# Sparse Packing for CKKS

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#### Lemma

If  $\alpha$  is odd and  $n \geqslant 3$  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  $n \ge 3$ .

#### 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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- 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  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \sigma(Y^2), \ldots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  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  $\varphi$  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  $\{\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \ldots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})\}$  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  $S = {\sigma(1), \sigma(Y), \ldots, \sigma(Y^{n-1})}$  which corresponds to the rows of the matrix

$$\left[ \frac{U}{U} \right]$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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.

import numpy as np

#### Python implementation: setup

```
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 =
    # 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)
```