

# Overfull: Too Large Aggregate Signatures Based on Lattices

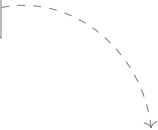
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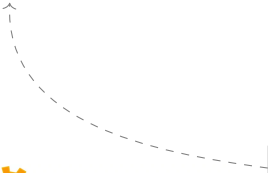
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# Digital Signatures (Informal)



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Motivation:

- Digital analogue of handprint signature
- Even more secure
- Even more functionalities

today

# Digital Signatures (Formal)

$\Pi_S = (\text{KGen}, \text{Sig}, \text{Vf})$

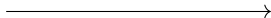


message 

$(\text{sk}, \text{vk}) \leftarrow \text{KGen}$



$\text{Sig}(\text{sk}, \text{message}) = \text{document with pencil icon}$



$\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{Vf}(\text{vk}, \text{document with pencil icon})$

Signature is **valid** if  $1 \leftarrow \text{Vf}$ .

Properties

Correctness


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Applications

Authentication




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
<sub>1</sub>, <sub>1</sub> = Sig( $sk_1$ , <sub>1</sub>)



$\{0, 1\} \leftarrow \text{Vf}(vk_1, \img alt="document icon" data-bbox="810 505 847 540"/><sub>1</sub>, \img alt="pencil icon" data-bbox="850 505 887 540"/><sub>1</sub>)$

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Q: Can we combine both  and  into a single signature?

And more generally for  $N \gg 2$  many signatures?



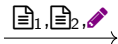
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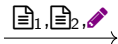
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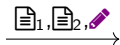
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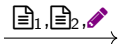
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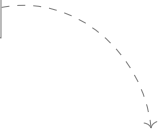
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Yes, but...

- we need to be careful with the proofs (**pre-failed twice**) and
- our aggregate signature is larger than the concatenation of independent signatures (**final fail**)



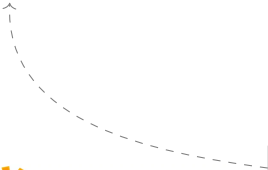
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 $k$  and  $\ell$  small constants

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# Unforgeability Based on Lattices

## Theorem ([Lyu12])

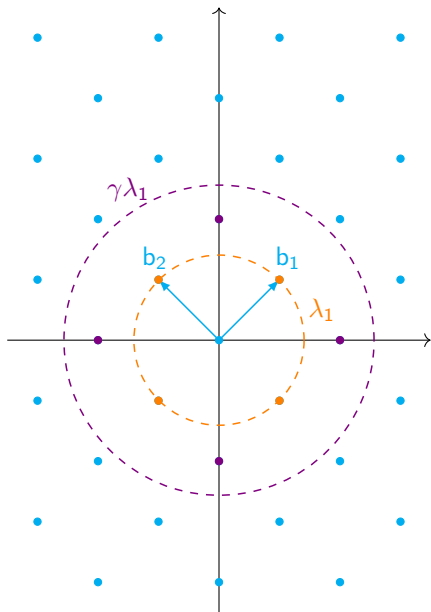
Assuming the hardness of the lattice problem Module LWE, the signature is secure against forgeries.

Module Learning With Errors (Module LWE): Distinguish

$$\left\{ \underbrace{A'}_{\ell} \right\}_k, \underbrace{A' \parallel I_k}_A \parallel s \stackrel{c}{\equiv} A', b$$

where  $s \leftarrow R^{\ell+k}$  small and  $(A', b) \leftarrow U(R_q^{k \times \ell} \times R_q^k)$ .

- Presumably post-quantum secure
- Strong security guarantees
- Many cryptographic applications

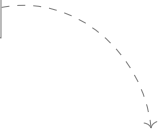


The same blueprint is used for the signature scheme **Dilithium** [DKL<sup>+</sup>18], which will be standardized by NIST!

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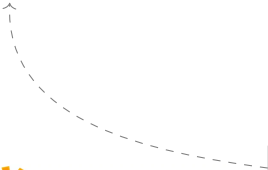
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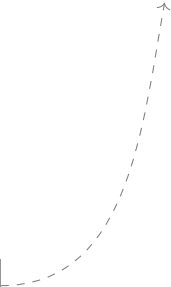
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✘ Problem: How to compute  $c_1, c_2$ ? Verifier doesn't know  $u_1, u_2$

⚙️ Half-aggregation:  $\text{sig} = (u_1, u_2, z)$ ,  $z = z_1 + z_2$  (as for Dlog analog)

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Trivial:  =  $(c_1, c_2, z_1, z_2)$

Size:  $|\text{purple pencil}| > |(u_1, u_2)| > |(c_1, z_1, c_2, z_2)| = |\text{blue pencil}|$

Dilithium 3: 8.8 KB 1.6 KB

# Two Things You Should Not Do

But We Did in Earlier Versions



Thanks to Thomas Prest and Akira Takahashi for pointing them out to us!

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Compute  $u' = Ay$  and set  $c = H(T(u'), \text{sk}, t)$ .

Use standard lattice algorithms to find short  $z$  such that

$$T(Az) = T(u' + ct) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n_0}$$

Set  $u := Az - ct$  and output  $\text{sig} = (u, z)$

- $z$  short
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- $T(u) = T(Az - ct) = T(Az) - T(ct) = T(u')$



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Fix:

- Random linear combination of the  $z_i$  parts [CGKN21]
- Coefficients from a large enough space ( $\{-1, 1\}$  from [DHSS20] not big enough)

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