

Cryptanalysis of rank-2 module-LIP in Totally Real Number Fields

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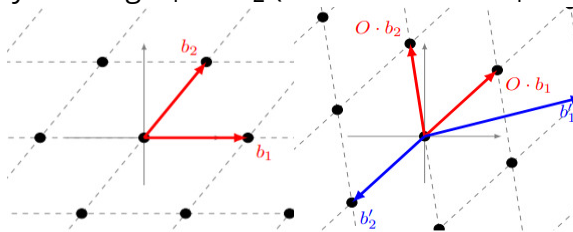
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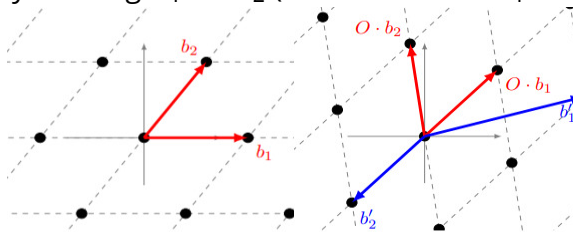
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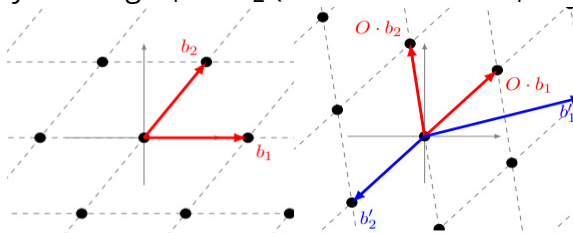
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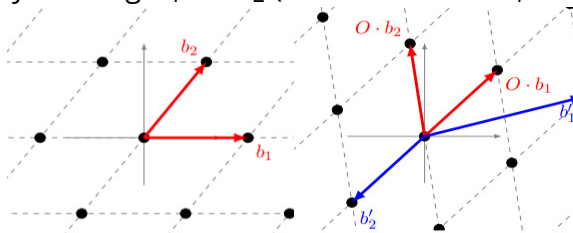


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- 1 rank one : fractional ideals of K
- 2 rank two : $\mathcal{O}_K \oplus \mathcal{O}_K$

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Move to **quadratic forms** :

$$B \mapsto G = B^* B ; \quad B' \mapsto G' = B'^* B', \quad \text{Gram matrix / Humbert form.}$$
$$B' = OBU \implies U^*(B^* B)U, \quad \text{congruent to } G = B^* B.$$

Taking $B = G = I_2$, module-LIP with parameter K and I_2 is :

module-LIP $_K^{I_2}$

Input : G' Gram matrix congruent to I_2

Goal : Compute **all** $U \in GL_2(\mathcal{O}_K)$ s.t. $G' = U^* U$.

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Main idea : Solve relative norm equations to reconstruct U .

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⇒ Get norm equations easy to solve.

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Suppose $K = \mathbb{Q}(\zeta_{2^k} + \zeta_{2^k}^{-1})$ and G a Gram matrix.

\exists heuristic algorithm solving module-LIP $_{\mathcal{O}_K}^{1/2}$ on input G in expected time

$$\text{poly}(\rho_K, \text{deg}(K), \text{size}(G)),$$

ρ_K residue at 1 of ζ_K (small in our experiments).

Numerical experiments

Full attack here : <https://gitlab.inria.fr/capsule/code-for-module-lip>

$(m, 2d)$	$(64, 32)$	$(128, 64)$	$(256, 128)$
Time	2	25	850

$(m, 2d)$	$(228, 72)$	$(276, 88)$	$(260, 96)$	$(232, 112)$	$(340, 128)$	$(296, 144)$
Time (s)	74	195	434	652	2980	4205

Table: Times in seconds for attacks over various maximal totally real subfields K of cyclotomic fields with conductors $m = 4k$, averaged over 5 instances. The degree d of K is $\varphi(m)/2$, and the lattices involved have dimension $2d$. The upper table are powers-of-two. Experiments performed on a MacBook Pro (Apple M2), with Sagemath 10.2 and Pari/GP 2.15.5.

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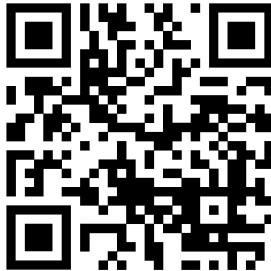
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Open questions.

- For modules with rank $\ell > 2$?
- Rank 2 over K cyclotomic ?

Thanks for your attention!



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