
Introduction to Cryptography

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K a number field, $\deg n / \mathbb{Q}$

Then there are n different maps $K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$
that respect $+, \times$

If $K = \mathbb{Q}(\gamma)$ min poly of γ is $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$

then the n embeddings are

γ	\mapsto	α_1	} the n distinct roots of f
	\mapsto	α_2	
	\mapsto	\vdots	
	\mapsto	α_n	

$$\text{Ex: } K = \mathbb{Q}(\gamma) \quad \gamma^3 = 2$$

3 embeddings into \mathbb{C} :

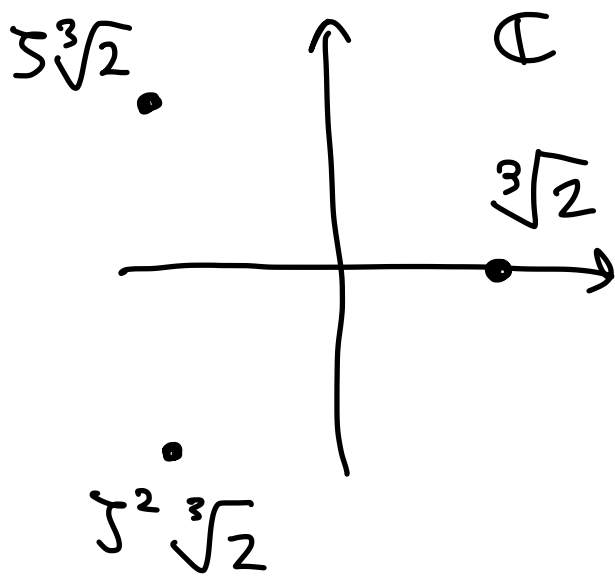
$$\sigma_1: \gamma \mapsto \sqrt[3]{2}$$

Since $\sigma_1(1) = 1$, it implies

$$\text{that } \sigma_1(a) = a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\text{If } \alpha \in K, \quad \alpha = a_0 + a_1\gamma + a_2\gamma^2,$$

$$\text{then } \sigma_1(\alpha) = a_0 + a_1\sigma_1(\gamma) + a_2\sigma_1(\gamma)^2$$



ζ is a primitive
third root of
unity

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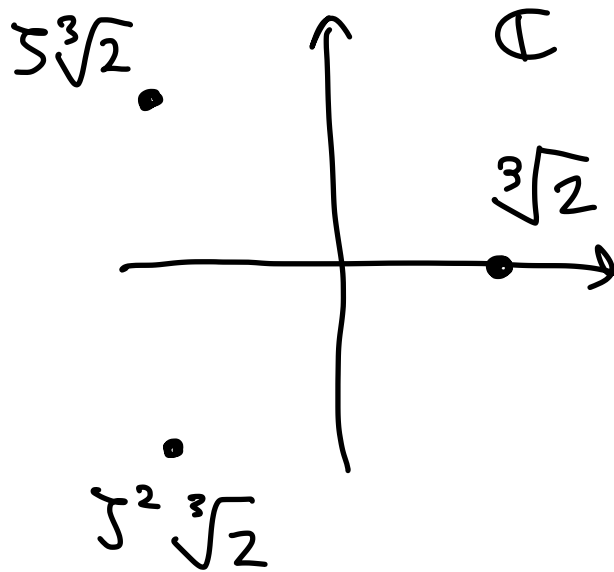
3 embeddings into \mathbb{C} :

↳ "real" embedding

$$\sigma_1: \gamma \mapsto \sqrt[3]{2}$$

$$\begin{cases} \tau_1: \gamma \mapsto \zeta \sqrt[3]{2} \\ \tau_2: \gamma \mapsto \zeta^2 \sqrt[3]{2} \end{cases}$$

complex embeddings



→ Since $\sigma_1(\gamma) \in \mathbb{R}$
then $\sigma_1(K) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

↳ $\tau_2 = \overline{\tau_1}$ complex conjugate of τ_1

In general if deg of K is n

K will have s_1 real embeddings

s_2 pairs of complex embeddings

then $n = s_1 + 2s_2$

From now on, fix the embeddings $K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{C}$

$$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_{s_1}, \tau_1, \tau_2, \dots, \tau_{s_2}, \bar{\tau}_1, \bar{\tau}_2, \dots, \bar{\tau}_{s_2}$$

real embeddings

a rep from each $\mathbb{C} \times$ conj pair

The canonical embedding of $\sigma: K \hookrightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$ is given

by σ
 \downarrow
 τ
 \downarrow
 α

$$\alpha \mapsto (\sigma_1(\alpha), \sigma_2(\alpha), \dots, \sigma_{s_1}(\alpha), \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re}(\tau_1(\alpha)), \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Im}(\tau_1(\alpha)), \dots, \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Re}(\tau_{s_2}(\alpha)), \sqrt{2} \operatorname{Im}(\tau_{s_2}(\alpha)))$$

$$\mathbb{R}^{s_1} \times \mathbb{C}^{s_2}$$

Super fun: If R is the ring of integers of K

$$(R = \mathcal{O}_K)$$

then $\sigma(R) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is a lattice

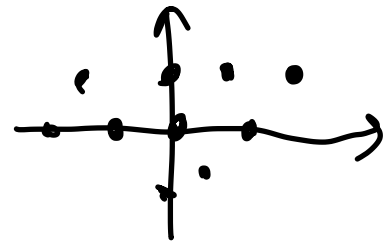
$$R = \mathbb{Z} + \alpha_1 \mathbb{Z} + \dots + \alpha_{n-1} \mathbb{Z}$$

Difference between PLWE and RLWE
is how the errors are drawn

In PLWE $\alpha \in R$, $\alpha = a_0 + a_1\gamma + \dots + a_{n-1}\gamma^{n-1}$
 $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

draw the coefficient a_i at random

In RLWE, we use a Gaussian on the lattice



Error distributions

Def: A continuous Gaussian on \mathbb{R}^n is a random variable with probability distribution function $\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{x_1^2 + \dots + x_n^2}$

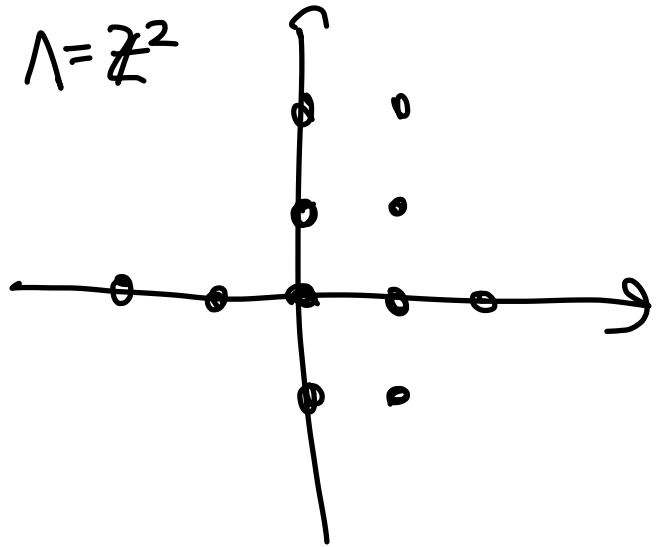
$$D_\sigma(\vec{x}) = \frac{1}{(2\pi\sigma^2)^{n/2}} \exp\left(\frac{-\|\vec{x}\|^2}{2\sigma^2}\right)$$

Def: A discretization of a Gaussian to a lattice coset $\vec{v} + \Lambda$ for $\vec{v} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ is drawn in the following way,

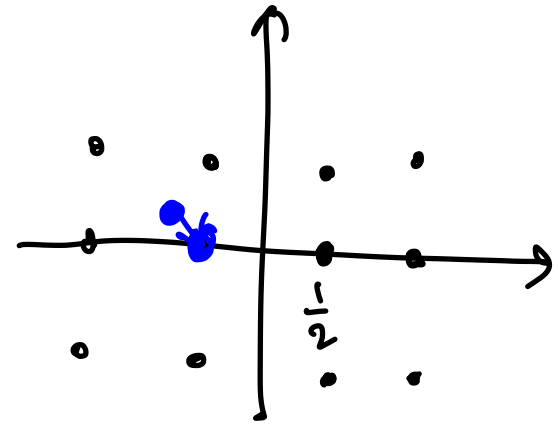
1- first draw \vec{x} from a cts Gaussian

2- "round" to an element of $\vec{v} + \Lambda$ that is "not too far"

$$\Lambda = \mathbb{Z}^2$$



$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) + \Lambda$$



Key generation

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{x} = \chi_0$$

Public: $K, R, n, p \in \mathbb{Z}$ prime, $l \geq 2, r > 0, \sigma > 0$

$q \in \mathbb{Z}$ another prime

• $(a_0 = -1, a_1, \dots, a_{l-1})$ $a_i \in R/qR$ uniformly at random

• $(\chi_0, \chi_1, \dots, \chi_{l-1}, \chi_l = 1)$ χ_i "small" integer
(Gaussian with s.d. r)

$$a_l = -\sum_{i=0}^{l-1} \chi_i a_i$$

secret key $\vec{x} = (\chi_1, \dots, \chi_l), \chi_0$
public key $\vec{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_l)$

Encryption: plaintext $\mu \in R/pR$

- Draw errors $e_0, e_1, \dots, e_{\ell-1}$ from a Gaussian discretized to pR

- Draw e_ℓ from a Gaussian discretized to $\mu + pR$

Ciphertext: $\vec{c} = e_0 \vec{a} + \vec{e} \pmod{qR}$ $\vec{e} = (e_1, \dots, e_\ell)$

Decryption:

First compute $\bar{d} = \vec{c} \cdot \vec{x} \in R/qR$

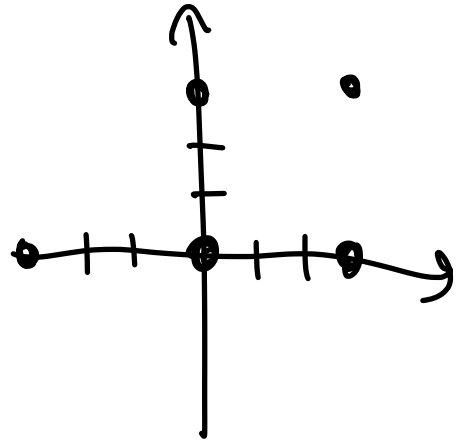
Take a "good" basis (almost orthonormal) $\{b_i\}$ of R

Then $\bar{d} = \sum \bar{d}_i \bar{b}_i$ $\bar{b}_i \equiv b_i \pmod{qR}$
 $\bar{d}_i \in \mathbb{Z}/q\mathbb{Z}$

Lift \bar{d}_i to an integer $-\frac{q}{2} \leq d_i < \frac{q}{2}$

Then $d = \sum d_i b_i \in R$ and $d \equiv \mu \pmod{pR}$
with high prob.

$3\mathbb{Z}^2$



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That's all for now!