# Sparse Packing for CKKS

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#### Lemma

If  $\alpha$  is odd and  $n \geq 3$  then  $\alpha^{2^{n-2}} = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z}$ 

#### Proof.

Proof by induction on n.

For n = 3 we have  $1^2 \equiv 3^2 \equiv 5^2 \equiv 7^2 \equiv 1 \mod 8$ .

Suppose the lemma holds for n. Then  $\alpha^{2^{n-2}} = 1 + 2^n t$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Squaring both sides:

$$\alpha^{2^{n-1}} = 1 + 2^{n+1}t + 2^{2n}t^2$$
  

$$\equiv 1 \mod 2^{n+1}$$

as desired.

#### **Theorem**

The order of 5 in  $\mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z}$  is  $2^{n-2}$  if  $n \geq 3$ .

#### Proof.

By the lemma  $5^{2^{n-2}} \equiv 1 \mod 2^n$ . Then the order of 5 must divide  $2^{n-2}$  by a group theory argument.

We wish to show that  $5^{2^{n-3}} \not\equiv 1 \mod 2^n$ . Then the order of 5 cannot be anything that divides  $2^{n-3}$ :

Suppose  $5^{2^{n-k}} = 1$  for some k > 3 then

$$(5^{2^{n-k}})^{2^{k-3}} = 5^{2^{n-k} \cdot 2^{k-3}} = 5^{2^{n-3}} \equiv 1 \mod 2^n,$$

a contradiction.

If the order must divide  $2^{n-2}$  and it cannot be anything that divides  $2^{n-3}$  then it must be  $2^{n-2}$ .

#### Proof. (Cont.)

We show that  $5^{2^{n-3}} \equiv 1 + 2^{n-1} \mod 2^n$  by induction on n.

For n = 3 we have  $5 \equiv 1 + 4 \mod 8$  as desired.

Suppose the claim holds for n. Then  $5^{2^{n-3}} = 1 + 2^{n-1} + 2^n t$  for some  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Square both sides to get:

$$5^{2^{n-2}} = 1 + 2^{2n-2} + 2^{2n}t^2 + 2(2^{n-1} + 2^nt + 2^{2n-1}t)$$
$$= 1 + 2^{2n-2} + 2^{2n}t^2 + 2v \text{ for some } v \in \mathbb{Z}$$
$$\equiv 1 + 2^n \mod 2^{n+1}$$

as desired.

#### Corollary

5 generates a subgroup of order  $2^{n-2}$  in the unit group  $(\mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z})^*$  which has order  $2^{n-1}$ .

## Sparse Packing: Setup

- $R = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^N + 1)$  where N is a power of 2.
- $n \ge 2$  is a divisor of N.
- $\Delta$  is our scale to save precision.
- R has a subring isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)$  (by the lattice isomorphism theorem)
- Identify  $\mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)$  with  $\mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^n+1)$  via  $X^{N/n}\mapsto Y$ .

Example

Let N=8 and n=4 so N/n=2.

Let

$$a_0X^0 + a_1X^2 + a_2X^4 + a_3X^6 \in \mathbb{Z}[X^2]/(X^8 + 1)$$

Then we can view this element as

$$a_0Y^0+a_1Y+a_2Y^2+a_3Y^3\in \mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^4+1)$$

- Let  $p(X^{N/n}) \in \mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)$  and  $\xi = e^{-\pi i/n}$  a primitive (2n)-th root of unity.
- Denote  $\xi_i = \xi^{5^j \mod 2n}$ .
- We use the canonical embedding  $\mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^n+1) \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}^n$  to decode an element
  - 1. View  $p(X^{N/n})$  as an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^n+1)$  via  $X^{N/n} \mapsto Y$ .
  - 2. Evaluate p(Y) at points  $\{\xi_j \mid 0 \le j < n/2\}$  and construct

$$(p(\xi_0), p(\xi_1), \dots, p(\xi_{\frac{n}{2}-1}))$$

3. Return

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda}\cdot(p(\xi_0),p(\xi_1),\ldots,p(\xi_{\frac{n}{2}-1}))$$

#### Remark (Evaluation at primitive (2N)-th roots)

Let  $\zeta = e^{-\pi i/N}$ , a primitive (2N)-th root of unity Then

$$\zeta^{N/n} = (e^{-\pi i/N})^{N/n} = e^{-\pi i/n} = \xi$$

 $\implies$  Evaluation at primitive (2N)-th roots of unity will give the above result concatenated N/n times.

#### Example

Let N=8, n=4, and scale  $\Delta=64$ . Then  $R=\mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)=\mathbb{Z}[X^2]/(X^8+1)$ . Pick

$$p(X^{N/n}) = 160 + 136X^2 + 96X^4 + 91X^6 \in \mathbb{Z}[X^2]/(X^8 + 1)$$

which is just

$$p(Y) = 160 + 136Y + 96Y^2 + 91Y^3 \in \mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^4 + 1)$$

Set

$$\xi = e^{-\pi i/4}$$

Example (Cont.)

We evaluate p(Y) at points  $\{\xi_0 = e^{-\pi i/4}, \xi_1 = e^{-5\pi i/4}\}$  to get

$$\nu = (191.82 + 256.513i, 128.18 - 64.513i) \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

we rescale to attain

$$\frac{1}{\Lambda} \cdot \nu = (2.997 + 4.008i, 2.003 - 1.008i) \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

#### Remark

Note that

$$\{\zeta_j^2 \mid 0 \le j < N/2\} = \{e^{-\pi i/4}, e^{-5\pi i/4}, e^{-\pi i/4}, e^{-5\pi i/4}\}$$

is just  $\xi_0, \xi_1$  repeated 2 times and so the evaluation of  $p(X^2)$  at  $\zeta_j$  followed by scaling gives

$$\nu = (2.997 + 4.008i, 2.003 - 1.008i, 2.997 + 4.008i, 2.003 - 1.008i) \in \mathbb{C}^4$$

- Let  $(a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}) \in \mathbb{C}^{n/2}$  and  $\xi = e^{-\pi i/n}$  be a primitive (2n)-th root of unity.
- Denote  $\xi_j = \xi^{5^j \mod 2n}$ .
- *U* is the  $n/2 \times n$  Vandermonde matrix of elements

$$\{\xi_j \mid 0 \le j < n/2\}$$

•  $\mathbb{H}^n$  is the vector space of elements of the form

$$(c_0,c_1,\ldots,c_{\frac{n}{2}-1},\overline{c_{\frac{n}{2}-1}},\ldots,\overline{c_1},\overline{c_0})$$
 where  $c_i\in\mathbb{C}$ 

•  $\varphi: \mathbb{C}^{n/2} \to \mathbb{H}^n$  is an isomorphism such that

$$\varphi(c_0,c_1,\ldots,c_{\frac{n}{2}-1})=(c_0,c_1,\ldots,c_{\frac{n}{2}-1},\overline{c_{\frac{n}{2}-1}},\ldots,\overline{c_1},\overline{c_0})$$

Orthogonal basis in  $Im(\sigma)$ 

•  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \sigma(Y^2), \ldots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  is clearly a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathrm{Im}(\sigma)$  since  $\sigma$  is an isomorphism and for any  $\sigma(a_0 + a_1Y + \cdots + a_{n-1}Y^{n-1})$  we can write

$$a_0\sigma(1) + a_1\sigma(Y) + \cdots + a_{n-1}\sigma(Y^{n-1})$$

For orthogonality we note that

$$\sigma(Y^k) = (1^k, \xi_1^k, \xi_2^k, \dots, \xi_{\frac{n}{2}-1}^k)$$

It can then be directly calculated that the Hermitian inner product  $\langle \sigma(Y^i), \sigma(Y^j) \rangle$  is 0 when i = j and n otherwise.

Inverse of U

- The orthogonality of  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \sigma(Y^2), \dots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  is directly equivalent to the matrix  $UU^*$  being diagonal where  $U^*$  is the adjoint.
- Each element of  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \sigma(Y^2), \dots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  has norm n. Together with the above this implies that

$$UU^* = n \cdot I$$

where *I* is the  $n/2 \times n/2$  identity matrix.

 $\implies \frac{1}{n}U^*$  is the inverse of U.

We encode  $(a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{\frac{n}{2}-1})$  into  $\mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^n + 1) = \mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N + 1)$ .

- 1. Scale vector by  $\Delta$  for accuracy.
- 2. Apply  $\phi$  and attain  $\nu_0=(a_0,a_1,\ldots,a_{\frac{n}{2}-1},\overline{a_{\frac{n}{2}-1}},\ldots,\overline{a_1},\overline{a_0})\in\mathbb{H}^n$
- 3. Take the orthogonal projection of  $v_0$  onto the orthogonal ideal lattice basis  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \dots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  in the image of the canonical embedding  $\sigma$  to get  $v_1$ .
- 4. Apply randomized rounding to get integer valued vector  $v_2$ .
- 5. Encode vector into  $p(Y) = \mathbb{Z}[Y]/(Y^n + 1)$  using the inverse of the canonical embedding  $\sigma$ .
- 6. View as an element of  $\mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)$  using  $Y \mapsto X^{N/n}$ .

#### Example

Let N=8, n=4 and scale  $\Delta=64$ . Then  $R=\mathbb{Z}[X^{N/n}]/(X^N+1)=\mathbb{Z}[X^2]/(X^8+1)$ . Pick

$$\nu = (3+4i, 2-i) \in \mathbb{C}^2$$

Set

$$\xi = e^{-\pi i/4}$$

Scale  $\nu$  to (192 + 256i, 128 - 64i) and extend to:

$$v_0 = (192 + 256i, 128 - 64i, 128 + 64i, 192 - 256i) \in \mathbb{H}^4$$

#### Example (Cont.)

Now we take orthogonal projection of  $v_0$  onto the basis  $\mathcal{S} = {\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \dots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})}$  which corresponds to the rows of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} U \\ \overline{U} \end{bmatrix}$$

The projection of  $v_0$  onto S is given by the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \frac{\langle \nu, \sigma(Y^i) \rangle}{\langle \sigma(Y^i), \sigma(Y^i) \rangle} \sigma(Y^i)$$

Calculating this we get  $v_1 = v_0$  and coordinate-wise random rounding is redundant.

#### Example (Cont.)

Now we encode  $v_1$  into  $\mathbb{Z}/(Y^n+1)$  using the canonical embedding.

Note that we have

$$\begin{bmatrix} \underline{U} \\ \overline{U} \end{bmatrix} \mathfrak{m} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{v} \\ \overline{\mathbf{v}} \end{bmatrix}$$

for  $\mathfrak{m}$  a coefficient vector for a polynomial p(Y). Then multiplying by the inverse

$$\frac{1}{n} \left[ \frac{U}{U} \right]^* = \left[ \overline{U^T} \quad U^T \right] \text{ we attain}$$

$$\mathfrak{m} = \frac{1}{n} (\overline{U^T} \mathbf{v} + U^T \overline{\mathbf{v}})$$

By direct calculation we get  $\mathfrak{m}=(160,-91,-96,-136)$  corresponding to  $p(Y)=160-91Y-96Y^2-136Y^3$  which corresponds to  $p(X^2)=160-91X^2-96X^4-136X^6$ .

#### Remark (Compatibility with regular encoding)

Regular encoding with primitive root  $\xi = e^{-\pi i/4}$  of a vector  $\mu$  such that

$$\mu = \underbrace{(3+4i,2-i,3+4i,2-i,\ldots,3+4i,2-i)}_{\textit{N/n times}} \in \mathbb{C}^{\textit{N/2}}$$

will give the exact same result as above.

#### Complexity implications

Since the size of the Vandermonde matrix is smaller, the total complexity of operations such as rotations and linear transformations on sparsely packed ciphertexts are lower.

#### Python implementation: setup

```
import numpy as np
import random
class SparseEncoder:
    def __init__(self, N: int, n: int, scale: int):
        self.N = N
        self.n = n
        self.scale = scale
        root = np.exp((-1j * np.pi) / self.n)
        self.roots_of\_unity = [(root) ** (5**j % (2 * self.n) for
         \rightarrow j in range(0, self.n // 2)]
        self.vandermonde = np.vander(self.roots_of_unity, self.n,

    increasing=True)
```

#### Python implementation: decoding

```
def decode(self, polynomial: np.polynomial.polynomial.Polynomial):
      # View the polynomial in Z[x^{(N/n)}]/(x^{N+1}) as an element of
       \hookrightarrow Z[y]/(y^n+1)
      empty = (self.N) * [0]
      for i in range(self.n):
          empty[i] = polynomial.coef[(self.N // self.n) * i]
      polynomial = np.polynomial.Polynomial(empty)
      # Evaluate the polynomial at roots of unity
      ev = polynomial(self.roots_of_unity)
      # Scale for precision
      scaled ev = ev / self.scale
      return scaled ev
```

## Python implementation: streching and rounding

```
@staticmethod
def pi(vector: np.ndarray):
    vector_conjugate = [np.conjugate(x) for x in vector[::-1]]
    return np.concatenate([vector, vector_conjugate])
@staticmethod
def coordinate_wise_random_rounding(vector: np.ndarray):
    r = vector - np.floor(vector)
    f = np.array(
      [np.random.choice([c, c - 1], 1, p=[1 - c, c]) for c in r]
    ).reshape(-1)
    rounded coordinates = vector - f
    rounded_coordinates = [int(coeff) for coeff in

→ rounded coordinates

    return rounded coordinates
```

#### Python implementation: projection

```
def proj(self, vector):
    basis = np.vstack(
        (self.vandermonde, np.flip(self.vandermonde.conj(), axis=0))
    ) T
    # Find the coordinates of the projection in terms of the basis
    coordinates = np.array(
        [np.real((np.vdot(vector, u) / np.vdot(u, u))) for u in
        → basis]
    # Round coordinates to get integer coefficients
    rounded_coordinates =
    -- __class__.coordinate_wise_random_rounding(coordinates)
    # Calculate the projection vector using the coordinates
    return np.matmul(basis.T, rounded_coordinates)
```

#### Python implementation: encoding

```
def encode(self. vector):
    # Convert possible list to np.array
   vector = np.array(vector)
   # View as an element of H^n instead of C^n(n/2)
   expansion = __class__.pi(vector)
   # Scale up for better precision
   scaled_expansion = self.scale * expansion
    # Project to orthogonal basis of im(embedding) and snip the
      conjugate
   projection = self.proj(scaled_expansion)[: self.n // 2]
```

```
# Get coefficients of the polynomial using CRT
coefficients = (
   np.real(
        np.dot(self.vandermonde.conj().T, projection)
        + np.dot(self.vandermonde.T, projection.conj())
    / self.n
# Round numpy's numerical imprecision
rounded_coeff = np.round(np.real(coefficients)).astype(int)
```