

LECTURE 24

Learning with Errors

$$14s_1 + 5s_2 + 10s_3 + 2s_4 = 8 \pmod{17}$$

$$13s_1 + 14s_2 + 14s_3 + 6s_4 = 16 \pmod{17}$$

$$6s_1 + 10s_2 + 13s_3 + 15s_4 = 3 \pmod{17}$$

$$6s_1 + 7s_2 + 16s_3 + 25s_4 = 3 \pmod{17}$$

Use Gaussian elimination

to find s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4

Approximate/ equations

$$\vec{a}_i = (14, 5, 10, 2)$$

Noisy

$$\underline{14} s_1 + \underline{5} s_2 + \underline{10} s_3 + \underline{2} s_4 + e_1 = 8 \pmod{17}$$

$$\underline{13} s_1 + \underline{14} s_2 + \underline{14} s_3 + \underline{6} s_4 + e_2 = 16 \pmod{17}$$

$$\underline{6} s_1 + \underline{10} s_2 + \underline{13} s_3 + \underline{15} s_4 + e_3 = 3 \pmod{17}$$

$$\underline{6} s_1 + \underline{7} s_2 + \underline{16} s_3 + \underline{5} s_4 + e_4 = 3 \pmod{17}$$

$$\underline{5} s_1 + \underline{3} s_2 + \underline{17} s_3 + \underline{2} s_4 + e_5 = 11 \pmod{17}$$

$$\underline{10} s_1 + \underline{4} s_2 + \underline{10} s_3 + \underline{7} s_4 + e_6 = 8 \pmod{17}$$

where $e_i \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$ for $i \in [1, 4]$.

Guess: $e_1 = -1, e_2 = 0, e_3 = -1, e_4 = 1,$
 $e_5 = 1, e_6 = 0.$

find s_1, s_2, s_3, s_4 by Gaussian elimination

Suppose $n = 256$ equations, ≈ 256 variables.

How many possible assignments
to $(e_1, e_2, \dots, e_{256})$?

$$3^{256}$$

Search Learning - with -Errors

Informally: For the "right parameters",

given $(\vec{a}_1, \vec{a}_2, \dots, \vec{a}_n)$ and

a set of equations of the form

$\langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{s} \rangle + e_i$, it is hard

for PPT machines to find \vec{s} .

- * First sample prime q . (n bits long)
- * Sample $\vec{s} = (s_1, \dots, s_n)$ where
each $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q$. ↪ # variables
- * Set $m = n^2$.
↪ # equations
- * For every $i \in [m]$,
sample $\vec{a}_i = (a_{i1}, a_{i2}, \dots, a_{in})$ where each $a_{ij} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$
sample $e_i \leftarrow \chi$. [T.B.D.]
- Compute $b_i = \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{s} \rangle + e_i \pmod{\mathbb{Z}_q}$

$$\downarrow \qquad \searrow$$

$$(a_{i1}s_1 + a_{i2}s_2 + \dots + a_{in}s_n) + e_i$$
- * Output $(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m), (b_1, \dots, b_m)$

Search LWE assumption # 1.

\forall PPT adversaries \mathcal{A} ,

$$\Pr \left[\mathcal{A}(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m, b_1, \dots, b_m) \rightarrow \vec{s}^* \right] \leq \text{negl}(n)$$

$\vec{a}_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^n, \vec{s} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^n, \vec{e} \leftarrow \mathcal{X}$

$\vdots \quad \quad \quad \downarrow \quad \quad \quad \downarrow$

$(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m) \quad (s_1, \dots, s_n) \quad (e_1, \dots, e_m)$

where \vec{s}^* is s.t. there exist \vec{e} (small)

$$\text{s.t. } \langle \vec{a}_i, \vec{s}^* \rangle + e_i = b_i \quad \forall i \in [m]$$

Decision LWE assumption

\forall PPT Adv. \mathcal{A} ,

$$\left(\Pr \left[\mathcal{A}(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m, b_1, \dots, b_m) = 1 \right] \right)$$

$\vec{a}, \vec{s}, \vec{e}$ as above
 $b = \vec{a}\vec{s} + e$

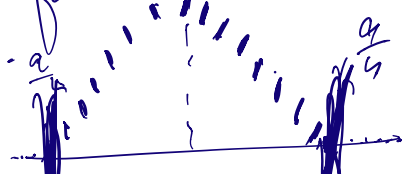
$$- \Pr \left[\mathcal{A}(\vec{a}_1, \dots, \vec{a}_m, b_1, \dots, b_m) = 1 \right] = \text{negl}(n)$$

\vec{a} as above
 $\forall i \in [m] b_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q$

FACT. 1 Search LWE \iff Decision LWE

FACT 2 DLWE (Search LWE) are NOT

hard for all choices of q, n, m, χ



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[Discrete Gaussian distribution]

Let's Build Crypto.

Symmetric / Private Key Encryption.

from DLWE assumption

Recall

$$\text{DLWE: } (\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \vec{s} + e_i) \approx (\vec{a}_i, b_i) \text{ where } b_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q.$$

Hint 1: Finding \vec{s} is hard given $(\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \vec{s} + e_i)$

Hint 2: $(\vec{a}_i, \vec{a}_i \vec{s} + e_i) \approx (\vec{a}_i, b_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q)$
use this to mask message.

SKE: (KeyGen, Enc, Dec).

$$\text{KeyGen} \rightarrow \vec{s} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{Z}_q^n.$$

Enc $(\overset{\text{msg}}{\downarrow} m, \overset{\text{key}}{\downarrow} \vec{s}; r)$: Use r to sample \vec{a}
sample \vec{e}

$\text{Enc}(m, \vec{s}; r)$: (1) sample \vec{a}, e using r
 (2) Output $\text{ct} = (\vec{a}, (m+b) \bmod q)$
 where $b = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{s} + e$
 $(a_1, \dots, a_n) \quad (s_1, \dots, s_n)$

$\text{Dec}(\text{ct}, \vec{s})$: (1) Parse $\text{ct} = (\vec{a}, y)$
 (2) Compute $\langle \vec{a}, \vec{s} \rangle$

(3) To decrypt, need to recover

$$m = (y - b) \bmod q.$$

which means, need to compute \underline{b} ,

$$b = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{s} + e$$

Suppose $e \in \left[\begin{array}{c} -\lfloor \frac{q}{4} \rfloor \\ \lfloor \frac{q}{4} \rfloor \end{array} \right]$

Final Attempt |

KeyGen $\rightarrow \vec{s}$

Enc(m, \vec{s}, r):

$e \in \{0, 1\}$

* Sample \vec{a}, e using r .

* $ct = (\vec{a}, b + m \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor)$

where $b = \langle \vec{a}, \vec{s} \rangle + e$

Dec(ct, \vec{s}):

Parse $ct = (\vec{a}, y)$

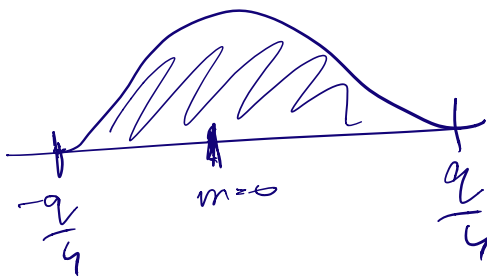
We know $m \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor = \frac{y - b}{\uparrow \text{off by } e \Rightarrow \text{off by } \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor}$

Compute $y - \langle \vec{a}, \vec{s} \rangle$

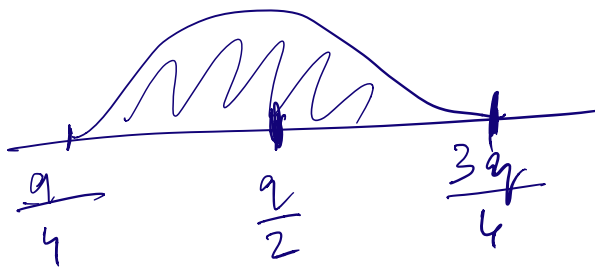
If $m=0$, then $y-(a,s)$ will lie between $\left[-\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{4}\right]$

If $m=1$, then $y-(a,s)$ will lie between $\left[\frac{a}{4}, \frac{3a}{4}\right]$

$m=0$



$m=1$



$-\frac{a}{10}$



$$e \in \left[-\left\lfloor \frac{q}{n} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{q}{n} \right\rfloor \right] \approx n \text{ buckets}$$

Can encrypt $m \in \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$e \in \left[\left\lfloor \frac{-q}{2^{\sqrt{n}}} \right\rfloor, \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2^{\sqrt{n}}} \right\rfloor \right] \approx 2^{\sqrt{n}} \text{ buckets}$$

$$m \in \{1, \dots, 2^{\sqrt{n}}\}$$

\sqrt{n} -bit messages.

Each $\vec{a}_i = (a_{i1} \dots a_{in})$

where $\forall j \in [n], a_{ij} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$

Use r to sample each a_{ij} as random number mod q .

sample each $e_i \leftarrow X$.