

Post-quantum cryptography QIC 891

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Agenda

- Multivariate (quadratic) Public Key Cryptosystems (MPKC)
 - ▶ Mathematical Problems: the \mathcal{MQ} and \mathcal{IP} problems
 - ▶ Building cryptography from the \mathcal{IP} problem
 - ▶ The (yet-successful) UOV and Rainbow signature schemes

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- Solve the quadratic system for the new variables and backtrack.

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Let \mathbb{F}_q denote a finite field of q elements where q is a prime power. A generic quadratic map $\mathcal{P} : (\mathbb{F}_q)^n \rightarrow \mathbb{F}_q$ can be represented by a quadratic polynomial

$$p(x_1, \dots, x_n) = \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} \alpha_{ij} x_i x_j + \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} \beta_i x_i + \gamma$$

where $\alpha_{ij}, \beta_i, \gamma \in \mathbb{F}_q$.

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- A useful (implementation-friendly) matrix representation is generally used:

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finding a solution $\mathbf{x} \in (\mathbb{F}_q)^n$ is **NP-complete** (a reduction from the 3-SAT to the \mathcal{MQ} problem exists [Patarin and Goubin 1997]).

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- To verify σ , recompute $\{h_1, \dots, h_m\} \leftarrow H(D)$ and check

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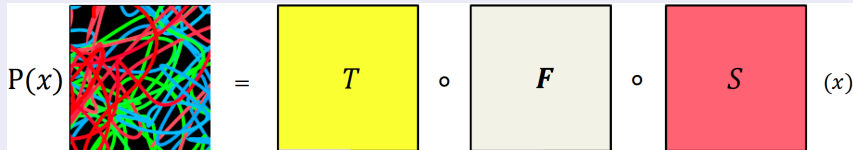
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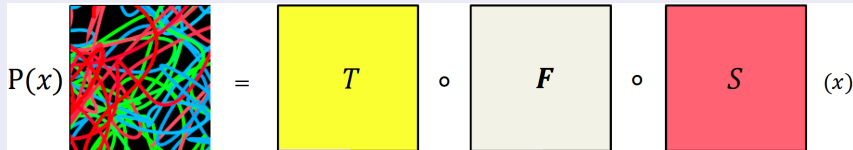
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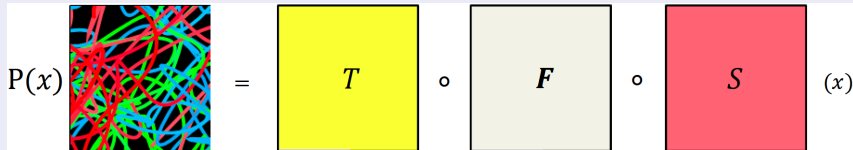


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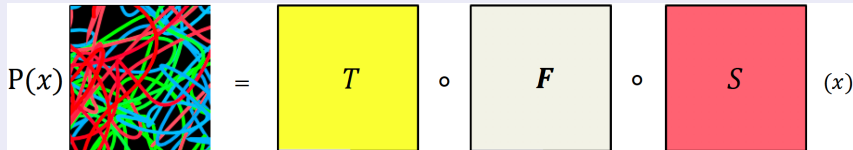


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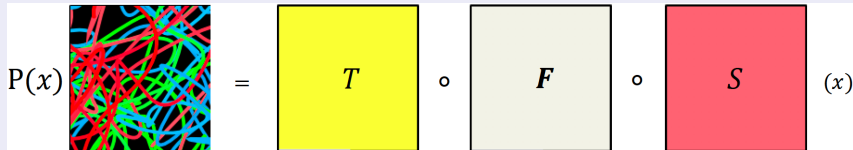


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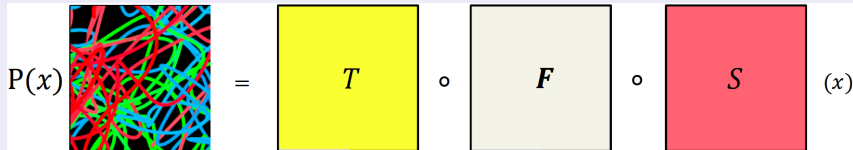


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Extended Isomorphism of Polynomials (**EIP**-problem)

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where d_{reg} is degree of regularity of the system and $2 < \omega \leq 3$.

(cont. ...)

- **Minrank** attack: find a low rank quadratic map.

MinRank

Given a set of m matrices M_i , find a nontrivial solution a_1, \dots, a_m s.t.

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is of minimum rank.

Finding a low rank matrix implies that we have less independent equations
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- To encrypt a document $\mathbf{d} \in (\mathbb{F}_q)^n$, evaluate

$$\mathbf{c} = \mathcal{P}(\mathbf{d}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^m$$

- To decrypt, compute
 - ▶ $\mathbf{x} = \mathcal{T}^{-1}(\mathbf{c}) \in \mathbb{F}_q^m$
 - ▶ $\mathbf{w} = \mathcal{F}^{-1}(\mathbf{x})$
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- If $m \geq n$ (not undetermined) then we ensure that \mathcal{F} is more or less injective and decryption is not mapped to many different plaintexts.

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UOV parameter sizes [from A. Petzoldt, 2017]

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128	UOV(GF(16),64,128)	585.1	538.1	256	768
	UOV(GF(256),45,90)	409.4	381.8	360	1,080
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256	UOV(GF(16),128,256)	4,644.1	4,200.3	512	1,536
	UOV(GF(256),93,186)	3,572.9	3,252.2	744	2,232

Summary of UOV

- UOV was proposed in 1999 and has not suffered major attacks.
- Faster than ECDSA signature. $2 - 4\times$ faster to sign, $10 - 20\times$ faster for verifying.
- Signature sizes are less than 1KiB
- Public keys are large: tens or hundreds KiB
 - ▶ Potential topic for research!

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- Proposed by Ding and Schmidt 2005.
- It is a generalization of UOV.
- Idea: split private quadratic maps into layers.
 - ▶ Solve more but smaller systems of equations.
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Rainbow central map with 2 layers

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Rainbow (2 layers): Toy example [from A. Petzoldt, 2017]

- \mathbb{F}_7 , $(v_1, o_1, o_2) = (2, 2, 2)$, $m = n - v_1 = 4$
- Central map $\mathcal{F} = (f^{(3)}, f^{(4)}, f^{(5)}, f^{(6)})$ with

$$f^{(3)} = x_1^2 + 3x_1x_2 + 5x_1x_3 + 6x_1x_4 + 2x_2^2 + 6x_2x_3 + 4x_2x_4 + 2x_2 + 6x_3 + 2x_4 + 5$$

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- Goal: Compute the preimage $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{F}_7^6$ for $\mathbf{y} = (6, 2, 0, 5)$ under \mathcal{F} .

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- Choose random values for the Vinegar variables x_1 and x_2 , e.g. $(x_1, x_2) = (0, 1)$ and substitute them into the polynomials $f^{(3)}, \dots, f^{(6)}$.

$$\tilde{f}^{(3)} = 5x_3 + 6x_4 + 2, \tilde{f}^{(4)} = x_3 + 5x_4,$$

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- Set $\tilde{f}^{(3)} = y_1 = 6$ and $\tilde{f}^{(4)} = y_2 = 2$ and solve for x_3, x_4
 $\Rightarrow (x_3, x_4) = (3, 4)$
- Substitute into $\tilde{f}^{(5)}$ and $\tilde{f}^{(6)}$
 $\Rightarrow \tilde{\tilde{f}}^{(5)} = 3x_5 + x_6 + 5, \tilde{\tilde{f}}^{(6)} = 3x_5 + 2x_6 + 1$
- Set $\tilde{\tilde{f}}^{(5)} = y_3 = 0$ and $\tilde{\tilde{f}}^{(6)} = y_4 = 5$, solve for x_5 and x_6
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256	GF(16),66,64,64	1,194.4	763.9	512	776
	GF(256),86,45,46	1,415.7	1,046.3	728	1,416

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