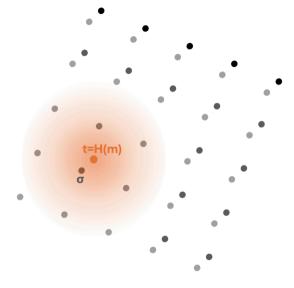
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On Gaussian Sampling for q-ary Lattices and Linear Codes with Lee Weight

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In Cryptography...

- Protocols: digital signature schemes, encryption, etc...
- Reductions (worst-to-average case)
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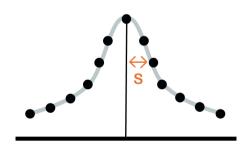


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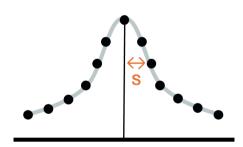


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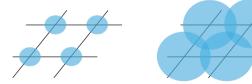


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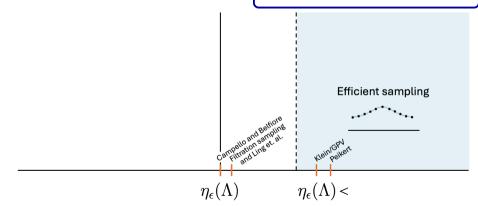
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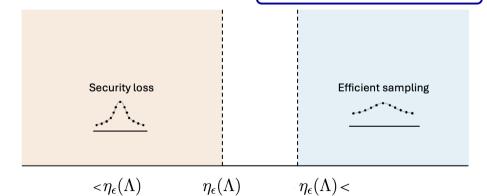
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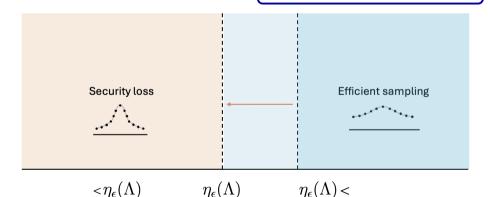
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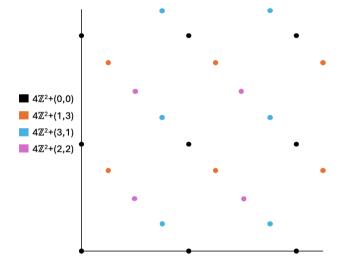
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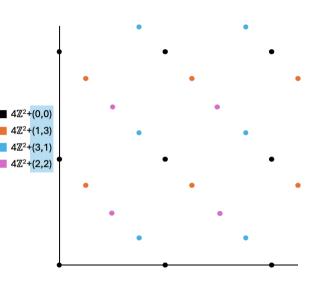
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$$\mathbb{Z}_q \to q \mathbb{Z}^n + \mathcal{C}$$

$$\mathcal{C} = \{(0,0), (1,3), (3,1), (2,2)\}$$



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$$\Theta_{\Lambda}(\mathbf{z}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda} e^{\pi i \mathbf{z} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2}, \qquad \operatorname{Im}(\mathbf{z}) > \mathbf{0}$$

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Lee Weight Profile: Tracks the Lee weights of each coordinate of the codeword

$$[n_0(\boldsymbol{c}), n_1(\boldsymbol{c}), \dots, n_\ell(\boldsymbol{c})], \quad \ell = \lceil q/2 \rceil$$

where $n_w(\mathbf{c}) = \#\{i : w_{Lee}(c_i) = w\}$, i.e., the number of coordinates of \mathbf{c} that are $\pm w$.

How does the theta series help with sampling?

Recall:

$$\rho_{\mathbf{s}}(\Lambda + \mathbf{t}) = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda + \mathbf{t}} \mathrm{e}^{-\pi \|\mathbf{x}\|^2/\mathrm{s}^2} = \sum_{\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda + \mathbf{t}} \mathrm{e}^{\pi \mathrm{i} \mathbf{z} \|\mathbf{x}\|^2} = \Theta_{\Lambda + \mathbf{t}}(\mathbf{z})$$

* Set
$$z = i/s^2$$

Tool 1: Theta Series

We can show that for a Construction A lattice with q ≥ 2 and some shift $\boldsymbol{t} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n,$

$$\Theta_{\Lambda_{\textbf{A}}(\mathcal{C})+\textbf{t}}(\textbf{z}) = \mathrm{swe}_{\mathcal{C}+\textbf{t}}(\Theta_{\mathbb{Z}}(\textbf{q}^2\textbf{z}), \ldots, \Theta_{\mathbb{Z}+\frac{\ell}{\textbf{q}}}(\textbf{q}^2\textbf{z})).$$

Lemma (Key observation)

Sample q-ary lattice $\Lambda_A + \mathbf{t}$ Sample q-ary lattice $\Lambda_A + \mathbf{t}$

Sample a codeword in $C + \mathbf{t}$ with respect to Lee weight profiles

Consider a vector in the coset $4\mathbb{Z}^{8} + (1, 1, 2, 0, 3, 1, 2)$.

$$4z_j + \nu_j = \left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 4z_j, & \text{if } \nu_j = 0 \\ 4z_j + \boxed{1}, & \text{if } \nu_j = 1 \\ 4z_j + 2, & \text{if } \nu_j = 2 \\ 4z_j + \boxed{3}, & \text{if } \nu_j = 3. \end{array} \right.$$

Derive a corresponding theta series for each one-dimensional lattice coset $4\mathbb{Z}+\nu_{l}$. Notice

$$\Theta_{q\mathbb{Z}+j}(z) = \Theta_{q\mathbb{Z}+q-j}(z), \quad j=1,2,\dots,q-1.$$

$$\begin{split} 4\mathbb{Z}^8 + (\textbf{1},\textbf{1},\textbf{2},\textbf{0},\textbf{3},\textbf{1},\textbf{2}) \sim 4\mathbb{Z} \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}^4 + (\textbf{1},\textbf{1},\textbf{1},\textbf{1})) \oplus (4\mathbb{Z}^2 + (\textbf{2},\textbf{2})) \\ \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \qquad \qquad \downarrow \\ \Theta_{4\mathbb{Z}}(\textbf{z}) \quad \times \quad \Theta_{4\mathbb{Z}+\textbf{1}}(\textbf{z})^4 \quad \times \quad \Theta_{4\mathbb{Z}+\textbf{2}}(\textbf{z})^2 \end{split}$$

Tool 2: Coset Decomposition

$$\Lambda = \bigcup_{oldsymbol{
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Coset decomposition

- 1. Sample $\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathcal{C} + \boldsymbol{t}$ with probability $\mathcal{D}_{\Lambda + \boldsymbol{t}, s}(\Lambda' + \boldsymbol{\nu})$,
- 2. Sample a lattice vector $\mathbf{x}' \in \Lambda'$ with probability $\mathcal{D}_{\Lambda'+\nu,s}(\mathbf{x}'+\nu)$

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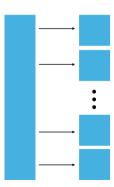
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- 3. Multiply by q.

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Code structure

- Concentration of codewords of certain weights
 - Rejection sampling with few iterations
- Predictable codeword structure

Example ($D_n, n \ge 1$)

 $D_n = 2\mathbb{Z}^n + \mathcal{P}_n$ where \mathcal{P}_n is the even weight code

- If n is even, then P_n is symmetric
- k-out-of-n choosing procedure samples a codeword of weight k

Multilevel sampling

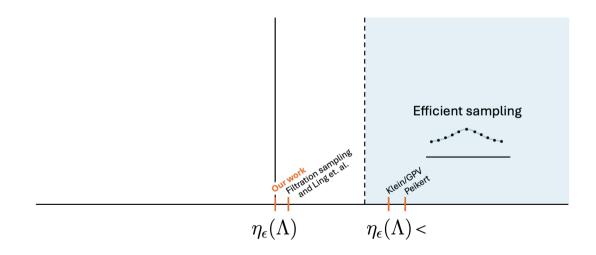
$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{2}^L \mathbb{Z}^n + \mathcal{C} \\ \downarrow \\ \mathcal{C} \triangleq \mathbf{2}^{L-1} \mathcal{C}_L + \ldots + 2 \mathcal{C}_2 + \mathcal{C}_1 \end{aligned}$$

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$$2^L\mathbb{Z}^n + 2^{L-1}\boldsymbol{c}_L + 2^{L-2}\boldsymbol{c}_{L-1} + \ldots + 2\boldsymbol{c}_2 + \boldsymbol{c}_1$$

Schur product

- Compute the Schur product of codewords to get number of positions of 1's in each codeword
- Together with the Hamming weights, we can solve a system of linear equations for the $n_j(\boldsymbol{c})$



Lattice	Speed-up (Simulation)	Sampling width (Our work)	Sampling width ([EWY23])
A ₂	32 ×	$=\eta_{\epsilon}(A_2)$	$pprox \eta_{\epsilon}(A_{2})$
E ₈	25 ×	$=\eta_{\epsilon}(E_8)$	$pprox \eta_{\epsilon}(E_8)$
D_n	2 imes	$=\eta_{\epsilon}(D_n)$	$pprox \eta_{\epsilon}(D_n)$
BW ₁₆	9.5×	$=\eta_{\epsilon}(BW_{16})$	$>\eta_{\epsilon}(BW_{16})$

Table: Results for 100,000 samples with $\epsilon = 2^{-36}$ and shift $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{0}$.

We compared the efficiency of our algorithms with the work done in [EWY23]¹.

¹Espitau, T., Wallet, A., Yu, Y.: On Gaussian sampling, smoothing parameter and application to lattice signatures. In: Guo, J., Steinfeld, R. (eds.) Advances in Cryptology – ASIACRYPT 2023. pp. 65–97. Springer Nature, Singapore (2023)

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