

Learning with Errors based Cryptosystems

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LEARNING WITHOUT ERRORS PROBLEM

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 4 & 8 \\ 12 & 6 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \bigotimes \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \boxminus \begin{bmatrix} 36 \\ 95 \\ 36 \end{bmatrix}$$
$$A_{3x3} \bigotimes S_{3x1} \boxminus T_{3x1}$$

Given A & T, Find S

Gaussian Elimination!



LEARNING WITH ERRORS PROBLEM

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1 & 2 & 3 \\
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\end{bmatrix}
\bigotimes
\begin{bmatrix}
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4 \\
9
\end{bmatrix}
\bigoplus
\begin{bmatrix}
+1 \\
0 \\
-1
\end{bmatrix}
\mod 13 \equiv
\begin{bmatrix}
11 \\
4 \\
9
\end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix}
A_{3x3} \bigotimes S_{3x1} \oplus E_{3x1}
\end{bmatrix}
\mod q \equiv T_{3x1}$$

Given q, A & T, Find S



LWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION

- 1) Decide the values of q, n, max_error, and list_size.
- 2) Randomly Generate Secret S_{nx1}

```
import secrets
secret = [secrets.randbelow(q) for _ in range(n)]
```

3) Randomly Generate A_{list_size x n}

```
A_list = []
for _ in range(list_size):
    A = [secrets.randbelow(q) for _ in range(n)]
    A_list.append(A)
```



LWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION

4) Randomly Generate Errors $E_{list_size \times 1}$ Error Range = Integers in [-max_error, max_error]

```
E_final =[secrets.randbelow(max_error * 2) - max_error
for _ in range(len(self.A_list))]
```

Error Distribution can be a Uniform or Gaussian Distribution

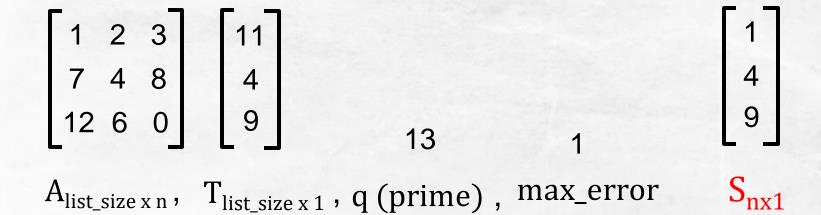
5) Calculate T_{list_size x n}

```
T_no_errors = np.matmul(A_list, secret) % q
T_with_errors = (T_no_errors + E_final) % q
```





LWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION



Public Key



Private Key

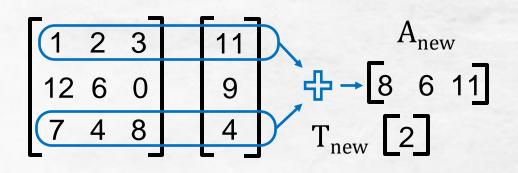


 $A_{list_size x n}$ $T_{list_size x 1}$

Public Key







 $A_{\text{list_size x n}}$ $T_{\text{list_size x 1}}$

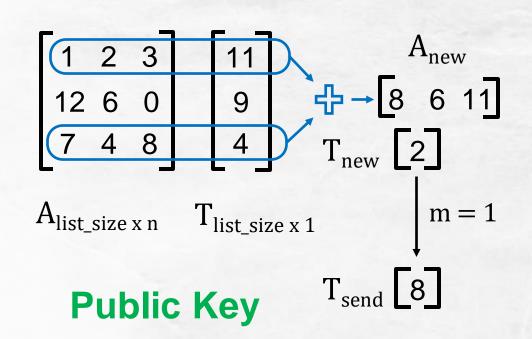
1) Select some rows from A & T (with repetition) and add them (in mod q).

$$no_{selected} \times \max_error \le \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor$$







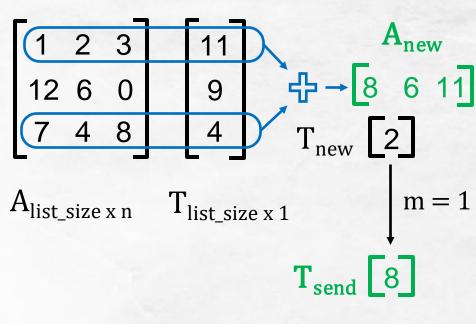


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3) Send A_{new} and T_{send}



```
max additional error = (q // 4) - max error - 1
max equation weights = max additional error // max error
max_extra_errors = max_additional_error % max_error
A_indexes = [secrets.randbelow(len(A_list)) for _ in range(max_equation_weights)]
A new = (A \text{ list}[A \text{ indexes}[0]] + A \text{ list}[A \text{ indexes}[1]]) % q
T_new = (T_list[A_indexes[0]] + T_list[A_indexes[1]]) % q
for i in range(2, len(A_indexes)):
    A_new = (A_new + A_list[A_indexes[i]]) % q
    T \text{ new} = (T \text{ new} + T \text{ list[A indexes[i]]}) % a
if max extra errors > 1:
    E extra = secrets.randbelow(2 * max extra errors) - max extra errors
    T \text{ new} = (T \text{ new} + E \text{ extra}) % q
new_message = message * (q // 2)
T_send = (T_new + new_message) % q
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$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \rightleftharpoons \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \text{T}_{\text{ideal}} \\ \mathbf{S}_{3x1} \end{bmatrix}$$

1) Calculate T_{ideal}

 $T_{ideal} = (A_{new} \times S) \mod q$







$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \end{bmatrix} \equiv \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A_{\text{new}} \qquad S_{3x1} \qquad \downarrow$$

$$T_{\text{send}} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \end{bmatrix} \longrightarrow \Box$$

$$Message Bit = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$T_{ideal} = (A_{new} \times S) \mod q$$

2) Calculate Message Bit m

$$m = \left[\frac{(T_{sent} - T_{ideal} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor) \bmod q}{\left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor} \right]$$





```
# Find T_ideal
T_ideal = np.matmul(A_new, secret) % q

# T_sent - T_ideal
Message_Draft = T_sent - T_ideal

# Get final Message
final_message = ((Message_Draft + (q//4)) % q) // (q//2)
```

1) Calculate T_{ideal}

$$T_{ideal} = (A_{new} \times S) \mod q$$

2) Calculate Message Bit m

$$m = \left| \frac{(T_{sent} - T_{ideal} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor) \bmod q}{\left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor} \right|$$







RING LEARNING WITH ERRORS (RLWE)



$$6x^2 + 8x + 3 : A_3$$

$$x^2 + 4x + 9 : S_3$$

$$x^3 + 1 : \Phi_4$$

$$+ x^2 + 0x + 1 : E_3$$

$$x^3 + 1 : \Phi_4$$

$$10x^2 + x + 9 \qquad : T_3$$

- 1) All numbers must be in mod q
- 2) Given q, A, Φ, T. Find S!
- 3) All intermediate polynomials must be in the corresponding Galois Field. If they exceed it divide by Φ and take remainder.





RLWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION



$6x^2 + 8x + 3 : A$

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$$x^3 + 1 : \Phi$$

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$$x^3 + 1 : \Phi_4$$

$$10x^2 + x + 9 : T_3$$

- 1) Choose n, q, list_size
- 2) Choose Φ_{n+1}
- 3) Randomly generate S_n
- 4) Randomly generate A_{list_size x n}
- 5) Randomly generate $E_{list_size x n}$

Note: A_{list_size x n} & E_{list_size x n} are lists containing list_size polynomials of degree n



RLWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION

```
# Multiply A & S
prod1 = np.polymul(A, secret)
# Take mod q of each number
prod2 = prod1 % q
# Reduce the polynomial back to required degree (Or to fit in GF(2))
prod3 = np.polydiv(prod2, phi_x)[1] % q # [1] for remainder
# Add the errors
final_t = np.polyadd(prod3, E) % q
```

- 1) Choose n, q, list_size
- 2) Choose Φ_{n+1}
- 3) Randomly generate S_n
- 4) Randomly generate A_{list_size x n}
- 5) Randomly generate E_{list_size x n}
- 6) Calculate T_{list_size x n}

Note: $A_{list_size \times n} \& E_{list_size \times n}$ are lists containing list_size polynomials of degree n



RLWE PUBLIC KEY CRYPTO: KEY GENERATION



$$\begin{bmatrix} 2x^2 + 7x + 11 \\ 6x^2 + 8x + 3 \\ 12x^2 + 6x \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 6x^2 + x + 5 \\ 10x^2 + x + 9 \\ 5x^2 + 2x + 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x^3 + 1 \end{bmatrix} 13 \qquad 1 \qquad \begin{bmatrix} x^2 + 4x + 9 \end{bmatrix}$$

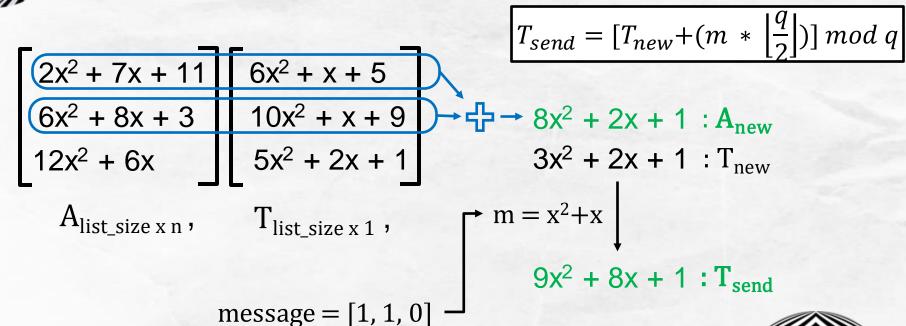
$$A_{\text{list_size x n}}, \qquad T_{\text{list_size x 1}}, \qquad \Phi, \quad q, \text{ max_error} \qquad S_{\text{nx1}}$$

Public Key

Private Key









$$8x^{2} + 2x + 1 : A_{new}$$

 $x^{2} + 4x + 9 : S$

$$x^3 + 1 : \Phi$$

$$3x^2 + x + 3$$
 : T_{ideal}

$$T_{send}$$
: $9x^2 + 8x + 1$

$$message = x^2 + x \longrightarrow [1, 1, 0]$$

$$m = \left[\frac{(T_{sent} - T_{ideal} + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor) \bmod q}{\left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor} \right]$$

RLWE can send n bits a pass while LWE can only send 1 bit per pass





SECURITY PARAMS: Public Key Entropy

list_size

- 1) Refers to the number of ways of generating A_{new} and T_{new}
- 2) If attacker can discover how to generate A_{new} they can generate T_{new} and retrieve the message.

 $Entropy = list_size + eq_selected - 1 C_{eq_selected}$

 $eq_selected \rightarrow$

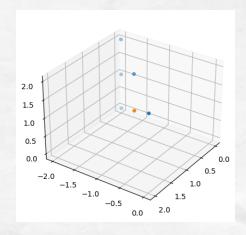
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32	15	25	40	59	83	109
64	19	33	54	84	123	170
128	23	41	69	111	171	250
256	27	48	84	141	226	347
512	31	56	100	171	285	457

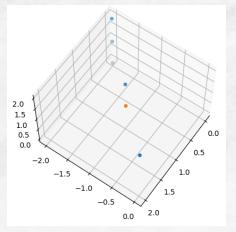
log₂ Entropy for Public Key in LWE



SECURITY PARAMS: Bad RNG

- 1) RNG must generate numbers of range [0, q).
- 2) A smaller range increases the vulnerability to a noise reduction attack.
- 3) The attack works by solving different sets of the equations and estimating S
- Don't need to find exact value to decrypt the message









SECURITY PARAMS: Large q

- Setting q too large opens yourself to polynomial time Lattice Reduction Attacks.
- r is a lower bound.

n	r (log2(q))	Time (estimate)
512	76	25 days
1024	147	4 years
2048	303	275 years
4096	640	19700 years

Source: https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/research/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/LWEattackPreprint.pdf



SECURITY PARAMS: Finite Set of Errors

- In practical implementations, the distribution from which the errors are drawn from are usually discrete.
- They are also bounded by max_error to ensure that the decryption to occur without any mistakes.
- However, this allows for a simple but clever algebraic attack that can recover the secret s using the public keys.





Arora-Ge Algebraic Attack

We have A_list and T_list (public keys) which are made up of **m** individual samples **<a**, **b>**

a := vector of coefficients

 $b := a^T \underline{s} + e$

where errors, $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{E} \subseteq \mathbf{Z}_{\mathbf{q}}$

$$f_{\mathbf{a},b}(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{x \in E} (b - \mathbf{a}^T \underline{\mathbf{s}} - x) \bmod q$$

Trick 1: is to construct a polynomial equation from each sample that will clearly be = $0 \pmod{\mathbf{q}}$





Arora-Ge Algebraic Attack (continued)

We can construct ${\bf m}$ polynomials of degree $|{\bf E}|$ and solving the system of polynomial equations will yield ${\bf s}$

$$\left\{ f_{\mathbf{a}_i,b_i}(\mathbf{s}) = 0 \bmod q \right\}_{i=1}^m$$

However, solving systems of polynomial equations (even of degree 2) is NP-hard.

Trick 2: is the observation that if we have enough samples, we can **linearize** the polynomials equations. Then solve in $O(n^3)$ and we obtain **s** with high probability.





Example: Setup

Let us understand by attacking a LWE with a 2D secret vector and errors $\in \{-1, 0, +1\}$

```
# LWE Parameters
n = 2
q = 11
max_error = 1

# We need a sufficient number of samples to recover the secret
E = 2*max_error + 1
m = comb(n+E, E)  # <-- will come back to this

# Initialize PKC with parameters
lwe_d = LWE_Decrypt(n=n, q=q, max_error=max_error, list_size=m)</pre>
```

We have ${}^5C_3 = 10$ samples

The secret vector **s** is [7, 5]



Example: Constructing Polynomials

Leveraging the *sympy* library we can construct the system of polynomials.

```
polynomials_over_Zq = []
error_set = [i for i in range(-max_error, max_error+1)]
for A, b in zip(A_list, b_list):
   polynomial_over_Zq = GF(q)[secret_vector](1)
    for e in error_set:
        weighted polynomial = sum(w * var for w, var in zip(A, secret vector))
        weighted_secret_polynomial_over_Zq = GF(q)[secret_vector](weighted_polynomial)
        term = b - weighted_secret_polynomial_over_Zq - e
        polynomial_over_Zq = polynomial_over_Zq * term
    polynomials over Zq.append(polynomial over Zq)
```

```
poly: 9 mod 11*x1**3 + 5 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 4 mod 11*x1**2 + 5 mod 11*x1*x2**2 +
 mod 11*x1*x2 + 8 mod 11*x1 + 9 mod 11*x2**3 + 4 mod 11*x2**2 + 8 mod 11*x2
poly: 8 mod 11*x1**3 + 9 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 10 mod 11*x1**2 + 2 mod 11*x1*x2**2
 \mod 11 \times x1 \times x2 + 4 \mod 11 \times x1 + 3 \mod 11 \times x2 \times x3 + 10 \mod 11 \times x2 \times x2 + 7 \mod 11 \times x2
poly: x1**3 + x1**2*x2 + 3 mod 11*x1**2 + 4 mod 11*x1*x2**2 + 2 mod 11*x1*x2 +
mod 11*x1 + 9 mod 11*x2**3 + 4 mod 11*x2**2 + 8 mod 11*x2
poly: 3 mod 11*x1**3 + 10 mod 11*x1**2 + 7 mod 11*x1
poly: 8 mod 11*x1**3 + 2 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 10 mod 11*x1**2 + 2 mod 11*x1*x2**2
9 mod 11*x1*x2 + 4 mod 11*x1 + 8 mod 11*x2**3 + 10 mod 11*x2**2 + 4 mod 11*x2
poly: 3 mod 11*x1**3 + 2 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 9 mod 11*x1*x2**2 + 2 mod 11*x1 + 3
poly: 7 mod 11*x1**3 + 8 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 2 mod 11*x1*x2**2 + 5 mod 11*x1 + 1
poly: 4 mod 11*x1**3 + 2 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 4 mod 11*x1*x2**2 + 6 mod 11*x1 + 10
mod 11*x2**3 + x2
poly: 3 mod 11*x1**3 + 3 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + x1*x2**2 + 2 mod 11*x1 + 5 mod
11*x2**3 + 8 mod 11*x2
poly: 7 mod 11*x1**3 + 6 mod 11*x1**2*x2 + 8 mod 11*x1*x2**2 + 5 mod 11*x1 +
```



Example: Linearization

In the simplest of terms, linearization is the substitution of non-linear terms with independent variables.

x1	>	x1
x2	>	x2
x2**2	>	z1
x2**3	>	z2
x1*x2	>	z3
x1*x2**2	>	z4
x1**2	>	z5
x1**2*x2	>	z6
x1**3	>	z7



Terms of the secret vector are at the top. Same order is followed when constructing the matrix.

- However, this increases the number of unknown variables (for n=2 we now have 10 variables).
- Hence, we need atleast 10 samples.
- We can solve the linear system using LU decomposition in the finite field.





Example: Solving Linear System

We can use sympy's solver to solve the system in \mathbb{Z}_q . In our setup the secret vector is the first n entries of the solution vector.

```
# Solving linear system using DomainMatrix
m = Matrix(coefficient_matrix)
b = Matrix(rhs)

# Convert matrices to finite field of order q (q is prime):
K = GF(q, symmetric=False)
dm = DomainMatrix.from_Matrix(m).convert_to(K)
bm = DomainMatrix.from_Matrix(b).convert_to(K)

# Solve and convert back to an ordinary Matrix:
solution_vector = dm.lu_solve(bm).to_Matrix()
```

```
\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 10 & 9 & 4 & 8 & 9 & 3 & 4 & 1 \\ 7 & 7 & 3 & 7 & 6 & 10 & 3 & 10 & 7 \\ 1 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 6 & 4 & 6 & 8 & 9 \\ 0 & 0 & 7 & 4 & 9 & 3 & 8 & 9 & 9 \\ 6 & 10 & 6 & 2 & 5 & 8 & 7 & 7 & 8 \\ 4 & 1 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 10 & 0 & 7 & 2 \\ 6 & 10 & 9 & 9 & 2 & 3 & 5 & 4 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 7 & 1 & 1 & 5 & 1 \\ 6 & 9 & 9 & 5 & 1 & 10 & 4 & 3 & 8 \\ 6 & 3 & 1 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}
```

The coefficient matrix (m) and b vector.

Success!





More Examples

What about increasing **n**, **q** and **E**?

```
# LWE Parameters
n = 5
q = 9377
max_error = 2
m = 300
```

```
print(f"Randomly Initalized Secret:\t\t {lwe_d.secret}")
print(f"Secret obtained from Arora-Ge Attack:\t {solution_vector[:n]}")

Randomly Initalized Secret: [6507, 5204, 1405, 657, 8739]
Secret obtained from Arora-Ge Attack: [6507, 5204, 1405, 657, 8739]
```

```
# LWE Parameters
n = 10
q = 9377
max_error = 1
m = 300
```

```
print(f"Randomly Initalized Secret:\t\t {lwe_d.secret}")
print(f"Secret obtained from Arora-Ge Attack:\t {solution_vector[:n]}")

Randomly Initalized Secret: [8964, 5938, 6088, 3554, 8858, 1599, 7664, 570, 6714, 6840]
Secret obtained from Arora-Ge Attack: [8964, 5938, 6088, 3554, 8858, 1599, 7664, 570, 6714, 6840]
```

Both needed the same number of samples to crack.



Number of Samples Required

Let us revisit the theory,

$$f_{\mathbf{a},b}(\mathbf{s}) = \prod_{x \in E} (b - \mathbf{a}^T \underline{\mathbf{s}} - x) \bmod q$$

a := vector of coefficients

$$b := a^T s + e$$

where errors, $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbf{E} \subseteq \mathbf{Z}_{q}$

- Each polynomial is of degree |E| and there are n variables in the secret vector s.
- This implies the number of monomials in the expansion is (n + |E|)C_{|E|}
- After linearization, all of them would be mapped to independent variables, thus we would require at least the same number of samples to solve for **s**. More samples would gurantee unique solution.





Further Analysis

- Thus, if the errors are bounded by T, i.e., e ∈ {-T, ..., 0, ..., T} each polynomial f(s) would be of degree 2T + 1.
- We would require O(n^{T+1}) samples to successfully recover s.
- This does not scale well, T = 1 already requires $O(n^3)$ samples.
- Improved versions of the attack require a sublinear amount of samples (m = n + O (n/log(n)) for the Binary LWE problem.
 Hence it is still a relevant attack.



RELEVANCE OF LWE & RLWE

- 1) Quantum Safe Algorithms
 - i) Can be reduced to Shortest Vector Problem in Lattice Cryptography.
- 2) Fully Homomorphic Crypto
 - i) BGV cipher based on RLWE
 - ii) Needs high value of q such that:

$$no_{selected} \times \max_error \le \frac{1}{x} \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor$$
: For Addition of x ciphers

$$no_{selected} \times \max_error \le \left\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \right\rfloor^{1/x}$$

: For Multiplication of x ciphers





Contributions

Both of us <u>contributed equally</u> © and managed to work on all aspects of the project.

Name	Cryptosystems	Attacks
Dhanyamraju Harsh Rao	Implemented encryption and decryption of LWE & RLWE	Noise Reduction Attack (Not shown)
George Rahul	Implemented padding for above	Arora-Ge Attack



Thanks!

Any questions?