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# NTRU in Quaternion Algebras of Bounded Discriminant 

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Reasons for assuming: [FPMS22], [PMS21], ... and time.
What about different $\mathcal{R}$ ?

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[CG05],[CPSWX19],[CKKS19]: $f(x)=x^{n}+1 . \mathbf{F h}=\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{R}_{q}^{k}$.

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\begin{gathered}
\mathcal{L}_{\mathbf{h}, q}=\left\{(\mathbf{F}, \mathbf{g}) \in \mathcal{R}^{k \times(k+1)}: \mathbf{F h}-\mathbf{g}=\mathbf{0} \bmod q\right\} \\
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We don't need $a b=b a$ for decryption (except $p f=f p$ ). So one could run this over many noncommutative rings.

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Orders: subrings which are full-rank lattices; e.g. 'natural' order:

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\Lambda:=\mathcal{O}_{L} \oplus u \mathcal{O}_{L}
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$\Lambda$ is a maximal order in $\mathcal{A}$.

$$
\Lambda_{q}:=\Lambda / q \Lambda=\mathcal{O}_{L} / q \mathcal{O}_{L} \oplus u \mathcal{O}_{L} / q \mathcal{O}_{L}
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We change the above PKE scheme to obtain IND-CPA security from Cyclic LWE.

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[GMLV22]: a reduction from SIVP on ideal lattices in $\Lambda$ to search CLWE, and a (restricted) search-to-decision reduction.

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Compare to [CPSWX19],[CKKS19] in rank 2:

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## Motivations

1. [CKKS19] has no security proof. [CPSWX19] proves uniformity of public keys for partially split $q$ - but recommends fully split $q$ for efficiency. We prove uniformity of public keys for fully split $q$.
2. To understand cryptographic properties in CDAs - and of CLWE.
3. Quaternions algebras offer a natural generalisation of number fields.

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KeyGen: Sample $f^{\prime}, g \leftarrow D_{\Lambda, \sigma}$. Set $f:=p \cdot f^{\prime}+1$; if $f \bmod q \notin \Lambda_{q}^{\times}$, resample. If $g \bmod q \notin \Lambda_{q}^{\times}$, resample. Return $s k=(f, g)$ and $p k=h=f^{-1} p g \in \Lambda_{q}^{\times}$.
Encryption: Given $m \in \Lambda_{p}^{\vee}$, sample $s, e \hookleftarrow \chi$ and return

$$
c=h s+p e+m \in \Lambda_{q}^{\vee} .
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Decryption: Given $c$ and secret key $f$, compute $(f \cdot c \bmod q) \bmod p$.

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2. $\mathcal{B}$ runs $\mathcal{A}$ with $p k=h=p \cdot a \in \Lambda_{q}$.
3. $\mathcal{A}$ outputs messages $m_{0}, m_{1} \in \Lambda_{p}^{\vee}$, then $\mathcal{B} b \hookleftarrow U(\{0,1\})$, computes $c=p \cdot c^{\prime}+m_{b}$, and sends $c$ to $\mathcal{A}$.
So $\mathcal{A}$ has $\left(p a, p c^{\prime}+m_{b}\right)=\left(h, h s+p e+m_{b}\right)$.
4. $\mathcal{A}$ guesses $b^{\prime}$ for $b$. If $b^{\prime}=b, \mathcal{B}$ outputs 1 . Else, $\mathcal{B}$ outputs 0 .

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\begin{gathered}
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\operatorname{disc}(\Lambda / \mathbb{Z}) \leq(n \sqrt{\ell})^{4 n}
\end{gathered}
$$

Let $\mathcal{I}$ be an ideal of $\Lambda$. Then

$$
\lambda_{1}(\mathcal{I}) \leq\left(n d^{2}\right)^{1 / 2} N_{\mathcal{A} / \mathbb{Q}}(\mathcal{I})^{1 / n d^{2}} \operatorname{disc}(\Lambda / \mathbb{Z})^{1 / 2 n d^{2}}
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## Thankyou for Listening! And Future Work

- Trapdoor basis of CNTRU lattice
- Higher index CDAs?


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