

How to design a McEliece like encryption scheme in Rank metric ?

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Ingredients

- \mathcal{V} : metric vector space of dimension n
- \mathcal{F} : A family of **easily** decodable linear $[n, k]$ -codes over a set $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{V}$ with a $\text{Decode}_{\mathcal{C}}$ procedure:
 - Probabilistic with good probability of success
 - Deterministic

The recipe I

1 KeyGen()

- $C \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{F}$
- $L \xleftarrow{\$}$ Invertible linear transformation of \mathcal{V}
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The recipe II

- Consistency - $pt^* = pt$?
 - Probabilistic if Decode_C is probabilistic
 - Deterministic else
- Security reduction
 - OW-CPA games reduction to **difficult** problems

The OW-CPA game I

GAME G_1 (OW-CPA)

- 1 $\mathcal{C}, L \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}()$
- 2 $\langle G \rangle = L(\mathcal{C})$
- 3 $e \xleftarrow{\$r} \mathcal{D}$
- 4 $\text{pt} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{P}$
- 5 $\text{ct} = \text{pt}G + e$
- 6 $\text{pt}^* \leftarrow \mathcal{A}(\text{ct}, G)$
- 7 Return $\text{pt}^* == \text{pt} ?$

The OW-CPA game II

GAME G_2

- 1 $\mathcal{C}, L \leftarrow \text{KeyGen}()$
- 2 $G \leftarrow \text{Random}$
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Rank metric [Gab85, Del78]

Definition

- $\gamma_1, \dots, \gamma_m$, *basis of $\mathbb{F}_{2^m}/\mathbb{F}_2$* ,
- $\mathbf{e} = (e_1, \dots, e_n) \in (\mathbb{F}_{2^m})^n$, $e_i \mapsto (e_{i1}, \dots, e_{in})$,

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- $[n, k, d]_r$ code: $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^n$, k -dimensional, $d = \min_{c \neq 0 \in \mathcal{C}} \text{Rk}(c)$
- Singleton property $d - 1 \leq n - k$ (if $n \leq m$)
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Example

$$e = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

In \mathbb{F}_{25} we have $e = (\alpha, \beta, \alpha + \beta, \beta, \alpha + \beta)$

- Hamming weight: 5
- Rank: 2

Gabidulin codes [Gab85, Del78]

Definition (Gabidulin codes)

Let $g = (g_1, \dots, g_n) \in (\mathbb{F}_{2^m})^n$, \mathbb{F}_2 -l.i., $[i] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 2^i$

$$\text{Gab}_k(g) = \langle G \rangle, \text{ where } G = \begin{pmatrix} g_1 & \cdots & g_n \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ g_1^{[k-1]} & \cdots & g_n^{[k-1]} \end{pmatrix}$$

- Remarks on $\text{Gab}_k(g)$
 - P-time quadratic decoding up to $t = \lfloor (n - k)/2 \rfloor$, [Gab85]
 - Evaluation codes of linearized polynomials, see Alessandro's talk

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 - $\text{Decode}_{\mathcal{C}}$
 - 1 Puncture on the ℓ positions of $X : \mathcal{C} \mapsto \hat{\mathcal{C}} = \text{Gab}_{n-2w}(\mathbf{g})$
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 - $\text{Adv}_{\text{GenDec}}^{OW}(\mathcal{A})$: difficulty of solving RD problem - see Magali's talk
 - $\text{Adv}_{\text{Dist}}(D)$: see next

Overbeck's distinguisher - [GPT91, Ksh07, RGH10, OKN16]

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- $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{V}$: vectors of rank w
- $\mathcal{F} = \{\text{Gab}_{n-2\lambda w}(\mathbf{g}) \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^n, \mathbf{g}\}$
 - Decode_C algorithm
 - Deterministic
 - Up to errors of rank w

The new encryption scheme- [Loi17] II

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On the difficulty of computing $\text{Adv}_{\text{Dist}}(D)$

Two cases

- ① $2w\lambda^2 < n \Leftrightarrow \text{Rate} > (\lambda - 1)/\lambda$, [CC20, Gha22]
 - ① Note that $\text{pk}^\perp \subset \text{Gab}_{2\lambda w}(g_1) + \dots + \text{Gab}_{2\lambda w}(g_\lambda)$
 - ② Compute $\mathcal{C} = \text{pk}^\perp + \dots + (\text{pk}^\perp)^{[\lambda]}$
 - $\Rightarrow \dim(\mathcal{C}) := d \leq \lambda(2w\lambda + 1)$
 - if pk^\perp random, then $\dim(\mathcal{C}) \approx \underbrace{\min(2w\lambda(\lambda + 1), n)}_{>d}$
 - \Rightarrow p-time probable distinguisher if $2w\lambda^2 < n$
- ② $2w\lambda^2 \geq n \Leftrightarrow \text{Rate} \leq (\lambda - 1)/\lambda$ - [Loi17, BL23]
 - See next

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$$VH_{pub} = H_{norm}W. \quad (3)$$

where $V \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^{2\lambda w \times 2\lambda w}$ and $W \in \mathcal{Z}^{m \times n}$, where $\mathcal{Z} \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^m}$ with dimension γ .

Remark

If (V, W) satisfies System(γ) then $(\alpha V, \alpha W)$ also

The key system II

Properties of the system

- Number of equations: $2\lambda wn \times m$ over \mathbb{F}_2
- Number of variables: $(2\lambda w)^2 \times m + nm \times \gamma$ over \mathbb{F}_2

Estimated number of solutions: $\max(1, 2^{m[(2\lambda w)^2 + n(\gamma - 2\lambda w)]})$

$$\gamma < 2\lambda w \left(1 - \frac{2\lambda w}{n}\right) = nR(1 - R) \implies \text{System overdefined}$$

Distinguisher and key system I

- Algorithm $D(\gamma)$
 - 1 $\mathcal{Z} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{V}$ of dimension γ
 - 2 $\mathcal{N} \leftarrow \{(V, W)\}$, $W \subset \mathcal{Z}^{m \times n}$ solutions to system (3)
 - 3 if $\mathcal{N} \neq (0, 0)$ then return 1 else return 0
- D runs in polynomial-time
 - Step 2 solved by Gauss or Wiedemann
- $\text{Adv}_{\text{Dist}}(D) = \Pr(D \text{ returns } 1)$

Distinguisher and key system II

- $(\mathcal{S}, \mathcal{T})$ is a non-zero solution to System(λ)
- Assumption:

If $\lambda \leq \gamma < nR(1-R)$, D returns 1 iff $\exists \alpha \neq 0$ such that $\mathcal{Z} = \alpha \mathcal{S}$

- Probability of success

$$\mathcal{P} = \Pr(\exists \alpha \in \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^*, \text{ s.t. } \alpha \mathcal{S} \subset \mathcal{Z}) = (q^m - 1) \frac{\begin{bmatrix} m \\ \gamma - \lambda \end{bmatrix}_2}{\begin{bmatrix} m \\ \gamma \end{bmatrix}_2}$$

$\Rightarrow \gamma = nR(1 - R)$ is the optimal choice

$$\text{Adv}_{\text{Dist}}(D) = \mathcal{P} \approx 2^{-(\lambda-1)m+\lambda\gamma}$$

More than that: recovering a decryption machine

Proposition

Let V, W solutions to (3), where

- $W \in \mathcal{W}^{m \times n}$, with $\dim_2(\mathcal{W}) \leq \lambda$

Then any ciphertext can be decrypted in polynomial time.

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Multidimensional approach - LowMS [ADG⁺22] I

- $\mathcal{V} = \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^{n \times \ell}$
- λ , integer
- ℓ , integer - interleaving order
- $\mathcal{D} =$ vectors of rank w subset of $\mathbb{F}_{2^m}^{n \times \ell}$
- $\mathcal{F} = \{ \text{Gab}_{n-k}(\mathbf{g}) \otimes \cdots \otimes \text{Gab}_{n-k}(\mathbf{g}) \subset \mathbb{F}_{2^m}^{n \times \ell}, \mathbf{g} \}$
 - $\text{IDecode}_{\mathcal{C}, \ell}$
 - probabilistic with probability of success DFR

$$\approx 3.5 \cdot 2^m [(\ell+1) \binom{\ell}{\ell+1} k - w + 1]$$

Multidimensional approach - LowMS [ADG⁺22] II

1 KeyGen()

- $\mathcal{C} \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{F}$
- $\mathcal{S} \xleftarrow{\$} Gr_{\lambda,m}(\mathbb{F}_2)$,
- $P \xleftarrow{\$} \mathcal{M}_n(\mathcal{S})$
- Return $sk = (\mathcal{C}, P)$, $pk = \mathcal{C}P^{-1}$

2 Encrypt(pt_1, \dots, pt_ℓ , $pk := \langle G \rangle = \mathcal{C}P^{-1}$; r)

- $e_1, \dots, e_\ell \xleftarrow{\$r} \mathcal{D}$
- Return $ct_1 := pt_1G + e_1, \dots, ct_\ell := pt_\ell G + e_\ell$

3 Decrypt(ct_1, \dots, ct_ℓ , sk)

- $pt_1^*, \dots, pt_\ell^* := \text{IDecode}_{\mathcal{C},\ell}(ct_1P, \dots, ct_\ell P)$
- Return pt_1^*, \dots, pt_ℓ^*

Multidimensional approach - LowMS [ADG⁺22] III

- Advantages

m	n	k	λ	w	ℓ	PK	CT	$\text{Adv}_{\text{GenDec}}^{\text{OW}}$	Adv_{Dist}	DFR
61	50	25	3	7	6	4.8 kB	1.2 kB	2^{-139}	2^{-131}	2^{-242}
101	88	44	4	9	5	24.4 kB	2.8 kB	2^{-278}	2^{-267}	2^{-503}

- Drawbacks

- Probabilistic decoding \Rightarrow More complex security analysis
- $\text{Adv}_{\text{GenDec}}$: relies on *RSL* problem and not *RSD*

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