j} \omega). \quad (2)$$

We calculate  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_i)$  using the above formula (2) and set it equal to zero to determine the varieties  $X_1(\omega_i)$ . We begin with  $\omega_{8,1}$ . The forms  $\iota_{e_j} \omega_{8,1}$  for  $j = 1 \cdots 8$  are  $e_2 e_3 + e_4 e_5$ ,  $e_3 e_1$ ,  $e_1 e_2$ ,  $e_5 e_1$ ,  $e_1 e_4$ ,  $e_7 e_8$ ,  $e_8 e_6$ ,  $e_6 e_7$ , respectively. For  $j \geq 2$ ; the forms  $\iota_{e_j} \omega_{8,1}$  are decomposable and hence  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_j} \omega_{8,1}) = 0$ , whereas  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_1} \omega_{8,1}) = e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5$ .

We also note that  $\iota_{e_2} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_j} \omega_{8,1} = 0$  for all  $j = 3, 4, 5$ , and  $\iota_{e_3} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_4} \omega_{8,1} = \iota_{e_3} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_5} \omega_{8,1} = \iota_{e_4} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_5} \omega_{8,1} = \iota_{e_6} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_7} \omega_{8,1} = \iota_{e_6} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_8} \omega_{8,1} = \iota_{e_7} \omega_{8,1} \wedge \iota_{e_8} \omega_{8,1} = 0$ . Using these relations, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,1}) &= x_1^2 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 + x_1 [x_2 e_4 e_5 e_3 e_1 + x_3 e_4 e_5 e_1 e_2 + x_4 e_2 e_3 e_5 e_1 + x_5 e_2 e_3 e_1 e_4 \\ &+ x_6 (e_2 e_3 e_7 e_8 + e_4 e_5 e_7 e_8) + x_7 (e_2 e_3 e_8 e_6 + e_4 e_5 e_8 e_6 + x_8 (e_2 e_3 e_6 e_7 + e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7))] \\ &+ x_2 (x_6 e_3 e_1 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_3 e_1 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_3 e_1 e_6 e_7) + x_3 (x_6 e_1 e_2 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_1 e_2 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_1 e_2 e_6 e_7) \\ &+ x_4 (x_6 e_5 e_1 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_5 e_1 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_5 e_1 e_6 e_7) + x_5 (x_6 e_1 e_4 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_1 e_4 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_1 e_4 e_6 e_7) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the coefficient of  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5$  above is  $x_1^2$ ,  $x_1 = 0$  is necessary for  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,1}) = 0$ . Setting  $x_1 = 0$  in the above equation, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,1})_{x_1=0} &= x_2 (x_6 e_3 e_1 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_3 e_1 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_3 e_1 e_6 e_7) + x_3 (x_6 e_1 e_2 e_7 e_8 \\ &+ x_7 e_1 e_2 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_1 e_2 e_6 e_7) + x_4 (x_6 e_5 e_1 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_5 e_1 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_5 e_1 e_6 e_7) \\ &+ x_5 (x_6 e_1 e_4 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_1 e_4 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_1 e_4 e_6 e_7) = e_1 \wedge (x_3 e_2 - x_2 e_3 \\ &+ x_5 e_4 - x_4 e_5) \wedge (x_6 e_7 e_8 + x_7 e_8 e_6 + x_8 e_6 e_7). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(\omega_{8,1}) &= \{x_1 = 0\} \cap [\{x_2 = x_3 = x_4 = x_5 = 0\} \cup \{x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = 0\}] \\ &= \mathbb{P}\{e_6, e_7, e_8\} \cup \mathbb{P}\{e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \cup \mathbb{P}^3. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we consider  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,2})$ . The coefficients of  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 + e_2 e_3 e_6 e_7 + e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7$ ,  $e_1 e_4 e_6 e_8$ ,  $e_7 e_1 e_8 e_5$  are  $x_1^2$  and  $x_5^2$  and  $x_6^2$  respectively,  $x_1 = x_5 = x_6 = 0$  is necessary for  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,2}) = 0$ . By Setting  $x_1$ ,  $x_5$  and  $x_6$  to zero, in the equation, we get

$$\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,2})_{x_1=x_5=x_6=0} = e_1 \wedge (x_3 e_2 - x_2 e_3) \wedge x_8 e_5 e_6.$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X_1(\omega_{8,2}) &= \{x_1 = x_5 = x_6 = 0\} \cap [\{x_2 = x_3 = 0\} \cup \{x_8 = 0\}] \\ &= \mathbb{P}\{e_4, e_7, e_8\} \cup_{\mathbb{P}\{e_4, e_7\}} \mathbb{P}\{e_2, e_3, e_4, e_7\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^2 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^1} \mathbb{P}^3. \end{aligned}$$

In  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,3})$ , the coefficients of  $e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6$ ,  $e_3 e_5 e_7 e_8$ ,  $e_4 e_1 e_5 e_2$  and  $e_6 e_1 e_2 e_3$  are  $x_1^2$ ,  $x_2^2$ ,  $x_3^2$  and  $x_5^2$ , respectively. By setting  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$ ,  $x_3$  and  $x_5$  to zero,  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_x \omega_{8,3})$  is reduced to  $e_1 e_2 \wedge (x_4 e_3 + x_6 e_5) \wedge (x_8 e_7 - x_7 e_8)$ .

Therefore,  $X_1(\omega_{8,3}) = \{x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_5 = 0\} \cap [\{x_4 = x_6 = 0\} \cup \{x_7 = x_8 = 0\}] \simeq \mathbb{P}^1 \cup \mathbb{P}^1$ . Similar arguments apply to the case for  $X_1(\omega_{8,i})$  for  $i = 4, \dots, 6$ .  $\square$

We now compute the varieties  $X_2(\omega)$  and their cardinalities.

**Proposition 3.** *The varieties  $X_2(\omega_{8,i})$  and their cardinalities for  $1 \leq i \leq 6$  are*

$\omega_{8,i}$	$X_2(\omega_{8,i})$	$ X_2(\omega_{8,i}) $
$\omega_{8,1}$	$\mathbb{P}^6 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4$	$ \mathbb{P}^6  +  \mathbb{P}^4  -  \mathbb{P}^3 $
$\omega_{8,2}$	$\mathbb{P}^6$	$ \mathbb{P}^6 $
$\omega_{8,3}$	$\mathbb{P}^5 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4$	$ \mathbb{P}^5  + 2 \mathbb{P}^4  - 2 \mathbb{P}^3 $
$\omega_{8,4}$	$\mathbb{P}^5 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^5$	$2 \mathbb{P}^5  -  \mathbb{P}^3 $
$\omega_{8,4,d}$	$\mathbb{P}^3$	$ \mathbb{P}^3 $
$\omega_{8,5}$	$(\mathbb{P}^5 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4) \cup (\mathbb{F}_q)^2$	$ \mathbb{P}^5  + 2 \mathbb{P}^4  - 2 \mathbb{P}^3  + q^2$
$\omega_{8,5,d}$	$\mathbb{P}^5$	$ \mathbb{P}^5 $
$\omega_{8,6}$	$\mathbb{P}^5 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4$	$ \mathbb{P}^5  +  \mathbb{P}^4  -  \mathbb{P}^3 $

*Proof.* Let  $x = \sum_{j=1}^8 x_j e_j$ . We have

$$\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega) = \sum_{j=1}^8 x_j^3 \text{Pf}_3(\iota_{e_j} \omega) + \sum_{i < j} [x_i^2 x_j \text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_i} \omega) \wedge (\iota_{e_j} \omega) + x_i x_j^2 (\iota_{e_i} \omega) \wedge \text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_j} \omega)]. \quad (3)$$

We calculate  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,i})$  using the above formula (3), and set it equal to zero to determine the varieties  $X_2(\omega_{8,i})$ . We begin with  $\omega_{8,1}$ .

For  $j \geq 1$ ,  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_{e_j} \omega_{8,1}) = 0$  and  $\text{Pf}_2(\iota_{e_1} \omega_{8,1}) = e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5$ , we get

$$\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,1}) = x_1^2 x_6 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_7 e_8 + x_1^2 x_7 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_8 e_6 + x_1^2 x_8 e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7.$$

Since the coefficients of  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_7 e_8$  and  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_8 e_6$  and  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7$  above are  $x_1^2 x_6$  and  $x_1^2 x_7$  and  $x_1^2 x_8$ , respectively,  $x_1 = 0$  or  $x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = 0$  is necessary for  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,1}) = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X_2(\omega_{8,1}) &= \{x_1 = 0\} \cup \{x_6 = x_7 = x_8 = 0\} \\ &= \mathbb{P}\{e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7, e_8\} \cup_{\mathbb{P}\{e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\}} \mathbb{P}\{e_1, e_2, e_3, e_4, e_5\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^6 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4. \end{aligned}$$

Next, we consider  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,2})$ . The coefficient of  $e_2 e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7$  is  $x_1^3$ ; moreover,  $x_1$  divides  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,2})$ . Therefore,

$$X_2(\omega_{8,2}) = \{x_1 = 0\} \simeq \mathbb{P}^6.$$

For  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,3})$ , the coefficients of  $e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_7 e_8$ ,  $e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_8 e_2$ ,  $e_3 e_4 e_5 e_6 e_2 e_7$ ,  $e_3 e_5 e_7 e_8 e_4 e_1$ ,  $e_3 e_5 e_7 e_8 e_6 e_1$ ,  $e_7 e_8 e_4 e_1 e_5 e_2$  and  $e_7 e_8 e_6 e_1 e_2 e_3$  are  $x_1^2 x_2$ ,  $x_1^2 x_7$ ,  $x_1^2 x_8$ ,  $x_2^2 x_3$ ,  $x_2^2 x_5$ ,  $x_2 x_3^2$  and  $x_2 x_5^2$  respectively. Reducing  $x_1 x_2$ ,  $x_1 x_7$ ,  $x_1 x_8$ ,  $x_2 x_3$  and  $x_2 x_5$  to zero is necessary for  $\text{Pf}_3(\iota_x \omega_{8,3}) = 0$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} X_2(\omega_{8,3}) &= \{x_1 = x_2 = 0\} \cup \{x_2 = x_7 = x_8 = 0\} \cup \{x_1 = x_3 = x_5 = 0\} \\ &= \mathbb{P}\{e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6, e_7, e_8\} \cup_{\mathbb{P}\{e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\}} \mathbb{P}\{e_1, e_3, e_4, e_5, e_6\} \cup_{\mathbb{P}\{e_4, e_6, e_7, e_8\}} \mathbb{P}\{e_2, e_4, e_6, e_7, e_8\} \\ &\simeq \mathbb{P}^5 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4 \cup_{\mathbb{P}^3} \mathbb{P}^4. \end{aligned}$$

Similar arguments apply to the case for  $X_2(\omega_{8,i})$  for  $i = 4, \dots, 6$ .  $\square$

**Theorem 3.** *The weights of the nondegenerate forms  $\omega_{8,1}, \dots, \omega_{8,6}$  are*

$$\begin{aligned} wt(\omega_{8,1}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} - q^8 \\ wt(\omega_{8,2}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} \\ wt(\omega_{8,3}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} - q^8 \\ wt(\omega_{8,4}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} - q^9 \\ wt(\omega_{8,4,d}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} + q^9 \\ wt(\omega_{8,5}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} - q^8 \\ wt(\omega_{8,5,d}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} + q^8 \\ wt(\omega_{8,6}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10}. \end{aligned}$$

*Proof.* We use the formula (1) with  $n_2(\omega) + n_1(\omega) = |X_2(\omega)|$ , we get

$$wt(\omega_{8,i}) = q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} + q^9 + q^8 + q^6 - q^6 \left( \frac{|X_2(\omega_{8,i})| + q^2 |X_1(\omega_{8,i})|}{1 + q + q^2} \right),$$

the quantities  $|X_1(\omega_{8,i})|$  and  $|X_2(\omega_{8,i})|$  have been computed in Proposition 2 and 3.

For  $wt(\omega_{8,1})$ ,

we have  $|X_1(\omega_{8,1})| = q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 2$  and  $|X_2(\omega_{8,1})| = |\mathbb{P}^6| + |\mathbb{P}^4| - |\mathbb{P}^3| = q^6 + q^5 + 2q^4 + q^3 + q^2 + q + 1$ , substituting these in the above equation we find

$$\begin{aligned} wt(\omega_{8,1}) &= q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} + q^{10} + q^9 + q^8 + q^6 \\ &- q^6 \left( \frac{|\mathbb{P}^6| + |\mathbb{P}^4| - |\mathbb{P}^3| + q^2(q^3 + 2q^2 + 2q + 2)}{1 + q + q^2} \right) = q^{15} + q^{13} + q^{12} + q^{11} - q^8. \end{aligned}$$

Similarly for the weights  $wt(\omega_{8,2}), \dots, wt(\omega_{8,6})$ .  $\square$

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Коди Грассмана - це лінійні коди, пов'язані з многовидом Грассмана  $G(\ell, m)$   $\ell$ -вимірного підпростору у  $m$ -вимірному векторному просторі  $\mathbb{F}_q^m$ . Їх вивчав Ногін для загальних  $q$ . Ці коди зручно описати за допомогою відповідності між невідродженими  $[n, k]_q$  лінійними кодами з одного боку, і невідродженими  $[n, k]$  проєктивними системами з іншого боку. Невідроджена  $[n, k]$  проєктивна система - це просто набір  $n$  точок у проєктивному просторі  $\mathbb{P}^{k-1}$ , який задовольняє умови, що жодна гіперплощина  $\mathbb{P}^{k-1}$  не містить  $n$  точок, що розглядаються. У цій роботі ми визначимо вагу лінійних кодів  $C(3, 8)$  асоційованих із многовидом Грассмана  $G(3, 8)$  над довільним скінченним полем  $\mathbb{F}_q$ . Ми використовуємо формулу для ваги кодового слова  $C(3, 8)$ , у сенсі потужності певних многовидів, пов'язаних з чергуванням трилінійних форм на  $\mathbb{F}_q^8$ . Для  $m = 6$  і  $7$ , звужений спектр  $C(3, m)$  асоційований з  $G(3, m)$ , був повністю визначений в роботах Кайпа К.В., Пілаї Х.К. і Ногіна Й. Класифікація тривекторів істотно залежить від розмірності  $n$  базового простору. Для  $n \leq 8$  існує тільки скінченна кількість класів тривекторів під дією загальної лінійної групи  $GL(n)$ . Методи когомології Галуа можуть використовуватися для визначення класів невідроджених тривекторів, які поділяються на кілька класів при переході від  $\overline{\mathbb{F}}$  до  $\mathbb{F}$ . Ця програма частково визначена Ноуї Л. і Мідоун Н. та класифікація трилінійних змінних форм на векторному просторі розмірності 8 над скінченним полем  $\mathbb{F}_q$  характеристик, відмінних від 2 і 3 була зроблена у роботах Ноуї Л. і Мідоун Н. Ми описали  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -форми 2-ступінчастих тривекторів розщеплення рангу 8, де  $\text{char } \mathbb{F}_q \neq 3$ . Цей факт ми використовуємо для визначення ваги  $\mathbb{F}_q$ -форм.

*Ключові слова і фрази:* тривектор, грассманіан, вага.