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LESSON 18

LATTICES

The GGH Cryptosystem

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Let  $v_1, \dots, v_n$  be a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . All entries in the  $v_i$  are integers. The lattice,  $L$ , formed by the  $v_i$  consists of all integer combinations of the  $v_i$ . If  $w \in L$ , then  $w = t_1 v_1 + \dots + t_n v_n = (t_1, \dots, t_n) \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$

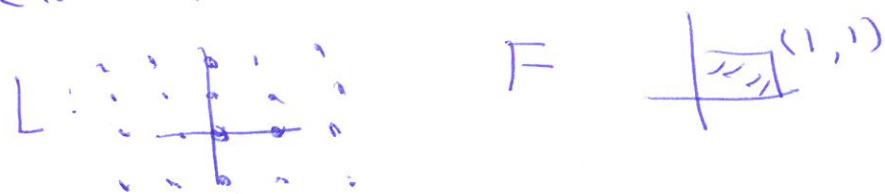
where the  $t_i$  are integers.

Another way of writing this is to let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \\ \vdots \\ v_n \end{pmatrix}$  and then  $w = (t_1, \dots, t_n) A$ . The collection

of all vectors  $w = x_1 v_1 + \dots + x_n v_n$

where  $0 < x_i < 1$  is called the fundamental domain,  $F$ , of  $L$ .

Ex  $v_1 = (1, 0)$   $v_2 = (0, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$



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 Let  $U$  be a matrix whose entries are integers. Then  $U$  has an inverse,  $U^{-1}$ , whose entries are integers if and only if  $\det U = \pm 1$ . Again  $A = \begin{pmatrix} N_1 & \dots & N_n \end{pmatrix}$

Then  $B = UA$  has rows that constitute another basis for  $L$

Let  $(x_1, \dots, x_n) \in F$ . Then

$$(x_1, \dots, x_n) = t_1 N_1 + \dots + t_n N_n, \quad 0 < t_i < 1$$

The volume of  $F$  =

$$\int_F dx_1 \dots dx_n = \int \det \left( \frac{\partial x_i}{\partial t_j} \right) dt_1 \dots dt_n \\ = \int \det A \ dt_1 \dots dt_n = \det A \int dt_1 \dots dt_n$$

where  $\int dt_1 \dots dt_n$  is the  $n$ -volume of an  $n$ -cube = 1. Hence

$$\text{vol}(F) = \det A.$$

If  $U A = B$  and  $F'$  is the fundamental domain for the rows in  $B$ , then

$$\text{vol } F' = \det B = \det U \det A = \det A = \text{vol } F.$$

So a change of basis does not change the volume of a fundamental domain for the lattice

$F$  is the region bounded by

$N_1, \dots, N_n$ , so  $\text{vol } F = |N_1| \cdots |N_n|$ .

Since  $F$  and  $F'$  have the same volume, the more orthogonal the vectors are, the shorter they are. So a check

for how orthogonal they are is

$$\left( \frac{\det A}{|N_1| \cdots |N_n|} \right)^{1/n} \leq 1$$

If this is close to 1, the vectors are close to being orthogonal

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A good basis is one in which the vectors are close to orthogonal.

Otherwise, the basis is called a bad basis. The check is

$$\left( \frac{\det A}{|N_1| \cdots |N_n|} \right)^{1/2}$$

This quotient is called the Hadamard quotient.

Ex. Let  $N_1 = (2, 1, 3)$   $N_2 = (1, 2, 0)$   $N_3 = (2, -3, -5)$

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \\ N_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 2 & -3 & -5 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\text{Let } U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det U = -1$$

$$\text{Let } B = U^{-1} A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -2 \\ 5 & -7 & -7 \\ 4 & 5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \omega_1 \\ \omega_2 \\ \omega_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$  are also a basis for  $L$

$$\omega_1 = N_1 + N_3 \quad \omega_2 = N_1 - N_2 + 2N_3$$

$$\omega_3 = N_1 + 2N_2$$

$$\text{Also } U^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & -2 & -1 \\ -2 & 1 & 1 \\ -3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

so  $A = U^{-1} B \rightarrow$  we can express

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The vector  $N_1, N_2, V_3$  in terms  
of  $w_1, w_2, w_3$  using  $A = U^{-1}B$

Problem. Express  $N_1, N_2, N_3$  in terms  
of  $w_1, w_2, w_3$ .

## shortest vector and closest vector problems

Many problems depend on finding either the shortest vector in  $L$  or given vector  $w$  not in  $L$  to find the closest rel to  $w$ . These are called the shortest and closest vector problems.

They are much easier if the basis is close to being orthogonal. For instance, in the shortest vector case, if the basis consists of orthogonal vectors, then  $w \in L \rightarrow$

$$w = d_1 N_1 + \dots + d_n N_n$$

$$\|w\|^2 = d_1^2 \|N_1\|^2 + \dots + d_n^2 \|N_n\|^2 \text{ since}$$

$$N_i \cdot N_j = 0 \quad i \neq j$$

The shortest  $w$  is then the shortest  $N_i$  (with  $d_i=1$ )

That is, the shortest vector in  $L$   
 is the shortest vector in the  
 basis.

For the closest vector problem,  
 let  $w = t_1 n_1 + \dots + t_n n_n$  where the  
 $t_i$  need not be integers, so  $t \notin L$ .  
 If  $v = s_1 n_1 + \dots + s_n n_n \in L$ , then

$$\|v - w\|^2 = (s_1 - t_1)^2 \|n_1\|^2 + \dots + (s_n - t_n)^2 \|n_n\|^2$$

The shortest of these is gotten  
 by taking  $s_i = \text{integer closest to } t_i$ ,

$$v = \lfloor t_1 \rfloor n_1 + \dots + \lfloor t_n \rfloor n_n$$

( $\lfloor t \rfloor = \text{integer closest to } t$ )

We have just described Babai's  
 algorithm for finding the closest  
 vector to  $w$ . This only works  
 if the basis is a good basis  
 (That's why we like them)

All this means that given  
a basis for  $L$  we would  
like to find a good basis  
for  $L$ , meaning an orthogonal  
basis. This would be Gram-Schmidt  
if the coefficients did not need  
to be integers. The algorithm  
that is used, the L.L.L<sup>T</sup> is a  
take off on Gram-Schmidt but is  
much more computation heavy  
with a lot of repeated steps.  
It's downfall is when  $L$  has  
very large dimension because of  
the time involved.

## A Cryptosystem: GGH.

In  $\mathbb{R}^n$ , Alice picks a good integer basis for  $L$ ,  $\dim L = n$ .

She checks by using the Hadamard ratio. She constructs an integer matrix,  $U$ , with ~~the~~  
 $\det U = \pm 1$  (so it has an inverse)

$$\text{Let } V = \begin{pmatrix} v_1 \\ v_n \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } W = UV = \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_n \end{pmatrix}$$

She checks to see if  $W$  has rows that make up a bad basis by checking the Hadamard ratio for  $w_1, \dots, w_n$ . If they are a bad basis, she makes  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  public

Bob wants to send the message, a row vector  $m$  to Alice. He picks a small perturbation vector and computes the ciphertext

$$c = mW + r$$

$e$  is not in  $L$  because of  $r$ .

It is close to  $\cdot L$  because  $r$  is ~~small~~ short. Alice can compute  $m$  from  $e$  using her good basis and Bebas's algorithm.

Ex Alice picks good basis

$$N_1 = (10, 0) \quad N_2 = (0, 10) \quad \text{and}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \quad \det U = 1$$

She computes

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 90 \\ 10 & 100 \end{pmatrix}$$

She checks the Hadamard ratio for both bases (The first clearly is a good basis since the vectors are perpendicular)

II Alice makes public the basis  
 $w_1 = (10 \ 90)$     $w_2 = (10 \ 100)$

Bob's message is  $m = (3, 5)$

He picks short vector  $r = (1, 1)$   
and computes

$$e = (3 \ 5) \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 90 \\ 10 & 100 \end{pmatrix} + (1 \ 1) = (81, 77)$$

and sends  $e$  to Alice

Alice computes

$$(81, 77) = e = n_1(10, 0) + n_2(0, 10)$$

Setting  $n_1 = 8.1$     $n_2 = 77.1$

She uses Bobai's algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} e = (8, 77) \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} &= (8, 77) \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ -1 & 10 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \\ &= (3, 5) \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{setting } m = (3, 5) \end{aligned}$$

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where

$$U \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ gives}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = U^{-1} \begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and}$$

$$U^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & -9 \\ -1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Eve has  $e = (81, 771)$  and the bad basis  $w_1, w_2$ . She can try:

$$(81, 771) = a(10, 90) + b(10, 100)$$

$$81 = 10a + 10b$$

$$771 = 90a + 100b$$

$$\rightarrow 39 = 10a \quad a = \lfloor \frac{39}{10} \rfloor = 4$$

$$41 = 10b \quad b = \lfloor \frac{41}{10} \rfloor = 4$$

$$(81, 771) \approx 4(10, 90) + 4(10, 100)$$

and does not find  $m$ .

### 13 GGH Signature Scheme

As in the cryptosystem, Alice picks good basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  and computes a bad basis for the lattice using an integer matrix  $U$  with  $\det U = \pm 1$ .

Alice sets out the bad basis,  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  for everyone to see. This is her verification key.

Alice is to send document  $d$  to Bob. She computes the closest vector  $s$  to  $d$  in  $L$  using Babai's algorithm and the good basis. She then writes  $s$  in terms of the bad basis. The coefficients are her signature, i.e. she

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write  $s = d_1 w_1 + \dots + d_n w_n$  and

$(d_1, \dots, d_n)$  is her signature.

She send the document to

Bob as well as her signature

Bob uses her signature  $(d_1, \dots, d_n)$

and bad basis  $w_1, \dots, w_n$  to get

$s$  back. If  $|s - d|$  is small, then

Alice sent the message.

Ex. Alice picks good basis

$$N_1 = (10, 0), N_2 = (0, 10) \text{ on } \mathbb{Z}$$

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 10 \end{pmatrix}. \text{ Then}$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} w_1 \\ w_2 \end{pmatrix} = W = U \begin{pmatrix} N_1 \\ N_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 10 & 90 \\ 10 & 100 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$w_1 = (10, 90) \quad w_2 = (10, 100)$$

is Alice's verification key which she makes public.

Alice has document  $d = (5, 7)$

She writes

$$d = b_1(10, 0) + b_2(0, 10) \rightarrow$$

$$b_1 = .5 \quad b_2 = .7$$

She uses Bebi's algorithm

to set  $s \in L$  close to  $d$

$$s = \lceil b_1 \rceil N_1 + \lceil b_2 \rceil N_2$$

$$= 1(10, 0) + 1(0, 10) = (10, 10)$$

She writes  $s$  in terms of the

basis  $b_1, b_2$  basis

$$(10, 10) = c_1(10, 90) + c_2(10, 100)$$

$$10 = c_1 10 + c_2 10$$

$$c_1 = 9$$

$$10 = c_1 90 + c_2 100$$

Solved from

$$10 = c_1 10 + c_2 100$$

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She sends  $d, (c_1, c_2)$  to Bob

Bob uses her verification key

$w_1, w_2$  to get

$$g(10, 90) + (-8)(10, 100) = (10, 10) \approx$$

He checks if  $s$  is close to  $d$

$$\|s - d\| = \sqrt{(10-5)^2 + (10-7)^2} \approx \sqrt{34}$$

Pretty good

Eve can write  $d$  in terms  
of the bad basis

$$(5, 7) = a_1(10, 10) + a_2(10, 100)$$

$$a_1 = \frac{43}{90} \quad a_2 = \frac{2}{90}$$

$$s = \left[ \frac{43}{90} \right] (10, 10) + \left[ \frac{2}{90} \right] (10, 100) = (0, 0)$$

$$\|d - s\| = \sqrt{5^2 + 7^2} = \sqrt{74} \text{ Larger}$$

then what Bob found.

Problem 1. Alice picks good basis

$$v_1 = (10, 10) \quad v_2 = (10, 0) \quad \text{and } u = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 1 & 10 \end{pmatrix}$$

She computes bad basis

$$(w_1, w_2) = u(v_1, v_2)$$

Alice make public  $(w_1, w_2)$

What is her public key?

Bob sends her ciphertext

$$(861, 81)$$

What is Bob's message?

Problem 2: Alice picks good basis  
 $v_1 = (0, 10)$ ,  $v_2 = (10, 0)$  and

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 10 \\ 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

What is Alice's bad basis?

What is her verification key?

Alice makes her verification key public

Alice is to send document  $d = (5, 2)$  to Bob. She computes the closest vector  $s$  to  $d$  and writes  $s$  in terms of the bad basis. What is her signature?

Alice sends  $d$  and her signature to Bob, who uses them and her verification key to get  $s$  back.

What does Bob compute to see if it is Alice's signature?