

QTNTR: A New Secure NTRUEncrypt Alternative with a High Level of Security

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Abstract

Due to its efficiency in resisting attacks, the encryption algorithm, NTRUEncrypt has received a lot of attention. Many researchers have improved the performance of the NTRU cryptosystem. This paper introduces QTNTR, a commutative and associative multidimensional public-key cryptosystem. It is built on quintuple algebra, with one public key and two private keys as the mathematical structure. Also, it has a good resistance against attacks, and its performance is significantly different from that of conventional public-key cryptosystems.

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1. Introduction

Public-key cryptography is built on one-way functions that are easy to compute but difficult to invert [1]. Diffie and Hellman [2] invented public-key cryptosystems in 1976, including the Diffie-Hellman key exchange protocol, which is based on a discrete logarithm problem. In 1978, Rivest et al. [3] introduced the RSA cryptosystem, which is built on factoring large integers into prime factors. El Gamal [4] introduced the El Gamal cryptosystem in 1985, which is predicated on a discrete logarithm. In 1985, Koblitz [5] and Miller [6] proposed the Elliptic Curves Cryptosystem (ECC), a discrete logarithm problem defined by points on an elliptic curve over a finite field, which arises from the elliptic curve logarithm. Hoffstein et al. [7] introduced NRTU, the first public-key cryptosystem that does not rely on factorization or discrete log issues. It is built on a ring of truncated polynomials of degree $N - 1$ with integer coefficients $(\mathbb{Z}[X]) / (X^N - 1)$ over finite fields.

Several researchers have attempted to improve the NTRU cryptosystem by employing a new ring and a more efficient linear transformation. CTRU, for example, was developed by Gaborit et al. in 2002 and is centered on the ring of polynomials in one variable over a finite field [8]. In 2005, a new cryptosystem called MaTRU was presented by Coglianese and Goi, which depends on the ring $k \times k$ matrices of polynomials of order n [9]. Malekian et al. proposed the QTRU cryptosystem in 2009, which is founded on non-commutative and associative quaternion algebra [10]. Malekian et al. [11] presented OTRU, an octonion algebra-based cryptosystem, in 2010. In 2011, K. Jarvis [12] proposed ETRU, a novel

cryptosystem centered on the Eisenstein integer ring. Majeed et al. [13] presented a novel multidimensional system termed CQTRU in 2015, which is analogous to NTRU in terms of the commutative quaternion. Yassein and AlSaidi [14-16] proposed the HXDTRU and BITRU cryptosystems in 2016, based on their hexadecenoic and binary algebra, respectively. Yassein and Al-Saidi proposed BCTRU, a novel NTRU-like cryptosystem based on bi-cartesian algebra, in 2018 [17,18]. After that, Yassein et al. introduced many improvements to the NTRU, which proved its efficiency in terms of security and speed [19-27].

2. Quintuple algebra

A new algebra was introduced in this section, which is a five-dimensional vector space over the real number set \mathbb{R} , which has the following definition:

$QU = \{(a_1, b_1)(1,1) + (a_2, b_2)(1,i) + (a_3, b_3)(1,j) + (a_4, b_4)(1,k) + (a_5, b_5)(1,h) \mid a_i, b_i, i = 1,2,3,4,5\}$, where $\{(1,1), (1,i), (1,j), (1,k), (1,h)\}$, forms the basis of this algebra.

Let $x, y \in QU$, such that $x = (a_1, b_1)(1,1) + (a_2, b_2)(1,i) + (a_3, b_3)(1,j) + (a_4, b_4)(1,k) + (a_5, b_5)(1,h)$, and

$$y = (c_1, d_1)(1,1) + (c_2, d_2)(1,i) + (c_3, d_3)(1,j) + (c_4, d_4)(1,k) + (c_5, d_5)(1,h)$$

The addition to this algebra is defined by:

$$x + y = (a_1 + c_1, b_1 + d_1)(1,1) + (a_2 + c_2, b_2 + d_2)(1,i) + (a_3 + c_3, b_3 + d_3)(1,j) + (a_4 + c_4, b_4 + d_4)(1,k) + (a_5 + c_5, b_5 + d_5)(1,h).$$

The multiplication of x and y is then defined by:

$$x * y = (a_1 c_1, b_1 d_1)(1,1) + (a_2 c_2, b_2 d_2)(1,i) + (a_3 c_3, b_3 d_3)(1,j) + (a_4 c_4, b_4 d_4)(1,k) + (a_5 c_5, b_5 d_5)(1,h)$$

This multiplication is both associative and commutative.

The most important operation in any designed algebraic structure is finding the inverse of the elements, as a result, for the quintuple elements, the inverse is determined as follows:

$$qu^{-1} = (s_1, t_1)(1,1) + (s_2, t_2)(1,i) + (s_3, t_3)(1,j) + (s_4, t_4)(1,k) + (s_5, t_5)(1,h),$$

where, $s_i = \frac{1}{c_i}, t_i = \frac{1}{d_i}$

The identity of quintuple elements is defined as follows:

$$qu_{\text{identity}} = (1,1)(1,1) + (1,1)(1,i) + (1,1)(1,j) + (1,1)(1,k) + (1,1)(1,h)$$

Assume that F be an arbitrary field with $\text{char}(F) \neq 2$. The quintuple algebra \mathbb{Q} over F is defined as follows:

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{(\tau_0, \tau_1)(1,1) + (\tau_2, \tau_3)(1,i) + (\tau_4, \tau_5)(1,j) + (\tau_6, \tau_7) + (\tau_8, \tau_9)(1,h) \mid \tau_0, \tau_1, \tau_2, \tau_3, \tau_4, \tau_5 \in F\}, \text{ with the same operations defined in } QU.$$

If we have three convolutions polynomial rings $\delta = Z[x]/(x^N - 1)$, $\delta_P = Z[x]/(x^N - 1)$, $\delta_q = Z[x]/(x^N - 1)$, we can define three quintuple algebras:

$$\varphi = \{(\tau_0, \tau_1)(1,1) + (\tau_2, \tau_3)(1,i) + (\tau_4, \tau_5)(1,j) + (\tau_6, \tau_7)(1,k) + (\tau_8, \tau_9)(1,h) \mid \tau_i \in \delta, i = 1,2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$\varphi_P = \{(\tau_0, \tau_1)(1,1) + (\tau_2, \tau_3)(1,i) + (\tau_4, \tau_5)(1,j) + (\tau_6, \tau_7)(1,k) + (\tau_8, \tau_9)(1,h) \mid \tau_i \in \delta_P, i = 1,2, \dots, 9\}$$

$$\varphi_q = \{(\tau_0, \tau_1)(1,1) + (\tau_2, \tau_3)(1,i) + (\tau_4, \tau_5)(1,j) + (\tau_6, \tau_7)(1,k) + (\tau_8, \tau_9)(1,h) \mid \tau_i \in \delta_q, i = 1,2, \dots, 9\}$$

The elements of this new algebra are utilized to build the QUATRU cryptosystem, which is explained, using these mathematical definitions.

3. QTNTR Cryptosystem Proposal

The QTNTR cryptosystem variables are the integers N, p , and q as defined in NTRU, with the subsets $\mathcal{L}_F, \mathcal{L}_M, \mathcal{L}_G$ and $\mathcal{L}_V \subset \mathbb{Q}$ as shown in Table 1.

Table 1: The subsets of Quintuple algebra

| Symbol of subsets | Definition |
|--|--|
| \mathcal{L}_F | $\{(f_0, f_1)(1,1) + (f_2, f_3)(1,i) + (f_4, f_5)(1,j) + (f_6, f_7)(1,k) + (f_8, f_9)(1,h) \mid f_i \in \delta, i = 1,2, \dots, 9 \text{ has } d_f \text{ coefficients of } 1, \text{ and } d_f - 1 \text{ of } -1, \text{ and the rest are } 0\}$ |
| \mathcal{L}_M | $\{(m_0, m_1)(1,1) + (m_2, m_3)(1,i) + (m_4, m_5)(1,j) + (m_6, m_7)(1,k) + (m_8, m_9)(1,h) \mid f_i \in \delta, i = 1,2, \dots, 9 \text{ has } m_i \text{ coefficients are chosen modulo } p \text{ between } p/2 \text{ and } -p/2\}$ |
| \mathcal{L}_G and \mathcal{L}_V have the same definition \mathcal{L}_F except has $d_g - 1$ coefficients of -1 . $d_v - 1$ coefficients of -1 , respectively. d_g and d_v are constant variables similar to those defined in NTRU. The QTNTR cryptosystem consists of three stages | |

I. Generation of Key

Two polynomials, F and G , were chosen at random to create the public and private keys, such that $F \in \mathcal{L}_F$ and $G \in \mathcal{L}_G$, and F must have multiplicative inverse modulo p and q . The following is how the public keys are generated:

$$\mathcal{H} = F_q * G(\text{mod } q).$$

The private key is $\{F, G\}$.

II. Encryption

To convert the message $M \in \mathcal{L}_M$ to ciphertext E , choose blinding polynomial $V \in \mathcal{L}_V$ and computes E by the law:

$$E = pV * \mathcal{H} + M(\text{mod } q).$$

III. Decryption

The receiver decrypts the ciphertext using the following procedure after receiving E:

$$D = F * E(\text{mod } q)$$

$$= F * (pV * \mathcal{H} + M)(\text{mod } q)$$

$$= pG * V + F * M(\text{mod } q)$$

$$\text{Let } W = D(\text{mod } p) = F * M(\text{mod } p)$$

$$F_p * W = F_p * F * M(\text{mod } p) = M(\text{mod } p).$$

4. Comparison of some NTRU improvements

In this section, some of the NTRU improvements were compared. This comparison is about the space security of a key, space security of a message, and speed. The key space and message space of NTRU, BCTRU, QOB_{TRU}, and QTNTR as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Message space and key space of NTRU, BCTRU, QOB_{TRU}, and QNTRU

| | Key space | Message space |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| NTRU | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_g!)^2(N-2d_g)!}\right)$ | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_r!)^2(N-2d_r)!}\right)$ |
| BCTRU | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_t!)^2(N-2d_t)!}\right)^4 \left(\frac{N!}{(d_v!)^2(N-2d_v)!}\right)^4$ | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_\phi!)^2(N-2d_\phi)!}\right)^4$ |
| QOB_{TRU} | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_t!)^2(N-2d_t)!}\right)^8 \left(\frac{N!}{(d_v!)^2(N-2d_v)!}\right)^8$ | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_\phi!)^2(N-2d_\phi)!}\right)^8$ |
| QTNTR | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_g!)^2(N-2d_g)!}\right)^{10}$ | $\left(\frac{N!}{(d_v!)^2(N-2d_v)!}\right)^{10}$ |

The speed of the NTRU, BCTRU, QOB_{TRU}, and QNTRU cryptosystems is compared in this section based on mathematical operations (polynomial addition and convolution multiplication) in key generation, encryption, and decryption phases. The speed of NTRU and its Improvements showed in Table 3, such that t is the time of convolution multiplication and t_1 the time of polynomial addition.

Table 3: Speed of NTRU and some of its improvements

| Title | NTRU | BCTRU | QOB _{TRU} | QTNTR |
|-------|-------------|---------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Speed | $4t + 2t_1$ | $64t + 20t_1$ | $384t + 16t_1$ | $40t + 20t_1$ |

The time of key generation, encryption, and Decryption of QTNTR is faster than BCTRU, QOB_{TRU} but is slower than NTRU.

5. Conclusion

The QTNTR cryptosystem is predicated on commutative and associative quintuple algebra. In comparison to BCTRU and QOBTRU, the QTNTR multi-dimensional cryptosystem with great security and speed was introduced. As a result, QTNTR will have a much higher level of security than the original NTRU. In addition, the QTNTR cryptosystem can encrypt ten messages of length N in each round, which gives it a good advantage in many applications such as election commission and communications.

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