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PQ-LWE: A Novel Post-Quantum Cryptosystem Based on p -Adic Quadratic Forms

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Abstract

We introduce a lattice-inspired algebraic construction over truncated p -adic rings. The scheme relies on a quadratic masking mechanism obtained by conjugating a diagonal form with an invertible matrix over \mathbb{F}_p , ensuring efficient coordinate-wise decryption while providing algebraic obfuscation.

We define the associated computational problem, termed p -adic Quadratic LWE (PQ-LWE), and present explicit matrix formulations together with a correctness analysis under bounded noise assumptions. The construction admits polynomial-time key generation and encryption procedures.

This preliminary work highlights structural links between quadratic forms, p -adic lifting, and conjugation invariants, and suggests new directions for integrating p -adic algebraic techniques into lattice-based cryptographic design.

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