Lattice Codes for Secure Communication and Secret Key Generation

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An information-theoretic approach:

- Messages drawn at random
- No assumptions on computational power of eavesdropper
- Average-case security: Want Eve's observations W to be independent of messages X_i. (perfect secrecy), or

$$I(W; X_i) = \sum_{w, x_i} p(w, x_i) \log_2 \frac{p(w, x_i)}{p(w)p(x_i)}$$

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- Perfect secrecy:
 - $\mathbf{w} \perp \!\!\!\perp X$ and $\mathbf{w} \perp \!\!\!\perp Y$
- Strong secrecy:

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} I(X;\mathbf{w}) = \lim_{n\to\infty} I(Y;\mathbf{w}) = 0$$

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• Results for unequal channel gains, i.e.,

$$\mathbf{w} = h_1 \mathbf{u} + h_2 \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{z},$$

when h_1 , h_2 unknown to users.

• Larger networks.

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Main contributions:

- We give a coding scheme that generates strongly secure secret keys.
- Encoding and decoding complexities are polynomial in *N*.
- Characterize achievable secret key rates when joint distribution of sources is a Markov tree.

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v₁, v₂,..., v_n a basis for ℝⁿ.
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Goal: Design nested lattice codes with polynomial encoding-decoding complexity.

- Lattices constructed from low-density parity-check (LDPC) codes.
- Proposed by di Pietro et al. (2013).
- Admit low-complexity message-passing decoders.
- We studied some structural properties of these lattices.
- Under closest lattice point decoding, nested LDA lattice codes achieve capacity of AWGN channel (di Pietro et al. 2014).
- We also showed that they yield optimal high-dimensional vector quantizers and sphere packings.

^{1 &}quot;Some Goodness Properties of LDA Lattices", submitted, Problems of Information Transmission, Dec. 2015

Concatenated Lattice Codes with Polynomial Encoding and Decoding Complexity

Concatenated lattice codes achieve the capacity of the AWGN channel.¹

- Concatenating with outer Reed-Solomon code: Encoding and decoding complexity: $O(N^2)$ Error probability: $e^{-\Omega(N)}$
- Concatenating with outer expander code: Encoding complexity: $O(N^2)$ Decoding complexity: $O(N \log^2 N)$ Error probability: $e^{-\Omega(N)}$

First constructions to have poly-time complexity and exponentially decaying probability of error.

Extensions:

- Gaussian wiretap channel
- Physical-layer network coding
- Secret key generation

¹ "A Capacity-Achieving Coding Scheme for the AWGN Channel with Polynomial Encoding and Decoding Complexity," NCC 2016, arXiv:1603.08236.

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