

We have computed  $\mu_4$ , i.e. the 4th moment of  $Z$  to be 2.999..., and that the difference  $(\mu_4 - 3)$  is about  $2.1 \cdot 10^{-14}$  for parameter 256. Let us now compute how many samples one would need to successfully distinguish  $mom_{4,\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{u})$  when  $\mathbf{u} \in \pm\mathbf{C}$  and when  $\mathbf{u} \notin \pm\mathbf{C}$ .  $mom_{4,\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{u}) = \mathbb{E}[(\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} \rangle^4)] = 3 + (\mu_4 - 3) \sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{c}_i \rangle^4$ . If  $\mathbf{u} = \mathbf{c}_i$ , the entire expression is  $3 + (\mu_4 - 3) \cdot 1 = \mu_4$  because  $\langle \mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_i \rangle = 1$  and  $\langle \mathbf{c}_i, \mathbf{c}_j \rangle = 0$  for  $i \neq j$ . Otherwise, the sum  $(\sum_{i=1}^n \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{c}_i \rangle^4) < 1$ .

Say one wants to distinguish  $mom_{4,\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{c}_i)$  and  $mom_{4,\mathbf{C}}(\mathbf{u})$  for  $\mathbf{u} \notin \pm\mathbf{C}$ . Let  $y = \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} \rangle$  and assume  $y$  follows a standard normal distribution with  $\mu = 0$  and  $\sigma^2 = 1$ . Then we approximate the variance  $\sigma^2$  and standard deviation  $\sigma$  for  $\langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{C}\mathbf{x} \rangle^4$  as  $\mathbb{E}[y^8] - \mathbb{E}[y^4]^2$ . Then  $\sigma^2 \approx 105 - 9 = 96$  and  $\sigma = \sqrt{96} \approx 9.79796$ .

Now, to estimate number of samples we use formula for confidence intervals and Central Limit Theorem. Let  $s$  denote required number of samples. Then

$$s \geq \left( \frac{Z_{\alpha/2} \cdot \sigma}{\text{err}} \right)^2$$

Now, we want  $\text{err}$  to be smaller than  $2.1 \cdot 10^{-14}$  for parameter 256. If we set  $\text{err}$  to be  $10^{-14}$ , and we want to determine a difference with, say, 75 % confidence, we get:

$$s \geq \left( \frac{0.68 \cdot 9.79796}{10^{-14}} \right)^2 \approx 4.439 \cdot 10^{29}$$

where 0.68 is from standard normal tables for 75 %. This result is way beyond the limit of acceptable transcript size, which for parameter 256 is  $2^{32} \approx 4.3 \cdot 10^9$  and for non-challenge parameters 512 and 1024 is  $2^{64} \approx 2 \cdot 10^{19}$ . One can therefore conclude that the attack will not be successful.