

# GPV SIGNATURES (HASH-THEN-SIGN SIGNATURES)

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## ≡ Falcon (signature scheme)

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**Falcon** is a [post-quantum signature scheme](#) selected by the [NIST](#) at the fourth round of the [post-quantum standardisation](#) process. It was designed by Thomas Prest, Pierre-Alain Fouque, [Jeffrey Hoffstein](#), Paul Kirchner, Vadim Lyubashevsky, Thomas Pornin, Thomas Ricosset, Gregor Seiler, William Whyte, and Zhenfei Zhang.<sup>[1][2][3]</sup> It relies on the hash-and-sign technique over the [Gentry](#), Peikert, and [Vaikuntanathan](#) framework<sup>[4]</sup> over [NTRU lattices](#). The name *Falcon* is an [acronym](#) for ***F**ast **F**ourier **L**attice-based **c**ompact signatures over **N**TRU*.

# OUTLINE

Lattices

q-ary Lattices

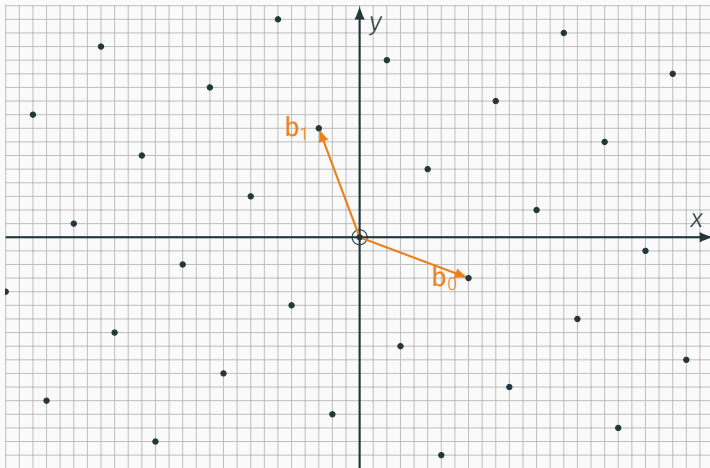
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# LATTICES

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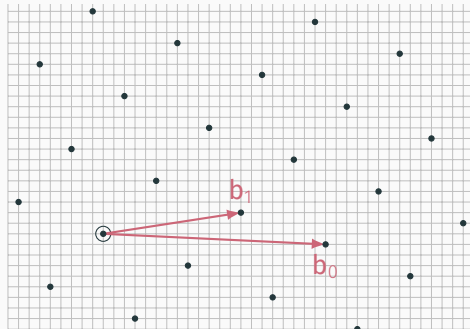
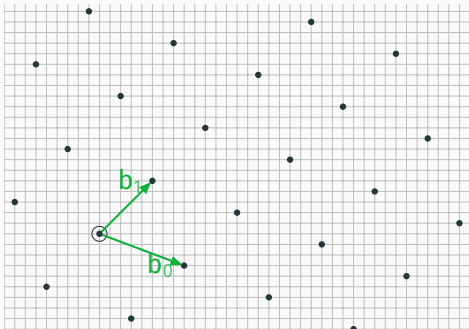
# LATTICES



A lattice  $\Lambda$  is a discrete subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

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# LATTICE BASES



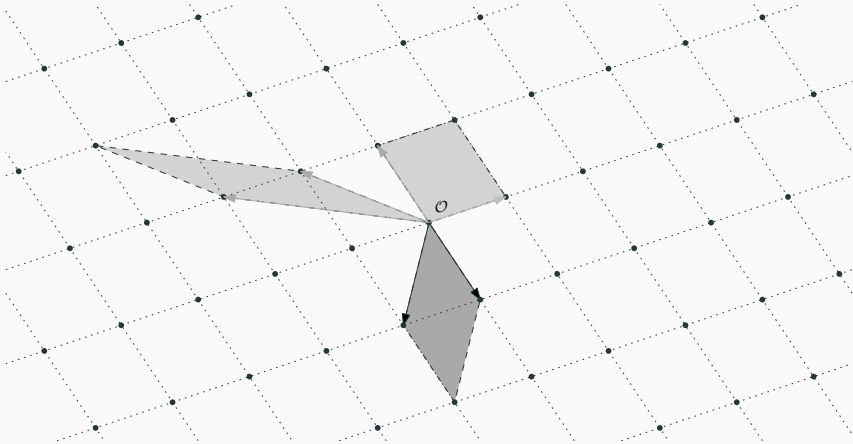
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$G$	$\rightarrow$	$B$	: easy	(compute Hermite Normal form);
$B$	$\rightarrow$	$G$	: hard	(BKZ, lattice sieve ...).

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# LATTICE VOLUME I

The volume of a lattice is the volume of its fundamental domain.



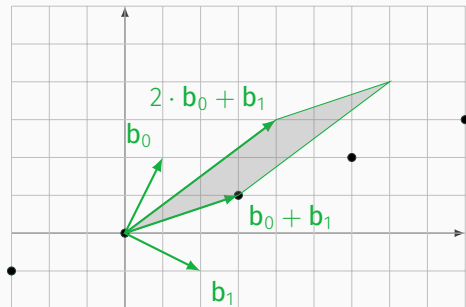
## LATTICE VOLUME II

For any two bases  $\mathbf{G}, \mathbf{B}$  of the same lattice  $\Lambda$ :

$$\det(\mathbf{G} \cdot \mathbf{G}^T) = \det(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T).$$

We can therefore define:

$$\text{Vol}(\Lambda) = \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{B}^T)}.$$



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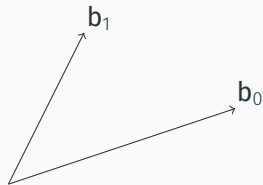


## LENGTH OF GRAM-SCHMIDT VECTORS

It will be useful to consider the lengths of the Gram-Schmidt vectors.

The vector  $\mathbf{b}_i^*$  is the orthogonal projection of  $\mathbf{b}_i$  to the space spanned by the vectors  $\mathbf{b}_0, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{i-1}$ .

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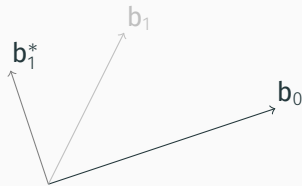


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## GRAM-SCHMIDT VECTORS AND LATTICE VOLUMES

Let  $\mathbf{B}^*$  be the Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalisation of  $\mathbf{B}$ . The matrix  $\mathbf{B}^*$  is **not** a basis for  $\Lambda$ , but

$$\text{Vol}(\Lambda) = \sqrt{\det(\mathbf{B}^* \cdot \mathbf{B}^{*\top})} = \prod \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|.$$

# “GOOD” BASES

Recall that, independently of the basis  $\mathbf{B}$  it hold that:

$$\text{vol}(\Lambda) = \prod \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|.$$

Therefore, it is somehow equivalent that

- $\max_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|$  is small
- $\min_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|$  is large
- $\kappa(\mathbf{B}) = \max_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\| / \min_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|$  is small

## Good Basis

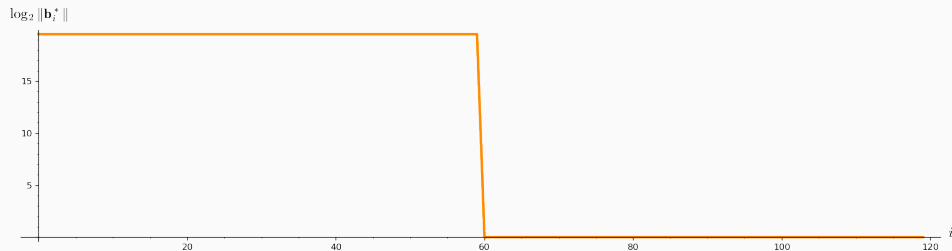
$$\kappa(\mathbf{G}) = \text{poly}(d), \quad \forall i : \|\mathbf{g}_i^*\| = \text{poly}(d) \cdot \text{Vol}(\Lambda)^{1/d}.$$

## LLL-reduced Basis

$$\kappa(\mathbf{G}) \approx (1.04)^d, \quad \max_i \|\mathbf{g}_i^*\| \approx (1.02)^d \cdot \text{Vol}(\Lambda)^{1/d}.$$

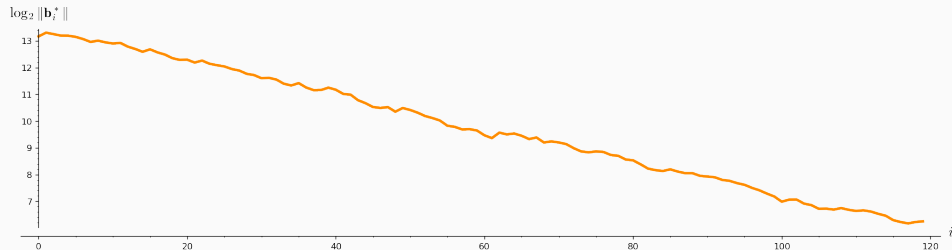
## EXAMPLE GRAM-SCHMIDT “SHAPE”

```
A = IntegerMatrix.random(120, "qary", k=60, bits=20)[::-1]
M = GS0.Mat(A, update=True)
line([(i, log(r_, 2)/2) for i, r_ in enumerate(M.r())], **plot_kwds)
```



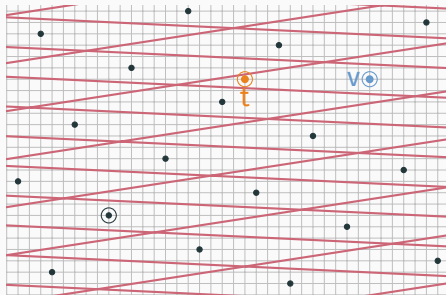
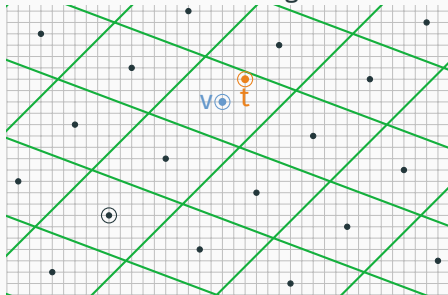
## EXAMPLE GRAM-SCHMIDT “SHAPE” AFTER LLL

```
A = LLL.reduction(A)
M = GS0.Mat(A, update=True)
line([(i, log(r_, 2)/2) for i, r_ in enumerate(M.r())], **plot_kwds)
```



# BASES AND FUNDAMENTAL DOMAINS

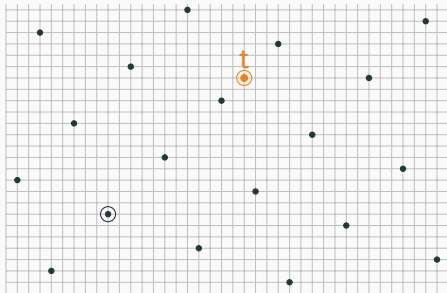
Each basis defines a **tiling**.



**Round'off Algorithm [Lenstra, Babai]:**

Given a target  $t$ , find  $v \in \Lambda$  at the center the tile.

# ROUND OFF ALGORITHM

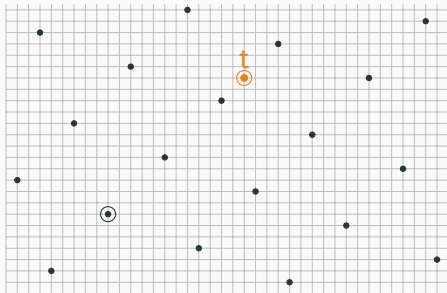


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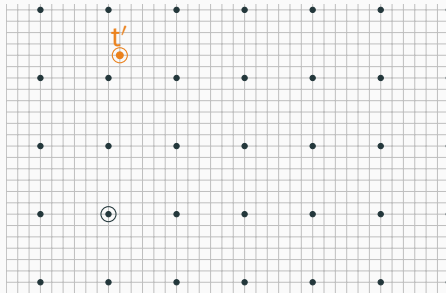
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# ROUND OFF ALGORITHM



$\cdot B^{-1}$

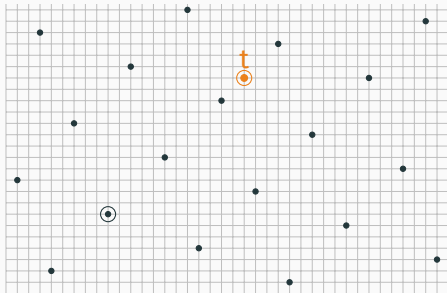


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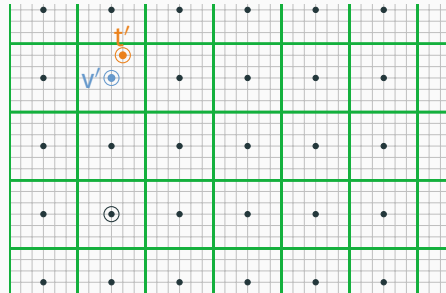
Credit: Léo Lucas

- Use  $B$  to switch to the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^d$   $\mathbf{t}' = B^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{t}$

# ROUND OFF ALGORITHM



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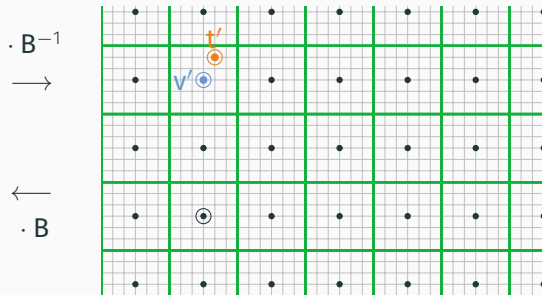
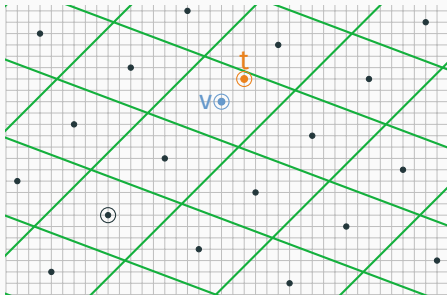


Round Off Algorithm [Lenstra,Babai]:

Credit: Léo Ducas

- Use  $B$  to switch to the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^d$   $t' = B^{-1} \cdot t$
- Round each coordinate  $v' = \lfloor t' \rfloor$

# ROUND OFF ALGORITHM



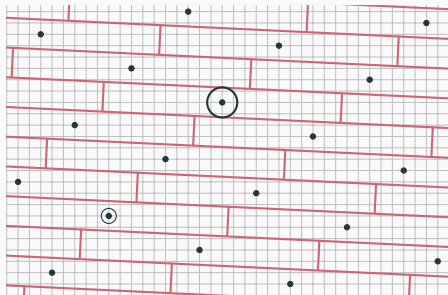
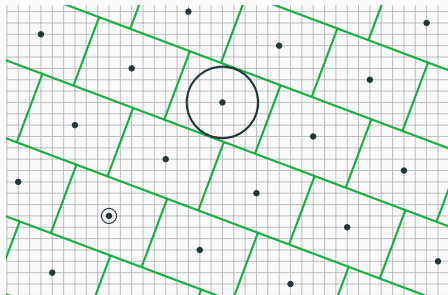
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- Use  $B$  to switch to the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^d$   $t' = B^{-1} \cdot t$
- Round each coordinate  $v' = \lfloor t' \rfloor$
- Switch back to  $\Lambda$   $v = B \cdot v'$

# NEAREST-PLANE ALGORITHM

There is a better algorithm (Nearest Plane) based on Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalisation:



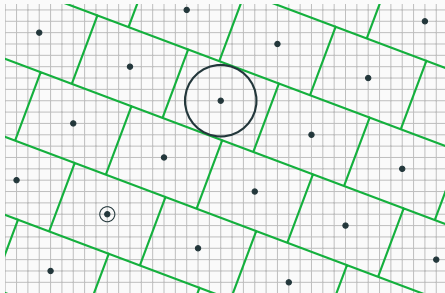
- Worst-case distance:  $\frac{1}{2}\sqrt{\sum \|b_i^*\|^2}$
- Correct decoding of  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{e}$  for  $\mathbf{v} \in \Lambda$  if  $\|\mathbf{e}\| \leq \min \|b_i^*\|$

(Approx-CVP)

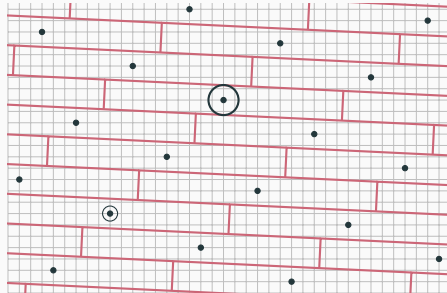
(BDD)

# TRAPDOORS FROM LATTICES ?

Good basis **G**: can solve Approx-CVP / BDD.



Bad basis **B**: solving CVP is **hard**.

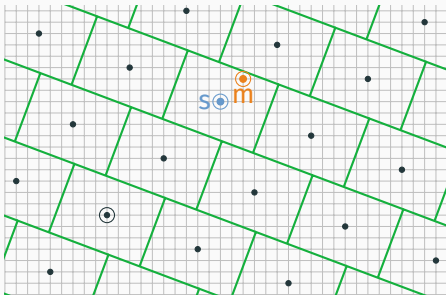


Can we use this as a trapdoor?

# SIGNATURES

## Sign:

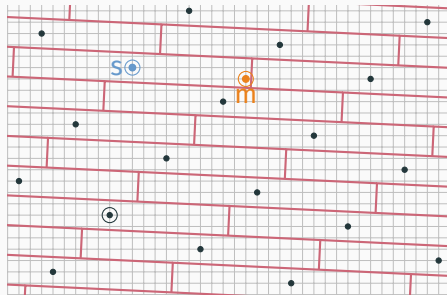
1. Hash the message to a random vector  $\mathbf{m}$ .
2. Apply Nearest Plane with a good basis  $\mathbf{G}$ :  
find  $\mathbf{s} \in \Lambda$  close to  $\mathbf{m}$ .



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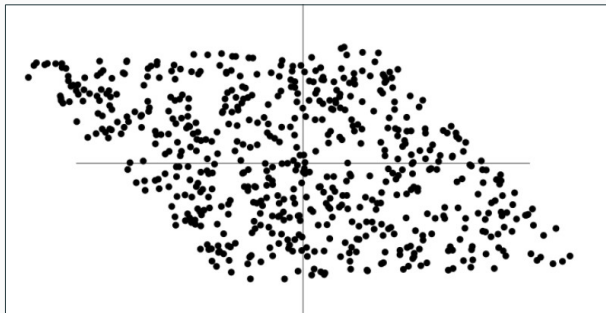
## Verify:

1. Check that  $\mathbf{s} \in \Lambda$  using the bad basis  $\mathbf{B}$
2. Check that  $\mathbf{m}$  is close to  $\mathbf{s}$ .



# A STATISTICAL ATTACK

The difference  $\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{m}$  is always inside the parallelepiped spanned by the good basis  $\mathbf{G}$  or its Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalisation  $\mathbf{G}^*$ :



- Each signatures ( $\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{m}$ ) leaks information about  $\mathbf{G}$ .
- Learning a parallelepiped from few signatures [NR06]
- Total break of original GGH and NTRUSign schemes

The distribution  $\mathbf{s} - \mathbf{m}$  can be made **independent** of  $\mathbf{G}$  by randomising the above algorithms:

Craig Gentry, Chris Peikert, and Vinod Vaikuntanathan. **Trapdoors for hard lattices and new cryptographic constructions**. In: *40th ACM STOC*. ed. by Richard E. Ladner and Cynthia Dwork. ACM Press, May 2008, pp. 197–206. DOI: [10.1145/1374376.1374407](https://doi.org/10.1145/1374376.1374407)



## Q-ARY LATTICES

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# CONSTRUCTION OF $q$ -ARY LATTICES (PRIMAL / CONSTRUCTION A)

- Let  $q$  be a prime integer<sup>1</sup> and  $n < m$  two positive integers.
- The matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m \times n}$  spans the  $q$ -ary lattice:

$$\Lambda_q(\mathbf{A}) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \mid \exists \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n, \mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} \bmod q\} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbb{Z}_q^n + q\mathbb{Z}^m$$

## Lattice Parameters

Assuming  $\mathbf{A}$  is full-rank:

- $\dim(\Lambda_q(\mathbf{A})) = m$
- $\text{Vol}(\Lambda_q(\mathbf{A})) = q^{m-n}$

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<sup>1</sup>for simplicity

## EXAMPLE

```
q = 7; n = 3; m = 7
A = random_matrix(GF(q), n, m)
B = A.lift().stack(q * identity_matrix(m)); B
```

```
[3 3 2 1 2 6 2]
[2 6 1 2 5 5]
[1 3 6 4 4 3]
[7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
```

```
B.echelon_form()[:B.rank()]
```

```
[1 3 4 5]
[ 1 2 5 4]
[ 1 3 6 2 2]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
[ 7]
```

### Row-Based

SageMath's convention is “row based”, i.e. it considers combinations of rows not columns. The literature on lattices favours column-based notation, i.e. combinations of columns. You'll need to transpose the above picture to make it consistent with the slide before.

# CONSTRUCTION OF $q$ -ARY LATTICES (DUAL / PARITY-CHECK)

- Let  $q$  be a prime integer<sup>2</sup> and  $n < m$  two positive integers.
- The matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$  is the parity-check of the lattice:

$$\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A}) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \mid \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{0} \bmod q\} = \ker(\mathbf{x} \mapsto \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \bmod q)$$

## Lattice parameters

Assuming  $\mathbf{A}$  is full-rank:

- $\dim(\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})) = m$
- $\text{Vol}(\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})) = q^n$

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<sup>2</sup>for simplicity

## EXAMPLE

```
q = 7; n = 3; m = 7
A = random_matrix(GF(q), n, m)
K = A.right_kernel().basis_matrix()
B = K.lift().stack(q * identity_matrix(m)); B
```

```
[1      2 6 6]
[ 1      6 3]
[  1    4 1 ]
[    1 4 1 1]
[7      ]
[ 7      ]
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[        7 ]
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# THE SHORT INTEGER SOLUTION PROBLEM (SIS)

## Definition (SIS Assumption)

Given a random matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ , finding a small non-zero  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}$  is hard.<sup>3</sup>

## Lattice Formulation

Solving Approx-SVP in  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})$  is hard.

In [Ajt98], Ajtai established that if solving SIS is easy then solving Approx-SVP for any lattice is also easy.

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<sup>3</sup>Also on a quantum computer!

# A SIMPLE APPLICATION OF SIS

Consider the function:

$$f_A : \{0, 1\}^m \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n, \quad x \mapsto A \cdot x \bmod q$$

## SIS $\Rightarrow$ Collision Resistant Hashing and One-Way Function

- Finding collisions is as hard as SIS<sup>4</sup> (take the difference)

Moreover, if  $m \gg n \log q$ :

- $f_A$  is highly surjective (many pre-images for any image)
- Finding pre-images is hard (show it!)

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<sup>4</sup>Collisions must exist when  $m > n \log q$ .

## GPV SIGNATURES

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**KeyGen** generate a random (looking) matrix  $\mathbf{A}$  together with a short basis  $\text{td}$  for the lattice  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A}) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}^m \mid \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}\}$ .

**Sign** Compute  $H(m)$ .

Find an arbitrary, not-necessarily short, preimage  $\mathbf{u}$ :  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} \equiv H(m) \pmod{q}$ .

Use the trapdoor  $\text{td}$  to solve Approx-CVP for  $\mathbf{u}$  on  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})$ , call it  $\mathbf{z}$ . By construction  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{z} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}$ .

Output  $\mathbf{y} := \mathbf{u} - \mathbf{z}$ . By construction  $\|\mathbf{y}\|$  is small.

**Verify** Check that  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} \equiv H(m) \pmod{q}$  and that  $\|\mathbf{y}\|$  is small.

# SCHEME

KeyGen( $1^\lambda$ )

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$\mathbf{A}, \text{td} \leftarrow \text{TrapGen}(1^n, 1^m, q, \beta)$

return  $\text{vk} := \mathbf{A}, \text{sk} := \text{td}$

Sign( $m, \text{sk}$ )

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$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$

$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \text{SampPre}(\text{td}, H(m, \mathbf{r}), \beta')$

return  $\sigma := (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r})$

Verify( $\text{vk}, \sigma, m$ )

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return  $\|\mathbf{y}\| \stackrel{?}{\leq} \beta' \wedge H(m, \mathbf{r}) \stackrel{?}{=} \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}$

- $(\mathbf{A}, \text{td}) \leftarrow \text{TrapGen}(1^n, 1^m, q, \beta)$  takes dimensions  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ , a modulus  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  and a norm bound  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  and generates a matrix  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$  and a trapdoor  $\text{td}$ .

*When  $\ell > 2m \log q$ , the distribution of  $\mathbf{A}$  is within  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  statistical distance to the uniform distribution on  $\mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$ .*

- $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \text{SampD}(1^n, 1^m, \beta')$  outputs an element in  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  with norm bound  $\beta' \geq \beta$ .

*$\mathbf{v} := \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} \bmod q$  is within  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  statistical distance to the uniform distribution on  $\mathbb{Z}_q^n$ .*

- $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \text{SampPre}(\text{td}, \mathbf{v}, \beta')$  takes a trapdoor  $\text{td}$ , a vector  $\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$  and a norm bound  $\beta' \geq \beta$  and samples  $\mathbf{u} \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell$  satisfying  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} \equiv \mathbf{v} \bmod q$  and  $\|\mathbf{u}\| \leq \beta'$ .

*$\mathbf{u}$  is within  $\text{negl}(\lambda)$  statistical distance to*

*$\mathbf{u} \leftarrow \text{SampD}(1^n, 1^m, \mathcal{R}, \beta')$  conditioned on  $\mathbf{v} \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{u} \bmod q$ .*

## SECURITY PROOF

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# EUFCMA IN THE ROM

EUFCMA	$S(m)$	$H(m)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H} \leftarrow \emptyset;$	$\sigma \leftarrow \Sigma.\text{Sign}(\text{sk}, m)$	if $m \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
$\text{vk}, \text{sk} \leftarrow \Sigma.\text{KeyGen}(1^\lambda);$	$\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{(m, \sigma)\}$	$\mathcal{H}[m] \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$
$(m^*, \sigma^*) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{S}, \text{H}}(\text{vk});$	return $\sigma$	return $\mathcal{H}[m]$
$b_0 := (m^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{Q}$		
$b_1 := \Sigma.\text{Verify}(\text{vk}, \sigma^*, m^*) = 1$		
return $b_0 \wedge b_1$		

$$\text{Adv}_{\mathcal{A}, \Sigma}^{\text{euf-cma}}(\lambda) := \Pr[\text{EUFCMA}_{\Sigma}^{\mathcal{A}}(\lambda) \Rightarrow 1]$$

# INLINING GPV SIGNATURES

Game <sub>0</sub>	S(m)	H(m, r)
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	if $(m, \mathbf{r}) \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
$\mathbf{A}, \text{td} \leftarrow \$ \text{TrapGen}(\dots)$	$\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \$ \text{SampPre}(\text{td}, H(m, \mathbf{r}), \beta')$	$\mathcal{H}[m, \mathbf{r}] \leftarrow \$ \mathbb{Z}_q^n$
$(m^*, (\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{r}^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\text{S}, \text{H}}(\text{vk});$	$\sigma := (\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{r})$	return $\mathcal{H}[m, \mathbf{r}]$
$b_0 := (m^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{Q}$	$\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{(m, \sigma)\}$	
$b_1 := \ \mathbf{y}^*\  \leq \beta'$	return $\sigma$	
$b_2 := H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*) \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}^*$		
return $b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$		

## CHANGING THE RO

Game <sub>1</sub>	$S(m)$	$H(m, r)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$r \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	if $(m, r) \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
$A, td \leftarrow \$ \text{TrapGen}(\dots)$	$y \leftarrow \$ \text{SampPre}(td, H(m, r), \beta')$	$y \leftarrow \$ \text{SampD}(\dots, \beta')$
$(m^*, (y^*, r^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S, H}(vk);$	$\sigma := (y, r)$	$t := A \cdot y \bmod q$
$b_0 := (m^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{Q}$	$\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{(m, \sigma)\}$	$\mathcal{H}[m, r] \leftarrow t$
$b_1 := \ y^*\  \leq \beta'$	return $\sigma$	$\mathcal{P}[m, r] \leftarrow y$
$b_2 := H(m^*, r^*) \equiv A \cdot y^*$		return $\mathcal{H}[m, r]$
$b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$		

By the Leftover Hash Lemma the distributions of Game<sub>0</sub> and Game<sub>1</sub> are statistically close.

# BOOKKEEPING

Game <sub>2</sub>	$S(m)$	$H(m, r)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$r \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	<b>if</b> $(m, r) \notin \mathcal{H}$ <b>then</b>
<b>bad</b> $\leftarrow$ <b>false</b>	<b>if</b> $(m, r) \in \mathcal{H}$ <b>then</b>	$y \leftarrow \$ \text{SampD}(\dots, \beta')$
$A, td \leftarrow \$ \text{TrapGen}(\dots)$	<b>bad</b> $\leftarrow$ <b>true</b>	$t := A \cdot y \bmod q$
$(m^*, (y^*, r^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S, H}(vk);$	$y \leftarrow \$ \text{SampPre}(td, H(m, r), \beta')$	$\mathcal{H}[m, r] \leftarrow t$
$b_0 := (m^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{Q}$	$\sigma := (y, r)$	$\mathcal{P}[m, r] \leftarrow y$
$b_1 := \ y^*\  \leq \beta'$	$\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{(m, \sigma)\}$	<b>return</b> $\mathcal{H}[m, r]$
$b_2 := H(m^*, r^*) \equiv A \cdot y^*$	<b>return</b> $\sigma$	
$b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$		

No change in behaviour.

# AVOID COLLISIONS

Game <sub>3</sub>	$S(m)$	$H(m, r)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$r \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	if $(m, r) \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
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$A, td \leftarrow \$ \text{TrapGen}(\dots)$	bad $\leftarrow$ <b>true</b>	$t := A \cdot y \bmod q$
$(m^*, (y^*, r^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S, H}(vk);$	<b>abort</b>	$\mathcal{H}[m, r] \leftarrow t$
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Apply Fundamental Lemma of Game Playing with  $\Pr[\text{bad}] \approx |\mathcal{Q}|/2^{\lambda/2}$ .



# FAKE SIGNATURES

Game <sub>4</sub>	$S(m)$	$H(m, r)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$r \leftarrow \$ \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	if $(m, r) \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
bad $\leftarrow$ false	if $(m, r) \in \mathcal{H}$ then	$y \leftarrow \$ \text{SampD}(\dots, \beta')$
$A, \text{td} \leftarrow \$ \text{TrapGen}(\dots)$	bad $\leftarrow$ true	$t := A \cdot y \bmod q$
$(m^*, (y^*, r^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S, H}(\text{vk});$	abort	$\mathcal{H}[m, r] \leftarrow t$
$b_0 := (m^*, \cdot) \notin \mathcal{Q}$	$H(m, r)$	$\mathcal{P}[m, r] \leftarrow y$
$b_1 := \ y^*\  \leq \beta'$	$y \leftarrow \mathcal{P}[m, r]$	return $\mathcal{H}[m, r]$
$b_2 := H(m^*, r^*) \equiv A \cdot y^*$	$\sigma := (y, r)$	
$b_0 \wedge b_1 \wedge b_2$	$\mathcal{Q} \leftarrow \mathcal{Q} \cup \{(m, \sigma)\}$	
	return $\sigma$	

Use  $\text{SampPre} \approx \text{SampD}$ .

# THROW AWAY TRAPDOOR

Game <sub>5</sub>	$S(m)$	$H(m, r)$
$\mathcal{Q}, \mathcal{H}, \mathcal{P} \leftarrow \emptyset, \emptyset, \emptyset;$	$r \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^\lambda$	if $(m, r) \notin \mathcal{H}$ then
bad $\leftarrow$ false	if $(m, r) \in \mathcal{H}$ then	$y \leftarrow \text{SampD}(\dots, \beta')$
$A \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times 2n \lceil \log q \rceil}$	bad $\leftarrow$ true	$t := A \cdot y \bmod q$
$(m^*, (y^*, r^*)) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{S, H}(\text{vk});$	abort	$\mathcal{H}[m, r] \leftarrow t$
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Use that TrapGen produces pseudorandom  $A$ .

We turn an adversary  $\mathcal{A}$  that wins  $\text{Game}_5$  into an adversary that breaks SIS for  $\mathbf{A}$ .

- The adversary outputs  $(m^*, (\mathbf{y}^*, \mathbf{r}^*))$  s.t.  $H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*) \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}^*$  and  $\|\mathbf{y}^*\| \leq \beta'$ .
- If  $\mathcal{A}$  has not called  $H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*)$  before producing its forgery,  $\mathbf{t} := H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*)$  is unknown and (close to) uniformly random: it succeeds with probability  $1/q^n < 2^\lambda$ .
- If  $\mathcal{A}$  has called  $H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*)$  then  $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow \mathcal{P}[m^*, \mathbf{r}^*]$  with  $\|\mathbf{y}\| \leq \beta'$  and **with high probability**  $\mathbf{y} \neq \mathbf{y}'$ .

$$H(m^*, \mathbf{r}^*) \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}^* \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \mathbf{0} \equiv \mathbf{A} \cdot (\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{y}) \text{ and } \|\mathbf{y}^* - \mathbf{y}\| \leq 2\beta'$$

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- $\text{Game}_4$  would output the same  $\mathbf{y}$  on each call.

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- This gives a short vector in  $\Lambda_q^\perp(\mathbf{A})$ , such short vectors make up our trapdoor!

FIN

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