

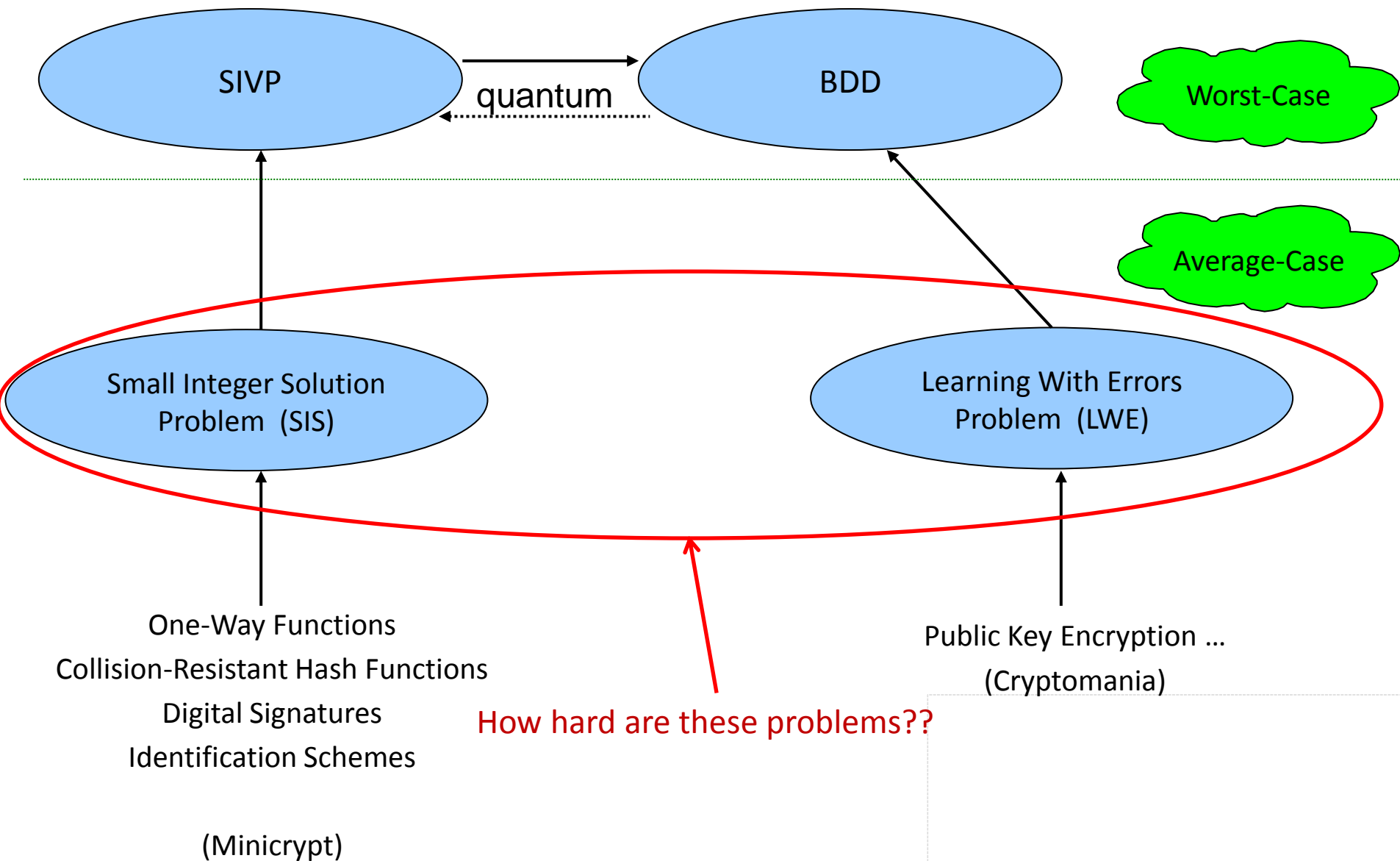
Basic Cryptanalysis

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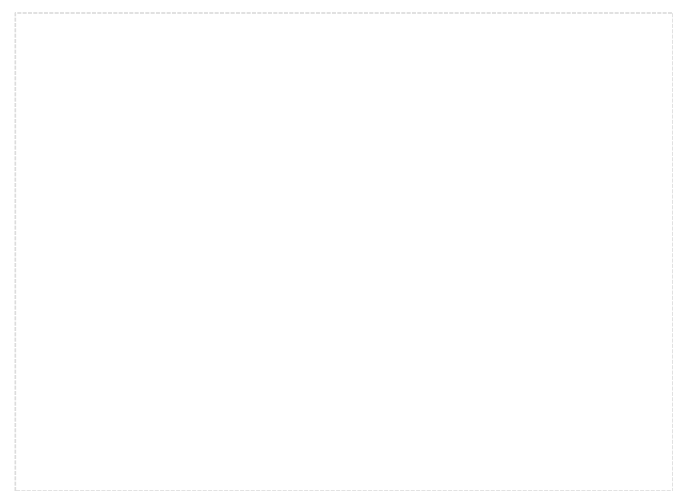
Outline

- LLL sketch
- Application to Subset Sum
- Application to SIS
- Application to LWE
- Lattice Reduction in Practice

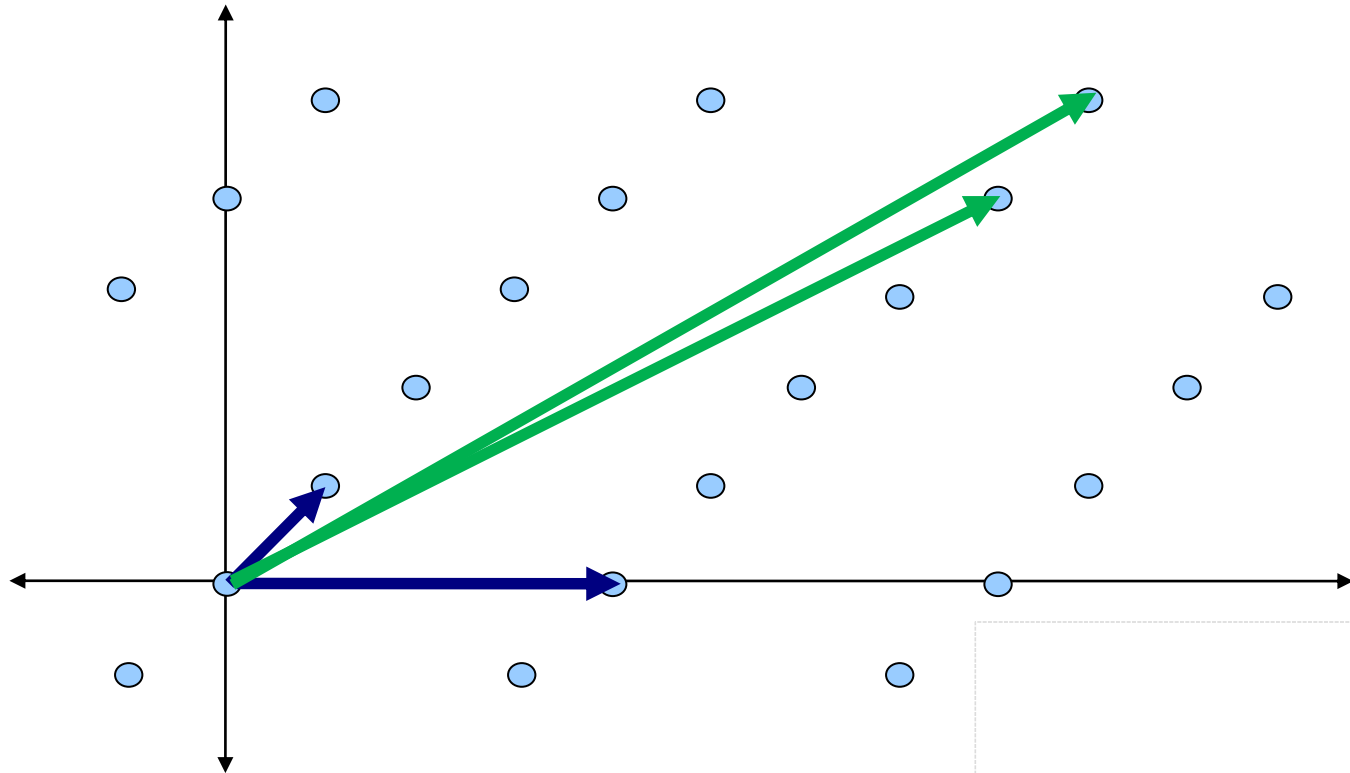


LLL

[Lenstra, Lenstra, Lovasz '82]



Lattice Bases



The Goal of Lattice Reduction

Obtain a basis \mathbf{B} in which the Gram-Schmidt vectors are not decreasing too quickly

This roughly means that the basis vectors are somewhat orthogonal to each other

LLL Reduced Basis \mathbf{B}

$$\mathbf{B} = \left[\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} | & | & | & \dots & | \\ \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_1 & \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_2 & \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_3 & \dots & \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n \\ | & | & | & \dots & | \end{array} \right] \left[\begin{array}{ccccc} 1 & \mu_{2,1} & \mu_{3,1} & \dots & \mu_{n,1} \\ 0 & 1 & \mu_{3,2} & \dots & \mu_{n,2} \\ \dots & 0 & 1 & \dots & \mu_{n,3} \\ \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \dots & 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\mu_{i,j} = (\mathbf{b}_i \cdot \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_j) / \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_j\|^2$$

An LLL-reduced basis has:

1. All $|\mu_{i,j}| \leq 0.5$

2. $0.75 \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i\|^2 \leq \|\mu_{i+1,i} \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i + \tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{i+1}\|^2$

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{i+1}\|^2 \geq 0.5 \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i\|^2$$

Short Vector in an LLL-reduced Basis

Thm: The vector \mathbf{b}_1 in an LLL-reduced basis has length at most $2^{(n-1)/2} \cdot \lambda_1(L(\mathbf{B}))$

Proof:

$$\|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_n\|^2 \geq 0.5 \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_{n-1}\|^2 \geq \dots \geq 0.5^{n-1} \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_1\|^2 = 0.5^{n-1} \|\mathbf{b}_1\|^2$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}_1\| \leq 2^{(n-1)/2} \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i\| \text{ for all } i$$

Since, $\min_i \|\tilde{\mathbf{b}}_i\| \leq \lambda_1(L(\mathbf{B}))$, we have

$$\|\mathbf{b}_1\| \leq 2^{(n-1)/2} \cdot \lambda_1(L(\mathbf{B}))$$

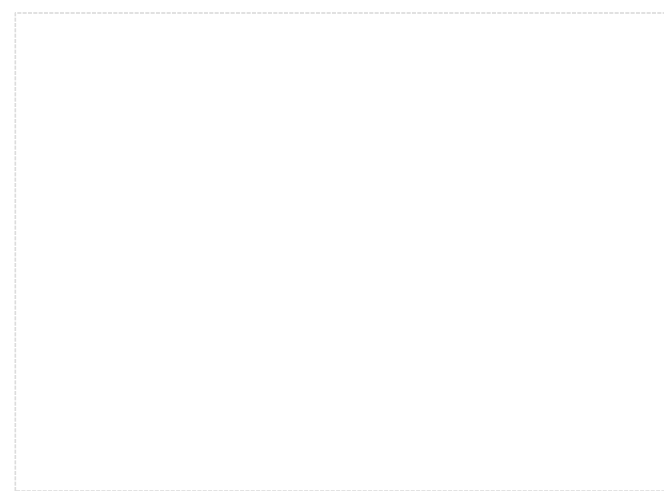
LLL Algorithm

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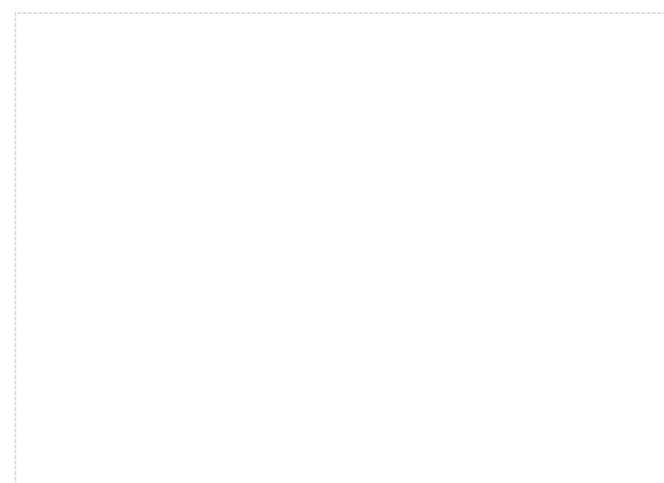
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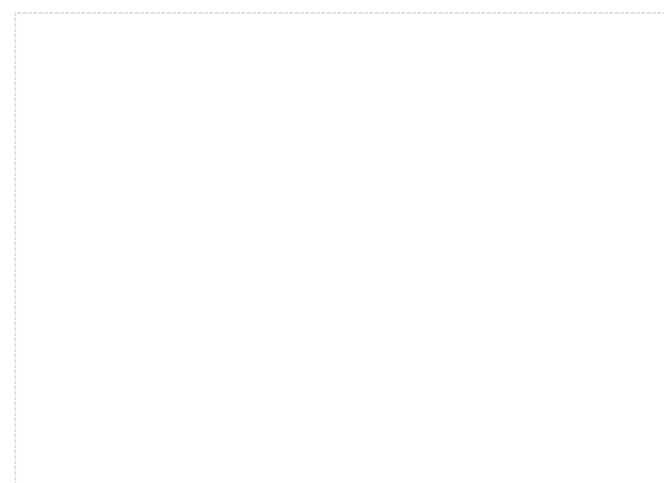
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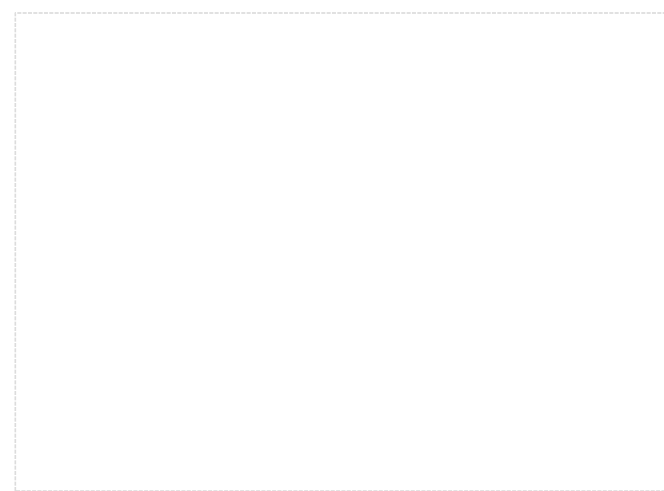


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APPLICATION OF LLL: THE SUBSET SUM PROBLEM

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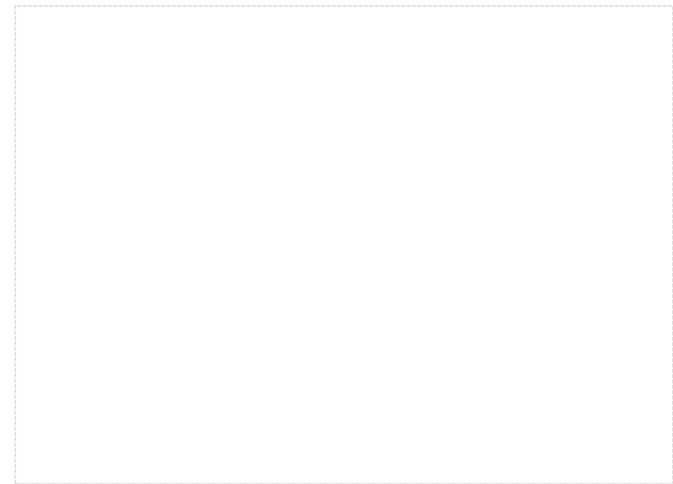
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a_i are chosen randomly

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a_1 a_2 a_3 ... a_n T

Find a subset of a_i 's
that sums to $T \pmod{M}$



Subset Sum Problem

a_i, T in \mathbf{Z}_{49}

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T is a sum of a random subset of the a_i

15 31 24 3 14 11

$$15 + 31 + 14 = 11 \pmod{49}$$

How Hard is Subset Sum?

$a_i, T \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_M$

$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad \dots \quad a_n \quad T$

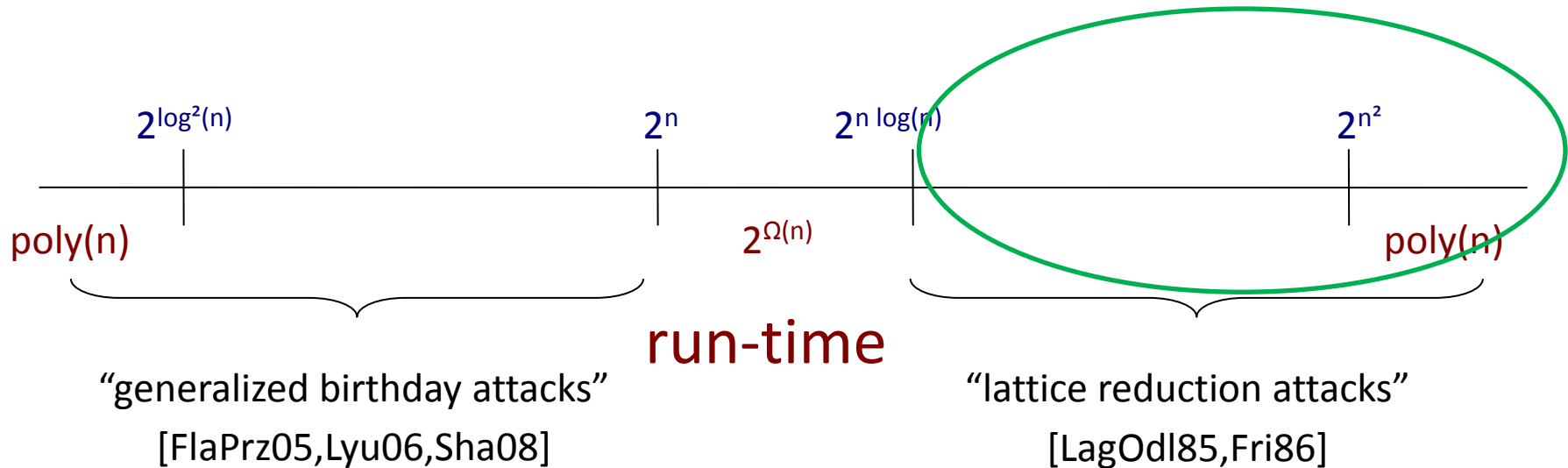
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Hardness Depends on:

- Size of n and M
- Relationship between n and M

Complexity of Solving Subset Sum

M



Subset Sum and Lattices

$$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad \dots \quad a_n \quad T = (\sum a_i x_i \bmod M) \text{ for } x_i \text{ in } \{0,1\}$$

$$\mathbf{a} = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, -T)$$

$$L^\perp(\mathbf{a}) = \{\mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^{n+1} : \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0 \bmod M\}$$

Notice that $\mathbf{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 1)$ is in $L^\perp(\mathbf{a})$

$$\|\mathbf{x}\| < \sqrt{(n+1)}$$

Want to use LLL to find this \mathbf{x}

When Will LLL Solve Subset Sum?

$$L^\perp(\mathbf{a}) = \{\mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^{n+1} : \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{y} = 0 \text{ mod } M\}$$

Notice that $\mathbf{x}=(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 1)$ is in $L^\perp(\mathbf{a})$, $\|\mathbf{x}\| < \sqrt{n+1}$

LLL can find a vector $< \delta^{n+1} \lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{a})) < \delta^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}$

So if there are *no other vectors* in $L^\perp(\mathbf{a})$ of length $< \delta^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1}$,
LLL must find $\mathbf{x}=(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, 1)$!

Caveat: $\pm \mathbf{x}, \pm 2\mathbf{x}, \pm 3\mathbf{x}, \dots$ are all in $L^\perp(\mathbf{a})$,
but we could recover \mathbf{x} from these

Good vectors: $(kx_1, kx_2, \dots, kx_n, k)$

The “Bad” Vectors

$\mathbf{y} = (y_1, \dots, y_n, k)$ such that $\|\mathbf{y}\| < \delta^{n+1} \sqrt{n+1} = r$

and

$$a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_n y_n - kT = 0 \pmod{M}$$

$$a_1 y_1 + \dots + a_n y_n - k(a_1 x_1 + \dots + a_n x_n) = 0 \pmod{M}$$

$$a_1 (y_1 - kx_1) + \dots + a_n (y_n - kx_n) = 0 \pmod{M}$$

(and for some i , $y_i - kx_i \neq 0 \pmod{M}$)

Probability of a Bad Lattice Vector

$$S_r = \{ \mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^{n+1}, \|\mathbf{y}\| < r \}$$

For any (x_1, \dots, x_n) in $\{0, 1\}^n$ and (y_1, \dots, y_n, k) in S_r :

$$\Pr_{a_1, \dots, a_n} [a_1(y_1 - kx_1) + \dots + a_n(y_n - kx_n) = 0 \pmod{M}]$$

$$= 1/M \quad \text{unless } (y_i - kx_i) = 0 \pmod{M} \text{ for all } i$$

(the last line assumes that M is prime)

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$$\Pr_{a_1, \dots, a_n} [a_1(y_1 - kx_1) + \dots + a_n(y_n - kx_n) = 0 \pmod{M}] \leq |S_r| \cdot 2^n / M$$

Want $|S_r| \cdot 2^n \ll M$

Number of \mathbf{Z}^n Points in a Sphere

of integer points in a sphere of radius r

\approx

volume of sphere of radius r

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$$(\pi n)^{-1/2} (2\pi e/n)^{n/2} r^n$$

(r needs to be at least $n^{1/2+\epsilon}$)

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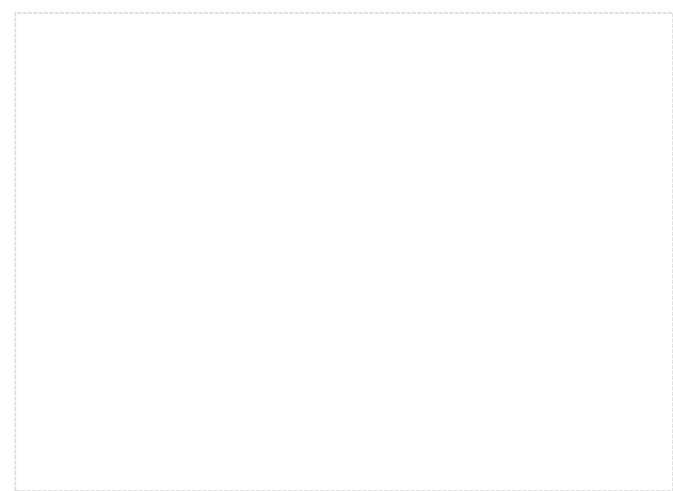
Want $|S_r| \cdot 2^n \ll M$, where $r = \delta^{n+1} v(n+1)$

$$|S_r| \cdot 2^n < 9^{n+1} \cdot \delta^{(n+1)^2}$$

If $M > 9^{n+1} \cdot \delta^{(n+1)^2}$, subset sum can be solved in
poly-time

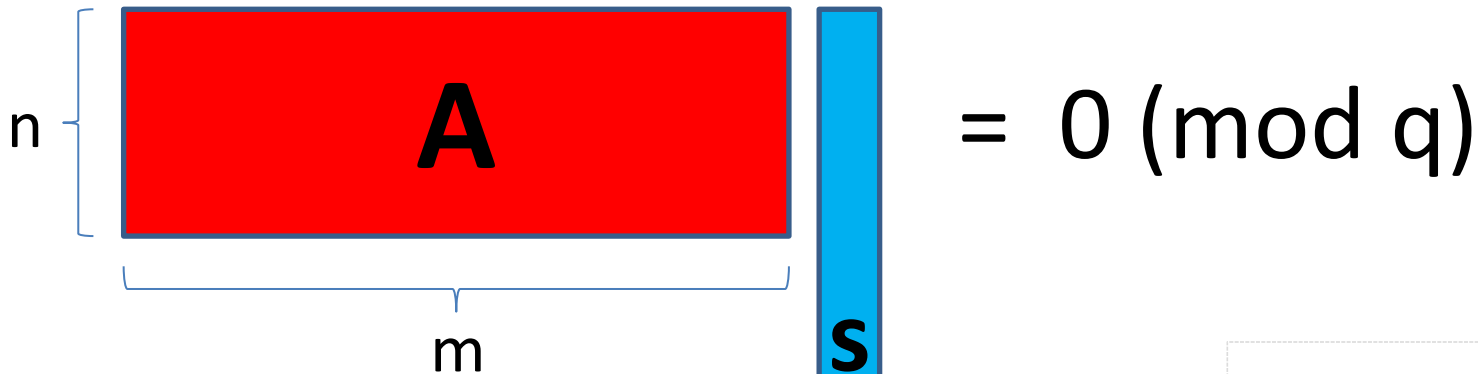
(for all but a negligible number of instances)

APPLICATION OF LLL: THE SIS PROBLEM



The SIS Problem

Given a random \mathbf{A} in $\mathbf{Z}_q^{n \times m}$,
Find a “small” \mathbf{s} such that $\mathbf{As} = \mathbf{0} \pmod q$


$$\mathbf{A} \mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0} \pmod q$$

(We will only consider $m \geq 2n$
and $q > m$)

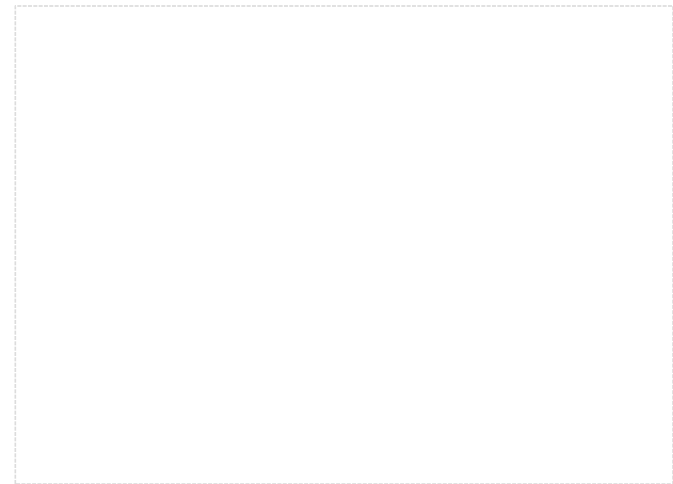
Finding “Small” Vectors Using LLL

$$L^\perp(\mathbf{A}) = \{\mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^m : \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y} = 0 \text{ mod } q\}$$

What is the shortest vector of $L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$?

Minkowski’s Theorem: $\lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) \leq \sqrt{m} \det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$

What is $\det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$?



Determinant of an Integer Lattice

If L is an integer lattice, then $\det(L) = \#(\mathbf{Z}^m / L)$

1. $\#(\mathbf{Z}^m / L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) \leq q^n$

For any $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ in \mathbf{Z}^m , if $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_1 = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x}_2 \pmod{q}$, then $\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2$ are in the same coset of $\mathbf{Z}^m / L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$.

2. If \mathbf{A} has n linearly-independent columns, then $\#(\mathbf{Z}^m / L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) = q^n$

For every \mathbf{y} in \mathbf{Z}_q^n , there is an \mathbf{x} in \mathbf{Z}^m such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y} \pmod{q}$

Shortest Vector in $L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$

Minkowski's Theorem: $\lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) \leq \sqrt{m} \det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$

For almost all \mathbf{A} , $\det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) = q^n$

Thus, $\lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) \leq \sqrt{m} q^{n/m}$

Can it be much smaller??

If $q^{n/m} \gg \sqrt{2\pi e}$, then No.

Shortest Vector in $L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$

$$S_r = \{ \mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^m, \|\mathbf{y}\| < r \}$$

For any $\mathbf{s} \neq \mathbf{0} \pmod q$ in S_r , $\Pr_{\mathbf{A}}[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0} \pmod q] = 1/q^n$

For all $\mathbf{s} \neq \mathbf{0} \pmod q$ in S_r , $\Pr_{\mathbf{A}}[\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0} \pmod q] \leq |S_r|/q^n$
 $\approx (\pi m)^{-1/2} (2\pi e/m)^{m/2} r^m / q^n$

r needs to be $\approx \sqrt{m/(2\pi e)} q^{n/m}$

(since we assumed, $q^{n/m} \gg \sqrt{2\pi e}$, we have $r \gg \sqrt{m}$, and so

of integer points in a sphere of radius $r \approx$ volume of sphere of radius r)

Shortest Vector in $L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$

For almost all \mathbf{A} in $\mathbf{Z}_q^{n \times m}$, when $q^{n/m} \gg \sqrt{2\pi e}$

$$(1-\varepsilon)\sqrt{m/(2\pi e)}q^{n/m} \leq \lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) \leq \sqrt{m} q^{n/m}$$



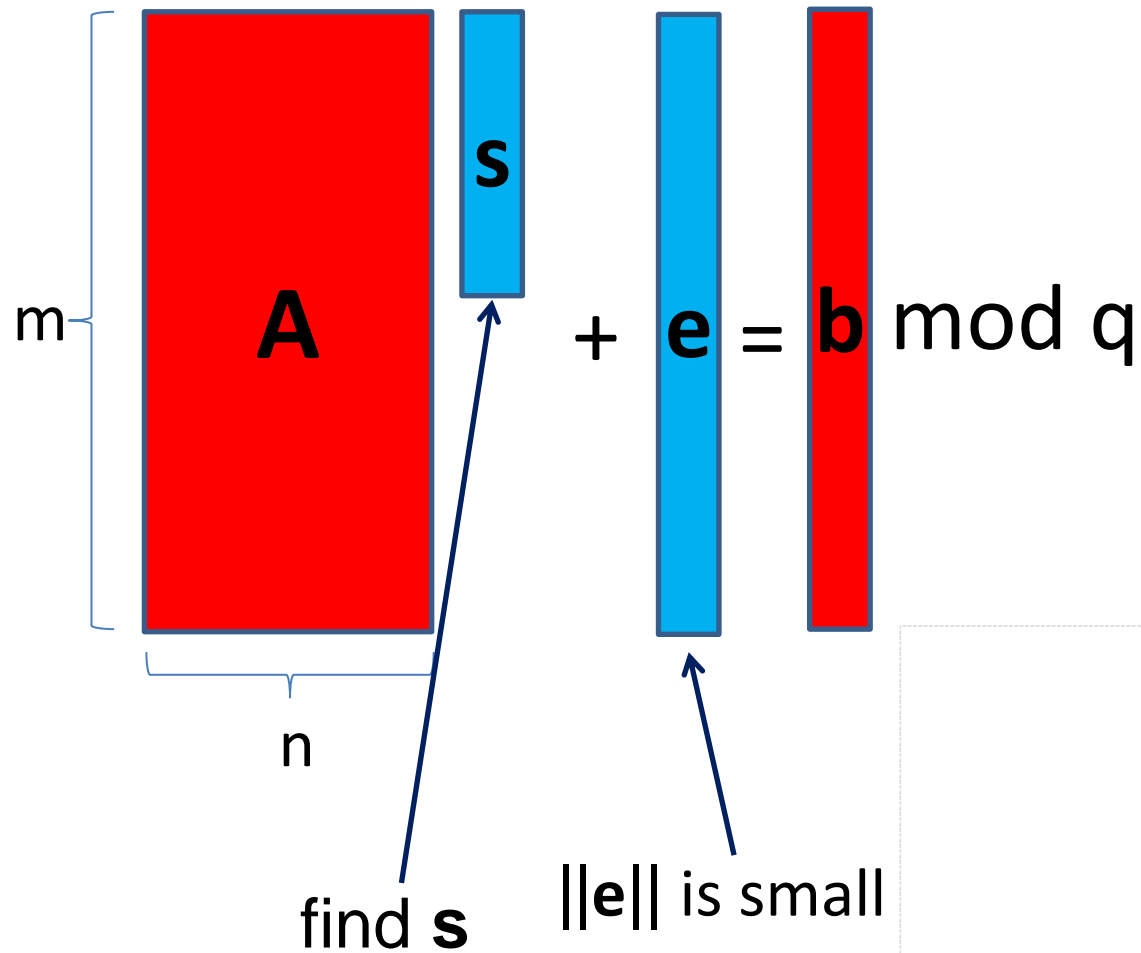
Experiments show that it's closer to this

Using LLL, can find a vector of length $\delta^m \cdot \sqrt{m/(2\pi e)}q^{n/m}$

- Sometimes, to break a system, need to bound the infinity norm, so could be harder
- Sometimes it makes sense to not use all m columns

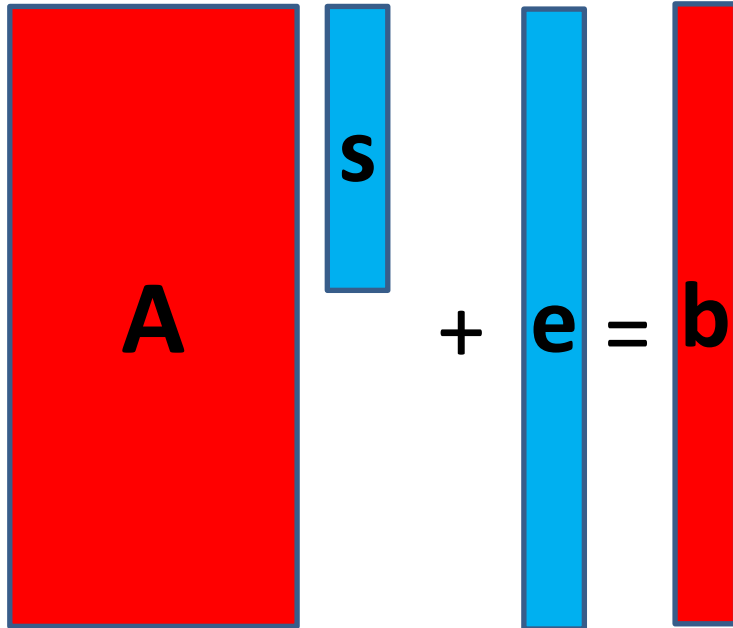
APPLICATION OF LLL: THE LWE PROBLEM

The LWE Problem

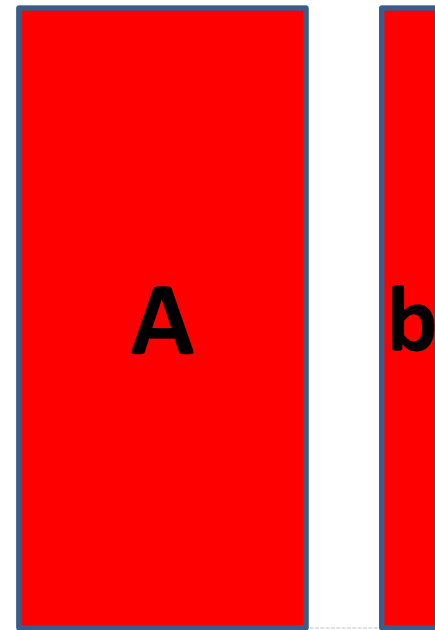


Decision LWE

Valid LWE Distribution

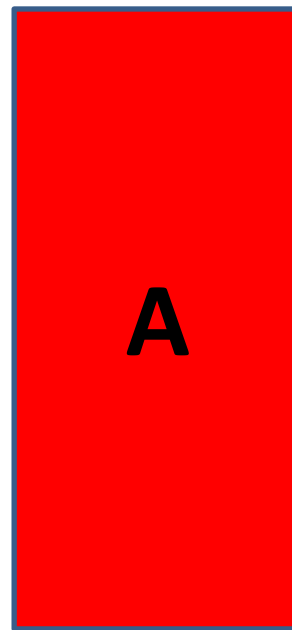


Uniformly Random



Solve SIS to Solve LWE

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(set m optimally, to minimize the length of \mathbf{v})

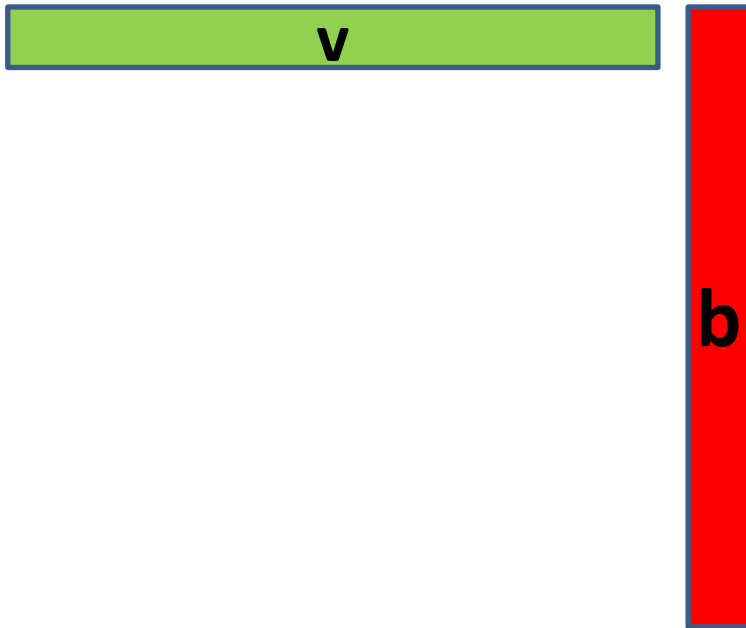


$$= \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}$$

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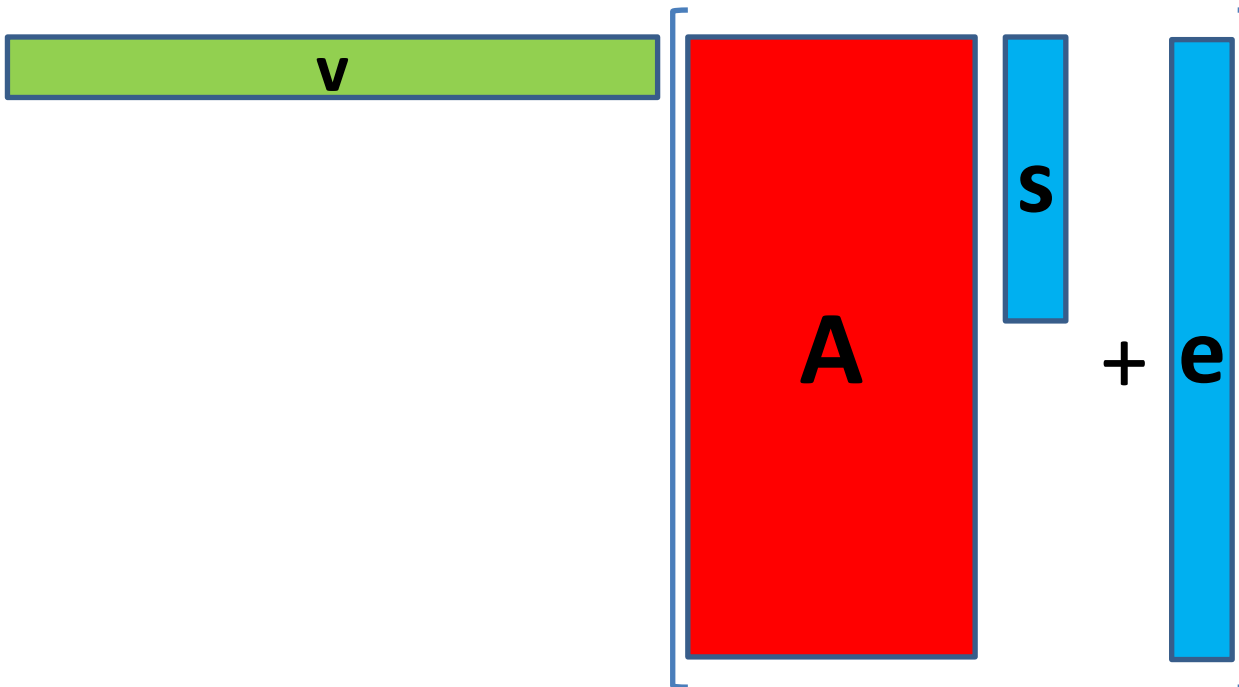
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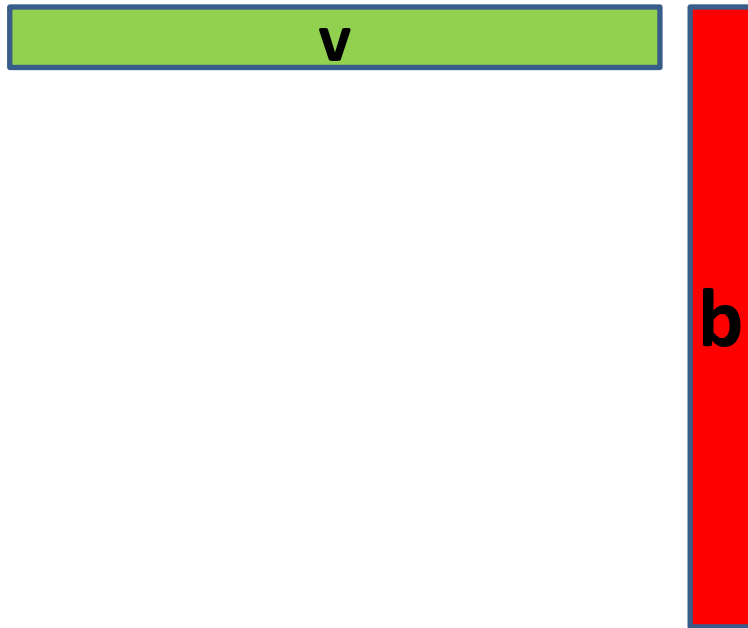


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If \mathbf{b} is uniform, then $\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{b} \bmod q$ is uniform.

$$\|\mathbf{v} \cdot \mathbf{e}\| \leq \|\mathbf{v}\| \cdot \|\mathbf{e}\| \leq \delta^m \cdot \sqrt{m/(2\pi e)} q^{n/m} \|\mathbf{e}\|$$

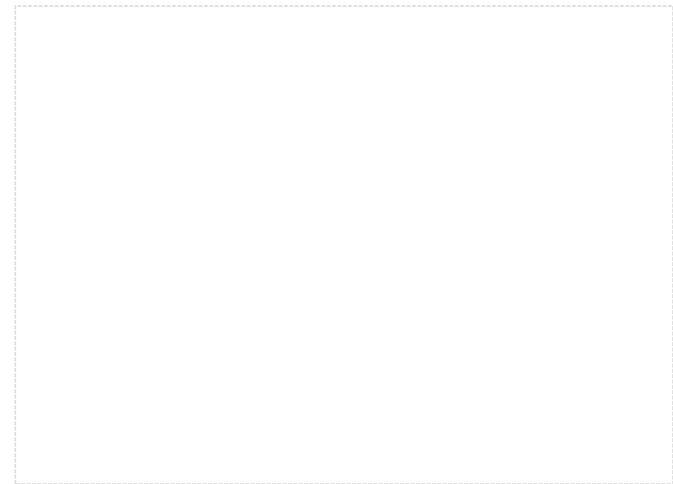
So, if $\delta^m \cdot \sqrt{m/(2\pi e)} q^{n/m} \|\mathbf{e}\| < q/2$,

can solve decision LWE

and then search LWE as well

A Different Algorithm

- The previous algorithm assumed we could obtain a lot of samples. Many crypto applications do not provide this.
- If we don't have a lot of samples – can use “sample-preserving” reduction from search to decision LWE
[MicMol '11]
- In some cases, that reduction does not apply (e.g. ideal lattices ...)

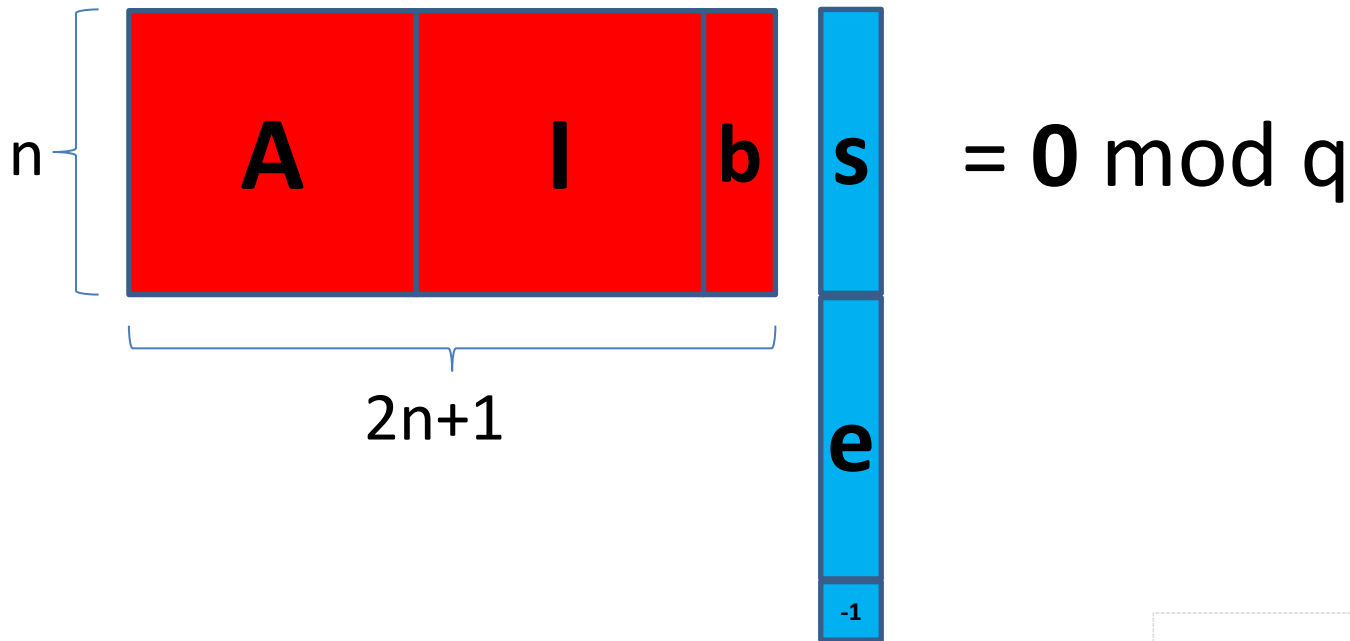


LWE Problem With Few Samples

The diagram illustrates the LWE equation $A \cdot s + e = b \pmod{q}$. Matrix A is a red square with side length n . Vectors s and e are blue vertical bars of height n . Vector b is a red vertical bar of height n . Brackets indicate the dimensions: a vertical bracket on the left of A is labeled n , and a horizontal bracket below A is labeled n . Arrows point from the text below to the vectors s and e .

$\|e\|$ and $\|s\|$ are small. find s .

LWE Problem With Few Samples



$$L^\perp(\mathbf{A}') = \{ \mathbf{y} \text{ in } \mathbf{Z}^{2n+1} : [\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{I} \mid \mathbf{b}] \mathbf{y} = 0 \pmod{q} \}$$

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Important Caveat

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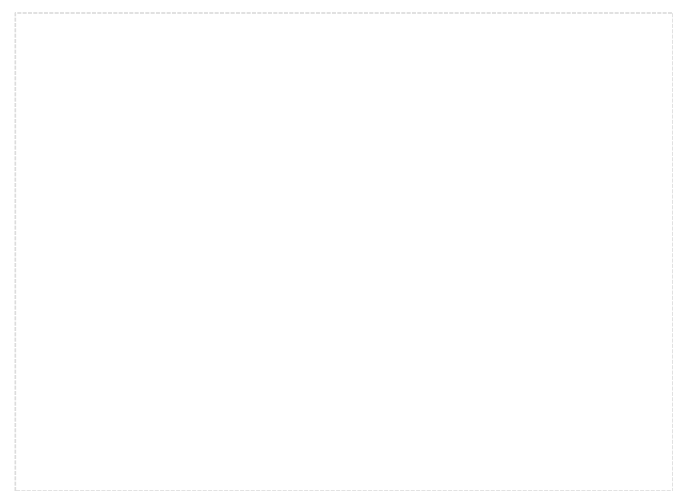
Can find \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e} if $\|\mathbf{s} | \mathbf{e} | -\mathbf{1}\| \leq \delta^m (1-\varepsilon)\sqrt{m/(2\pi e)}q^{n/m}$

What if LLL does not find \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{e} ?

Then it will act as if the short vector $\mathbf{s} | \mathbf{e} | -\mathbf{1}$ does not exist!

IN PRACTICE

[Gama and Nguyen '08]



Two Types of Problems

Short Vector

given \mathbf{A} , find a short \mathbf{s}
such that $\mathbf{As}=\mathbf{0} \pmod q$

$\|\mathbf{s}\|$ is greater than $\det^{1/m}$

Unique Short Vector

given \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{As} \pmod q$,
find this short \mathbf{s}

$\|\mathbf{s}\|$ is less than $\det^{1/m}$

Unique Short Vector Problem

Looking for very short vector \mathbf{s}

The next shortest vector not equal to $k\mathbf{s}$ is \mathbf{v}

The hardness of finding \mathbf{s} depends on $\|\mathbf{v}\| / \|\mathbf{s}\|$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \|\mathbf{v}\| / \|\mathbf{s}\| = \lambda_2 / \lambda_1$$

Short Vector Problem

Looking for vector \mathbf{s} such that $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s} = \mathbf{0} \pmod{q}$
(and there are no very short vectors in $L^\perp(\mathbf{A})$)

The shortest \mathbf{s} that can be found depends on

$$\alpha = \|\mathbf{s}\| / \det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$$

Two Types of Problems

- Short Vector

i.e. given \mathbf{A} , find a short \mathbf{s} such that $\mathbf{As}=\mathbf{0} \pmod q$

$$\alpha = \|\mathbf{s}\| / \det(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}))^{1/m}$$

- Unique Short Vector

i.e. given \mathbf{A} and $\mathbf{As} \pmod q$, find this short \mathbf{s}

$$\mathbf{A}' = [\mathbf{A} \mid \mathbf{As}]$$

$$\alpha = \lambda_2(L^\perp(\mathbf{A}')) / \|\mathbf{s}\|$$
$$\approx \lambda_1(L^\perp(\mathbf{A})) / \|\mathbf{s}\|$$

$\alpha=1.02^m$	Can be broken using LLL
$\alpha=1.01^m$	Can be broken using BKZ (improvement of LLL)
$\alpha=1.007^m$	Seems quite secure for now
$\alpha=1.005^m$	Seems quite secure for the foreseeable future

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