

Trapdoor Sampling

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1 Trapdoor Sampling [MP12]

The GPV Signature scheme assumes that we can generate trapdoor matrices. This process has two steps:

1. Construct a special purpose, “easy lattice”, G ,¹ that is not random at all, as described in the handout, and
2. Show how to sample a nearly-uniform A , together with a trapdoor that “maps” A to G

The “easy lattice” is $G \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m'}$, $m' = \lceil n \log(q) \rceil$, such that:

- (a) It is easy to sample $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{u}}^\perp(G), s}$ for any $\vec{u} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ and parameter $s \geq 2\sqrt{n}$.²
- (b) Given $\lceil \vec{s}G + \vec{e} \rceil$, with small $\|\vec{e}\|_\infty < \frac{q}{4}$, one can efficiently recover \vec{s} .

1.1 Step (2): Mapping A to G

Definition 1. As in the first property, denote:

$$m' = \lceil n \log(q) \rceil$$

In addition denote

$$m'' = \lceil n \log(q) + \sqrt{n} \rceil$$

and

$$m = m' + m'' = \lceil 2n \log(q) + \sqrt{n} \rceil$$

Let $A \in \mathbb{Z}^{n \times m}$ denote

$$A = \left[\underbrace{\overline{A}}_{m''} \mid \underbrace{A_1}_{m'} \right]$$

A matrix $R \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m'' \times m'}$ is a trapdoor of A iff

- R is “small”

- $\underbrace{A_1}_{n \times m'} = \underbrace{G}_{n \times m'} - \underbrace{\overline{A}}_{n \times m''} \underbrace{R}_{m'' \times m'}$. In matrix notation: $A = \overline{A} \mid G \begin{pmatrix} I & -R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix}$

The algorithm to generate (A, R) proceeds as follows:

¹ie. it is easy to solve LWE or SIS

²Recall the definition $\mathcal{L}_{\vec{u}}^\perp(A) = \{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n \mid A\vec{x} = \vec{u} \pmod{q}\}$

- Choose $R \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{m'' \times m'}$, where each entry in R is chosen at random from the discrete Gaussian, $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \sqrt{n}}$. R is the trapdoor, and note that it is “small,” for example with high probability, we have for all \vec{x} , that $\|\vec{x}R\|_\infty \leq \|\vec{x}\|_\infty 2n \log(q)$, and the same applies for $\|\cdot\|_2$ (so $S_1(R) < 2n \log(q)$).
- To choose A , first draw a uniform matrix $\bar{A} \in_R \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m''}$, then set

$$\begin{aligned} A &= [\bar{A}|G] \begin{pmatrix} I & -R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= [\bar{A}|G - \bar{A}R] \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times (m' + m'')} \end{aligned}$$

Fact 1. A is nearly uniform. Recall that $f_{\bar{A}} = \bar{A}\vec{x} \bmod q$ is a strong seeded extractor, and the columns of R have high min-entropy, so $\bar{A}R$ is nearly uniform, even given \bar{A} .

Fact 2. If we can solve LWE for G , then R lets us also solve for A .³ Given input $\vec{b} = \vec{s}A + \vec{e}$, where we denote $\vec{e} = \underbrace{[\vec{e}_1]}_{m''} | \underbrace{[\vec{e}_2]}_{m'}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{b} \begin{pmatrix} I & R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} &= (\vec{s}A + [\vec{e}_1 | \vec{e}_2]) \begin{pmatrix} I & R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \vec{s}[\bar{A}|G] \begin{pmatrix} I & -R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} I & R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} + [\vec{e}_1 | \vec{e}_2] \begin{pmatrix} I & R \\ 0 & I \end{pmatrix} \\ &= \vec{s}[\bar{A}|G] + [\vec{e}_1 | \vec{e}_1 R + \vec{e}_2] \end{aligned}$$

In particular, considering only the last m' entries, we have

$$\vec{b} \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} = \vec{s}G + \underbrace{(\vec{e}_1 R + \vec{e}_2)}_{\vec{e}'}$$

As long as $\|\vec{e}'\|_\infty \leq \|\vec{e}_1\|_\infty 2n \log(q) + \|\vec{e}_2\|_\infty < \frac{q}{4}$, we can recover \vec{s} from $\vec{s}G + \vec{e}'$. The first inequality follows from the choice of a “small” R , and the second inequality is true as long as $\|\vec{e}_1\|_\infty, \|\vec{e}_2\|_\infty \ll \frac{q}{n \log(q)}$.

Fact 3. If we can sample from $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{u}}^\perp(G), s}$, then using R , we can sample $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{u}}^\perp(A), s'}$, where s' is not much bigger than s .

- First attempt: Draw $\vec{z} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{u}}^\perp(G), s}$, output $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} \vec{z}$. This “almost works”; we have $A\vec{x} = A \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} \vec{z} = G\vec{z} = \vec{u}$, and $\|\vec{x}\|_\infty \leq \|R\vec{z}\|_\infty + \|\vec{z}\|_\infty \leq (2n \log(q) + 1)\|\vec{z}\|_\infty$, as needed for SIS. But if \vec{z} is a spherical Gaussian, then \vec{x} is an ellipsoid Gaussian. Even worse, the covariance of \vec{x} has the shape $s^2 \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} [R^T | I]$, so after enough samples, we can get the shape of R and recover R itself.
- Better attempt: Use “perturbation” [Pei10]. Roughly, choose \vec{p} from an ellipsoid that cancels out that of \vec{x} , and output $\vec{p} + \vec{x}$:

³Given input $A, \vec{b} = \vec{s}A + \vec{e}$, for “secret” \vec{s} , and “small” \vec{e} , find \vec{s} .

- Define the covariance matrix $\Sigma = \underbrace{s^2 I}_{\text{what we aim for}} - \underbrace{\begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} [R^T | I]}_{\text{the "shape" of } \vec{x}}$. Note that s must be large enough so that Σ is positive (else it cannot be a covariance matrix). Specifically, we need to have $s > 1 + S_1(R)$.
- Sample from the ellipsoid discrete Gaussian $\vec{p} \leftarrow \underbrace{\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}^m, s\sqrt{n}\sqrt{\Sigma}}}_{\text{"perturbation"}}$
- Calculate the syndrome $\vec{v} = \vec{u} - A\vec{p} \pmod q$
- Sample $\vec{z} \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{v}}^\perp(G), 2\sqrt{n}}$, then set $\vec{x} = \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} \vec{z}$
- Output $\vec{y} = \vec{x} + \vec{p}$

Clearly we have $A\vec{y} = A\vec{x} + A\vec{p} = \vec{v} + A\vec{p} = \vec{u}$. Moreover, \vec{p} has covariance $4n\Sigma$, and \vec{x} has covariance $4n \begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} [R^T | I]$, so if they were independent, we would expect their covariance matrices to add, and we get $4n \left(\begin{pmatrix} R \\ I \end{pmatrix} [R^T | I] + \Sigma \right) = 4ns^2 I$.

They are not quite independent, since the mean of \vec{z} depends on \vec{p} , but only via $A\vec{p}$ in \vec{v} , which does not give much information about \vec{p} . We can think of first choosing \vec{v} at random, then drawing \vec{p} from the discrete Gaussian. Once \vec{v} is fixed, \vec{p} and \vec{x} are independent and their covariances add; since we choose \vec{z} from a Gaussian wider than $\eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}^\perp(A))$, for a negligible ϵ , the covariance behaves as we expect.

2 Trapdoor Delegation

Given a trapdoor, R , for $A \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m}$, generate a trapdoor, R' , for an extension of A , $A' = [A | A_1]$, where $A_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m'}$ is an arbitrary matrix (eg. it can be random), and $m' \geq \lceil n \log(q) \rceil$.

TDelegate(A, R, A_1):

- Calculate $\Delta = G - A_1$. Denote the columns of Δ by $\Delta = (\vec{\delta}_1 | \vec{\delta}_2 | \dots | \vec{\delta}_{m'})$.
- For $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m'\}$, use R to sample from $\mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\delta}_i}^\perp(A), s}$, where $s = \lceil 2 + S_1(R) \rceil \approx 2n \log(q) > \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}^\perp(A))$ for some negligible ϵ . Denote $\vec{r}'_i \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathcal{L}_{\vec{\delta}_i}^\perp(A), s}$.
- Output the new trapdoor, $R' = (\vec{r}'_1 | \vec{r}'_2 | \dots | \vec{r}'_{m'}) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times m'}$.

By construction $A\vec{r}'_i = \vec{\delta}_i \pmod q$, so $AR' = \Delta$, and therefore we have

$$A' = (A | A_1) = (A | G - \Delta) = (A | G - AR')$$

So R' is indeed a trapdoor for A' . Also, R' is “small”; roughly, the size of each column of R' is approximately \sqrt{ms} , so $S_1(R') \approx \sqrt{m} S_1(R) \approx (n \log(q))^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

Note that if (A, A_1) are random, the distribution of (A', R') is the same as the output of TGen, except for larger parameters, $\tilde{m} = m + m'$, and $S_1(R') \approx (n \log(q))^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

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