

# Roth-Ruckenstein Factorization Algorithm

## 1 Basic Algorithm

Algorithm 3 determines the coefficients of the  $f(x)$  polynomials in an iterative way, by computing the roots of univariate polynomials in  $F_q$ . Suppose that

$$f(x) = \phi_0 + \phi_1 x + \cdots + \phi_{k-1} x^{k-1} \quad (1)$$

is a polynomial such that  $(y - f(x))|Q(x, y)$ , then the coefficients  $\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{k-1}$  can be determined one by one.

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**Algorithm 1** Roth-Ruckenstein factorization algorithm

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**Input:** Bivariate Polynomial  $Q(x, y) \in F_q[x, y]$ , integer values  $k$  and  $i$ .

**Output:** Polynomials  $f(x)$  such that  $(y - f(x))|Q(x, y)$  with  $\deg(f) < k$ .

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{Initial call is done with  $Q(x, y) \neq 0$ ,  $k > 0$  and  $i = 0$ }

$(\phi_0, \phi_1, \dots, \phi_{k-1})$  {Global variable}

$M(x, y) \leftarrow \langle\langle Q(x, y) \rangle\rangle$

{Lemma 1 and Corollary 1}

Search for all roots of  $M(0, y)$  in  $F_q$ .

**for all**  $\gamma$  root of  $M(0, y)$  **do**

$\phi_i \leftarrow \gamma$

**if**  $i = k - 1$  **then**

**return**  $\phi_0 + \phi_1 x + \cdots + \phi_{k-1} x^{k-1}$

**else**

        RothRuckenstein( $M(x, xy + \gamma)$ ,  $k$ ,  $i + 1$ )

**end if**

**end for**

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We define the mapping  $\langle\langle \rangle\rangle$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \langle\langle \rangle\rangle : F_q[x, y] &\rightarrow F_q[x, y] \\ Q(x, y) &\mapsto \langle\langle Q(x, y) \rangle\rangle = \frac{Q(x, y)}{x^m}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $m$  is the largest integer such that  $Q(x, y)/x^m$  divides  $Q(x, y)$ .

We define the polynomial sequence  $i \geq 1$ , where initially  $f_0(x) = f(x)$  y  $Q_0(x, y) = \langle\langle Q(x, y) \rangle\rangle$ ,

$$f_i(x) = (f_{i-1}(x) - f_{i-1}(0))/x = \phi_i + \cdots + \phi_{k-1} x^{k-1-j} \quad (2)$$

$$\widetilde{M}_i(x, y) = Q_{i-1}(x, xy + \phi_{i-1}) \quad (3)$$

$$Q_i(x, y) = \langle\langle \widetilde{M}_i(x, y) \rangle\rangle. \quad (4)$$

**The reason to normalize is to avoid  $Q_i(0, y)$  be the all-zero polynomial**

**Theorem 1** Given  $f(x) \in F_q[x]$  with  $\deg(f) < k$  y  $Q(x, y) \in F_q[x, y]$ , then from the definitions (2) – (4),

$$(y - f(x))|Q(x, y) \text{ if and only if } (y - f_i(x))|Q_i(x, y), \forall i \geq 1$$

**Determine**  $\phi_0$  of  $f(x) = \phi_0 + \phi_1x + \dots + \phi_{k-1}x^{k-1}$

**Lemma 1** If  $(y - f(x))|Q(x, y)$ , then  $y = f(0) = \phi_0$  is a root of the equation

$$Q_0(0, y) = 0,$$

where  $Q_0 = \langle\langle Q(x, y) \rangle\rangle$ .

**Coefficients of**  $f(x) = \phi_0 + \phi_1x + \dots + \phi_{k-1}x^{k-1}$

**Corollary 1** If  $(y - f(x))|Q(x, y)$ , then the coefficient  $\phi_i$  is a root of

$$Q_i(0, y),$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k - 1$ .

## 2 Stopping Rule

**Stopping Rule**

**Corollary 2** If  $y|Q_k(x, y)$ , i.e., if  $Q_k(x, 0) = 0$  then  $f(x) = \phi_0 + \phi_1x + \dots + \phi_{k-1}x^{k-1}$  is a  $y$ -root of  $Q(x, y)$ .

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**Algorithm 2** Roth-Ruckenstein factorization algorithm

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$M(x, y) \leftarrow \langle\langle Q(x, y) \rangle\rangle$

{Lemma 1 and Corollary 1}

Search for all roots of  $M(0, y)$  in  $F_q$ .

**for all**  $\gamma$  root of  $M(0, y)$  **do**

$\phi_i \leftarrow \gamma$

**if**  $i = k - 1$  **then**

        {Corollary 2}

$M(x, y) \leftarrow -\langle\langle M(x, xy + \gamma) \rangle\rangle$

**if**  $M(x, 0) = 0$  **then**

**return**  $\phi_0 + \phi_1x + \dots + \phi_{k-1}x^{k-1}$

**end if**

**else**

        RothRuckenstein( $M(x, xy + \gamma)$ ,  $k$ ,  $i + 1$ )

**end if**

**end for**

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### 3 Roth-Ruckenstein Magic

Since if

$$(y - (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x + \phi_2 x^2 + \cdots)) | (Q(x, y))$$

then the first coefficient  $\phi_0$  is a root of  $\langle\langle Q(0, y) \rangle\rangle$

Now how do we find  $\phi_1$ ?

**Magic: Replace  $y$  by  $xy + \phi_0$  !!!**

$$(xy + \phi_0 - (\phi_0 + \phi_1 x + \phi_2 x^2 + \cdots)) | (Q(x, xy + \phi_0))$$

$$x(y - (\phi_1 + \phi_2 x + \phi_3 x^2 + \cdots)) | (Q(x, xy + \phi_0))$$

$$(y - (\phi_1 + \phi_2 x + \phi_3 x^2 + \cdots)) | \langle\langle Q(x, xy + \phi_0) \rangle\rangle = Q_1(x, y)$$

We have “**killed**”  $\phi_0$  and now we are at the same situation!!. And can repeat the same procedure to pick  $\phi_1$ , by computing the roots of

$$Q_1(x, y) = \langle\langle Q(x, xy + \phi_0) \rangle\rangle$$

and so on. This was stated in Theorem 1.

### 4 Code

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public static Vector<GFPolynomial> reconstruir(GFBiPolynomial Q, int k)
    throws KoetterVardyException {

    GaloisField.Element[] coefs = new GaloisField.Element[k];
    Vector<GFPolynomial> factors = new Vector<GFPolynomial>();

    _factor(Q, k, 0, coefs, factors);

    return factors;
}
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private static void _factor(GFBiPolynomial Q, int k, int i,
    GaloisField.Element[] coefs, Vector<GFPolynomial> factors){

    GFBiPolynomial M, M_shift, M_change_xy, xBiPoly, xyBiPoly;
    int numRoots;
    GaloisField field;
    GaloisField.Element gamma;
    GFPolynomial zeroPoly;

    // M(x,y) = <<Q(x,y)>> <- Q(x,y)/x^r

    // find all the roots in F of the univariate polynomial M(0,y);
    Vector<GaloisField.Element> roots = (M.xEval(field.zeroElement())).roots();

    // for each of the distinct roots gamma of M(0,y) do {
    for (int j = 0; j < numRoots; j++) {
        // coefs[i] = gamma;

        // if i = k-1 and satisfies Corollary 12
        // then output coefs[0], ..., coefs[k-1];
        if (i == k - 1) {

            // McEliece Corollary 12 pag 35. Exit condition
            // M(x, y) <- <<M(x, xy+gamma)>>

            GFPolynomial eval = M.yEval(field.zeroElement());
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        if(M.yEval(field.zeroElement()).equals(zeroPoly)){
            factors.addElement(new GFPolynomial(coefs, field));
        }
    // Pick up remaining coefficients
    } else {
        // M_{i+1}(x, y) <- M(x, xy+gamma)
        // Reconstruct(M(x,y), k, i+1);
        _factor(M_i+1, k, i + 1, coefs, factors);
    }
}
}

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$r \leftarrow \max\{r' : Q(x, y)/x^{r'} \in F_q[x, y]\}$

$M(x, y) \leftarrow Q(x, y)/x^r$

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**else**

$\widehat{M}(x, y) \leftarrow M(x, y + \gamma)$

$\widetilde{M}(x, y) \leftarrow \widehat{M}(x, xy)$

        RothRuckenstein( $\widetilde{M}(x, y)$ ,  $k$ ,  $i + 1$ )

**end if**

**end for**

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