

SOLMAE:

quantum-Secure algOrithm for Long-term
Message Authentication and Encryption

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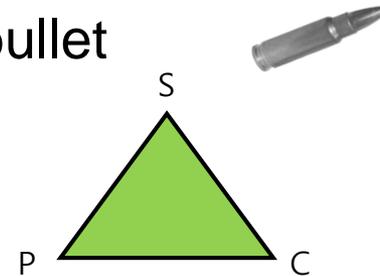
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1. Introduction

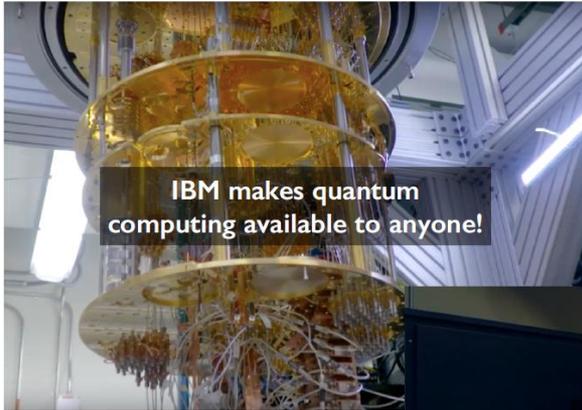
In the beginning

- “*Linearity is a curse to cryptographers*” by A. Shamir
- Lessons learned from the past.
 - Attacking advances much faster than defense.
- One idea can't cover everything → No silver bullet
 - Security/Performance/Cost Tradeoff → Trilemma

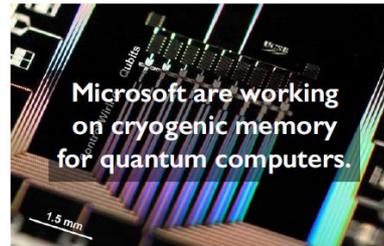


Designing cryptographically-strong primitives such as digital signatures or key encapsulation mechanisms, *etc.* are really a big challenge and could not be accomplished in a short time by one expert. A group of smart designers must understand all the known attacks so far from the theoretical and implementation points of view and anticipate the feasible attacks in the near future. Our team consisting of top-level cryptographers around the world has started to suggest long-term quantum-secure digital signature against quantum attack based on NTRU lattices, well-understood by the cryptographic community since their introduction around two decades ago.

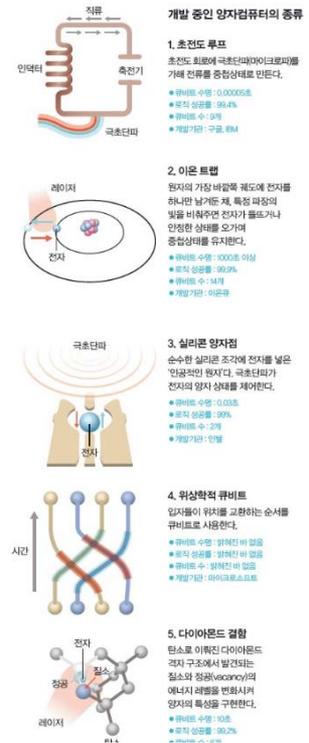
Quantum Computers



IBM makes quantum computing available to anyone!



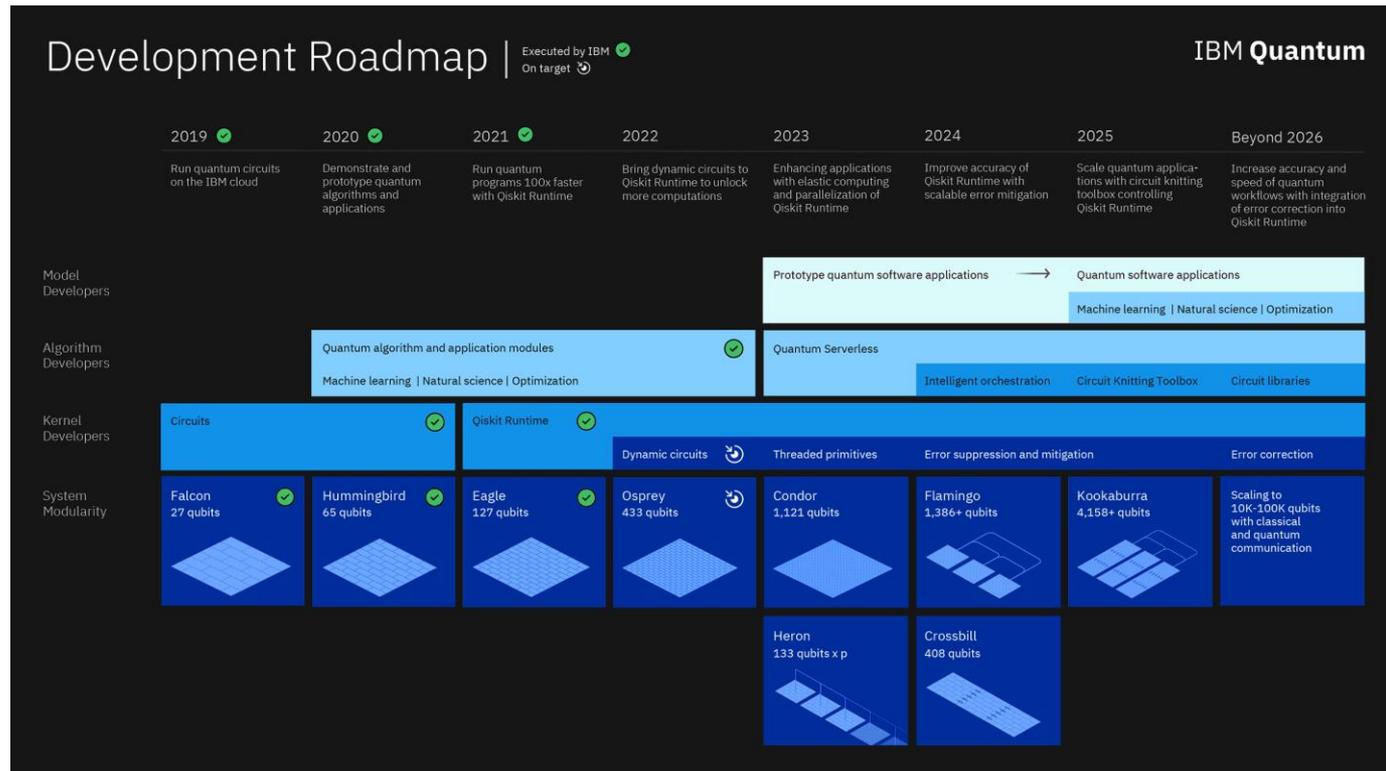
Google bought a quantum computer developed by D-Wave Systems Inc.



- Quantum mechanics **applies to all systems** from micro to macro scale and enables superposition and entanglement.
- **Reversible computing**: if no information is erased, computation may in principle be achieved which is thermodynamically reversible, and require no release of heat [Lan61].

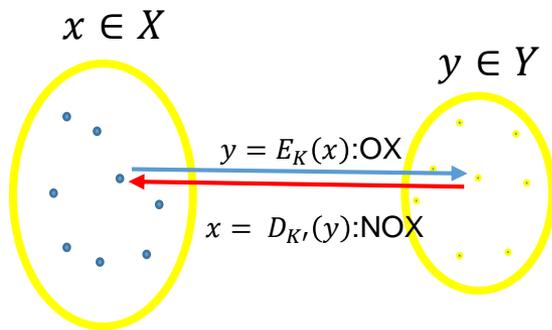
(1) D. Aggarwal et al. "Quantum attacks on Bitcoin, and how to protect against them", arXiv 1710:10377v1. Oct. 28, 2017

IBM Quantum Computer Roadmap

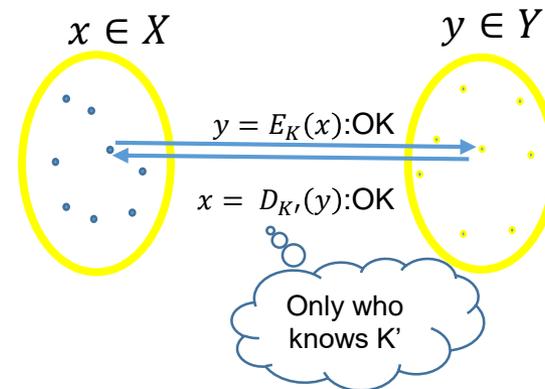


<https://research.ibm.com/blog/ibm-quantum-roadmap-2025>

1-way Function



Trapdoor 1-way Function



Ex: Hash Function

Ex: Public Key Cryptosystem

❖ Key_generation, KeyGen()

- ✓ Select two large (1,024 bits or larger) primes p, q
- ✓ Compute modulus $n = pq$, and $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$
- ✓ Pick an integer e relatively prime to $\phi(n)$, $\gcd(e, \phi(n))=1$
- ✓ Compute d such that $ed = 1 \text{ mod } \phi(n)$
- ✓ **Public key** (n, e) : public
- ✓ **Private key** d : keep secret (may hold p and q securely.)

❖ Encryption()/Verification()

- ✓ E: $C = M^e \text{ mod } n$ for $0 < M < n$

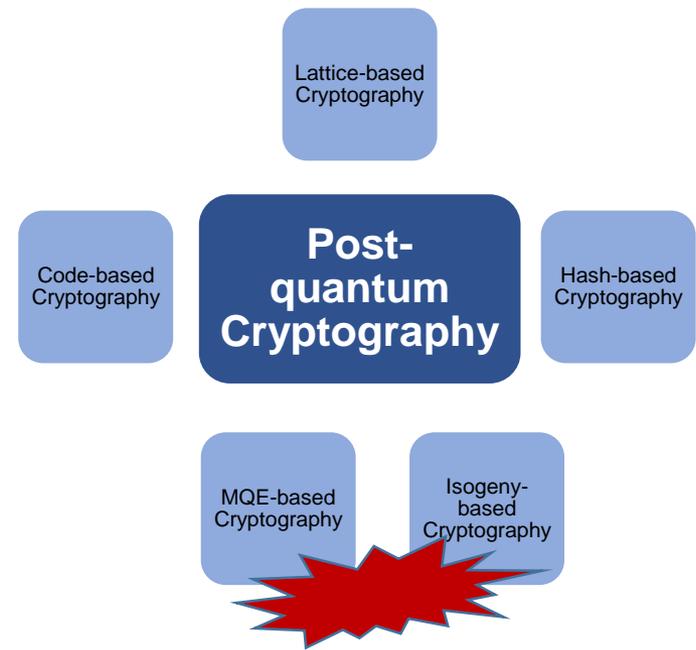
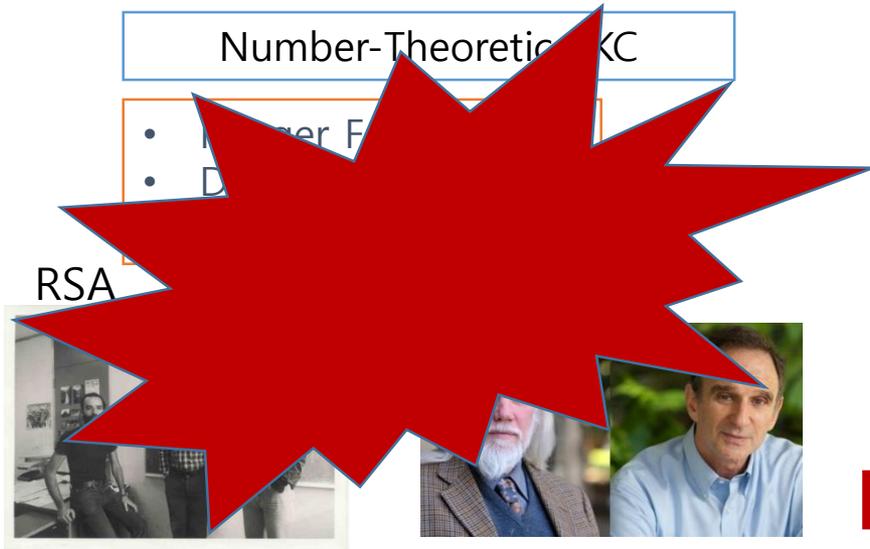
❖ Decryption()/Signing()

- ✓ D: $M = C^d \text{ mod } n$

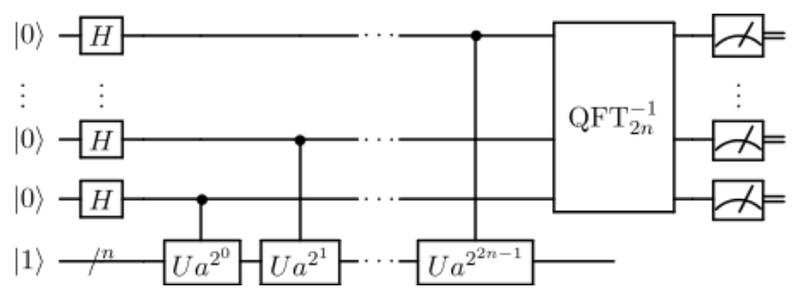
$$\text{Proof) } C^d = (M^e)^d = M^{ed} = M^{k\phi(n) + 1} = M \{M^{\phi(n)}\}^k = M$$

❖ Special Property

- ✓ $(M^e \text{ mod } n)^d \text{ mod } n = (M^d \text{ mod } n)^e \text{ mod } n$ for $0 < M < n$



Shor Algorithm⁽¹⁾



(1) Peter W. Shor, "Polynomial-time algorithms for prime factorization and discrete logarithms on a quantum computer." SIAM Journal on computing 26.5 (1997): 1484-1509

2. PQC has started

- 2017 : Round 1 (69 submissions)
- 2019 : Round 2 (26 algorithms)
- 2020 : Round 3 (7 finalists, 8 alternates)
- **2022 : Round 4 (4 finalists, 4 alternatives)**

PKC/KEM		DS		
Algorithm	Kyber	Dilithium	Falcon	SPHINCS+
Problem	lattice	lattice	lattice	hash

KEM/DS				
Algorithm	Classic McEliece	BIKE	SIKE	HQC
Problem	Goppa Code	QC_MDPC	Isogeny	Hamming code

*<https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/post-quantum-cryptography>, NISTIR 8413

Panorama of digital signature (1/2)



Picnic

Sphincs+



XMSS



Ed25519

RSA 2048

RSA 4096

Dilithium



Falcon

(Algebraic) lattice-based

Panorama of digital signature (2/2)

Hash-and-sign+ NTRU trapdoors

- ✓ Compact // Fast
- ✗ **Restricted** parameter set, quite **hard** to implement and protect against side-channels

From NIST

- SELECTED FOR ITS SMALL BANDWIDTH, FAST VERIFICATION AND SECURITY
- THE IMPLEMENTATION MAY BE COMPLICATED FOR SOME APPLICATIONS
- WE ARE PLANNING TO STANDARDIZE THE PARAMETER SETS FOR FALCON CORRESPONDING TO SECURITY CATEGORIES 1 AND 5
- THE STANDARD WILL COME AFTER THE DILITHIUM STANDARD

From NIST

- ✓ Slower // Larger
- ✗ **Large** range of parameter sets, **easier** to implement

Fiat-Shamir with aborts+ Module lattices

Falcon



(Algebraic) lattices

SELECTED BASED ON ITS SECURITY, HIGH EFFICIENCY, AND RELATIVELY SIMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

WE RECOMMEND IT BE THE PRIMARY SIGNATURE ALGORITHM USED

WE ARE PLANNING TO STANDARDIZE THE PARAMETER SETS FOR DILITHIUM CORRESPONDING TO SECURITY CATEGORIES 2, 3, AND 5

Dilithium



3. Overview of SOLMAE



Motivation

- New crypto algorithms based on new problem(e.g, braid group, etc.) are not known to provide sufficient security.
- Post-quantum PKC problems (such as NTRU lattices) are mature enough to be trustworthy.
- Diversity is of the utmost importance for standardization.
- **FALCON***¹ (**FA**st-Fourier **L**attice-based **CO**mpact signatures over **NTRU**) is one of 4th round 3 digital signatures for NIST PQC Standard (Jul. 5,2022) and future its standard.
- **MITAKA** team proposed MITAKA*² which is **simpler, parallelizable, maskable variant of FALCON** in Eurocrypt2022.
- Collaborated with MITAKA team, Kwangjo wants to make significant contribution in KpqC competition.



1. <https://falcon-sign.info/>

2. T. Espitau, P.-A. Fouque, F. Gérard, M. Rossi, A. Takahashi, M. Tibouchi, A. Wallet, and Y. Yu. *Mitaka: A simpler, parallelizable, maskable variant of falcon*. In EUROCRYPT 2022, Part III, vol. 13277 of LNCS, pp. 222–253. Springer, Heidelberg, 2022

FALCON Algorithm

Fast-Fourier Lattice-based Compact Signatures over NTRU

About FALCON

FALCON is a cryptographic signature algorithm submitted to NIST Post-Quantum Cryptography Project on November 30th, 2017. It has been designed by: Pierre-Alain Fouque, Jeffrey Hoffstein, Paul Kirchner, Vadim Lyubashevsky, Thomas Pornin, Thomas Prest, Thomas Ricosset, Gregor Seiler, William Whyte, Zhenfei Zhang.

The point of a post-quantum cryptographic algorithm is to keep on ensuring its security characteristics even faced with quantum computers. Quantum computers are deemed feasible, according to our current understanding of the laws of physics, but some significant technological issues remain to be solved in order to build a fully operational unit. Such a quantum computer would very efficiently break the usual asymmetric encryption and digital signature algorithms based on number theory (RSA, DSA, Diffie-Hellman, ElGamal, and their elliptic curve variants).

FALCON is based on the theoretical framework of Gentry, Peikert and Vaikuntanathan for lattice-based signature schemes. We instantiate that framework over NTRU lattices, with a trapdoor sampler called "fast Fourier sampling". The underlying hard problem is the short integer solution problem (SIS) over NTRU lattices, for which no efficient solving algorithm is currently known in the general case, even with the help of quantum computers.

Algorithm Highlights

FALCON offers the following features:

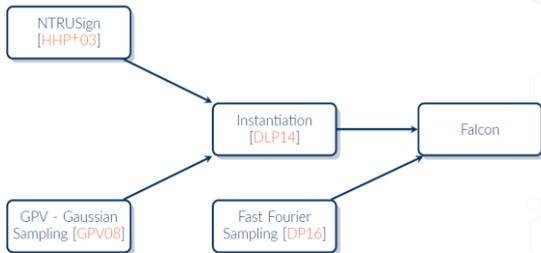
- Security:** a true Gaussian sampler is used internally, which guarantees negligible leakage of information on the secret key up to a practically infinite number of signatures (more than 2^{64}).
- Compactness:** thanks to the use of NTRU lattices, signatures are substantially shorter than in any lattice-based signature scheme with the same security guarantees, while the public keys are around the same size.
- Speed:** use of fast Fourier sampling allows for very fast implementations, in the thousands of signatures per second on a common computer; verification is five to ten times faster.
- Scalability:** operations have cost $O(n \log n)$ for degree n , allowing the use of very long-term security parameters at moderate cost.
- RAM Economy:** the enhanced key generation algorithm of FALCON uses less than 30 kilobytes of RAM, a hundredfold improvement over previous designs such as NTRUSign. FALCON is compatible with small, memory-constrained embedded devices.

Performance

While resistance to quantum computers is the main drive for the design and development of FALCON, the algorithm may achieve significant adoption only if it is also reasonably efficient in our current world, where quantum computers do not really exist. Using the reference implementation on a common desktop computer (Intel® Core® i5-8259U at 2.3 GHz, TurboBoost disabled), FALCON achieves the following performance:

variant	keygen (ms)	keygen (RAM)	sign/s	verify/s	pub size	sig size
FALCON-512	8.64	14336	5948.1	27933.0	897	666
FALCON-1024	27.45	28672	2913.0	13650.0	1793	1280

Size (key generation RAM usage, public key size, signature size) are expressed in bytes. Key generation time

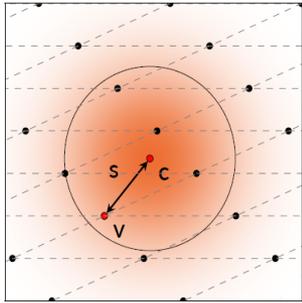


Keygen(1^λ)

- Gen. matrices A, B s.t.:
 - $B \cdot A = 0$
 - B has small coefficients
- $pk := A, sk := B$

Verify($M, pk = A, sig = s$)

Check (s short) & ($s \cdot A = H(M)$)



Sign($M, sk = B$)

- Compute c such that $c \cdot A = H(M)$
- $v \leftarrow$ vector in $\mathcal{L}(B)$, close to c
- $sig := s = (c - v)$

Advantages:

- The most bandwidth-efficient finalist
- Verification (in particular) is fast and RAM efficient
- Extensive research on the security of lattices (and NTRU)
- Side-channel resistance is now better understood [Por19, HPRR20, FKT+20]

What can be improved:

- Key generation and signing remain complex
- Key generation and signing rely on floating-point arithmetic
- More work on side-channel resistance is always welcome

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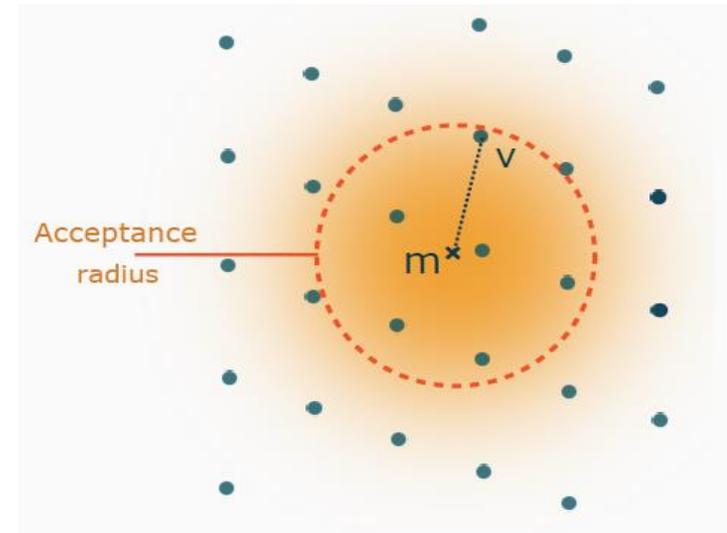
GPV Framework[GPV'08]

Simplified $\text{Sign}_{\text{sk}, \sigma}(\text{msg}) :$

1. $\mathbf{m} = \mathcal{H}(\text{msg})$
2. $\mathbf{v} \leftarrow \text{GaussianSampler}(\text{sk}, \mathbf{m}, \sigma)$
3. Signature: $\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{m} - \mathbf{v}$.

Simplified $\text{Verif}_{\mathcal{L}=\text{pk}}(\text{msg}, \mathbf{s}) :$

1. If $\|\mathbf{s}\|$ too big, reject.
2. If $\mathbf{m} - \mathbf{s} \notin \mathcal{L}$, reject.
3. Accept.



Requirements

CVP_γ hard $\Rightarrow \sigma$ small $\Rightarrow \text{sk}$ has short vectors

Hard to compute
 sk just from pk

Easy to generate
 pk just from sk

sk is called "a trapdoor"

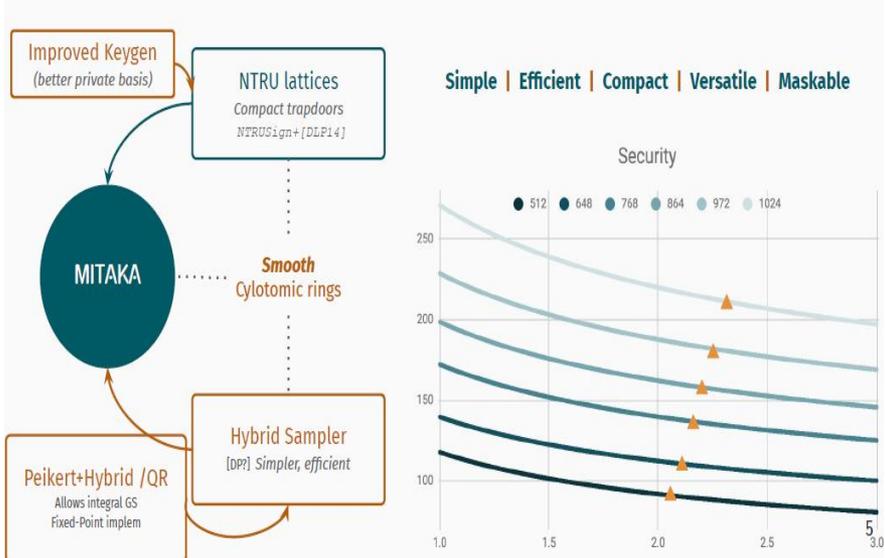
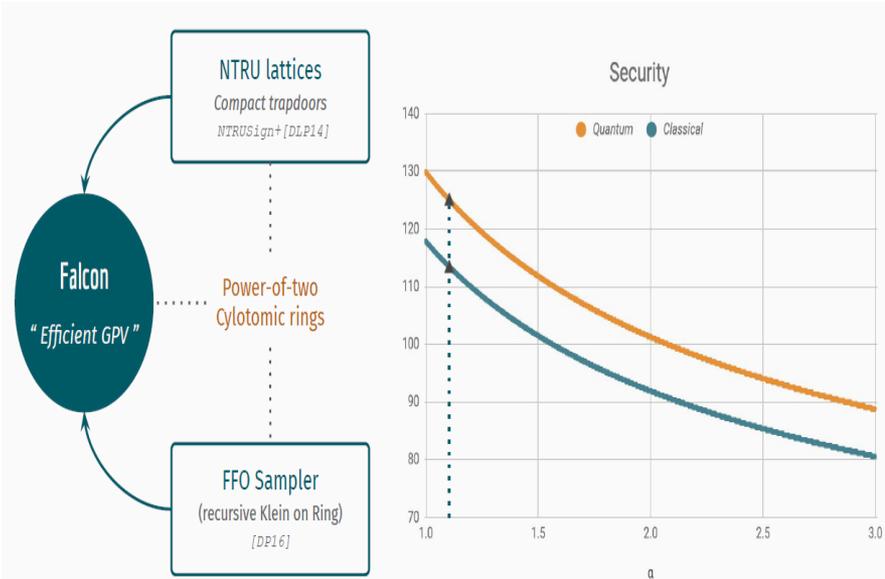
MITAKA Algorithm



Mitaka
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SOLMAE in a nutshell

SOLMAE* Algorithm Specifications

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Abstract. This document specifies the SOLMAE signature scheme submitted to the Korean Post-Quantum Competition. SOLMAE is a lattice-based signature scheme following the hash-and-sign paradigm (in the style of Gentry–Peikert–Vaikuntanathan signatures), and instantiated over NTRU lattices. In that sense, it is closely related to, and a successor of, several earlier schemes including Ducas–Lyubashevsky–Prest (DLP), FALCON and MITAKA. More precisely, SOLMAE offers the “best of both worlds” between FALCON and MITAKA.

FALCON has the advantage of providing short public keys and signatures (offering essentially the best bandwidth trade-off among post-quantum constructions) as well as high security levels; however, it is plagued by a contrived signing algorithm that makes it very difficult to implement correctly, not very fast for signing and hard to parallelize; it also has very little flexibility in terms of parameter settings. In contrast, MITAKA is much simpler to implement, twice as fast in equal dimension, straightforward to parallelize and fully versatile in terms of parameters; however, it has lower security than FALCON in equal dimension, has an even more contrived key generation algorithm that tends to be quite slow, and has somewhat larger keys and signatures at equivalent security levels.

SOLMAE solves the conundrum of choosing between those two schemes by offering all the advantages of both. It uses the same simple, fast, parallelizable signing algorithm as MITAKA, with flexible parameters. However, by leveraging a novel key generation algorithm that is much faster and achieves higher security, SOLMAE achieves the same high security and short key and signature sizes as FALCON. It is also compatible with recently introduced ellipsoidal lattice Gaussian sampling techniques to further reduce signature sizes. This makes SOLMAE the state-of-the-art in terms of constructing efficient lattice-based signatures over structured lattices. Some further challenges are left in the conclusion.

Keywords: Signature schemes · Lattice-based cryptography · Hash-and-sign paradigm · Module lattices · Lattice Gaussian sampling



Fig. 1: Overview of SOLMAE

Table 2: Performance comparison between SOLMAE and FALCON.

		SOLMAE–512	SOLMAE–1024	FALCON–512	FALCON–1024
KeyGen time	Mcycles	27	65	—	—
	time (ms)	7.5	18	5.0	15
pk size	Bytes	896	1792	896	1792
Sign time	kcycles	387	775	—	—
	time (μ s)	108	216	220	441
sgn size	Bytes	666	1375	666	1280
Verif time	kcycles	40	84	—	—
	time (μ s)	11	23	18	36

2X
Faster

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4. Let's learn lattice and its problem

Lattice

A lattice can have different basis:

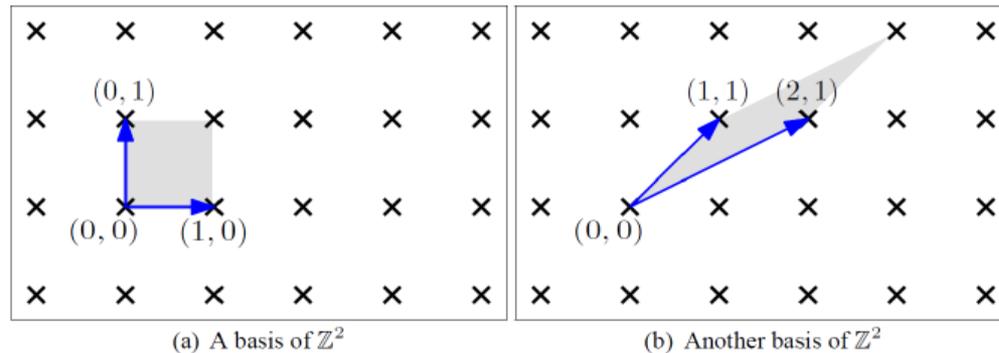


Figure: *Different Basis of same Lattice*

Fact. A lattice has infinite number of bases.

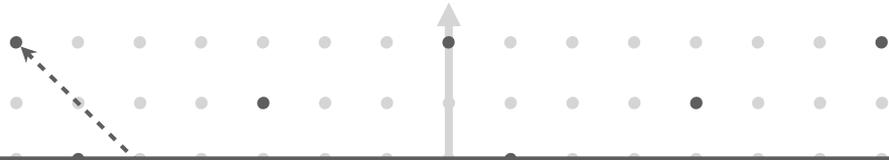
Fact. Integer lattices only have bases with integer entries.

A lattice is the set of integer combinations of any of its bases.

A lattice with basis \mathbf{B} is denoted by $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$ (denoted by $\Lambda(\mathbf{B})$ in some literature). The notion are abused to non-basis \mathbf{B} in some literature.

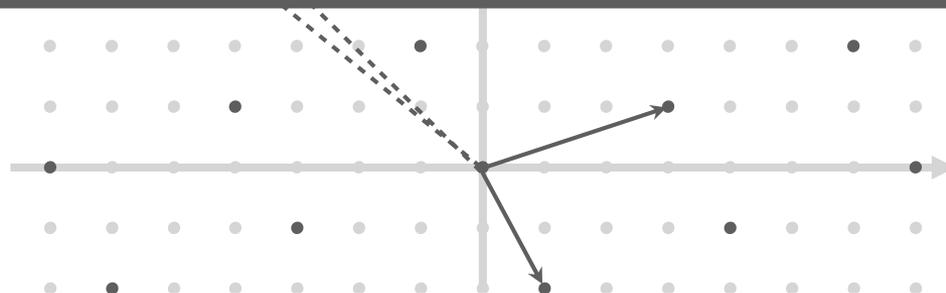
Lattice : Good basis vs. Bad basis





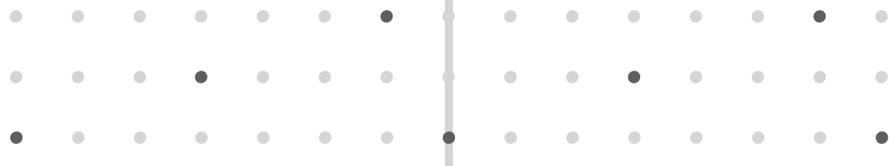
“Finding short vectors in a lattice is hard !”

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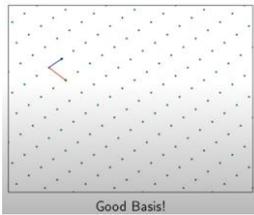
“The better the basis, the easier my problem becomes”

Every lattice cryptographer ever

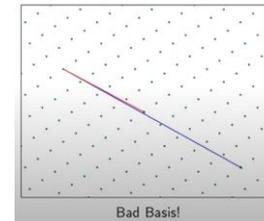


Lattice Problem : SVP (Shortest Vector Problem)

Good basis is easy to find SVP.



Bad basis is difficult to find SVP.



$$L = \{z_1 b_1 + z_2 b_2\} = \left\{ z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Now we want to find the nearest point to $\begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} 5z_1 - 2z_2 = 27 \\ 1z_1 + 8z_2 = 8 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_1 = 5.52 \\ z_2 = 0.309 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (z_1, z_2) = (6, 0)$$

$$z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = 6 \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + 0 \begin{bmatrix} -2 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 30 \\ 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

We determine if the angle between the points is around 90 degrees, and if it is, we should be able to solve for the nearest point.

$$L = \{z_1 b_1 + z_2 b_2\} = \left\{ z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 37 \\ 41 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} 103 \\ 113 \end{bmatrix} \right\}$$

Now we want to find the nearest point to $\begin{bmatrix} 27 \\ 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\begin{cases} 37z_1 - 103z_2 = 27 \\ 41z_1 + 113z_2 = 8 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} z_1 = -53.023 \\ z_2 = 19.309 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (z_1, z_2) = (-53, 19)$$

$$z_1 \begin{bmatrix} 37 \\ 41 \end{bmatrix} + z_2 \begin{bmatrix} 103 \\ 113 \end{bmatrix} = -53 \begin{bmatrix} 37 \\ 41 \end{bmatrix} + 19 \begin{bmatrix} 103 \\ 113 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -4 \\ -26 \end{bmatrix}$$

This gives us an incorrect point of $(-4, -26)$ and which is not near $(27, 8)$!

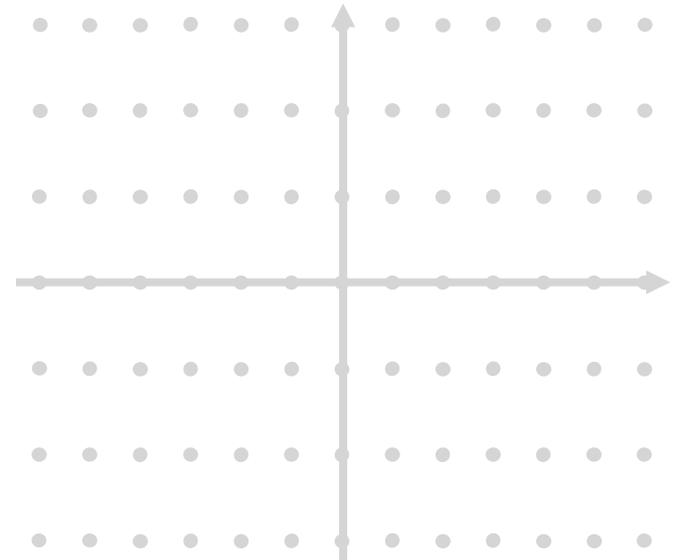
Hash-and-sign over lattices(1/3)

Sign (sk, msg)

1. $m \leftarrow \text{Hash}(msg)$
2. $v \leftarrow \text{Discrete Gaussian sample}(m)$
3. Return $s = (m-v)$

Verif (pk, msg, s)

1. Assert $\|s\|$ small
2. Assert $s - \text{Hash}(msg)$ is in L
3. Accept



Hash-and-sign over lattices(2/3)

Sign (sk, msg)

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2. $v \leftarrow \text{Discrete Gaussian sample}(m)$

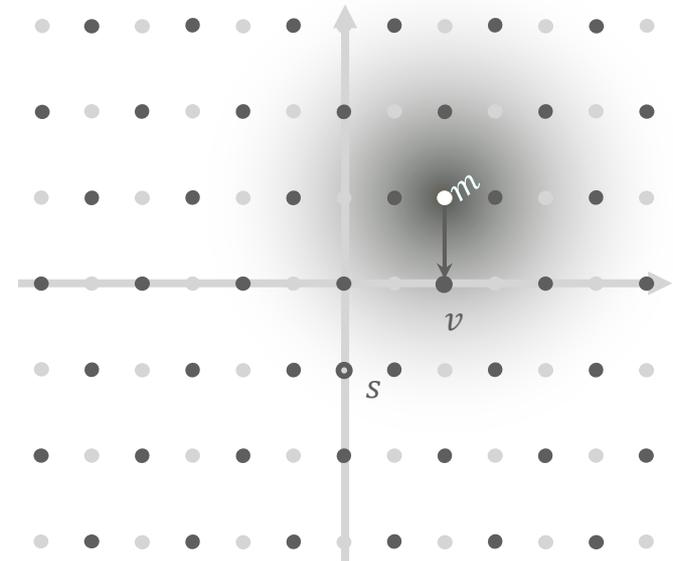
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3. Accept



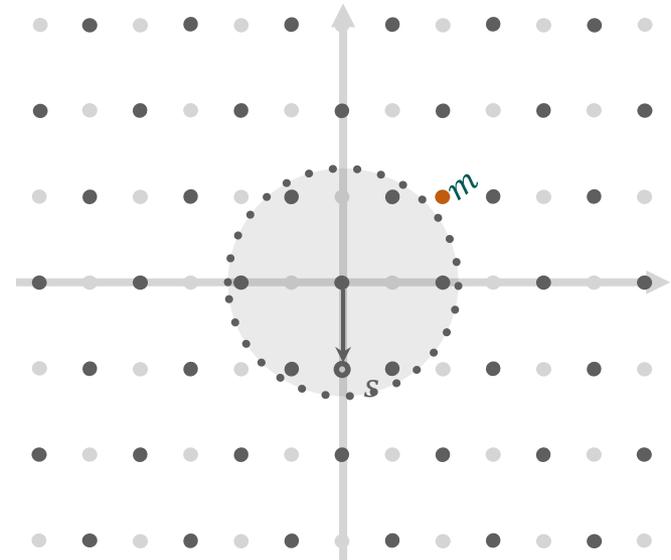
Hash-and-sign over lattices (3/3)

Sign(sk, msg)

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3. Return $s = (m - v)$

Verif(pk, msg, s)

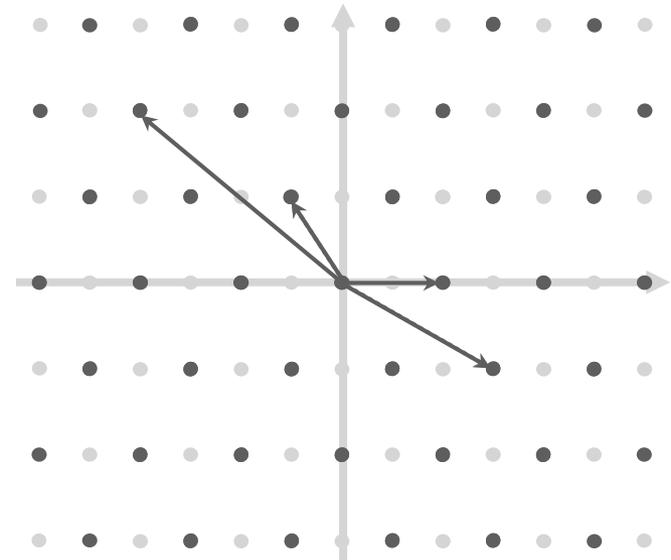
1. Assert $\|s\|$ small
2. Assert s -Hash(msg) is in L
3. Accept



Hash-and-sign over lattices : key recovery



- Lattice reduction / SVP (*find short vectors*)
- Should be hard
 - ➔ Large dimension
 - ➔ “*bad*” public basis



“Finding short vectors in a lattice is hard !”

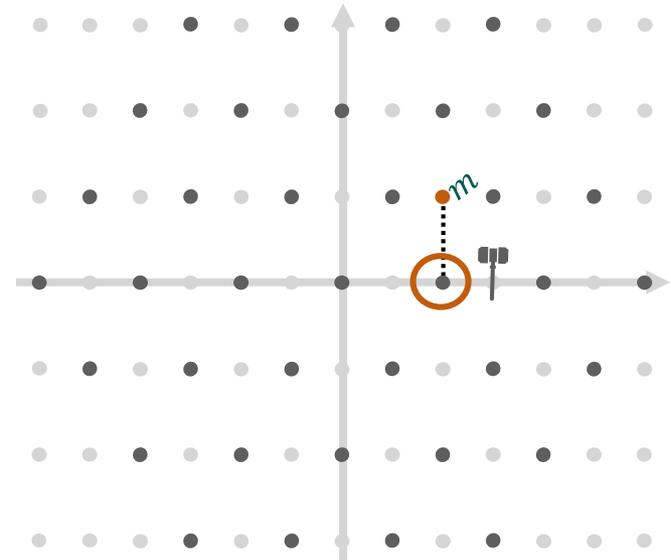
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SVP: Shortest Vector Problem

Hash-and-sign over lattices : forgery



- CVP instance (*finding a lattice point close enough*)
- Should be hard
 - ➔ small distance
 - ➔ gaussian sample with small variance
 - ➔ “*good*” private basis (*short vectors*)



“The better the basis, the easier my problem becomes”

Every lattice cryptographer ever

CVP: Closest Vector Problem

Shortest Vector Problem(SVP)

Definition

Shortest Vector Problem (SVP): Given lattice basis \mathbf{B} of \mathcal{L} , find the shortest nonzero vector on \mathcal{L} .

SVP is **NP**-hard.

Definition

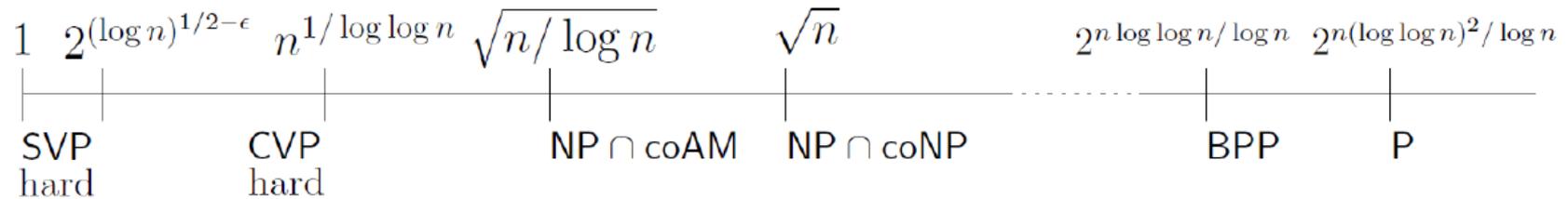
γ -Approximate Shortest Vector Problem (SVP_γ): Given the lattice basis \mathbf{B} of \mathcal{L} , find a non-zero vector \mathbf{z} on lattice \mathcal{L} s.t. $\|\mathbf{z}\| \leq \gamma \cdot \lambda_1(\mathcal{L})$.

Remark. SVP_γ is written to γ -SVP in some literature.

SVP_γ is extremely hard for some γ , but get easier when γ grows very large.

Status of SVP and others

Hardness:



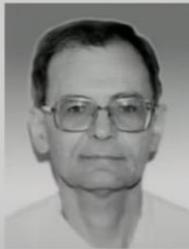
- **NP**-complete for not very small γ
- The hardest among lattice problems
- No known quantum acceleration
- No known subexponential algorithm for $\gamma \leq \sqrt{n}$

Cryptographic Importance:

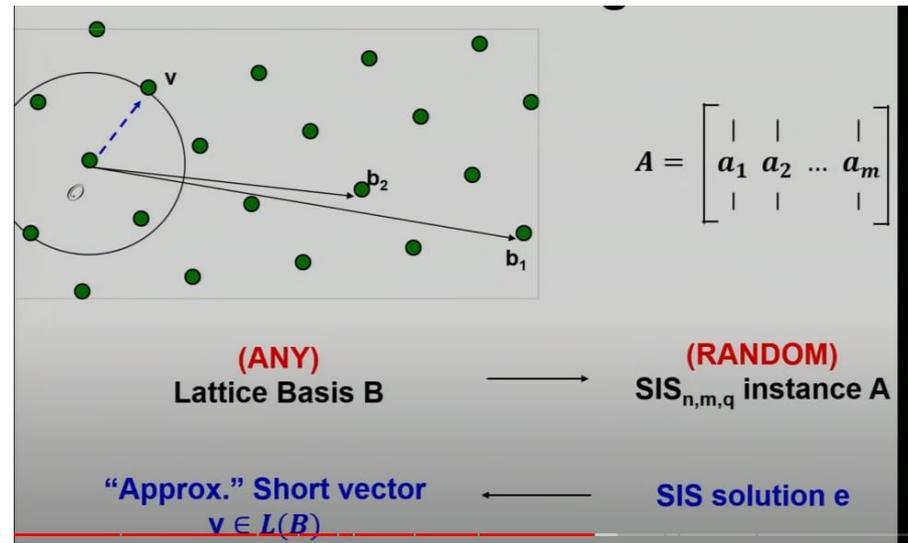
- $\gamma = n^c$: the hardness basic of average-case problems (e.g., LWE)

Worst-case to Average-case Reduction for SIS

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(Ajtai'96, simplified by Micciancio and Regev'04)



SIS: Short Integer Solution

5. What is NTRU?

- History

- In 1996, the first version of the system, which was called NTRU, was developed by mathematicians **Jeffrey Hoffstein, Jill Pipher, and Joseph H. Silverman**
- They founded the company NTRU Cryptosystems, Inc., with Daniel Lieman and were given a patent on the cryptosystem
- The name "NTRU" stands for
 - ✓ **Number Theorists 'R' Us or**
 - ✓ **Number Theory Research Unit.**



- NTRU from Wikipedia

- NTRU is an open-source public-key cryptosystem that uses lattice-based cryptography to encrypt and decrypt data of two algorithms:
 - **NTRUEncrypt**, which is used for encryption
 - **NTRUSign**, which is used for digital signatures
- NTRUEncrypt was patented, but placed in the public domain(2017)
- NTRUSign is patented, but can be used by software under the GPL
- Resistant to attacks using Shor's algorithm.

NTRU lattice and trapdoor

- $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[x]/(x^d + 1)$ where d is a power of 2
- Given $f, g \in \mathcal{R}$ such that f is invertible modulo some prime $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ (usually $q = 12289$), and $h = f^{-1}g \pmod{q}$
- The NTRU module determined by h is $\{(u, v) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : uh - v = 0 \pmod{q}\}$
- Two bases of this free module:

$$B_h = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & h \\ 0 & q \end{bmatrix} \quad B_{f,g} = \begin{bmatrix} f & g \\ F & G \end{bmatrix}$$

where $F, G \in \mathcal{R}$ such that $fG - gF = q$.

- $B_{f,g}$ is the trapdoor(secret key) for B_h (public key). NTRU-Encrypt only need (f, g) , but NTRUSign and FALCON also need (F, G) .

6. Details of SOLMAE



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Design Rationale

Two publications related with SOLMAE are:

- MITAKA paper presented at Eurocrypt2022 [EFG⁺22] and
- Compression paper presented at Crypto2022 [ETWY22].

1.1 Design rationale

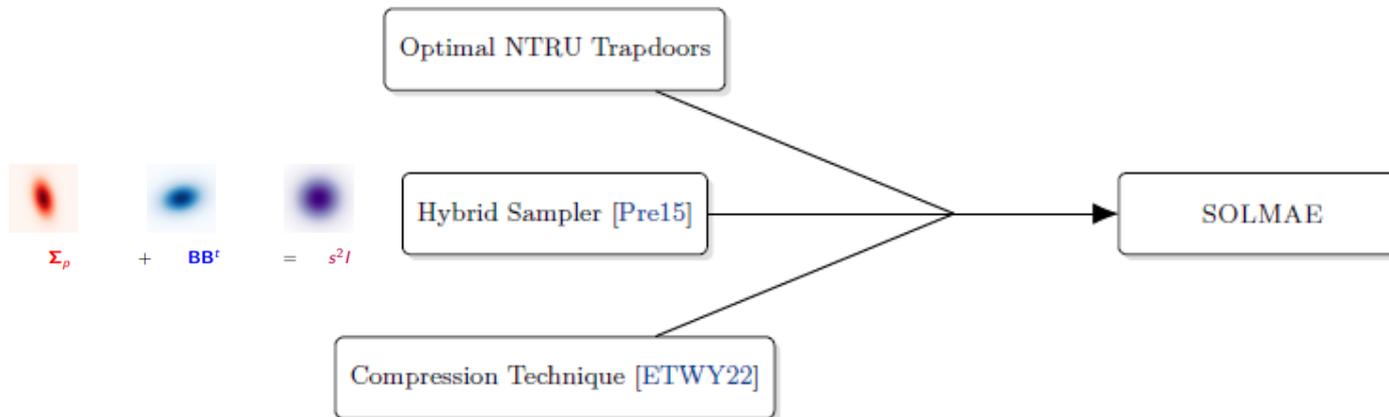


Fig. 1: Overview of SOLMAE

Overall, SOLMAE is summarized in Figure 1.

- EFG⁺22. T. Espitau, P.-A. Fouque, F. Gérard, M. Rossi, A. Takahashi, M. Tibouchi, A. Wallet, and Y. Yu. Mitaka: A simpler, parallelizable, maskable variant of falcon. In *EUROCRYPT 2022, Part III*, vol. 13277 of *LNCS*, pp. 222–253. Springer, Heidelberg, 2022. 3, 5, 12, 13
- ETWY22. T. Espitau, M. Tibouchi, A. Wallet, and Y. Yu. Shorter hash-and-sign lattice-based signatures. *IACR Cryptol. ePrint Arch.*, to appear at *CRYPTO 2022*, p. 785, 2022. 3, 6, 11, 16
- Pre15. T. Prest. *Gaussian Sampling in Lattice-Based Cryptography*. PhD thesis, École Normale Supérieure, Paris, France, 2015. 3, 5, 12, 13

KeyGen(sk, pk)

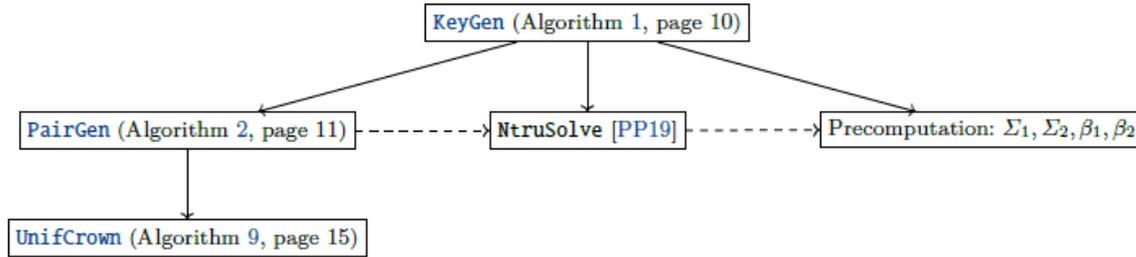


Fig. 2: Flowchart of KeyGen.

Algorithm 1: KeyGen

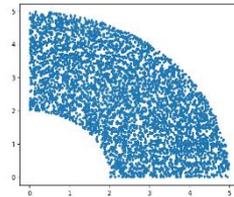
Input: A modulus q , a target quality parameter $1 < \alpha$, parameters $\sigma_{\text{sig}}, \eta > 0$
Output: A basis $((f, g), (F, G)) \in R^2$ of an NTRU lattice $\mathcal{L}_{\text{NTRU}}$ with $\mathcal{Q}(f, g) = \alpha$;
 // Secret basis computation:
 repeat
 | $\mathbf{b}_1 := (f, g) \leftarrow \text{PairGen}(q, \alpha, R_-, R_+)$;
 until f is invertible modulo q ;
 $\mathbf{b}_2 := (F, G) \leftarrow \text{NtruSolve}(q, f, g)$;
 // Public key data computation:
 $h \leftarrow g/f \bmod q$;
 $\gamma \leftarrow 1.1 \cdot \sigma_{\text{sig}} \cdot \sqrt{2d}$; /* tolerance for signature length */
 // Sampling data computation, in Fourier domain:
 $\beta_1 \leftarrow \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_1 \rangle_K} \cdot \mathbf{b}_1$;
 $\Sigma_1 \leftarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{sig}}^2}{\langle \mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_1 \rangle_K} - \eta^2}$;
 $\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_2 := (F, G) \leftarrow \mathbf{b}_2 - \langle \beta_1, \mathbf{b}_2 \rangle \cdot \mathbf{b}_1$;
 $\beta_2 \leftarrow \frac{1}{\langle \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_2 \rangle_K} \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_2$;
 $\Sigma_2 \leftarrow \sqrt{\frac{\sigma_{\text{sig}}^2}{\langle \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_2 \rangle_K} - \eta^2}$;
 $\text{sk} \leftarrow (\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_2, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \beta_1, \beta_2)$;
 $\text{pk} \leftarrow (q, h, \sigma_{\text{sig}}, \eta, \gamma)$;
 return sk, pk;

Algorithm 2: PairGen

Input: A modulus q , a target quality parameter $1 < \alpha$, two radii parameters $0 < R_- < R_+$
Output: A pair (f, g) with $\mathcal{Q}(f, g) = \alpha$
 for $i = 1$ to $d/2$ do
 | $x_i, y_i \leftarrow \text{UnifCrown}(R_-, R_+)$; /* see Algorithm 9 */
 | $\theta_x, \theta_y \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$;
 | $\varphi_{f,i} \leftarrow |x_i| \cdot e^{2i\pi\theta_x}$;
 | $\varphi_{g,i} \leftarrow |y_i| \cdot e^{2i\pi\theta_y}$;
 end
 $(f^{\mathbb{R}}, g^{\mathbb{R}}) \leftarrow (\text{FFT}^{-1}((\varphi_{f,i})_{i \leq d/2}), \text{FFT}^{-1}((\varphi_{g,i})_{i \leq d/2}))$;
 $(\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) \leftarrow (|f^{\mathbb{R}}|)_{i \leq d/2}, (|g^{\mathbb{R}}|)_{i \leq d/2}$;
 $(\varphi(f), \varphi(g)) \leftarrow (\text{FFT}(\mathbf{f}), \text{FFT}(\mathbf{g}))$;
 for $i = 1$ to $d/2$ do
 | if $q/\alpha^2 > |\varphi_i(f)|^2 + |\varphi_i(g)|^2$ or $\alpha^2 q < |\varphi_i(f)|^2 + |\varphi_i(g)|^2$ then
 | | restart;
 | end
 end
 return (\mathbf{f}, \mathbf{g}) ;

Algorithm 9: UnifCrown

Input: Parameters $0 < R_- < R_+$.
Output: A point (x, y) with uniform distribution in $A(R_-, R_+)$
 $u_\rho, u_\theta \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(0, 1)$;
 $\rho \leftarrow \sqrt{R_-^2 + u_\rho(R_+^2 - R_-^2)}$;
 $x \leftarrow \rho \cdot \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} u_\theta)$;
 $y \leftarrow \rho \cdot \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} u_\theta)$;
 return (x, y)



Sign(m, salt, sk)

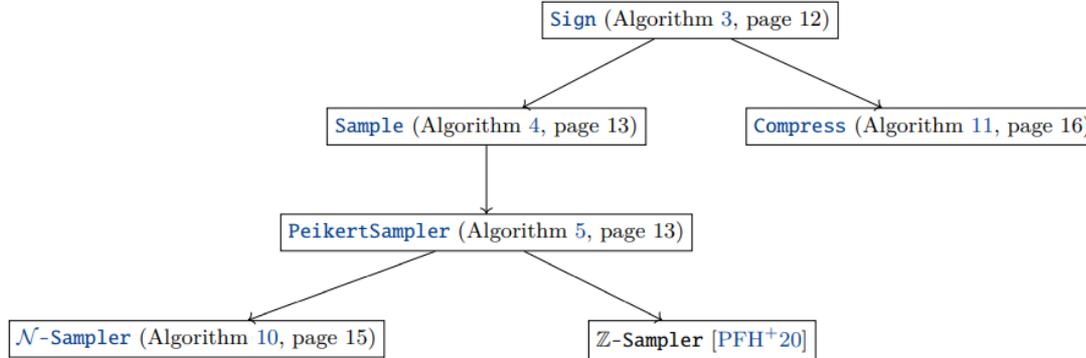


Fig. 3: Flowchart of Sign.

Algorithm 10: \mathcal{N} -Sampler

Input: The degree d of R .
Output: Two variables x, y with distribution \mathcal{N}_d

```

 $u_\rho, u_\theta \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(0, 1);$ 
 $\rho \leftarrow \sqrt{-2d \ln u_\rho};$ 
 $x \leftarrow \rho \cdot \cos(2\pi u_\theta);$ 
 $y \leftarrow \rho \cdot \sin(2\pi u_\theta);$ 
return  $(x, y)$ 
  
```

Specifications of \mathbb{Z} -Sampler: This step is surprisingly delicate. We reuse the ingenious method of FALCON, and refer to their documentation [PFH⁺20] for the details about the parameters. Below, we give only an informal description of the necessary steps based on [ZSS20, HPRR20].

Algorithm 3: Sign

Input: A message $M \in \{0, 1\}^*$, a tuple $\mathbf{sk} = ((f, g), (F, G), (\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}), \sigma_{\text{sig}}, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \eta)$, a rejection parameter $\gamma > 0$.
Output: A pair $(r, \text{Compress}(s_1))$ with $r \in \{0, 1\}^{320}$ and $\|(s_1, s_2)\| \leq \gamma$.

```

 $r \leftarrow \mathcal{U}(\{0, 1\}^{320});$ 
 $\mathbf{c} \leftarrow (0, \mathbb{H}(r \| M));$ 
 $\hat{\mathbf{c}} \leftarrow \text{FFT}(\mathbf{c});$ 
repeat
   $(\hat{s}_1, \hat{s}_2) \leftarrow \hat{\mathbf{c}} - \text{Sample}(\hat{\mathbf{c}}, \mathbf{sk});$ 
   $// (s_1, s_2) \leftarrow D_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{WTRU}, \mathbf{c}, \sigma_{\text{sig}}}}$ 
until  $\|(\text{FFT}^{-1}(\hat{s}_1), \text{FFT}^{-1}(\hat{s}_2))\|^2 \leq \gamma^2;$ 
 $s_1 \leftarrow \text{FFT}^{-1}(\hat{s}_1);$ 
 $s \leftarrow \text{Compress}(s_1);$ 
return  $(r, s);$ 
  
```

The sampling of the signature vector in Algorithm 3 is a cascade of different sampling algorithms, Sample, PeikertSampler, and at the deepest level, \mathbb{Z} -Sampler. Their specifications follow.

Algorithm 4: Sample

Input: A target $\mathbf{c} = (0, \mathbf{c}') \in K_{\mathbb{R}}^2$, a tuple $\mathbf{sk} = (\mathbf{b}_1 = (f, g), \mathbf{b}_2 = (F, G), \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_2 = (\tilde{F}, \tilde{G}), \sigma_{\text{sig}}, \Sigma_1, \Sigma_2, \beta_1, \beta_2)$.
Output: A vector $\mathbf{v} \in \mathcal{L}_{\text{WTRU}}$ with distribution statistically close to $D_{\mathcal{L}_{\text{WTRU}}, \mathbf{c}, \sigma_{\text{sig}}}$.

```

 $\mathbf{t} \leftarrow \mathbf{c}, \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{0};$ 
for  $i = 2$  to  $1$  do
   $t_i \leftarrow \langle \beta_i, \mathbf{t} \rangle_{K};$ 
   $z_i \leftarrow \text{PeikertSampler}(t_i, \Sigma_i, \eta);$  /*  $z_i \leftarrow D_{R, t_i, \frac{\sigma_{\text{sig}}}{(\mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_i)}}$  */
   $\mathbf{t} \leftarrow \mathbf{t} - z_i \mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{v} \leftarrow \mathbf{v} + z_i \mathbf{b}_i;$ 
end
return  $\mathbf{v};$ 
  
```

Algorithm 5: PeikertSampler

Input: A target $t \in K_{\mathbb{R}}$, parameters $\Sigma, \eta \in K_{\mathbb{R}}^{++}$.
Output: A vector $\mathbf{v} \in R$ with distribution statistically close to $D_{R, t, \sigma}$, where $\sigma = \sqrt{\Sigma^2 + \eta^2}$.

```

 $p \leftarrow \Sigma \cdot \mathcal{N}_1^{K_{\mathbb{R}}};$  /*  $p \leftarrow \mathcal{N}_{\Sigma^2}^{K_{\mathbb{R}}}$ , done with  $\mathcal{N}$ -Sampler (Algorithm 10) */
 $(p_1, \dots, p_d) \leftarrow \text{FFT}^{-1}(p);$  /*  $(p_i)_i \in \mathbb{R}^d$  */
 $(t_1, \dots, t_d) \leftarrow \text{FFT}^{-1}(t);$  /*  $(t_i)_i \in \mathbb{Z}^d$  */
for  $i = 1$  to  $d$  do
   $x_i \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}\text{-Sampler}(t_i - p_i, \eta);$ 
end
return  $\text{FFT}(x_1, \dots, x_d);$ 
  
```

Verify(m, salt, sig, pk)

Algorithm 6: Verif

Input: A signature (r, s) on M , a public key $\text{pk} = h$, a bound γ .

Output: Accept or reject.

```

 $s_1 \leftarrow \text{Decompress}(s);$ 
 $c \leftarrow \text{H}(r \| M);$ 
 $s_2 \leftarrow c + hs_1 \bmod q;$ 
if  $\|(s_1, s_2)\|^2 > \gamma^2$  then
  | return Reject.
end
return Accept.

```

Algorithm 11: Compress

Input: A polynomial $s = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i X^i \in R = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^d + 1)$ and an integer slen .

Output: A compressed representation of str of s of bitsize slen , or \perp .

```

 $\text{str} \leftarrow \{\};$ 
for  $i = 0$  to  $d - 1$  do
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow (\text{str} \| b)$  where  $b = 1$  if  $s_i < 0$ ,  $b = 0$  otherwise;
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow (\text{str} \| b_6 b_5 \dots b_0)$  where  $b_j = (|s_i| \gg j) \& 0x1$ ;
  |  $k \leftarrow |s_i| \gg 7$ ;
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow (\text{str} \| 0^k 1)$ 
end
if  $|\text{str}| > \text{slen}$  then
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow \perp$ ;
end
else
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow (\text{str} \| 0^{\text{slen} - |\text{str}|})$ 
end
return  $\text{str}$ 

```

Algorithm 12: Decompress

Input: A bitstring str of bitsize slen .

Output: A polynomial $s = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i X^i \in R = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^d + 1)$ or \perp .

```

if  $|\text{str}| \neq \text{slen}$  then
  | return  $\perp$ ;
end
for  $i = 0$  to  $d - 1$  do
  |  $s'_i \leftarrow \sum_{j=0}^6 2^{6-j} \text{str}[1 + j]$ ;
  |  $k \leftarrow 0$ ;
  | while  $\text{str}[8 + k] = 0$  do
  | |  $k \leftarrow k + 1$ 
  | end
  |  $s_i \leftarrow (-1)^{\text{str}[0]} \cdot (s'_i + 2^7 k)$ ;
  | if  $s_i = 0$  and  $\text{str}[0] = 1$  then
  | | return  $\perp$ 
  | end
  |  $\text{str} \leftarrow \text{str}[9 + k : ]$ 
end
if  $|\text{str}| \neq 0^{|\text{str}|}$  then
  | return  $\perp$ ;
end
return  $s = \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} s_i X^i$ 

```

List of Parameters

Table 1: List of parameters for SOLMAE

	SOLMAE-512	SOLMAE-1024
ring degree d	512	1024
dimension $2d$	1024	2048
modulus q	12289	12289
salt length k	320	320
smoothing η	1.338	1.351
smoothness ϵ	2^{-41}	2^{-41}
quality α	1.17	1.64
correction δ	0.065	0.3
lower radius R_-	101.95	100.85
upper radius R_+	122.49	148.54
signature width σ_{sig}	173.54	245.62
slack τ	1.04	1.04
rejection bound γ^2	33870790	134150669

Note that the value of smoothing η can be used 1.320 for SOLMAE-512 and SOLMAE-1024 together. In practice, it doesn't make difference.

Reference Implementation in C, SOLMAE_512

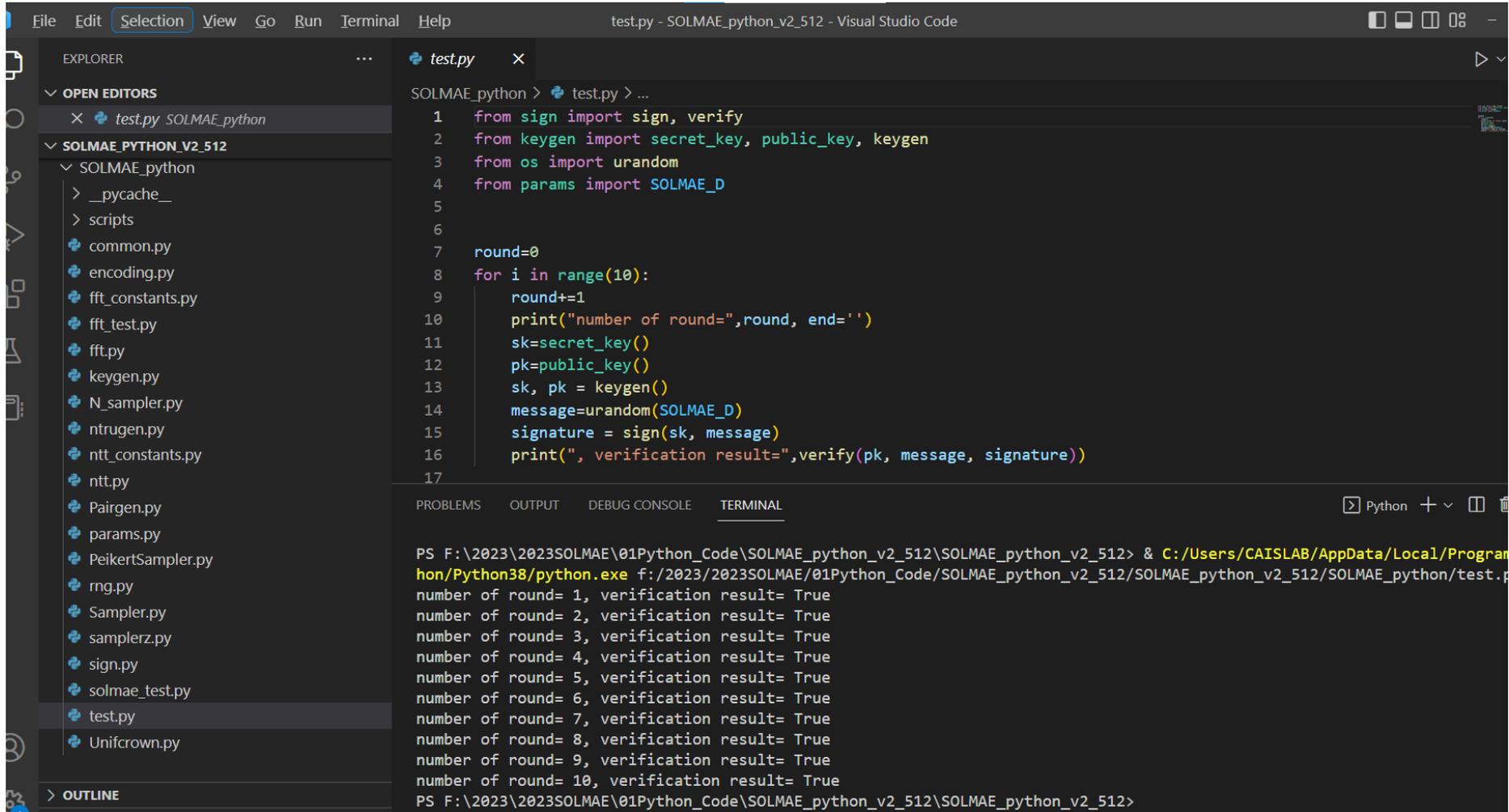


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SOLMAE_512 in Python



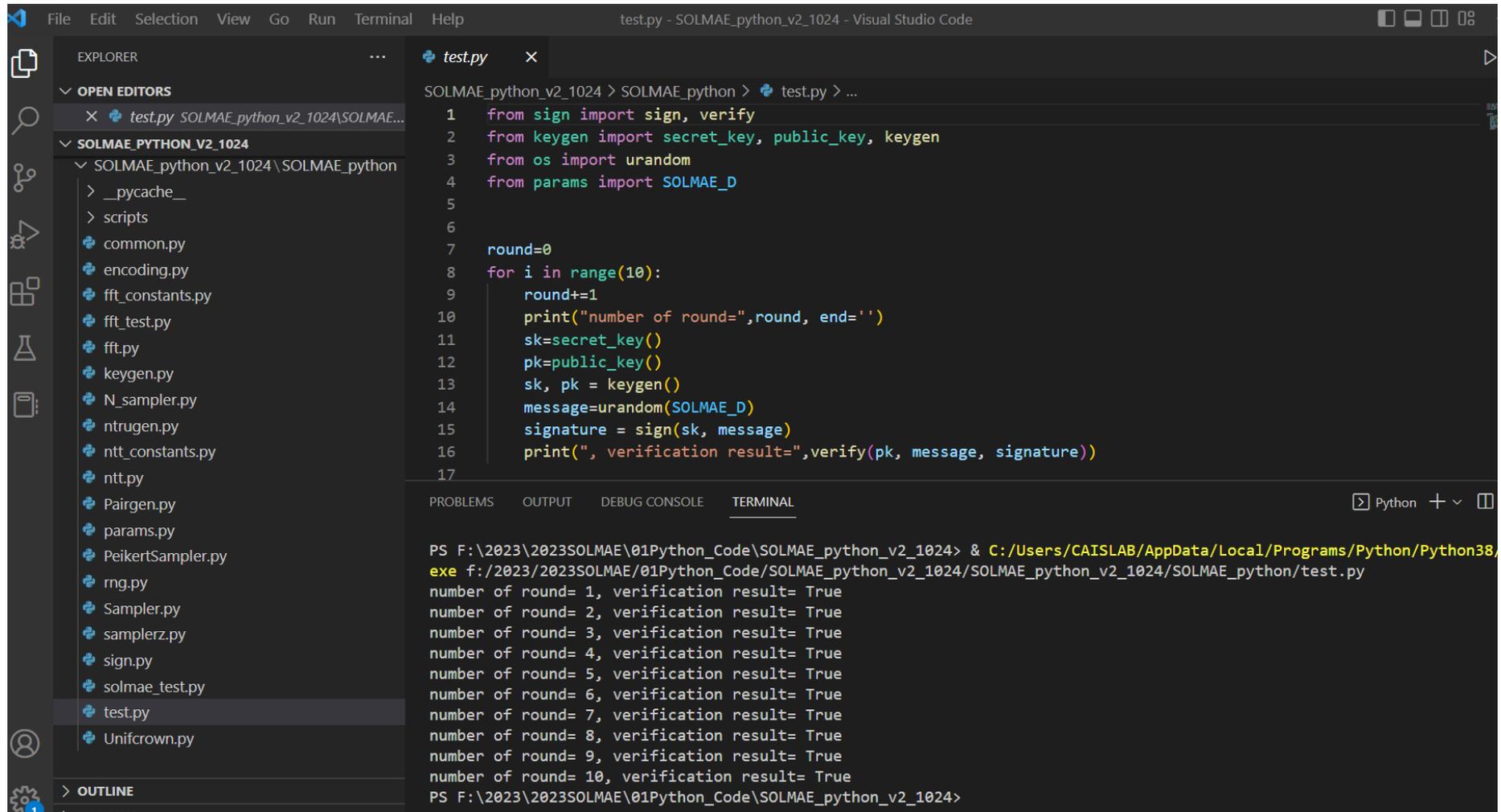
The screenshot shows the Visual Studio Code interface with a Python file named `test.py` open. The file contains a loop that generates and verifies signatures for 10 rounds. The terminal output shows that all 10 rounds passed verification.

```
SOLMAE_python > test.py > ...
1  from sign import sign, verify
2  from keygen import secret_key, public_key, keygen
3  from os import urandom
4  from params import SOLMAE_D
5
6
7  round=0
8  for i in range(10):
9      round+=1
10     print("number of round=",round, end='')
11     sk=secret_key()
12     pk=public_key()
13     sk, pk = keygen()
14     message=urandom(SOLMAE_D)
15     signature = sign(sk, message)
16     print(", verification result=",verify(pk, message, signature))
17
```

Terminal Output:

```
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number of round= 1, verification result= True
number of round= 2, verification result= True
number of round= 3, verification result= True
number of round= 4, verification result= True
number of round= 5, verification result= True
number of round= 6, verification result= True
number of round= 7, verification result= True
number of round= 8, verification result= True
number of round= 9, verification result= True
number of round= 10, verification result= True
PS F:\2023\2023SOLMAE\01Python_Code\SOLMAE_python_v2_512\SOLMAE_python_v2_512>
```

SOLMAE_1024 in Python



The image shows a Visual Studio Code editor window with a Python file named `test.py` open. The file is located in the directory `SOLMAE_python_v2_1024`. The code in `test.py` is as follows:

```

1  from sign import sign, verify
2  from keygen import secret_key, public_key, keygen
3  from os import urandom
4  from params import SOLMAE_D
5
6
7  round=0
8  for i in range(10):
9      round+=1
10     print("number of round=",round, end='')
11     sk=secret_key()
12     pk=public_key()
13     sk, pk = keygen()
14     message=urandom(SOLMAE_D)
15     signature = sign(sk, message)
16     print(", verification result=",verify(pk, message, signature))
17

```

The terminal output shows the execution of the script, which runs 10 rounds of key generation and signing/verification. The output is:

```

PS F:\2023\2023SOLMAE\01Python_Code\SOLMAE_python_v2_1024> & C:/Users/CAISLAB/AppData/Local/Programs/Python/Python38,
exe f:/2023/2023SOLMAE/01Python_Code/SOLMAE_python_v2_1024/SOLMAE_python_v2_1024/SOLMAE_python/test.py
number of round= 1, verification result= True
number of round= 2, verification result= True
number of round= 3, verification result= True
number of round= 4, verification result= True
number of round= 5, verification result= True
number of round= 6, verification result= True
number of round= 7, verification result= True
number of round= 8, verification result= True
number of round= 9, verification result= True
number of round= 10, verification result= True
PS F:\2023\2023SOLMAE\01Python_Code\SOLMAE_python_v2_1024>

```


Performance(1/2)

4.1 Description of platform

Our implementation has been tested on various x86-64 platforms, and consistently outperforms FALCON in signing and verification in equal dimension, while key generation is slightly slower. Timings below have been collected on a single core of a Ryzen Threadripper Pro 5975WX @ 3.60 GHz workstation with hyperthreading and frequency scaling disabled.

Table 2: Performance comparison between SOLMAE and FALCON.

		SOLMAE-512	SOLMAE-1024	FALCON-512	FALCON-1024
KeyGen time	Mcycles	27	65	—	—
	time (ms)	7.5	18	5.0	15
pk size	Bytes	896	1792	896	1792
Sign time	kcycles	387	775	—	—
	time (μ s)	108	216	220	441
sgn size	Bytes	666	1375	666	1280
Verif time	kcycles	40	84	—	—
	time (μ s)	11	23	18	36



Performance(2/2)

Under the low-speed computing environment, Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8550U CPU@1.80GHz 8.00GB RAM, we have executed the performance check of our reference implementation without compression/decompression for SOLMAE-512 and SOLMAE-1024 whose C-src codes are attached in our submission package to KpqC competition.

For this test, the input messages are chosen 1,024 byte randomly per 10,000 times with each count using different key pairs. The average clock cycle and time (μ s) during KeyGen, Sign and Verif using SOLMAE-512 and SOLMAE-1024 are shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Average performance per each step of SOLMAE-512 and SOLMAE-1024

	SOLMAE-512		SOLMAE-1024	
KeyGen	26,336,721.9	13,231.4	56,381,295.8	28,301.3
Sign	499,836.9	244.2	975,022.5	491.9
Verif	35,427.8	15.0	69,530.2	35.6

7. Security Evaluation

- Mathematical Attack for key-recovery
 - Lattice-basis attack (e.g., LLL, BKZ, DBKZ, etc.)
 - Meet-in-the-middle attack
 - Hybrid attack, etc.

- Crypto Attack for signature forgery
 - Chosen-ciphertext attack
 - Decryption-failure attack
 - Complicated-padding systems, *etc.*

Security Level

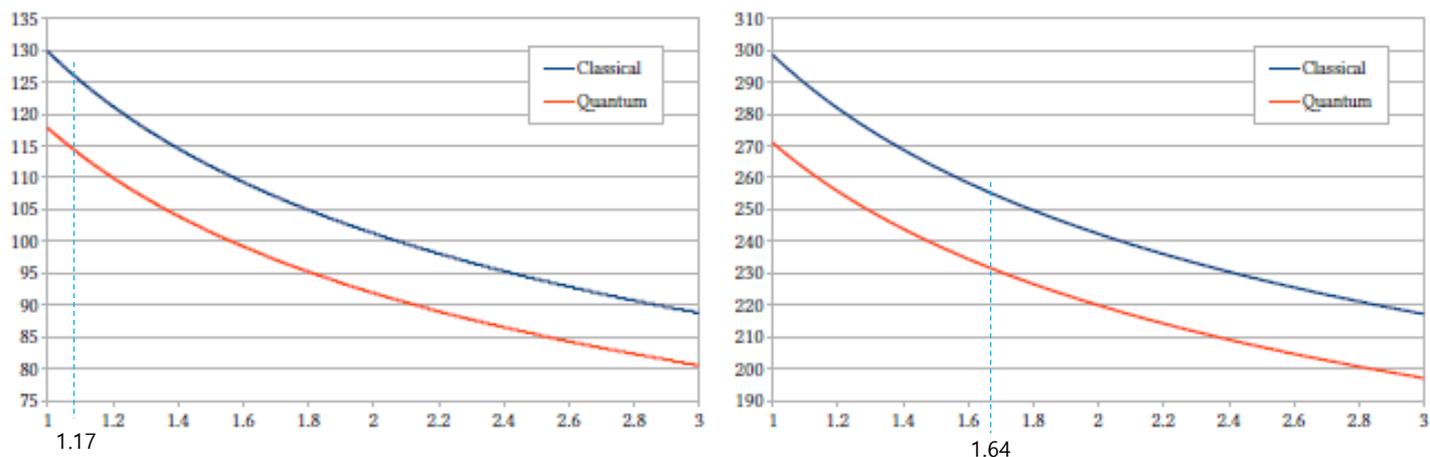


Fig. 4: Security (classical and quantum) against forgery as a function of the quality $1 \leq \alpha \leq 3$ of the lattice sampler (left: dimension 512 and right: dimension 1024).

Table 4: Security level for SOLMAE
(C is classical security, Q is quantum security.)

	SOLMAE-512	SOLMAE-1024
bit security (C/Q)	127/115	256/232
NIST equivalent	NIST-I	NIST-V

- Key Recovery Attack -> SVP
- Signature Forgery -> app-CVP
 - ➔ Similar with the security of FALCON
- Other Attacks
 - Algebraic Attack : No known so far [KEP20]
 - Overstretched NTRU-type[KF17]: significantly improved
 - Hybrid Attack[How07] : not sufficient

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Timing Attack by Secure-IC (1/2)

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METHOD

- § We analyse constant-timeness of the implementation of SOLMAE and HAETAE
- § Using reference C code of signature generation only
- § Considering to start with that only sk (private key) is the sensitive variable
 - There is venue for more refinements by considering the noise is sensitive as well
- § Leveraging the CatalyZR tool:
 - Analyzes propagation of dependencies until reaching conditional branch & pointer dereference
- § The method can induce false positives, typically:
 - Rejection sampling
 - Variable which depends on the key through its length (which is public)
 - Test of the 1st byte of sk which appears to be a known constant



Source: <https://www.kpqc.or.kr/competition.html>

§ SOLMAE signature generation is constant-time



§ HAETEA is not constant-time, owing to:

- Non constant time Barrett reduction
- Non constant time variable centering
- [...]
- Use of Gaussian noise through tables
- Use of double (floating) type



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8. Concluding Remarks

RSA vs. SOLMAE

	RSA	SOLMAE	Cmt
Mathematics	Number Theory	Algebra over Cyclotomic Ring	
Trapdoor	$e \times d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ Multiplicative inverse	$B \times A = 0 \pmod{q}$ over $Z[x]/\psi(n)$ NTRU Trapdoor	
Computation	Modular exponentiation over $n (= p \times q)$	Polynomial computation, FFT, NTT, etc.	
Comparison	Exact (=)	Bounded (\leq)	
Random Sampling	Not necessary	Gaussian Sampling	
Security Problem	Integer factorization	Core SVP, u-SVP, CVP	
Digital/ Quantum Attack	N/Y	N/N	
Security Assumption	Worst-case No average-case	Average-case to Worst-case Reduction	

Pros and Cons of SOLMAE

• Pros

- **Modular Compactness**
- **Simplicity and Efficiency: 2x faster than FALCON**
- Inherit all advantages of FALCON* except SCA**
 - ✓ Small energy on FPGA[BKG22], Embedded 6.5K RAM (< 8k RAM)[GHK+21], TLS3.1[SKD20], DNSSEC[MdJvH+20][GS22]
- Side Channel Resilience
- Almost Achieved Trilemma(S+P+C)

• Cons

- Reliance floating-point arithmetic
- Algebraically structured security assumption
- Need more formal proof

* P-A. Fouque et al., "FALCON : What's next?", NIST 4th PQC Standardization Conference, Nov. 29- Dec.1, 2022

** E. Karabulut and Aydin Aysu, "Breaking FALCON Post-Quantum Signature Scheme through Side-Channel Attacks, same as above.

SOLMAE Family (expected)

- ✓ SOLMAE_ds : original SOLMAE/ SOLMAE_basic
- ✓ eSOLMAE : enhanced SOLMAE against SCA
- ✓ SOLMAE_km : KEM based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_rg : Ring signature based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_ag : Aggregated signature based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_id : ID-based encryption based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_bc : Block_Chain based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_cc : Cryptocurrency based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_pp : Privacy-Preserving based on SOLMAE
- ✓ SOLMAE_fh : Fully-Homomorphic encryption based on SOLMAE
- ✓ and more

Typos in SOLMAE Specification

Location	Submitted	Corrected
lines 13 and 16 in Algorithm 1 , p10	σ_{sig}	σ_{sig}^2
line 13 in Algorithm 2 , p11	α^2/q	q/α^2
line 13 in Algorithm 2 , p11 (2 places)	$\varphi(g)$	$\varphi_i(g)$
line 10 in Algorithm 3 , p12	$\ (\hat{s}_1, \hat{s}_2)\ $	$\ (FFT^{-1}(\hat{s}_1), FFT^{-1}(\hat{s}_2))\ $
line 7 in Algorithm 4 , p13	σ_{sig}	σ_{sig}^2
line 8 from bottom in Def. of Σ_i , p13	σ_{sig}	σ_{sig}^2
line 2, p14	σ_{sig}	σ_{sig}^2
line 3 in Algorithm 9 , p15	u_x, u_y	u_θ
line 5 in Algorithm 9 , p15	$x \leftarrow \rho \cdot \cos(2\pi u_x)$	$x \leftarrow \rho \cdot \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} u_\theta)$
line 6 in Algorithm 9 , p15	$y \leftarrow \rho \cdot \sin(2\pi u_y)$	$y \leftarrow \rho \cdot \sin(\frac{\pi}{2} u_\theta)$
unit of sgn size in Table 2, p18	kBytes	Bytes

Updated SOLMAE Spec. was posted at IRCS blog. Click [here](#) for details.

Some challenges are left to do next:

- Implementation of intermediate NIST security level from II to IV ($d=768,864,972$)
- Implementation of compression and decompression to reduce the size of signature
- Optimized Implementation on various platform
- Backup documents to understand the underlying theory of SOLMAE, *etc.*



Appendix : Attacking Lattice

Lattice Basis Reduction

Good bases are helpful when solve problems on lattices.

E.g., Given an orthodox basis of a lattice, one can immediately compute the shortest vector.

Lattice Basis Reduction is a category of method of finding a “good” basis of the lattice given by a “bad” basis.

Famous basis reduction algorithms:

- LLL Reduction
- BKZ Reduction
- DBKZ Reduction
- HKZ Reduction
- Slide Reduction

Definition (LLL-reduced Basis)

Let $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, we say \mathbf{B} is ϵ -LLL-reduced, if it satisfies the following:

- Size Reduced: for all $i \neq j$, $|\mu_{i,j}| < \frac{1}{2}$
- Lovász's condition: For all $1 < i \leq n$, $\|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|^2 \leq (1 + \epsilon) \|\mu_{i,i+1} \mathbf{b}_i^* + \mathbf{b}_{i+1}^*\|^2$.

Remark. We often set $\epsilon = \frac{1}{3}$.

Remark. We say \mathbf{B} is a ϵ -LLL basis if it is ϵ -LLL-reduced.

We now introduce LLL-algorithm, that turns any lattice basis into a ϵ -LLL-reduced basis.

LLL Algorithm

Input : Lattice Basis $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$, real $\epsilon > 0$

Output: A ϵ -LLL basis of $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$

```

1 Compute  $\mathbf{b}_1^*, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n^*$  for  $i = 2$  to  $n$  do
2   for  $j = i - 1$  to  $1$  do
3      $\mathbf{b}_i \leftarrow \mathbf{b}_i - c_{i,j} \mathbf{b}_j$  where
4      $c_{i,j} = \lceil \langle \mathbf{b}_i, \mathbf{b}_j^* \rangle / \langle \mathbf{b}_j^*, \mathbf{b}_j^* \rangle \rceil$ 
5   end
6 if  $\exists i$  s.t.  $\|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|^2 > (1 + \epsilon) \|\mu_{i,i+1} \mathbf{b}_i^* + \mathbf{b}_{i+1}^*\|^2$ 
7   then
8      $\mathbf{b}_i \leftrightarrow \mathbf{b}_{i+1}$ 
9     go to 1
10 return  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n$ 

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Fact.

- For $\epsilon > 1/\text{poly}(n)$, the algorithm terminates in polynomial time
- $\|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|$ never decreases during the execution

LLL is just the beginning

Many more attacks

- Block Korkine-Zolotarev (BKZ)
 - Assumes we can solve SVP exactly in small dimension m .
 - Projects m vectors to smaller space, solves SVP there, lifts back.
 - Chains these in a way and interleaves with LLL to obtain short basis.
 - Quality depends heavily on m .
- Enumeration algorithms
 - Search for absolutely shortest, with some smart ideas.
 - Finds shortest vector.
 - Can balance time and quality of basis by stopping early/pruning.
- Sieving algorithms
 - Asymptotically faster than enumeration; better than BKZ.
 - Needs more space.
 - No guarantee that short vector found is shortest.
 - Balances time and quality of basis.

We cover enumeration. For sieving see slides 69 onwards of <http://thijs.com/docs/lec2.pdf> by Thijs Laarhoven.

(D)SVP Reduction

Define the following reduced basis.

- δ -SVP-reduced: A basis \mathbf{B} is δ -SVP-reduced if $\|\mathbf{b}_1\| \leq \delta \cdot \lambda_1(\mathbf{B})$.
- δ -DSVP-Reduced: A basis \mathbf{B} is δ -DSVP-reduced if \mathbf{B}^{-s} is δ -SVP-reduced and \mathbf{B} is $\frac{1}{3}$ -LLL-reduced.

Given the access to δ -SVP oracle, δ -(D)SVP-reduce can be done efficiently:

- δ -SVP-reduce \mathbf{B} : Call δ -SVP oracle to get $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$ (s.t. $\|\mathbf{z}\| \leq \delta \cdot \lambda_1(\mathbf{B})$) and “substitute” the first vector of \mathbf{B} with \mathbf{z} .
- δ -DSVP-Reduce \mathbf{B} : Work out \mathbf{B}^{-s} , and do δ -SVP-reduce on \mathbf{B}^{-s} . Then work out the new \mathbf{B} with reduced \mathbf{B}^{-s} and do $\frac{1}{3}$ -LLL-reduce on the new \mathbf{B} . This procedure works fine since $\|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|$ never decreases during the LLL-reduction.

Remark. \mathbf{B} is 1/3-LLL-reduced implies $\|\mathbf{b}_i\| \leq 4\|\mathbf{b}_{i+1}\|$.

DBKZ Algorithm(1/2)

The Self-Dual BKZ (DBKZ) Algorithm [MW16] proposed by Daniele Micciancio and Michael Walter is a algorithm that HSVP-reduce a lattice basis with given SVP-oracle of low dimension.

In the algorithm, N is set to

$$N := \lceil (2n^2 / (k - 1)^2) \cdot \log(n \log(5\|\mathbf{B}\|) / \epsilon) \rceil$$

for some $\epsilon \in [2^{-\text{poly}(n)}, 1]$.

Input: Lattice Basis $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$,
real $\epsilon > 0$

Result: A new basis of $\mathcal{L}(\mathbf{B})$

```

1 for  $\ell = 1$  to  $N$  do
2   | for  $i = 1$  to  $n - k$  do
3   |   |  $\delta$ -SVP-reduce  $\mathbf{B}_{[i, i+k-1]}$ 
4   |   end
5   | for  $j = n - k + 1$  to  $1$  do
6   |   |  $\delta$ -DSVP-reduce  $\mathbf{B}_{[j, j+k-1]}$ 
7   |   end
8 end
9  $\delta$ -SVP-reduce  $\mathbf{B}[1, k]$ 
10 return  $\mathbf{B}$ 

```

DBKZ Algorithm(2/2)

Theorem

For approximation factor $1 \leq \delta \leq 2^k$ and an input basis \mathbf{B}_0 of \mathcal{L} algorithm 2 outputs a basis \mathbf{B} of \mathcal{L} in polynomial time s.t.

$$\|\mathbf{b}_1\| \leq (1 + \epsilon)(\delta^2 \gamma_k)^{\frac{n-1}{2(k-1)}} \text{vol}(\mathcal{L})^{1/n}$$

by making $N \cdot (2n - 2k + 1) + 1$ calls to δ -SVP oracle for lattices with rank k .

Proof. See [MW16].