

Code-Based, Post-Quantum Cryptography

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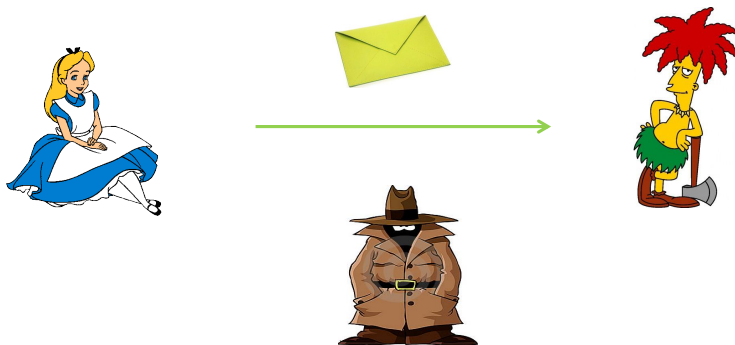
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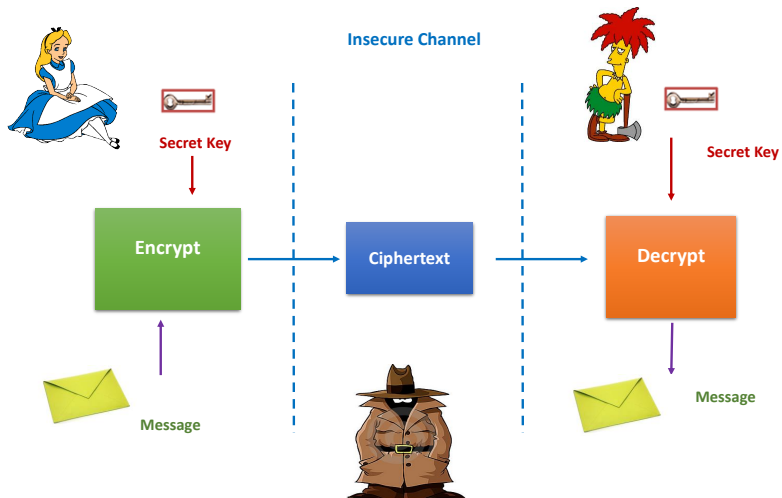








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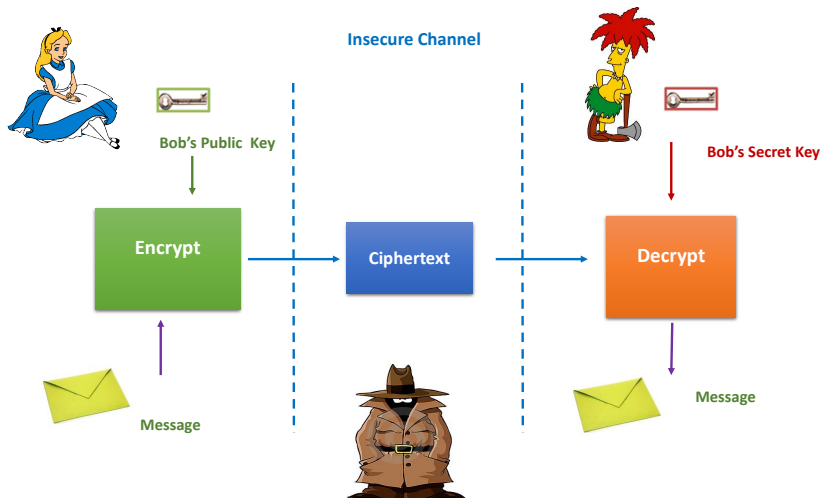
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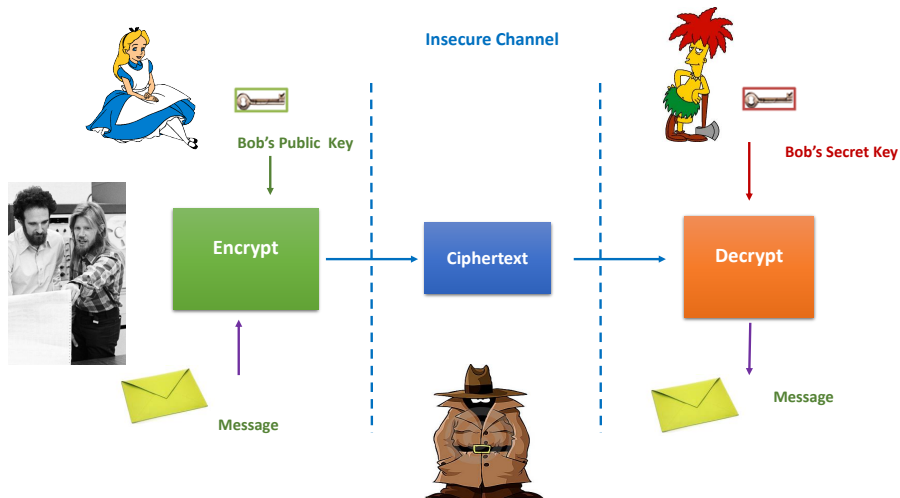
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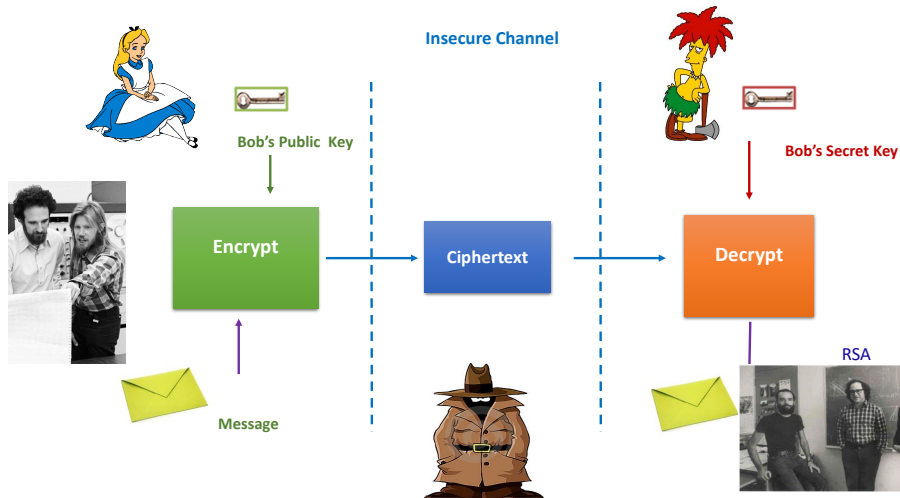
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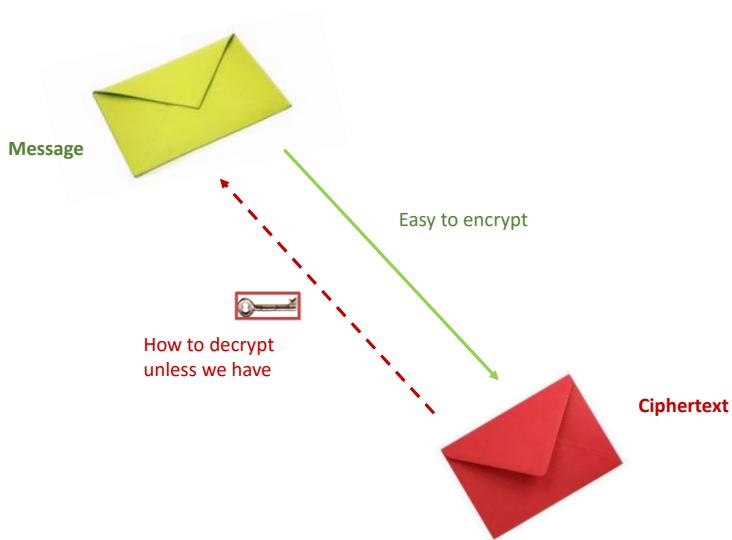
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Trapdoor one-way function



Post-Quantum Cryptography



The sky is falling?

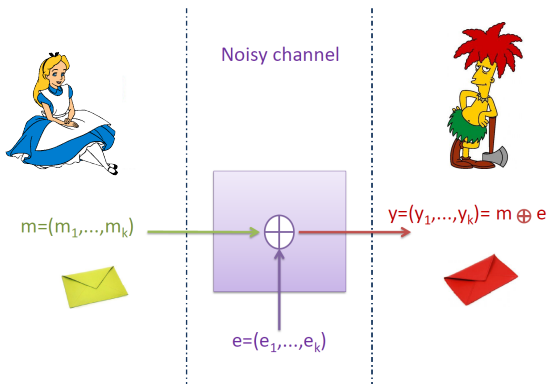
- ▶ When will a quantum computer be built?
 - 15 years, \$1 billion USD, nuclear power plant (PQCrypto 2014, Matteo Mariantoni)
- ▶ Impact:
 - Public key crypto:
 - RSA
 - Elliptic-Curve-Cryptography (ECDSA)
 - Finite-Field-Cryptography (DSA)
 - Diffie-Hellman-key-exchange
 - Symmetric key crypto:
 - AES Need larger keys
 - Triple DES Need larger keys
 - Hash functions:
 - SHA-1, SHA-2 and SHA-3 Use longer output

Call for Proposals

- ▶ NIST is calling for quantum-resistant cryptographic algorithms for new public-key crypto standards
 - Digital signatures
 - Encryption/key-establishment
- ▶ We see our role as managing a process of achieving community consensus in a **transparent** and timely manner
- ▶ We do not expect to “pick a winner”
 - Ideally, several algorithms will emerge as ‘good choices’
- ▶ We may pick one (or more) for standardization
 - Only algorithms publicly submitted considered

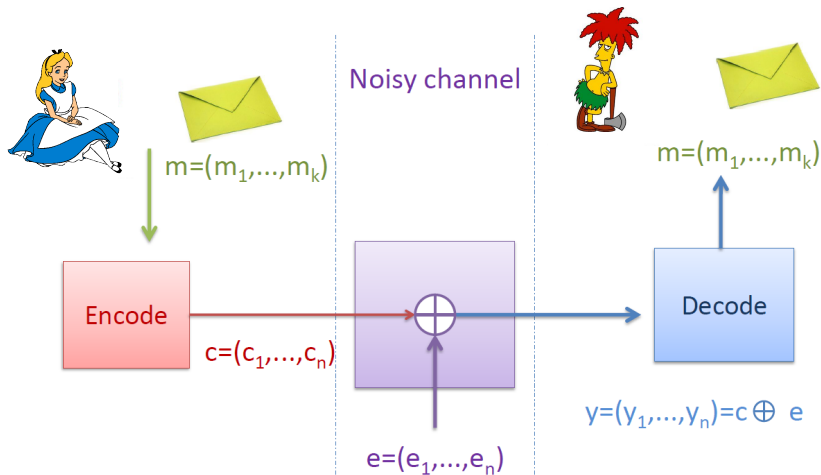
Coding Theory

Error-correcting codes



- Add redundancy to the message ($k < n$).
- Use the structure of the redundancy to recover the message.

Encoding and Decoding Scheme



Definition: Let $\mathbb{F}_q$ be a finite field of q elements and $n, k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k < n$, the **encoding function** is

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f : \mathbb{F}_q^k & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{F}_q^n \\ \mathbf{m} & \longmapsto & \mathbf{c} \end{array}$$

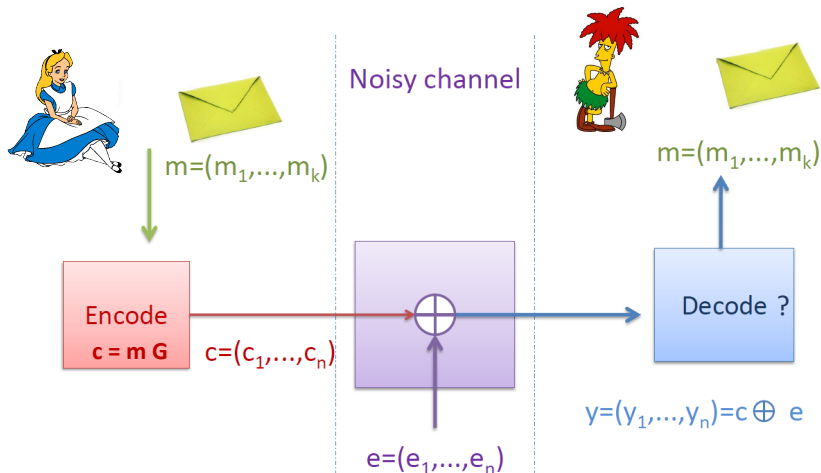
Definition: the **code**

$$\mathcal{C} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{c} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} f(\mathbf{m}) \mid \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_q^k \right\}$$

$\mathcal{C}$ an (n, k) -**linear code** $\mathcal{C}$ defined over $\mathbb{F}_q$ if f is a linear function.

Remark: A **linear code** $\mathcal{C}$ of **length** n and **dimension** k over $\mathbb{F}_q$ is a subspace of dimension k of the full space $\mathbb{F}_q^n$.

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Decoding Algorithm

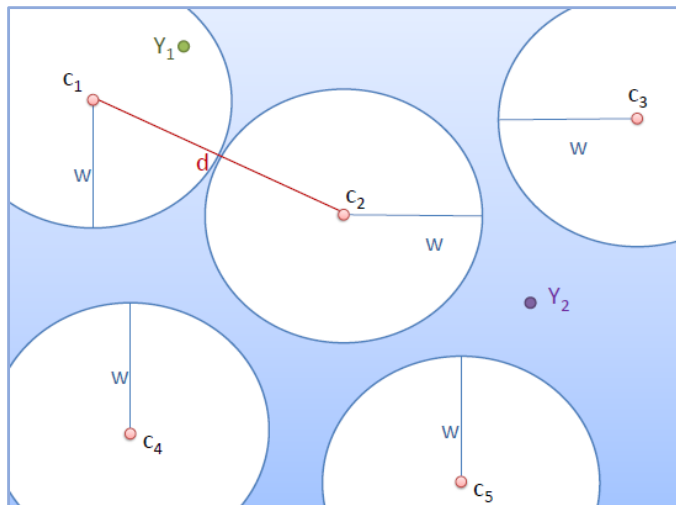
Let $\mathcal{C}$ be an (n, k, d) -linear code defined over $\mathbb{F}_q$ and generator matrix $\mathbf{G}$.

Definition: $\gamma_{\mathbf{G}}$ is a **decoding algorithm** for $\mathcal{C}$ that can correct up to w errors iff

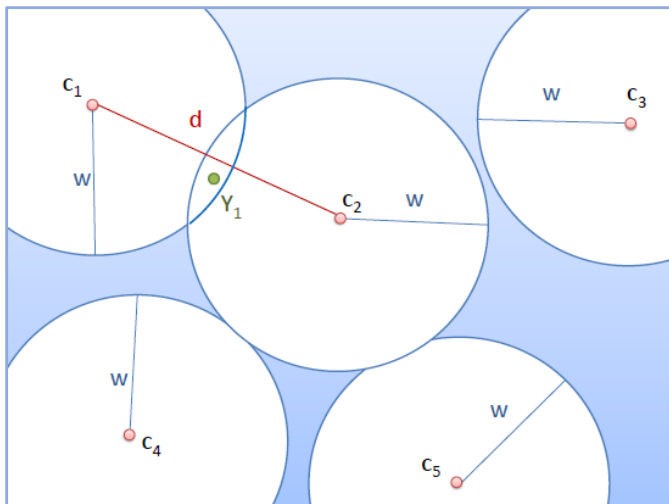
- $\forall \mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ with $w_H(\mathbf{e}) \leq w$
- $\forall \mathbf{m} \in \mathbb{F}_q^k$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \gamma_{\mathbf{G}} : & \mathbb{F}_q^n & \longrightarrow \mathbb{F}_q^k \\ & \mathbf{mG} \oplus \mathbf{e} & \longmapsto \mathbf{m} \end{array}$$

Decoding



Decoding



Facts

- ① 1978: Berlekamp, McEliece and van Tilborg showed that the associated decision problem of the *decoding a random linear code problem* is $\mathcal{NP}$ -complete.
- ② Structural case: there are codes that have efficient decoding algorithms.
 - ▶ Reed-Solomon codes.
 - ▶ Alternant codes.
 - ▶ Goppa codes, etc.

McEliece's Cryptosystem

1978, **Robert McEliece** proposed the first PKC based on error-correcting codes.

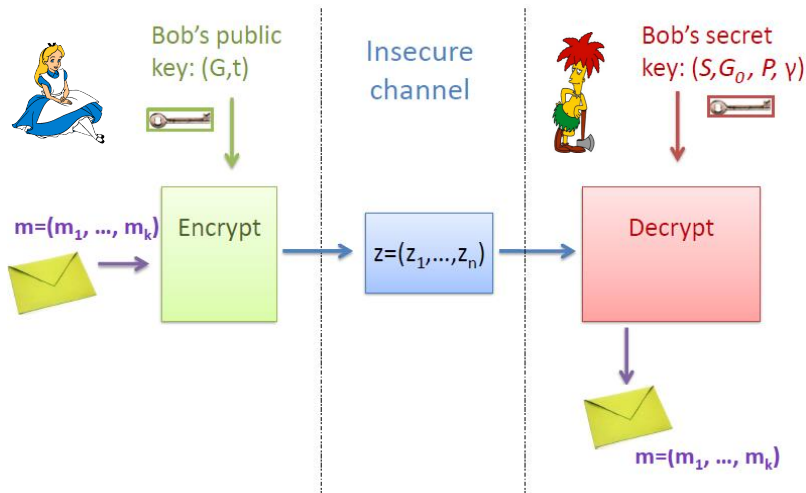


Main idea:

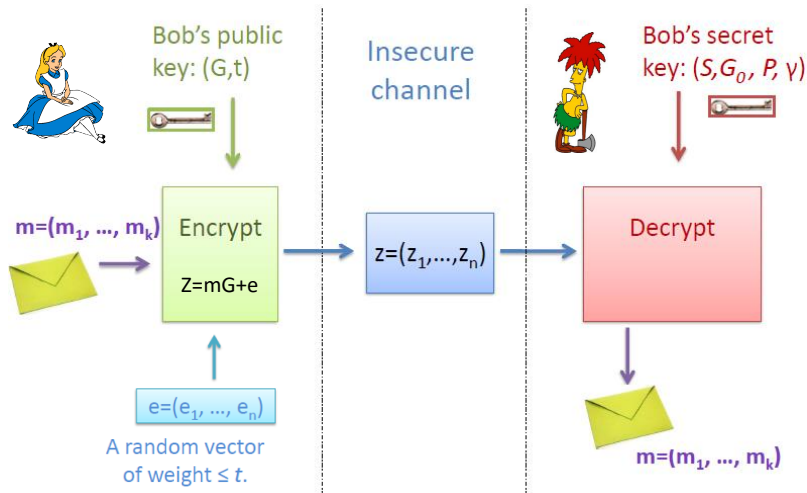
- Choose a code with generator matrix G_0 and a polynomial time decoding algorithm γ that can correct up to t errors.
- Find a permutation matrix P and an invertible matrix S to disguise the algebraic structure of the code by computing

$$G = SG_0P.$$

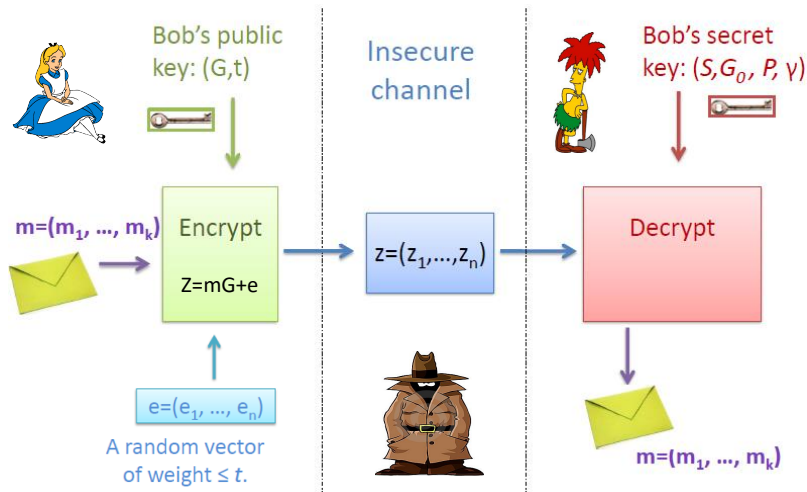
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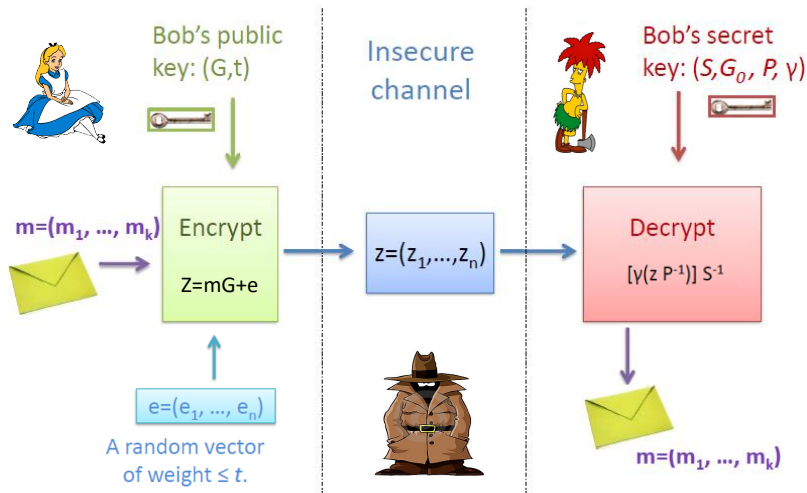
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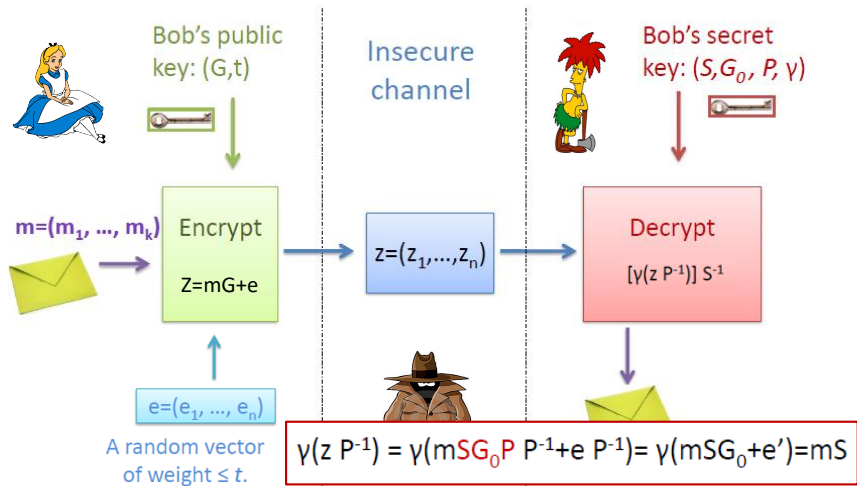
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Some Parameters of the McEliece cryptosystem using Goppa codes.

Security level	(n, k)	t	McEliece	RSA
80-bit	(2048, 1751)	27	520047	1248
128-bit	(2960, 2288)	56	1537536	3248
256-bit	(6624, 5129)	115	7667855	15424

- Fast encryption and decryption $\mathcal{O}(n^2 \log(n))$.
- Very big key size $k \times n$ or $(n - k) \times n$.

Attacks on McEliece's cryptosystem

There are mainly two guidelines:

- 1 **Structural attacks**: recover the secret key from the public key.
- 2 **Decoding attacks**: attack a single ciphertext using a generic decoding algorithm.

Security Proof / Distinguisher

Security proof

IF

Attack McEliece $\implies$ Solve a problem P

THEN

If P is hard to solve $\implies$ McEliece is secure.

*Idea: use the fact that the associated decision problem of the **decoding a random-linear code problem** is **NP-complete**.*

Goppa Code Distinguishing problem

- Introduced in 2001 by Courtois, Finiasz, and Sendrier.

- Distinguishing problem:

*Is a decision problem that aims at distinguishing a generator matrix of a **binary Goppa code** from a **randomly drawn binary matrix**.*

- Hypothesis:

There is **NO** polynomial time algorithm that solves the distinguishing problem.

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- Does the distinguisher lead to a an attack of the McEliece PKC?

Bogdanov-Lee Cryptosystem

Key generation

- A subset L of $\{1, \dots, n\}$ of cardinality 3ℓ .
- Generate at random n distinct $x_i \in \mathbb{F}_q$.

$$\mathbf{G}_i^T \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} (x_i, x_i^2, \dots, x_i^\ell, 0, \dots, 0) & \text{if } i \in L \\ (x_i, x_i^2, \dots, x_i^\ell, x_i^{\ell+1}, \dots, x_i^k) & \text{if } i \notin L \end{cases}$$

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Encryption

$$m \in \mathbb{F}_q \longrightarrow \mathbf{c} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$$

- ① Pick $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{F}_q^k$ uniformly at random.
- ② Pick $\mathbf{e} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ s.t. $\text{Proba}(e_i = 0 \ \forall i \in L)$ is close to one.
- ③ Compute

$$\mathbf{c} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{z}\mathbf{P} + m\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{e}$$

where $\mathbf{1} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ is the all-ones row vector.

Decryption

- ① Find $\mathbf{y} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ that solves:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}^T = 0 \\ \sum_{i \in L} y_i = 1 \\ y_i = 0 \text{ for all } i \notin L. \end{array} \right. \quad (1)$$

- ② For any solution $\mathbf{y}$ of (1):

$$m = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{y}^T$$

Correctness of the Decryption

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{c}\mathbf{y}^T &= (\mathbf{z}\mathbf{P} + m\mathbf{1} + \mathbf{e})\mathbf{y}^T \\
 &= (\mathbf{z}\mathbf{P} + m\mathbf{1})\mathbf{y}^T \quad (\text{since } e_i = 0 \text{ if } i \in L \text{ and } y_i = 0 \text{ if } i \notin L) \\
 &= \mathbf{z}\mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}^T + m \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \\
 &= m \quad (\text{since } \mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}^T = 0 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^n y_i = 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

A Distinguisher-Based Attack of a Homomorphic Encryption Scheme Relying on Reed-Solomon Codes

Gauthier, Otmani and Tillich

Preliminary

Find $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$ s.t.

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Remarks:

- $\mathbf{P}\mathbf{y}^T = 0 \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{S}\mathbf{G}\mathbf{y}^T = 0$ then system (2) $\Leftrightarrow$ system (1).
- For any $\mathbf{y}$ solution of (2): $m = \mathbf{c}\mathbf{y}^T$.

$\Rightarrow L$ is the only secret key.

Definitions

- **Star product:** $\mathbf{a} \star \mathbf{b} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (a_1 b_1, \dots, a_n b_n)$.
- **Star product of two codes:** $\langle \mathcal{A} \star \mathcal{B} \rangle$ is the vector space spanned by all products $\mathbf{a} \star \mathbf{b}$ where $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{B}$.
- **Square code:** $\langle \mathcal{A}^2 \rangle = \langle \mathcal{A} \star \mathcal{A} \rangle$
- **Restriction** of a code $\mathcal{A}$, $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$

$$\mathcal{A}_I \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{F}_q^{|I|} \mid \exists \mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{A}, \mathbf{v} = (a_i)_{i \in I} \right\}.$$

Main result:

Proposition

- Choose $I \subset \{1, \dots, n\}$.
- Denote $J \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I \cap L$ and $\mathcal{C}$ the code generated by $\mathbf{G}$.

$$\text{if } \begin{cases} |J| \leq \ell - 1 \\ |I| - |J| \geq 2k \end{cases} \implies \dim(\langle \mathcal{C}_I^2 \rangle) = 2k - 1 + |J|$$

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 - ▶ $J \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I \cap L.$

Recover L : $\dim(< \mathcal{C}_I^2 >) = 2k - 1 + |J|$

① Recover $J = L \cap I$: choose $i \in I$, consider $I' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} I \setminus \{i\}$.

- ▶ If $i \in L$ then $\dim(< \mathcal{C}_{I'}^2 >) = (2k - 1 + |J|) - 1$.
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② Recover $L \setminus J$: exchange $i \in I \setminus J$ by $i' \in \{1, \dots, n\} \setminus I$.

► If $i' \in L$ then $\dim(\langle \mathcal{C}_{I'}^2 \rangle) = (2k - 1 + |J|) + 1$.

► If $i' \notin L$ then $\dim(\langle \mathcal{C}_{I'}^2 \rangle) = (2k - 1 + |J|)$.

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