

Flexible Partial Enlargement to Accelerate Gröbner Basis Computation over \mathbb{F}_2

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Algebraic Cryptanalysis

Breaking a good cipher should require “as much work as solving a system of simultaneous equations in a large number of unknowns” (Shannon 1949)

The MQ Problem

- Given finite set of quadratic polynomials P in $X = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ over finite field F
- Find $v \in F^n$, $p(v) = 0 \forall p \in P$, for example:
 - $x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 = 0$
 - $x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_1 + 1 = 0$
 - $x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_1 + x_2 + 1 = 0$
- General MQ is NP-hard even if P is over \mathbb{F}_2

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Attacking MPKCs

- PK is a set of MQ Polynomial equations
- Encryption = Evaluation
- Decryption = Inversion
- Multivariate encryption scheme
Multivariate systems \rightarrow Decrypting a ciphertext using PK
- Multivariate signature scheme
Multivariate systems \rightarrow Signing a message using PK

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Attacking Stream Cipher

- Set up system of polynomial equations in unknown K and known keystream bits z_t

$$f_1(K, Z) = 0, \dots, f_N(K, Z) = 0$$

- Solving the multivariate system to get K

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Experiments

- Dense random systems
- HFE systems of different univariate degrees

- Gröbner basis algorithms are the best known techniques for solving multivariate systems
- Definition: A Gröbner basis is a finite subset G of an ideal \mathcal{I} satisfying:

$$\langle \text{LT}(G) \rangle = \text{LT}(\mathcal{I})$$

- Properties:
 - Computing the variety of \mathcal{I}
 - Membership Problem

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Algorithms for Computing GB

- Input: $P(x) = 0$
- Output: G a Gröbner basis of $\langle P(x) \rangle$

repeat

Echelonize(P)

$G = \text{Gröbner}(P)$

if termination criterion satisfied **then**

return G

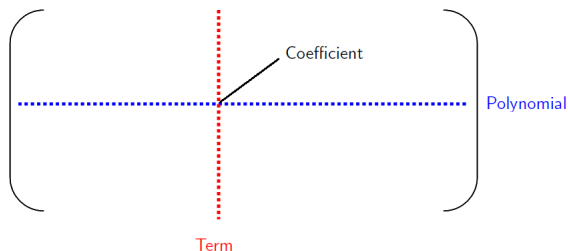
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Echelonize(P):

- Linearize(P)
- Gaussian Elimination
- Problem \rightarrow very large matrix and computation time



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- $MXL_3 \rightarrow$ Saturation Criterion
- Computing G with highest degree d :
 - G contains all terms of degree d as leading terms
 - If $H = G \cup \{t \cdot g : g \in G \text{ deg}(t \cdot g) \leq d + 1\}$
 - No new $t \in \text{HT}(\tilde{H})$ and $\text{deg}(t) \leq d$

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- MutantXL algorithm \rightarrow Mutant Criterion

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$$p_3 = x_1x_2 + x_1x_3 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_4 + x_1 + x_4 + 1$$

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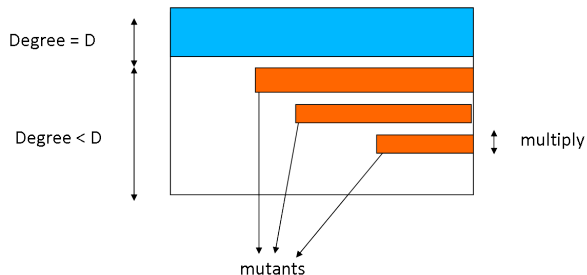


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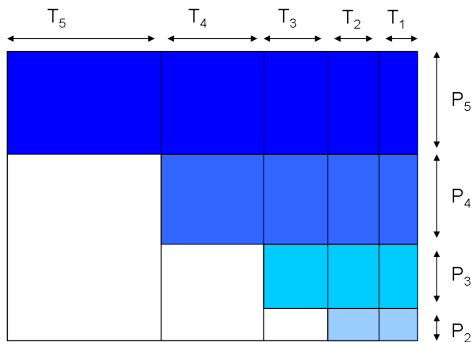
Notation

- $X := \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ set of variables, $x_1 > x_2 > \dots > x_n$
- $R \rightarrow$ Boolean ring over X , $P \subset R$
- Terms of R ordered by graded lex order
- Leading variable of $p \rightarrow$ largest variable in leading term of p
$$p = x_1 x_2 x_4 + x_1 x_3 x_5 + \dots$$
- $x_{partition}(P_d) \rightarrow$ Polynomials in P_d with leading variable x
- Saturated $x_{partition}(P_d) \rightarrow$ all degree d terms with leading variable x are appeared as leading terms in P_d

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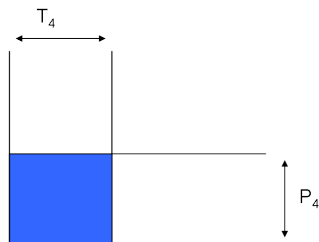
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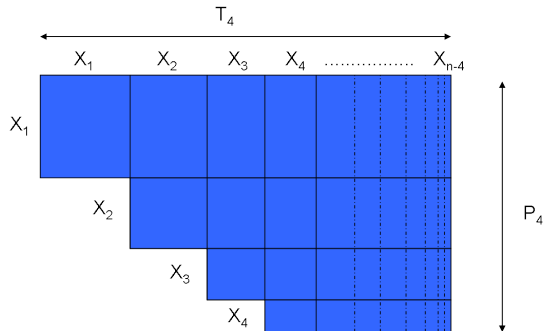
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Variable-partitions based enlargement

- $MXL_3 \rightarrow$ partial enlargement



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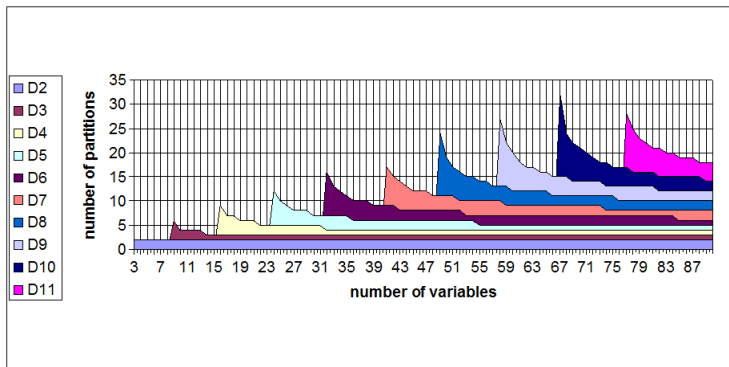
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XL Enlargement

- The number of partitions generated for random systems
- Let i partitions at degree $d \rightarrow$ at least $i - 1$ are saturated



Flexible partial enlargement

- Let $(x_1, \dots, x_j)_{Partitions}$ be the non-empty partitions of P_d and i partitions be saturated, $i \leq j$
- Enlarging only $(x_i, \dots, x_j)_{partitions}$ of P_d
- x_1, \dots, x_{j-1} excluded from P_{d+1}
- Experimentally: All $x_{partitions}$, ($x \leq x_j$) of P_{d+1} extended polynomials are created in the same way as MXL 3 does



- XL algorithm methodology
- Flexible partial enlargement technique
- Mutant strategy
- MXL_3 improvements
- MXL_3 termination criterion to detect a Gröbner basis

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Algorithm in action

- Behavior of MGB for 32 variables random system.

Step	D	Matrix Size	Rank	Zeros	start	n_D
1	2	32×529	32	0	x_1	32
2	3	1056×5489	1056	0	x_1	32
3	4	11798×36954	11776	0.2	x_2	31
4	5	93534×179460	91378	2.3	x_3	30
5	6	389286×475470	372679	4.3	x_6	27
6	7	437172×507294	437172	0	x_{15}	18

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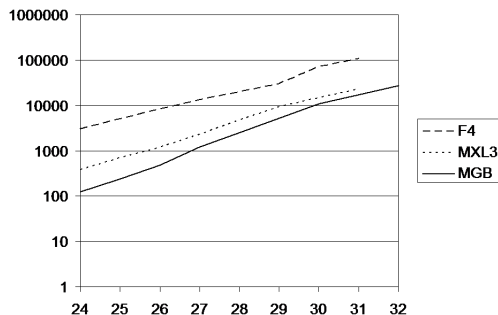
- Experiments for dense random systems

		F_4	MXL_3	MGB
n	D	max. matrix	max. matrix	max. matrix
24	6	207150×78637	50367×57171	26409×33245
25	6	248495×108746	66631×76414	37880×47594
26	6	298592×148804	88513×102246	55063×67815
27	6	354189×197902	123938×140344	92296×99518
28	6	420773×261160	201636×197051	132918×148976
29	6	499222×340254	279288×281192	173300×224941
30	6	1283869×374081	332615×351537	265298×339236
31	6	868614×489702	415654×436598	349778×381382
32	7	ran out of memory	ran out of memory	437172×507294

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Figure

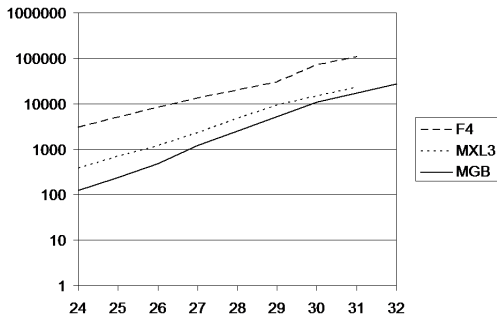
- Memory comparison between MXL_3 and F_4 for dense random systems



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Figure

- Time comparison between MXL_3 and F_4 for dense random systems
- Magma's F_4 Uses super linear algebra



Experimental Results

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- Experiments for HFE(288,n) systems

		F_4	MXL_3	MGB
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30	5	149532×136004	86795×130211	68468×109007
35	5	200302×321883	155914×296872	116737×254928
36	5	219438×382252	173439×344968	125133×297503
37	5	247387×444867	192805×399151	142460×345635
38	5	274985×512311	212271×459985	153181×399855
39	5	305528×588400	234111×528068	171985×460727
40	5	ran out of memory	258029×604033	192506×528849
49	5	ran out of memory	561972×1765465	371368×1584984
50	5	ran out of memory	ran out of memory	382392×1766691
51	5	ran out of memory	ran out of memory	410169×1964756

- Theoretically analyze the complexity of MGB
- Revisit the security of cryptosystems against MGB
- Improve the selection strategy used for MGB
- Combining MGB and F_4 strategies
- Adapt MGB for sparse systems (stream ciphers)
- Using sparse linear algebra (Wiedemann)

Thanks for your attention!