

# A introduction to multilinear maps and their attacks using the example of CLT13

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- Multilinear maps
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Alternative stronger assumption: Given  $g^a$  and  $g^b$  it must be hard to differentiate  $g^{ab}$  from random (DDH assumption).

## Definition (Multilinear Map Boneh et al. 2003)

A map  $e : G_1^n \leftarrow G_2$  is a *n-multilinear map* if it satisfies the following properties:

1.  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are groups of the same prime order
2. if  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in G_1$  then

$$e(x_1^{a_1}, \dots, x_n^{a_n}) = e(x_1, \dots, x_n)^{a_1 \dots a_n}$$

3. if  $g \in G_1$  is a generator of  $G_1$  then  $e(g, \dots, g)$  is a generator of  $G_2$ .

## Why multilinear maps matter

- DH key-exchange between multiple parties in one round [2].
- Existence of cryptographic multilinear maps linked to the existence of indistinguishability obfuscation [1].
- Building block for time-lock encryption [8].

## DH with multilinear maps

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Security assumption: Given  $g, g^{a_1}, \dots, g^{a_{n+1}} \in G_1$  it is hard to compute  $e(g, \dots, g)^{a_1 \cdots a_{n+1}} \in G_2$  (MDH assumption).

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# Chinese remainder theorem

## Theorem (Chinese remainder theorem over the integers)

*Let  $\{p_1, \dots, p_n\}$  be pairwise coprime integers and  $N = \prod_i^n$ . Then there exists a ring isomorphism  $\mathbb{Z}_N \cong \mathbb{Z}_{p_1} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{p_n}$ .*

More concretely we have maps

$$f : x \mapsto (x \bmod p_1, \dots, x \bmod p_n)$$

and

$$g : (x_1, \dots, x_n) \mapsto \sum_{i=1}^n 1_{p_i} x_i$$

where  $1_{p_i}$  is chosen so that  $f(1_{p_i})$  is 1 in exactly the  $i$ -th component and  $f \circ g = \text{id}$ .

Notation:  $x = \text{CRT}_{(p_i)}(x_i)$

# Graded encoding schemes

Basically: Encoding ring elements with noise.

For every  $r \in R$  and degree  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we have multiple possible encodings  $S_n^{(r)}$ .

Addition is possible: For  $v_1 \in S_n^{(r_1)}$  and  $v_2 \in S_n^{(r_2)}$  we have  $v_1 + v_2 \in S_n^{(r_1+r_2)}$ .

Multiplication is possible: For  $v_1 \in S_{n_1}^{(r_1)}$  and  $v_2 \in S_{n_2}^{(r_2)}$  we have  $v_1 \cdot v_2 \in S_{n_1+n_2}^{(r_1 \cdot r_2)}$  if  $n_1 + n_2$  is small enough.

Section based on the paper of Coron, Lepoint, and Tibouchi 2013.

- Use CRT to hide computations in the smaller rings by doing them concurrently in the larger ring
- Generate  $n$  primes  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  for CRT and compute  $x_0 := \prod_i^n p_i$
- Generate “small” primes  $g_1, \dots, g_n$
- Let  $r_1, \dots, r_n$  be “small” integers
- Let  $z$  be random integer
- Let  $\kappa$  be max encoding level

Encoding of vector  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  in level  $k$ :

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Applying the zero-test to a  $\kappa$ -level encoding  $c$ :

$$p_{zt} \cdot c = \sum_{i=1}^n h_i \left( r_i + m_i \cdot (g_i^{-1} \pmod{p_i}) \right) \cdot \prod_{i' \neq i} p_{i'} \pmod{x_0}$$



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Adding encodings:

$$\frac{r_i \cdot g_i + m_i}{z^k} + \frac{r'_i \cdot g_i + m'_i}{z^k} \equiv \frac{(r_i + r'_i) \cdot g_i + m_i + m'_i}{z^k} \pmod{p_i}$$

Multiplying encodings:

$$\frac{r_i \cdot g_i + m_i}{z^k} + \frac{r'_i \cdot g_i + m'_i}{z^{k'}} \equiv \frac{r_i^\dagger \cdot g_i + m_i \cdot m'_i}{z^{k+k'}} \pmod{p_i}$$

8 different parameters dependent on security parameter.

Notation:  $\mathcal{R}$  means random number of appropriate size.

Public key pubKey:

- $x_0$
- $p_{zt}$
- $\tau$  random level-1 encodings of zero  $\{x_j\}$  meaning
$$x_j = \text{CRT}_{(p_i)} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}g_i}{z} \right)$$
- $n$  more random level-1 encodings of zero
- $\ell$  random level-0 encodings of random values  $\{x'_j\}$  meaning  $x'_j = \text{CRT}_{(p_i)} (\mathcal{R}g_i + \mathcal{R})$
- Level-1 encoding of 1  $y = \text{CRT}_{(p_i)} \left( \frac{\mathcal{R}g_i + 1}{z} \right)$

**samp**(pubKey): Pick random subset of  $\{x'_j\}$  and add together.

**enc**(pubKey,  $c$ ,  $k$ ): Raise level-0 encoding  $c$  to level  $k$  by multiplying with  $y^k$ .

**reRand**(pubKey,  $c$ ): Re-randomize level-1 encoding  $c$  (simplified version). Add to  $c$  sum of random subset of  $\{x_j\}$ .

**isZero**(pubKey,  $c$ ): Test if level- $\kappa$  encoding  $c$  is zero (simplified version) by checking if  $c \cdot p_{zt}$  is small enough.

**ext**(pubKey,  $c$ ): Collect most significant bits of  $c \cdot p_{zt}$  (simplified version).

Key exchange between  $\kappa + 1$  parties.

Each party  $i$ : Let  $a_i = \mathbf{samp}(\text{pubKey})$  be secret random value and broadcast

$$h_i = \mathbf{reRand}(\text{pubKey}, \mathbf{enc}(\text{pubKey}, a_i, 1))$$

Shared encoding:

$$a_1 h_2 \dots h_{\kappa+1} = h_1 a_2 h_3 \dots h_{\kappa+1} = \dots = h_1 \dots h_{\kappa} a_{\kappa+1}$$

Shared value can be obtained by extraction.

### Definition (Graded Descicional Diffie-Hellman (GDDH))

Consider following process:

1. Generate a public key `pubKey` with security parameter  $\lambda$
2. Choose  $a_j = \mathbf{samp}(\text{pubKey})$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq \kappa + 1$
3. Set  $u_j = \mathbf{reRand}(\text{pubKey}, \mathbf{enc}(\text{pubKey}, 1, a_j))$  for all  $1 \leq j \leq \kappa + 1$
4. Choose  $b = \mathbf{samp}(\text{pubKey})$
5. Set  $v = \mathbf{reRand}(\text{pubKey}, \mathbf{enc}(\text{pubKey}, \kappa, \prod_{i=1}^{\kappa+1} a_i))$
6. Set  $w = \mathbf{reRand}(\text{pubKey}, \mathbf{enc}(\text{pubKey}, \kappa, b))$

The GDDH assumption states that an attacker with runtime polynomial in  $\lambda$  has only negligible chance to differentiate  $v$  and  $w$  given the  $u_j$  and `pubKey`.

Section based on the paper of Cheon et al. 2014.

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Let  $\hat{p}_i = x_0/p_i$ .  $\hat{P} = \text{CRT}_{(p_i)}(\hat{p}_i)$  is called auxillary input.

## Lemma

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Sketch of proof: Consider second equation modulo  $p_i$ . Ensure that left side is smaller than  $x_0$ . Result follows from uniqueness of CRT.

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As matrix equation:

$$ab\hat{P} \bmod x_0 = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & \cdots & a_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \hat{p}_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & \hat{p}_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & \hat{p}_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ \vdots \\ b_n \end{pmatrix}$$

Collecting more samples ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ):

$$a_i = \text{CRT}_{(p_k)}(a_{k,i}), b = \text{CRT}_{(p_k)}(b_k), c_j = \text{CRT}_{(p_k)}(c_{k,j})$$

Stating matrix equations:

$$w_{i,j} = \begin{pmatrix} a_{1,i} & a_{2,i} & \cdots & a_{n,i} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \hat{p}_1 & 0 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & b_2 \hat{p}_2 & \cdots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \ddots & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \cdots & b_n \hat{p}_n \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} c_{1,j} \\ c_{2,j} \\ \vdots \\ c_{n,j} \end{pmatrix}$$
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Assume are  $b_i$  pairwise distinct:

$$\gcd(b - b_i, x_0) = p_i$$



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We get similar attack by spanning

$$x'_j \cdot x'_1 \cdot x_k \cdot y^{\kappa-1} \cdot p_{zt} \bmod x_0 \text{ and } x'_j \cdot x_k \cdot y^{\kappa-1} \cdot p_{zt} \bmod x_0$$

for  $1 \leq j, k \leq n$ .

TODO: Slide really needed? Or just link to website? Or just CLT type constructions? CLT13 and improvement CLT15 broken in regards to GDDH [4, 3]. iO based on CLT13 has been broken in multiple cases [7, 6].

MZ17 (based on CLT13) is still standing regarding the GDDH assumption [9].

Lattice based approaches have been successfully attacked regarding GDDH and iO.

More (partially outdated) info: <https://malb.io/are-graded-encoding-schemes-broken-yet.html>

# Why this topic?

## DESCRIPTION

We identified a group of individuals who we suspect of insider trading and have captured their communication. However, they seem to use a fancy cryptographic construction called CLT13 to do their key exchange in just one round. Can you help us decrypt their secret?

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## POINTS

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