

# A brief chat about approximate GCDs

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# Approximate GCD problem

**You get:**

A bunch of near multiples of  $p$ .

**You have to:**

Find  $p$ .

$$\begin{array}{l} pq_1 + r_1 \\ pq_2 + r_2 \\ pq_3 + r_3 \\ \vdots \\ pq_m + r_m \end{array} \quad \rightarrow \quad p$$

**Motivation:** Factoring RSA modulus with partial information.  
[Howgrave-Graham 01]

# Fully homomorphic encryption over the integers

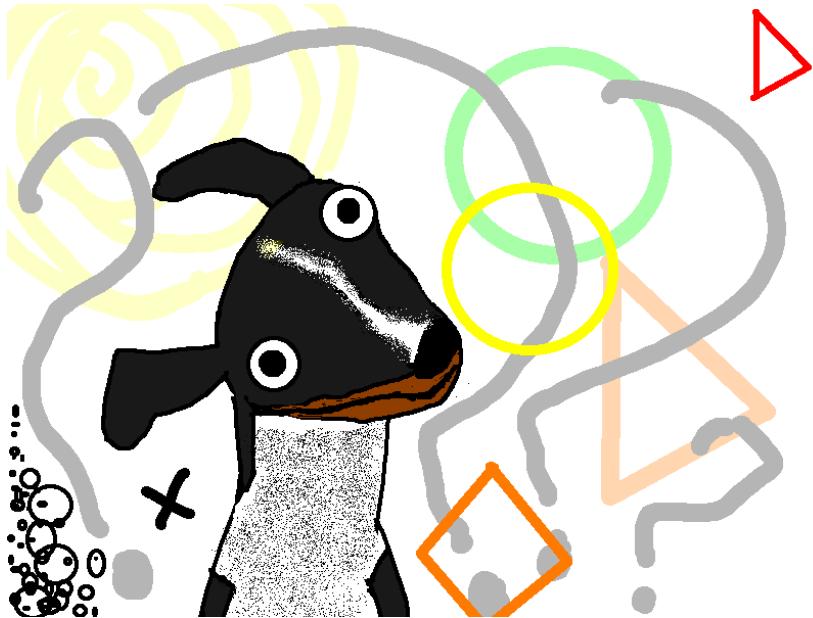
[van Dijk, Gentry, Halevi, Vaikuntanathan Eurocrypt 2010]

[Coron, Mandal, Naccache, Tibouchi Crypto 2011]

## Assumption:

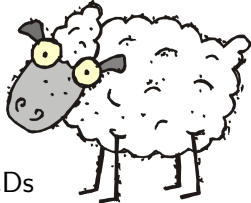
Approximate GCD is as hard for  $m$  samples as for 2 samples.

Best way to break is to brute force over noise.

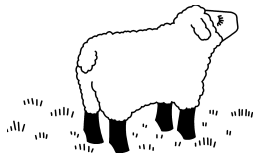


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# Our work



- ▶ Lattice-based algorithm for approximate GCDs with many samples.
- ▶ Multivariate extension of Coppersmith/Howgrave-Graham technique.
- ▶ As number of samples increases, amount of error tolerated increases.



- ▶ (Bonus: New list-decoding algorithm for Parvaresh-Vardy, Guruswami-Rudra, and other error-correcting codes.)

# Applications to fully homomorphic encryption

## Coron et al. key settings:

Assuming LLL approximation of  $1.04^{\dim L}$ :

key size	lattice dimension
toy	165
small	595
medium	2211
large	9591

## van Dijk et al. asymptotic settings:

Lattice approximation of  $2^{\dim L^{2/3}}$  breaks suggested parameters.

Any polynomial key setting can be broken by subexponential lattice approximation ( $2^{\dim L^{1/c}}$ ).

(Worst case enumeration takes  $2^\lambda$  time for security parameter  $\lambda$ .)

# Approximate common divisors via lattices

<http://eprint.iacr.org/2011/437>

