
Post-quantum secure PUF authentication using LPN

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LPN: Learning Parity with Noise

1. Randomly select a secret s in $GF(2)$
2. Randomly select A from $GF(2)$
3. Select a noise $e \rightarrow Ber_e$
4. Output $b = \langle A*s + e \rangle$ as a sample
$$b_i = A_i * s + e_i \mod 2 \quad \text{with } i=0,1,\dots,m$$

The goal:

Find s given only the values of b and A .

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- Fundamental in theory
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 - Believed to be hard: no polynomial time algorithm is known.

Motivation

LPN – Problem

1. BKW Algorithm¹

labeled examples: $2^{\Omega\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)}$

time consumption: $2^{\Omega\left(\frac{n}{\log n}\right)}$

2. Algorithm of Lyubashevsky²

labeled examples: $n^{1+\epsilon}$

time consumption: $2^{\Omega\left(\frac{n}{\log \log n}\right)}$

3. LF1 Algorithm³

labeled examples: polynomial number of trials

time consumption: exponential time

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- Many cryptographic applications in practice
 - User authentication, encryption, etc.
 - Post-quantum cryptography.

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Enrollment phase:

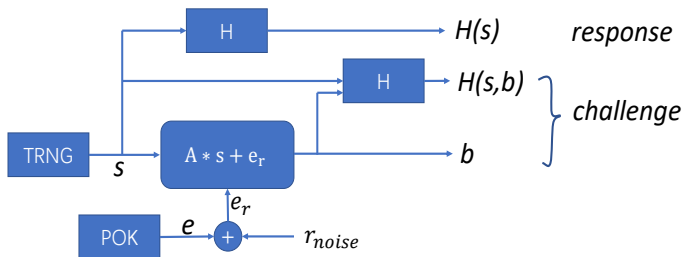
- Collecting response and challenge pairs (RCPs)
 - Encoding module

Authentication phase:

- Matching the extracted RCPs with the reference RCPs
 - Decoding module

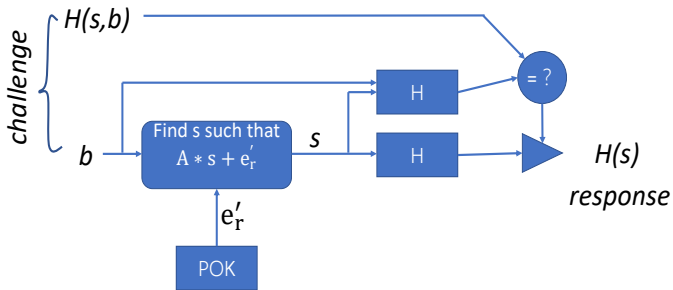
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Extracting s from the decoding module:

- Gaussian elimination algorithm
- Error correction algorithm

Authentication phase

Error correction codes

Possible Candidates:

Hamming Code

Repetition Code

BCH Code

Reed-Muller Code

LDPC Code

Error correction code

Reed Muller Code

Characteristics:

- the simple construction
- no parity check matrix
- good error correction property

Encoding Algorithm

The Plotkin-Construction⁴

Characterization of RM(r,m) codes with the parameters r and m:

$$n = 2^m$$

$$k = \sum_{i=1}^r \binom{m}{i}$$

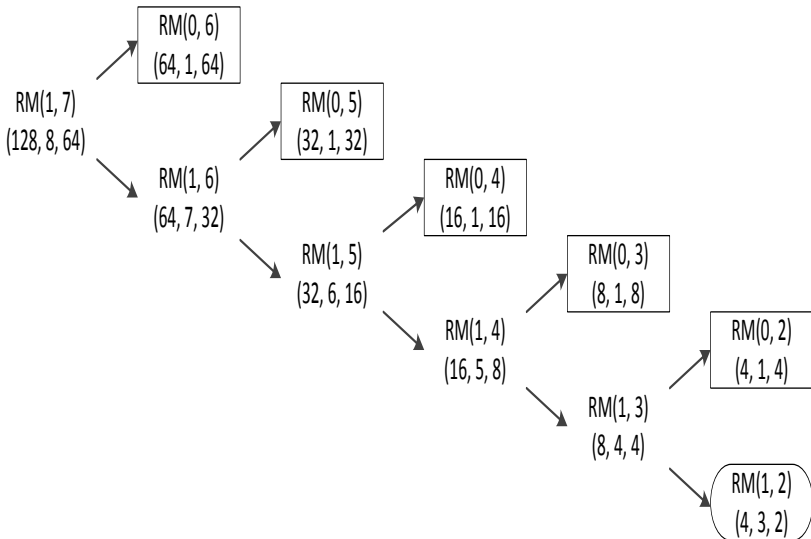
$$d = 2^{m-r}$$

Plotkin construction with two subcodes for RM(r,m):

$$|u| \ u + v| : u \in \text{RM}(r,m-1), v \in \text{RM}(r-1,m-1)$$

Reed Muller Code

RM(1,7)



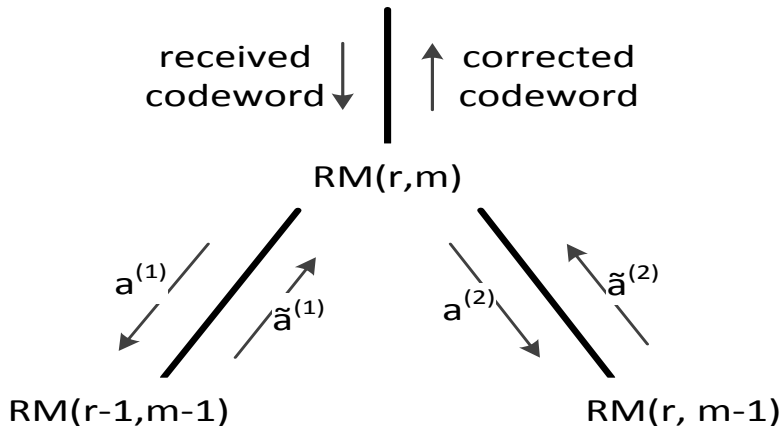
Decoding Algorithm

The Recursive Decoding Algorithm⁴

- 1) SDML-Decoding for Repetition Code or Parity-Check Code
- 2a) Decoding for the first outer codeword $RM(r-1, m-1)$
- 2b) Decoding for the second outer codeword $RM(r, m-1)$
- 3) Reconstructing the codeword $RM(r, m)$ with the two subcodes

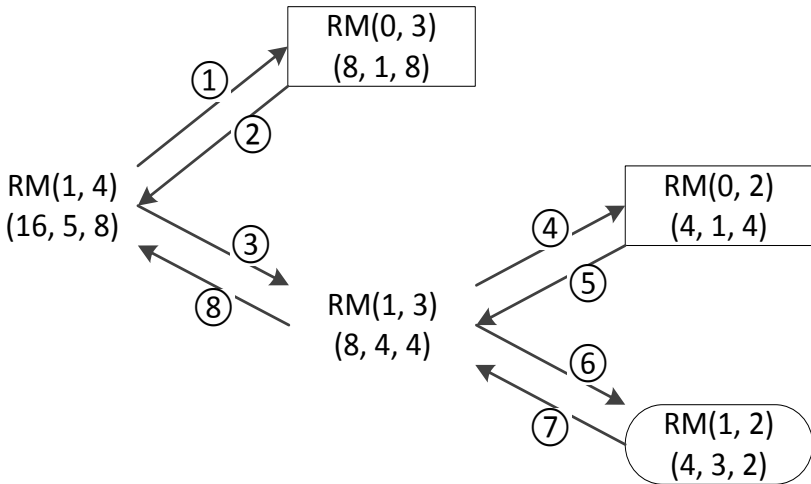
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Trapdoor

Encoding based on PUF-response

The hardness of LPN problem

Hash Function

Decoding with error correction algorithm

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WBS	Name	Start	Finish	Work
1	Implementation in software(Python)	May 5	May 12	6d
2	Design the hardware structure of encoder	May 15	May 17	3d
3	Implementation of encoder (VHDL)	May 18	Jun 2	14d
4	Implementation of hash function(VHDL)	Jun 5	Jun 9	5d
5	Design the hardware structure of decoder	Jun 12	Jun 16	5d
6	Implementation of decoder(VHDL)	Jun 19	Jul 21	25d
7	Implementation of the rest part(VHDL)	Jul 24	Aug 4	10d
8	Writing master paper	Jul 10	Sep 1	40d

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Question?

Post-quantum cryptography

Post-quantum cryptography refers to cryptographic algorithms (usually public-key algorithms) that are thought to be secure against an attack by a quantum computer.

Post-quantum cryptography is distinct from quantum cryptography, which refers to using quantum phenomena to achieve secrecy and detect eavesdropping.

When calculate the subcode of RM-Code, the information-bits s can also be calculated;

the analysis of decoding complexity of RM-Code

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