Hollow LWE: A New Spin — Unbounded Updatable Encryption from LWE and PCE

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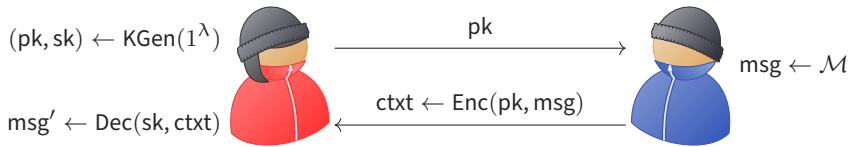
Public-Key Encryption (PKE)



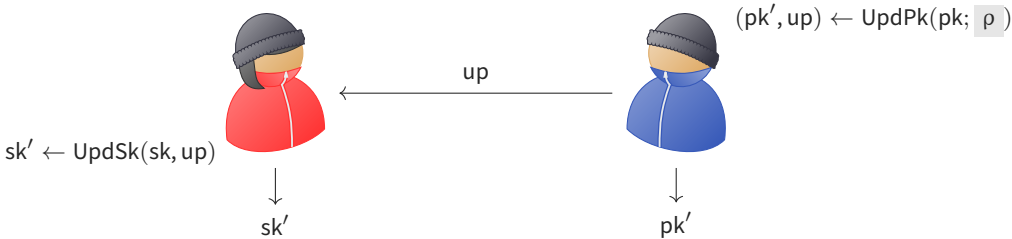
Properties:

- Decryption Correctness: $\mathsf{msg}' = \mathsf{msg}$.
- IND-CPA Security:

$$\big(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{msg}_0)\big) \underset{c}{\approx} \big(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{msg}_1)\big).$$

Updatable Public-Key Encryption (UPKE)

Let $(\mathsf{KGen}, \mathsf{Enc}, \mathsf{Dec})$ be a correct PKE scheme.



- Update correctness: Dec. cor. holds for updated keys $(\mathsf{pk}', \mathsf{sk}')$.

IND-CR-CPA Security Experiment

$\mathsf{IND\text{-}CR\text{-}CPA}_{\Pi,\mathcal{A}}(1^\lambda)$	Oracle $\mathsf{UpdO}(\rho)$
$i \coloneqq 0; \quad b \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \{0,1\}$	/ Update honestly using
$(\mathsf{pk}_0, \mathsf{sk}_0) \leftarrow \mathsf{KGen}(1^\lambda)$	/ potentially malicious randomness.
$(\mathsf{st}, \mathsf{msg}_0, \mathsf{msg}_1) \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{UpdO}}(\mathsf{pk}_0)$	$(\mathsf{pk}_{i+1}, \mathsf{up}_i) \leftarrow \mathsf{UpdPk}(\mathsf{pk}_i; \rho)$
$\mathsf{ctxt} \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}_i, \mathsf{msg}_b)$	$\mathsf{sk}_{i+1} \leftarrow \mathsf{UpdSk}(\mathsf{sk}_i, \mathsf{up}_i)$
$\mathsf{st} \leftarrow \mathcal{A}^{\mathsf{UpdO}}(\mathsf{ctxt}, \mathsf{st})$	$i \coloneqq i + 1$
$j \coloneqq i$	
$(\mathsf{pk}_{j+1}, \mathsf{up}_j) \leftarrow \mathsf{UpdPk}(\mathsf{pk}_j)$	
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$b' \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\mathsf{pk}_{j+1}, \mathsf{sk}_{j+1}, \mathsf{up}_j, \mathsf{st})$	
return $b = b'$	

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$\Rightarrow$ “forward secrecy.”

Dual-Regev Encryption [Reg05, GPV08]

$\mathsf{KGen}(1^\lambda)$	$\mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{msg} \in \{0,1\})$
$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times k}$	$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^k; \quad \mathbf{e} \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi^n; \quad e' \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi$
$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow\!\$\ \{\pm 1\}^n$	$\mathbf{c}_0 := \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e} \bmod q$
$\mathbf{u}^\mathsf{T} := \mathbf{r}^\mathsf{T} \cdot \mathbf{A} \bmod q$	$c_1 := \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + e' + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rceil \cdot \mathsf{msg} \bmod q$
$\mathsf{pk} := (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u})$	**return** $\mathsf{ctxt} := (\mathbf{c}_0, c_1)$
$\mathsf{sk} := \mathbf{r}$	
return $(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{sk})$	$\mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{ctxt})$
	return $\left\lfloor \frac{2}{q} \cdot (c_1 - \langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}_0 \rangle \bmod q) \right\rceil$

- Correctness: $\mathbf{r}$, $\mathbf{e}$, e' are short enough $\Rightarrow$ Dual-Regev has decryption correctness.
- Security: LWE assumption $\Rightarrow$ Dual-Regev is IND-CPA secure.

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$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}) \leftarrow \mathsf{pk}$	$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow \mathsf{sk}$
$\delta \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi_{\mathbf{r}}^{n}$	$\delta \leftarrow \mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{up})$
$\mathsf{pk}' := (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} + \delta^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A})$	$\mathsf{sk}' := \mathbf{r} + \delta$
$\mathsf{up} \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \delta)$	**return** sk'
return $(\mathsf{pk}', \mathsf{up})$	

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What if we rotate keys instead?

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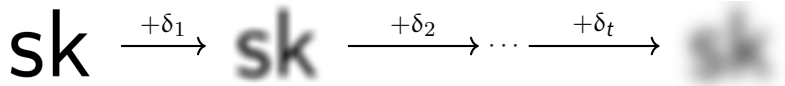

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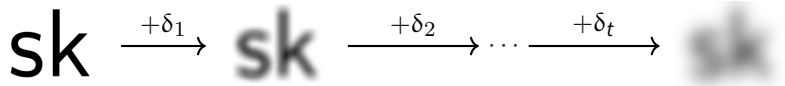
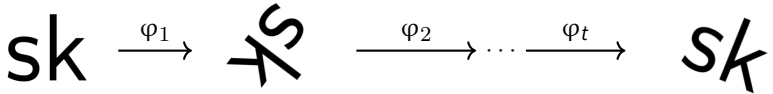


Our Approach: Rotating keys



q-ary Lattices

A lattice $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a discrete additive subgroup of $\mathbb{R}^n$, i.e.

$$\Lambda = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbb{Z}^k$$

for some basis $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ where $k \leq n$. All bases $\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{B}' \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times k}$ are related by unimodular $\mathbf{U} \in \mathbb{Z}^{k \times k}$ via $\mathbf{B}' = \mathbf{B} \cdot \mathbf{U}$.

Define the Construction A lattice of a full-rank $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times k}$ as

$$\Lambda_q(\mathbf{A}) = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbb{Z}^k + q \cdot \mathbb{Z}^n.$$

Note that $\Lambda_q(\mathbf{A})$ is q-ary, i.e.

$$q \cdot \mathbb{Z}^n \subseteq \Lambda_q(\mathbf{A}) \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n.$$

LWE and Dual-Regev: Lattice point of view

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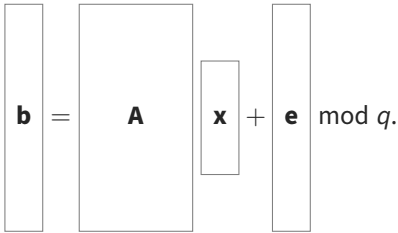

LWE assumption: for $\mathbf{A} \hookleftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times k}$, $\mathbf{x} \hookleftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^k$, $\mathbf{e} \hookleftarrow \chi^n$, $\mathbf{u} \hookleftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ we have $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e} \bmod q) \underset{c}{\approx} (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u})$.

Dual-Regev key-pair: $(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \underset{s}{\approx} \left(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} \hookleftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^k\right)$ for short $\mathbf{r}$ by LHL, or $\underset{c}{\approx}$ by LWE.

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$$\mathbf{O} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n} \qquad \text{with} \qquad \mathbf{O}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{O} = \mathbf{I}_n,$$

such that

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PCE-BASED KEY-UPDATE MECHANISM

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$\mathbf{O} \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \mathcal{O}_n(\mathbb{Z})$	$\mathbf{O} \leftarrow \mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{up})$
$\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{U} := \mathsf{SF}(\mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{A})$	$\mathsf{sk}' := \mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{r}$
$\mathsf{pk}' := (\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{U})$	**return** sk'
$\mathsf{up} \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \mathbf{O})$	
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Update correctness:

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Caution – Mind the Hull

- The hardness of (S)PCE, depends on the hull of the code $\mathfrak{C} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbb{Z}_q^k$.
- The hull $\mathcal{H}(\mathfrak{C}) \coloneqq \mathfrak{C} \cap \mathfrak{C}^\perp = \left\{ \mathbf{x} \in \mathfrak{C} \; ; \; \mathbf{x}^\mathsf{T} \cdot \mathfrak{C} = \mathbf{0} \right\}$ is a subcode of $\mathfrak{C}$.
- Random codes have small hull dimension [Sen97], most likely 0.
- Existing attacks against (S)PCE run in time $\mathcal{O}\left(q^h \cdot \mathrm{poly}(n,k)\right)$ or $\mathcal{O}\left(n^h \cdot \mathrm{poly}(n,k,q)\right)$, i.e. efficient when h is small [Sen00, BOST19].
- Up to now, only LCD ($h = 0$) and self-orthogonal ($h = k$) codes have been treated in the literature, and not algorithmically.

SampCode(n,k,h,q)

We give an algorithm SampCode(n,k,h,q) that samples $\mathbf{A}$ generating a uniformly random $[n,k]$-linear code over $\mathbb{Z}_q$ with hull dimension h. We call such codes and matrices "h-hollow".

Sample Self-Dual Vectors

Definition: A vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathfrak{C}$ is *self-orthogonal* if $\langle \mathbf{v}, \mathbf{v} \rangle = 0$.

Observation: $\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathrm{Span}(\mathbf{A})$ is self-orthogonal iff $\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$.

Warning's Second Theorem [CW35] implies there are at least q^{k-2} self-orthogonal vectors in any code.

Algorithm idea:

- Sample $\mathbf{x}_i \leftarrow\!\$\, \mathbb{Z}_q$ for $i = 1, \ldots, k-2$.
- Solve the conic equation $\mathbf{x}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} = 0$ for $(\mathbf{x}_{k-1}, \mathbf{x}_k)$.
- Complete $\mathbf{x}$ with a random solution (and adjust the probability).

Solving Conics over Finite Fields

Definition: A smooth affine conic is an equations of the form

$$A \cdot x^2 + B \cdot xy + C \cdot y^2 + D \cdot x + E \cdot y + F = 0,$$

where $\Delta = B^2 - 4 \cdot A \cdot C \neq 0$.

A conic over a finite field $\mathbb{F}$ of odd characteristic always has a solution. If $\Delta \in \mathrm{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$ then the number of solutions $S \in \{q-1, 2 \cdot q - 1\}$ and if $\Delta \notin \mathrm{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_q)$ then $S \in \{1, q+1\}$.

Adjusting Probabilities with Rejection Sampling

Discriminant Δ depends on **A** and is fixed at the beginning of execution. So we know the maximal number of solutions $M(\Delta)$ is either $2 \cdot q - 1$ or $q + 1$.

If the conic has S solutions, we have to accept **v** with probability $\frac{S}{M}$, since

$$\Pr[\mathbf{v} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} \text{ sampled}] = \frac{1}{q^{k-2}} \cdot \frac{1}{S} \cdot \Pr\left[u \leq \frac{S}{M}\right] = \frac{1}{q^{k-2}} \cdot \frac{1}{M},$$

is then independent of S, hence the distribution is uniform.

Stealing from the Dual

Algorithm:

- Sample a 0-hollow matrix $\mathbf{A}_0$ from $\mathbb{Z}_q^{n\times(k-h)}$.
- Sample $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \mathsf{SSO}(\mathsf{Span}(\mathbf{A}_0)^\perp)$ and define $\mathbf{A}_1 = [\mathbf{A}_0, \mathbf{y}]$.
- …
- Sample $\mathbf{y} \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \mathsf{SSO}(\mathsf{Span}(\mathbf{A}_{h-1})^\perp)$ and return $\mathbf{A}_h = [\mathbf{A}_{h-1}, \mathbf{y}] \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n\times k}$.

The output distribution of this algorithm is negligibly close to the uniform distribution on $[n, k]$-linear h-hollow codes over $\mathbb{Z}_q$. It succeeds with prob.

$$\varepsilon \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{q^2}\right) \cdot (1 - \mathsf{negl}(n))$$

if $2 \cdot k \leq n$ and $2 \cdot h \leq k$.

Hollow Lattice Problems

Upshot: Now that we know how to sample h-hollow codes, we can rely on PCE for h-hollow codes with $n^h \geq 2^\lambda$ and $q^h \geq 2^\lambda$ (+ other conditions), which should now be hard.

Question: Does this somehow make LWE easy?

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Hollow-LWE: $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^{n\times k}$ h-hollow, $\mathbf{x} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^k$, $\mathbf{e} \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi^n$, $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^n$, distinguish

$$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{A}\cdot\mathbf{x}+\mathbf{e}) \qquad \text{from} \qquad (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u})\,.$$

Theorem (LWE $\rightarrow$ Hollow-LWE)

If there exists a (t,ε)-algorithm $\mathcal{A}$ for $\mathrm{LWE}^h_{k,n,q,\chi}$ then there exists a $(t+\mathrm{poly}(\lambda),\varepsilon')$-algorithm $\mathcal{B}$ for $\mathrm{LWE}_{k-h,n,q,\chi}$ where

$$\epsilon' \geq \varepsilon \cdot \underbrace{\left(1-\frac{1}{q}-\frac{1}{q^2}\right)}_{\text{triv. hull}} \cdot \underbrace{\left(1-\frac{h}{e^n}\right)}_{\text{sub-sampler}} \cdot \underbrace{\prod_{i=0}^{k-h}\left(1-q^{i-n}\right)}_{\text{full rank}} \cdot \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{h}\left(1-q^{k+i-n}\right)}_{\text{lin. dep. in hull}}.$$

Hollow Lattice Problems

Theorem (Hollow-LHL)

Let n, k, h, q integers with

$$n \geq \underbrace{(1+c) \cdot k \cdot \log_2(q)}_{LHL} + \underbrace{k+h}_{extra}$$

for a positive real constant $c > 0$, $h \leq \frac{k}{2}$, and q an odd prime. Let $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times k}$ h-hollow matrix, $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow\!\$\ \{\pm 1\}^n$, and $\mathbf{u} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^k$. Then the pairs

$$(\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{r}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A}) \qquad \textit{and} \qquad (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}})$$

are statistically close in k.

Our Construction

KGen(1^λ)

$\mathbf{A} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathsf{SampCode}(n, k, h, q)$

$\mathbf{r} \leftarrow\!\$\ \{\pm 1\}^n$

$\mathbf{u}^\mathrm{T} \coloneqq \mathbf{r}^\mathrm{T} \cdot \mathbf{A} \bmod q$

$\mathsf{pk} \coloneqq (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u})$

$\mathsf{sk} \coloneqq \mathbf{r}$

return $(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{sk})$

Enc$(\mathsf{pk}, \mathsf{msg} \in \mathbb{Z} \cap [-p/2, p/2))$

$\mathbf{x} \leftarrow\!\$\ \mathbb{Z}_q^k; \quad \mathbf{e} \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi^n; \quad e' \leftarrow\!\$\ \chi$

$\mathbf{c}_0 \coloneqq \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{e} \bmod q$

$c_1 \coloneqq \langle \mathbf{u}, \mathbf{x} \rangle + e' + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{p} \right\rceil \cdot \mathsf{msg} \bmod q$

return $\mathsf{ctxt} \coloneqq (\mathbf{c}_0, c_1)$

Dec$(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{ctxt})$

return $\left\lfloor \frac{p}{q} \cdot (c_1 - \langle \mathbf{r}, \mathbf{c}_0 \rangle \bmod q) \right\rceil$

UpdPk(pk)

$\rho \leftarrow\!\$\ \{0,1\}^\lambda$

$\mathbf{O} \coloneqq \mathsf{H}(\rho)$

$(\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{U}) \coloneqq \mathsf{SF}(\mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{A})$

$\mathbf{u}'^\mathrm{T} \coloneqq \mathbf{u}^\mathrm{T} \cdot \mathbf{U} \bmod q$

$\mathsf{pk}' \coloneqq (\mathbf{A}', \mathbf{u}')$

$\mathsf{up} \leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}(\mathsf{pk}, \rho)$

return $(\mathsf{pk}', \mathsf{up})$

UpdSk$(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{up})$

$\rho \leftarrow \mathsf{Dec}(\mathsf{sk}, \mathsf{up})$

$\mathbf{O} \coloneqq \mathsf{H}(\rho)$

$\mathbf{r}' \coloneqq \mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{r}$

return $\mathsf{sk}' \coloneqq \mathbf{r}'$

Security Theorem

Our construction is the Dual-Regev PKE with

- $\mathbf{A} \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \mathsf{SampCode}(n, k, h, q)$,
- $\mathbf{r} \leftarrow\!\!\$\ \{\pm 1\}^n$, and
- the above PCE-based update mechanism.

Theorem

Let n, k, h, q be positive integers parametrised by λ with $n \geq (1 + c) \cdot k \cdot \log_2(q) + k + h$ for a positive real constant $c > 0$, $2 \cdot h \leq k$ and q prime.
Assuming the advantage of any PPT *adversary in distinguishing $\mathsf{LWE}^h_{k,n,q,\chi}$ and in distinguishing $\mathsf{PCE}^h_{n,k,q}$ is negligible in λ, our construction is IND-CR-CPA secure in the ROM.*

$\textsc{Game}_4 \stackrel{?}{\approx} \textsc{Game}_5$

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\begin{aligned}
\mathsf{pk}_0 &= (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}),\\
\mathsf{pk} &= (\mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{U},\ \mathbf{U}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{u}),\\
\mathsf{sk} &= \mathbf{O} \cdot \mathbf{r},\\
\mathsf{ctxt} &\leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), \mathsf{msg}_b),\\
\mathsf{up} &= \mathsf{Enc}((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), \rho^*);
\end{aligned}
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\mathbf{r} &\leftarrow\!\$\ \{\pm 1\}^n,\\
\mathbf{u}^{\mathrm{T}} &= \mathbf{r}^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{A},\\
\mathbf{O} &\leftarrow\!\$\ \mathcal{O}_n(\mathbb{Z})
\end{aligned}
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\begin{aligned}
\mathsf{pk}_0 &= (\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}),\\
\mathsf{pk} &= (\mathbf{B}, \mathbf{v}),\\
\mathsf{sk} &= \mathbf{r}',\\
\mathsf{ctxt} &\leftarrow \mathsf{Enc}((\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{u}), \mathsf{msg}_b),\\
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\mathbf{v}^{\mathrm{T}} &= \mathbf{r}'^{\mathrm{T}} \cdot \mathbf{B}
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Some Parameters and Sizes

Table 1: Parameters for the given λ and p with $c = 0.25$ and $s = 8$.

λ	p	n	k	$\log_2(q)$	h	$\lvert\text{ctxt}\rvert$	$\lvert\text{up}\rvert$
128	2	7313	450	13	27	11.6 KiB	1485.7 KiB
128	16	11000	550	16	26	21.5 KiB	687.6 KiB
192	32	20250	900	18	37	44.5 KiB	1708.7 KiB
256	32	29688	1250	19	48	68.9 KiB	3525.6 KiB
[HPS23] with 2^{20} updates							
128	–	–	–	36	–	9.1 KiB	27 KiB

Future Work

- Replace the Hollow LHL with a computational assumption.
- Switch from LWE to MLWE.
- Consider the model from [AFM24].
- …

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