



Hankel Rhotrices and Constructions of Maximum Distance Separable Rhotrices over Finite Fields

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Abstract

Many block ciphers in cryptography use Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) matrices to strengthen the diffusion layer. Rhotrices are represented by coupled matrices. Therefore, use of rhotrices in the cryptographic ciphers doubled the security of the cryptosystem. We define Hankel rhotrix and further construct the maximum distance separable rhotrices over finite fields.

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1. Introduction

Cryptography is the science of converting plaintext into ciphertext and vice versa. Many encrypting and decrypting algorithms make use of matrices. Those matrices, which are contributing in the field of cryptography, have been extended by many researchers in the framework of rhotrices. Rhotrices are represented in the form of coupled matrices. The use of

one rhotrix in any algorithm of cryptosystem means the use of two matrices of different dimensions. Therefore, rhotrices double the security and hence rhotrices can help to provide more security in the existing available cryptographic algorithms.

Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) matrices have applications in coding theory and cryptography, particularly in the design of block ciphers and hash functions, see Alfred et al. (1996). It is highly non-trivial to find MDS matrices, which could be used in light weight cryptography. An MDS matrix offer diffusion properties and is one of the important constituents of modern age ciphers like Advanced Encryption Standard (AES), Twofish, Shark etc....

The concept of rhotrix was developed by Ajibade (2003).

Sani (2008) introduced the concept of coupled matrices in rhotrices. This representation is useful in cryptography to improve the security, see Sharma and Kumar (2014a, 2014b and 2014c) and Sharma et al. (2013). Tudunkaya et al. (2010) discussed rhotrices over finite fields. The investigations of rhotrices over matrix theory and polynomials ring theory are discussed by Aminu (2012) and Tudunkaya (2013). The algebra and analysis of rhotrices is discussed in the literature by Absalom et al. (2011), Aminu (2009), Mohammed (2011), Sharma and Kanwar (2011, 2012a, 2012b, 2012c, 2013) and Sharma et al. (2015, 2017). Sylvester rhotrices and their properties are discussed in Sharma et al. (2017b). Nakahara and Abraho (2009) constructed an involutory MDS matrix of 16- order by using a Cauchy matrix which was used in MDS-AES design. There are several methods to construct MDS matrices. Sajadieh et al. (2012) used Vandermonde matrices for the construction of MDS matrices. The constructions of MDS rhotrices using Cauchy rhotrices are discussed by Sharma et al. (2017a).

Toeplitz matrices are useful in light weight cryptography. The maximum distance separable matrices achieve the minimum XOR count when it is constructed through Toeplitz matrices, see Sarkar and Habeeb (2016). The constructions of MDS rhotrices using Toeplitz rhotrices are discussed by Sharma and Gupta (2017). Hankel matrices arise naturally in a wide range of applications in science, engineering and other related areas such as signal processing and control theory, see Fazel et al. (2013).

2. Formulation of the Problem

A rhotrix is defined as a mathematical array, which is in some way between a 2×2 matrix and 3×3 matrix and is given as

$$R_3 = \left\{ \left\langle \begin{array}{ccc} & a & \\ b & c & d \\ & e & \end{array} \right\rangle : a, b, c, d, e \in \mathfrak{R} \right\}.$$

Two types of multiplication methods of rhotrices are discussed in the literature. The heart oriented multiplication of rhotrices

$$R_3 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} a \\ b & c & d \\ e \end{matrix} \right\rangle \text{ and } Q_3 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} f \\ g & h & j \\ k \end{matrix} \right\rangle$$

is defined by Ajibade (2003) as

$$R_3 \circ Q_3 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} ah + fc \\ bh + gc & ch & dh + jc \\ eh + kc \end{matrix} \right\rangle.$$

The row-column multiplication of rhotrices is defined by Sani (2004) as

$$R_3 \circ Q_3 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} a \\ b & c & d \\ e \end{matrix} \right\rangle \left\langle \begin{matrix} f \\ g & h & j \\ k \end{matrix} \right\rangle = \left\langle \begin{matrix} af + dg & & \\ bf + eg & ch & aj + dk \\ bj + ek \end{matrix} \right\rangle.$$

It is also extended for high dimensional rhotrices by Sani (2007). A generalized algorithm of heart oriented multiplication of rhotrices is discussed by Mohammed et al. (2011). The concept of coupled matrices in rhotrices is introduced by Sani (2008). For n odd, an n -dimensional rhotrix R_n can be written in the form of coupled matrices as follows:

$$R_n = \langle A_d, B_{d-1} \rangle, \text{ where } d = \frac{n+1}{2}.$$

Now, we first define Hankel rhotrix. The aim is to construct MDS rhotrices over finite fields using Hankel rhotrices.

A matrix is called Hankel matrix if every descending diagonal from left to right is constant. The matrix of the form $H = (A_{i,j})_{n \times n}$ where $A_{i,j} = A_{j,i} = a_{i+j-2}$ is called a Hankel matrix and $A_{i,j}$ are the elements from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} , see Fazel et al. (2013).

For example, a Hankel matrix of order $n \times n$ can be written as

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a_0 & a_1 & a_2 & \cdot & \cdots & a_{n-1} \\ a_1 & a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ a_2 & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n-4} \\ \vdots & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & a_{2n-4} & a_{2n-3} \\ a_{n-1} & \cdot & \cdots & a_{2n-4} & a_{2n-3} & a_{2n-2} \end{bmatrix}.$$

distance $q+1$. In other form, we can say that a square matrix A is an MDS matrix if and only if every square sub-matrices of A are non-singular. This implies that all the entries of an MDS matrix must be non-zero.

(2) An $m \times n$ rhotrix over a finite field K is an MDS rhotrix if it is the linear transformation $f(x) = Ax$ from K^n to K^m such that no two different $m+n$ -tuples of the form $(x, f(x))$ coincide. The necessary and sufficient condition of a rhotrix to be an MDS rhotrix is that all its sub-rhotrices are non-singular.

We need the following lemmas, which are defined by Sharma and Kumar (2013) to construct the MDS rhotrices.

Lemma 2.1.

Any rhotrix R_5 over $\text{GF}(2^n)$ with all non-zero entries is an MDS rhotrix iff its coupled matrices M_1 of order 3 and M_2 of order 2 are non-singular and all their entries are non-zero.

Lemma 2.2.

Any rhotrix R_{2n+1} over $\text{GF}(2^n)$ with all non-zero entries is an MDS rhotrix iff its coupled matrices M_1 of order $n+1$ and M_2 of order n are non-singular and all their entries are non-zero.

In the following section, we construct maximum distance separable Hankel rhotrices by using elements of finite field $\text{GF}(2^n)$. In the further discussion, we denote the $(i, j)^{\text{th}}$ element of the rhotrix by $A[i][j]$ and $H_n = \langle A, B \rangle$.

3. MDS Rhotrices from Hankel Rhotrices over \mathbb{F}_{2^n}

Here, we construct Maximum Distance Separable rhotrices using five and seven dimensional Hankel rhotrices. We prove that the Hankel rhotrices with the elements from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} of the type $\alpha^{2^i} + 1$ and $\alpha^{2^i} + \alpha^i$, respectively $0 \leq i \leq 4$ for 5-dimension and $0 \leq i \leq 6$ for 7-dimension, where α is the root of irreducible polynomial of degree n , are Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) Hankel rhotrices.

3.1. MDS Hankel Rhotrices using the elements $\{\alpha^{2^i} + 1\}$

In this section, we construct maximum distance separable Hankel rhotrices of dimension 5 and 7 using the elements from \mathbb{F}_{2^n} of the type $\{\alpha^{2^i} + 1\}$ for 5-dimension ($0 \leq i \leq 4$), for 7-dimension ($0 \leq i \leq 6$), where α is the root of irreducible polynomial of degree n .

Theorem 3.1.1.

Let $H_5 = \langle A, B \rangle$ be the Hankel rhotrix of dimension 5, and let the coupled matrices A and B be defined over \mathbb{F}_{2^n} as $A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + 1), B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + 1), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ and $j = 1, 2, 3$. Then, A and B form an MDS Hankel rhotrix for $n > 3$.

Proof:

The Hankel rhotrix H_5 formed by the coupled matrices A and B is given by

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{ccccc} & & & & A[1][1] \\ & & & & A[2][1] & B[1][1] & A[1][2] \\ & & & & A[3][1] & B[2][1] & A[2][2] & B[1][2] & A[1][3] \\ & & & & A[3][2] & B[2][2] & A[2][3] \\ & & & & & & & & A[3][3] \end{array} \right\rangle. \tag{3.1.1}$$

Since $A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + 1), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ and $B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + 1), j = 1, 2, 3$, we have

$$A = H(\alpha + 1, \alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^4 + 1, \alpha^8 + 1, \alpha^{16} + 1) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and $B = H(\alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^4 + 1, \alpha^8 + 1) = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$.

We find that determinant (A) = $\alpha^{21} + \alpha^{16} + \alpha^{12} + \alpha^8 + \alpha^5 + \alpha^4$ and determinant (B) = $\alpha^{10} + \alpha^2$.

For $n = 4$, we choose α to be the root of irreducible polynomial $x^4 + x + 1 = 0$, and therefore,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since all the elements of A are non-zero, determinant (A) = $1 \neq 0$ and all the sub-matrices of A are non-singular, we see that A is an MDS matrix.

Similarly,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 \end{bmatrix}$$

is also MDS matrix. Thus, H_5 in (3.1.1) takes the form

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & & & \\ & & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & & & \\ & & & & & & & \alpha + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle. \tag{3.1.2}$$

It now follows from Lemma 2.2 and Definition of H_n as given in (2.0.1) that H_5 is Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) Hankel Rhotrix for $n = 4$.

On using similar arguments, we can prove the results for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively choose α to be the root of the irreducible polynomial $x^5 + x^2 + 1 = 0, x^6 + x + 1 = 0, x^7 + x + 1 = 0$ and $x^8 + x^7 + x^6 + x + 1 = 0$. Further, for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively get the following rhotrices

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & & & \\ & & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 & & & \\ & & & & & & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^3 + \alpha \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & & & \\ & & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & & & \\ & & & & & & & \alpha^4 + \alpha \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & & & \\ & & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & & & \\ & & & & & & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & & & \\ & \alpha^4 + 1 & & \alpha^4 + 1 & & \alpha^4 + 1 & \\ & & \alpha^4 + 1 & & \alpha^4 + 1 & & \\ & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha & & \\ & & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha & \\ & & & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & & \\ & & & & & & \alpha^4 + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle.$$

Similarly, A and B form MDS Hankel rhotrices for $n > 8$ and hence for $n > 3$.

Theorem 3.1.2.

Let $H_7 = \langle A, B \rangle$ be the Hankel rhotrix of dimension 7, whose coupled matrices are A and B defined over \mathbb{F}_{2^n} as $A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + 1), B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + 1), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ and $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Then, A and B form an MDS Hankel rhotrix for $n > 3$.

Proof:

The Hankel rhotrix H_7 formed by the coupled matrices A and B is given by

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & A[1][1] \\ & & & & & & A[2][1] & B[1][1] & A[1][2] \\ & & & & & & A[3][1] & B[2][1] & A[2][2] & B[1][2] & A[1][3] \\ A[4][1] & B[3][1] & A[3][2] & B[2][2] & A[2][3] & B[1][3] & A[1][4] \\ & & & & & & A[4][2] & B[3][2] & A[3][3] & B[2][3] & A[2][4] \\ & & & & & & & & & & & A[4][3] & B[3][3] & A[3][4] \\ & & & & & & & & & & & & & & A[4][4] \end{array} \right\rangle. \tag{3.1.3}$$

Since

$$A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + 1), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \text{ and } B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + 1), j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$$

therefore,

$$A = H(\alpha + 1, \alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^4 + 1, \alpha^8 + 1, \alpha^{16} + 1, \alpha^{32} + 1, \alpha^{64} + 1) \text{ and } B = H(\alpha^2 + 1, \alpha^4 + 1, \alpha^8 + 1, \alpha^{16} + 1, \alpha^{32} + 1)$$

are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 & \alpha^{32} + 1 \\ \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 & \alpha^{32} + 1 & \alpha^{64} + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 \\ \alpha^4 + 1 & \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 \\ \alpha^8 + 1 & \alpha^{16} + 1 & \alpha^{32} + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, determinant (A) = $\alpha^{85} + \alpha^{69} + \alpha^{81} + \alpha^{49} + \alpha^{84} + \alpha^{76} + \alpha^{40} + \alpha^{32}$ and determinant (B) = $\alpha^{42} + \alpha^{32} + \alpha^{24} + \alpha^{16} + \alpha^{10} + \alpha^8$.

For $n = 4$, we choose α to be the root of irreducible polynomial $x^4 + x + 1 = 0$, and therefore,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since all the elements of A are non-zero, determinant (A) = $1 \neq 0$ and all the sub-matrices of A are non-singular, we see that A is an MDS rhotrix. Similarly,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha & \alpha^2 \\ \alpha & \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an MDS rhotrix. Thus, H_7 in (3.1.3) takes the form

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} & & & & \alpha + 1 & & & & \\ & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & & & \\ & & & & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \\ & & & & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \\ & & & & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & & & \\ & & & & & & & & & \alpha \end{matrix} \right\rangle. \tag{3.1.4}$$

It now follows from Lemma 2.2 and Definition of H_n as given in (2.0.1) that H_7 is Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) Hankel Rhotrix for $n = 4$.

Since all the elements of A are non-zero, determinant (A) = 1 ≠ 0 and all the sub-matrices of A are non-singular, we see that A is an MDS rhotrix. Similarly,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

is an MDS rhotrix. Thus, H_5 in (3.1.1) will have the form

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \\ & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & & \\ & & & & & 1 \end{array} \right\rangle. \tag{3.2.1}$$

It now follows from Lemma 2.2 and Definition of H_n as given in (2.0.1) that H_5 is Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) Hankel Rhotrix for $n = 4$.

On using similar arguments, we can prove the results for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively choose α to be the root of the irreducible polynomial $x^5 + x^2 + 1 = 0$, $x^6 + x + 1 = 0$, $x^7 + x + 1 = 0$ and $x^8 + x^7 + x^6 + x + 1 = 0$. Further, for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively get the following rhotrices

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & & \\ & & & & & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & & \\ & & & & & \alpha + 1 \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{ccccc} & & \alpha + 1 & & \\ & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \\ & & \alpha^2 & & \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_5 = \left\langle \begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & \alpha + 1 & & & \\ & \alpha^2 + \alpha & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & & \\ & & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & & & & \end{array} \right\rangle.$$

Similarly, A and B form MDS Hankel rhotrices for $n > 8$ and hence for $n > 3$.

Theorem 3.2.2.

Let $H_7 = \langle A, B \rangle$ be the Hankel rhotrix of dimension 7, whose coupled matrices are A and B defined over \mathbb{F}_{2^n} as $A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + \alpha^i), B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + \alpha^j), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ and $j = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$. Then, A and B form an MDS Hankel rhotrix for $n > 3$.

Proof:

Since

$$A = H(\alpha^{2^i} + \alpha^i), i = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \text{ and } B = H(\alpha^{2^j} + \alpha^j), i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,$$

therefore,

$$A = H(\alpha + 1, \alpha^2 + \alpha, \alpha^4 + \alpha^2, \alpha^8 + \alpha^3, \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4, \alpha^{32} + \alpha^5, \alpha^{64} + \alpha^6) \text{ and } B = H(\alpha^2 + \alpha, \alpha^4 + \alpha^2, \alpha^8 + \alpha^3, \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4, \alpha^{32} + \alpha^5)$$

are given by

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4 \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4 & \alpha^{32} + \alpha^5 \\ \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4 & \alpha^{32} + \alpha^5 & \alpha^{64} + \alpha^6 \end{bmatrix}$$

and

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 \\ \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4 \\ \alpha^8 + \alpha^3 & \alpha^{16} + \alpha^4 & \alpha^{32} + \alpha^5 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Now, determinant (A) = $\alpha^{85} + \alpha^{81} + \alpha^{80} + \alpha^{48} + \alpha^{76} + \alpha^{73} + \alpha^{23} + \alpha^{53} + \alpha^{26} + \alpha^{27} + \alpha^{36} + \alpha^{37} + \alpha^{40} + \alpha^{67} + \alpha^{14} + \alpha^{24} + \alpha^{83} + \alpha^{34} + \alpha^{72} + \alpha^{73} + \alpha^{23} + \alpha^{49} + \alpha^{18}$

and determinant (B) = $\alpha^{42} + \alpha^{37} + \alpha^{41} + \alpha^{15} + \alpha^{34} + \alpha^{33} + \alpha^{40} + \alpha^{13} + \alpha^{24} + \alpha^{19}$.

For $n = 4$, we choose α to be the root of irreducible polynomial $x^4 + x + 1 = 0$, and therefore,

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & 1 \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & 1 & \alpha \\ \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & 1 & \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

Since all the elements of A are non-zero, determinant (A) = $1 \neq 0$ and all the sub-matrices of A are non-singular, we see that A is an MDS rhotrix. Similarly,

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 \\ \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & 1 \\ \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & 1 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$$

is an MDS rhotrix. Thus, H_7 in (3.1.3) takes the form

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{matrix} & & & \alpha + 1 & & & & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \\ \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + 1 & \\ & & & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & \\ & & & & \alpha & \alpha & \alpha & & \\ & & & & & & & & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \end{matrix} \right\rangle. \tag{3.2.2}$$

It now follows from Lemma 2.2 and Definition of H_n as given in (2.0.1) that H_7 is Maximum Distance Separable (MDS) Hankel Rhotrix for $n = 4$.

On using similar arguments, we can prove the results for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively

choose α to be the root of the irreducible polynomial $x^5 + x^2 + 1 = 0$, $x^6 + x + 1 = 0$, $x^7 + x + 1 = 0$ and $x^8 + x^7 + x^6 + x + 1 = 0$. Further, for $n = 5, 6, 7$ and 8 , we respectively get the following rhotrices

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & \alpha + 1 & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 & \alpha^2 + 1 \\ & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \\ & & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & & \\ & & & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & & & \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & \alpha + 1 & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 \\ & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \alpha + 1 & \\ & & \alpha^5 + \alpha^3 + 1 & \alpha^5 + \alpha^3 + 1 & \alpha^5 + \alpha^3 + 1 & & \\ & & & 1 & & & \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccccc} & & & \alpha + 1 & & \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 & \\ \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \alpha^2 & \\ & & & \alpha^5 + \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^5 + \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^5 + \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \\ & & & & \alpha^6 + \alpha^4 + \alpha & & \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

$$H_7 = \left\langle \begin{array}{cccc} & & & \alpha + 1 \\ & & & \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & & \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 \\ \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^3 + \alpha + 1 \\ & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 & \alpha^3 + \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1 \\ & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^5 + \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + \alpha & \alpha^7 + \alpha^5 + \alpha^4 + \alpha^2 + \alpha \\ & & & \alpha^7 + \alpha^6 + \alpha^5 \end{array} \right\rangle,$$

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