

Post-quantum Cryptography

Multivariate Public Key Cryptography

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- **Verifying:** $(y_1, \dots, y_m) \stackrel{?}{=} G(x_1, \dots, x_n)$.

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- - *Solving a set of n randomly chosen equations (nonlinear) with n variables is NP-hard, though this does not necessarily ensure the security of the systems.*

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- 2) *Mathematical structure consideration: Any set of high degree polynomial equations can be reduced to a set of quadratic equations.*

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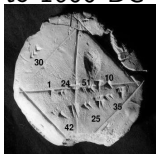
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Algebraic Geometry – Theory of Polynomial Rings

Humans have been trying to solve polynomial equations for thousands of years.

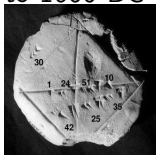
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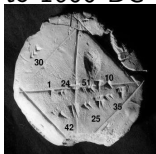
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Buchberger : Gröbner Basis
Hironaka: Normal basis

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Numerical solvers – continuous systems

Finite field case

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- F : linear in Oil variables: x_1, \dots, x_o .

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- Rainbow(17,13,13) over $GF(2^8)$: Signature size: 43 bytes, private key: 19.1KB, public key 25.1KB.
- Rainbow(26,16,17) over $GF(2^8)$: Signature size: 59 bytes , private key 45.0KB, public key 59.0KB.
- Rainbow(36,21,22) over $GF(2^8)$: Signature size: 79 bytes, private key 101.5KB, public key 136.1KB.

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Small devices – RFID, Sensors.

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Here 0 represents the 0 in k , 1 for 1 , 2 for x , and 3 for $1 + x$.
In this case, $1 + 3 = 2$ and $2 * 3 = 1$.

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- This is a bijective map and we can invert it easily. This example is based on the Matsumoto-Imai cryptosystem.

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The end

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