

On the discrete logarithm problem in the ideal class group of multiquadratic fields

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Definitions

Multiquadratic field:

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \dots, \sqrt{d_n})$$

Class group Cl_K :

- quotient of fractional ideals modulo principal ideals
- $S = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_d\}$ is a set of prime ideals that generates Cl_K
- $Cl_K \simeq \langle \mathfrak{g}_1 \rangle \times \dots \times \langle \mathfrak{g}_k \rangle$

Discrete logarithm problem (DLP) in Cl_K :

Given an ideal I , find integers ℓ_1, \dots, ℓ_k s.t. $[I] = [\mathfrak{g}_1^{\ell_1} \cdot \dots \cdot \mathfrak{g}_k^{\ell_k}]$.

Note: DLP for $I = \prod_{i=1}^d \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ is simple.

Motivation

Lattice-based crypto: ideals of number fields is a source of structured lattices.

Basic problem: find short vectors in such lattices.

- efficient algorithm \implies broken scheme

[BBVLvV'17]: short vectors in principal ideals (SPIP) of multiquadratic fields in quasi-polynomial time

Our ultimate goal: finding short vectors in *non-principal* ideals of multiquadratic field.

Finding short vectors in non-principal ideals

Approach of [CDW'21] and [BLNR'22] for cyclotomics (*Sketch*):

- 1 Compute DLOG for a target ideal
- 2 Find short basis for the \log - S -unit lattice (Stickelberger ideal + tricks)
- 3 Reduce result of DLOG computation:
 - using \log - S -unit lattice and its short basis (Babai's alg.)
 - using \log -unit lattice (SPIP)

In this work we consider first step for multiquadratic fields.

Prior work

[BD'91]: algorithm for any number field, complexity: $L_{\Delta_K}(1/2)^1$

[BEFHY'22]: CDW-algorithm for number fields with norm relations

- ineffective (in general case) since it uses random walks
- short bases description is missing for non-cyclotomics
- complexity analysis is given only for cyclotomics

Our work: DLOG computation based on Pohlig-Hellman approach with complexity estimates.

¹ $L_x(\alpha) = e^{(\log x)^\alpha (\log \log x)^{1-\alpha}}$

Reducing the problem to subfields

Multiquadratic fields admit norm relation:

$$I^2 = \frac{I_\sigma \cdot I_\tau}{\sigma(I_{\sigma\tau})} = \frac{N_{K/K_\sigma}(I) \cdot N_{K/K_\tau}(I)}{\sigma(N_{K/K_{\sigma\tau}}(I))}$$

where σ, τ are order 2 automorphisms, and $K_\sigma, K_\tau, K_{\sigma\tau}$ are fixed fields.



- 1 Find DLOGs for $I_\sigma, I_\tau, I_{\sigma\tau}$ in subfields $K_\sigma, K_\tau, K_{\sigma\tau}$
- 2 Combine this data to obtain DLOG for I^2 :

$$I^2 = \alpha \prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i}$$

- 3 Compute square root of $\alpha \prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i}$ that is equal to I .

Square root of decomposed ideal

Problem:

Given an ideal I and $I^2 = \alpha \prod_{i=1}^d \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ find α' and f_1, \dots, f_d s.t.

$$I = \alpha' \prod_{i=1}^d \mathfrak{p}_i^{f_i}.$$

Idea: reduce the problem to cyclic subgroups of

$$\mathrm{Cl}_K \simeq \langle \mathfrak{g}_1 \rangle \times \dots \times \langle \mathfrak{g}_k \rangle \simeq C_{b_1} \times \dots \times C_{b_k}.$$

- This gives us multiple square roots (up to 2^k).
- Use saturation technique to efficiently select correct square root.

Note: We assume that $\alpha \mathcal{O}_K \neq \prod_{i=1}^d \mathfrak{p}_i^{a_i}$, otherwise the problem is trivial.

Saturation technique

FindSquare: Allows us, for a given set $T = \{a_1, \dots, a_m\} \subset K$ and an element $h \in K$, to find efficiently the set of exponent vectors \vec{e} such that $h \cdot a_1^{e_1} \cdot \dots \cdot a_m^{e_m}$ is a square.

- described and used for multiquadratics in prior work
- based on quadratic characters computation

Example: Let $I = h\mathcal{O}_K$ and T is a set of generators of \mathcal{O}_K^\times . Then

$$\sqrt{I} = \sqrt{h \cdot a_1^{e_1} \cdot \dots \cdot a_m^{e_m}} \mathcal{O}_K$$

Square roots in cyclic groups

TLDR. Taking square roots is simple since we know the generators.

Consider finding square root of g^e in cyclic group $\langle g \rangle$ of order b .

CycSqrt:

- 1 If b is odd then square root is $g^{e(\frac{b+1}{2})}$.
- 2 Let $b = 2^r \cdot t$ where t is odd. Then

$$\sqrt{g^e} \in \{b, b \cdot g^{\frac{b}{2}}\},$$

where $b = g^{e(\frac{t+1}{2})} \cdot (g^t)^{-\frac{\ell}{2}}$ for $\ell = \text{DLOG}_{g^t}(g^{t \cdot e})$.

Since $\#\langle g^t \rangle = 2^r$ computing the DLOG is simple.

- * Carl Pomerance. Elementary thoughts on discrete logarithms.
<https://math.dartmouth.edu/~carlp/PDF/dlta1k4.pdf>

Applying CycSqrt to our ideal

$$I^2 = \alpha \prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i} \Rightarrow [I^2] = \left[\prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i} \right] = \left[\prod_{j=1}^k g_j^{g_j} \right]$$

↓ CycSqrt ↓

$$[I^2] = \left[\prod_{j=1}^k (a_j^{x_j} b_j)^2 \right], x_j \in \mathbb{F}_2.$$

Then we have

$$I^2 = \frac{\alpha\beta}{\prod_{j=1}^k \alpha_j^{x_j}} \prod_{j=1}^k (a_j^{x_j} b_j)^2,$$

where $\alpha_j^2 = \langle \alpha_j \rangle$ and $\prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i} / \prod_{j=1}^k b_j^2 = \langle \beta \rangle$.

Now, we can write the ideal I as

$$I = \sqrt{\frac{\alpha\beta u}{\prod_{j=1}^k \alpha_j^{x_j}} \prod_{j=1}^k a_j^{x_j} b_j}$$

for some $u \in \mathcal{O}_K^\times$ and any suitable set of x_j .

Problem: there are 2^k variants of x to enumerate.

Solution: apply the saturation technique (**FindSquare**).

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- 7 Return $\sqrt{\frac{\alpha \beta}{\prod_{i=1}^k \alpha_i^{x_i} \prod_{i=1}^r u_i^{x_{i+k}}} \prod_{j=1}^k a_j^{x_j} b_j}$

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- 7 $J = \text{Lift}(J_\sigma) \cdot \text{Lift}(J_\tau) / \text{Lift}(\sigma(J_{\sigma\tau})) = \alpha \cdot \prod_{i=1}^d p_i^{e_i} = I^2$
- 8 Return $\text{IdealSqrt}(J)$

Complexity

$$K = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d_1}, \dots, \sqrt{d_n})$$

- $D = d_1 \cdot \dots \cdot d_n$ is the largest discriminant of quadratic subfield of K
- $S = \{\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_d\}$ is a set of all prime ideals generating the ideal class group Cl_K

Main theorem

Let I be an ideal of K and $m = \deg K$. Then computing exponents f_1, \dots, f_d such that $I = \alpha' \prod_i \mathfrak{p}_i^{f_i}$ for some $\alpha' \in K$ takes time

$$e^{\tilde{O}(\max(\log m, \sqrt{\log D}))}$$

field operations.

to be compared with: $L_{\Delta_K}(1/2) = e^{\tilde{O}(\sqrt{m \log D})}$

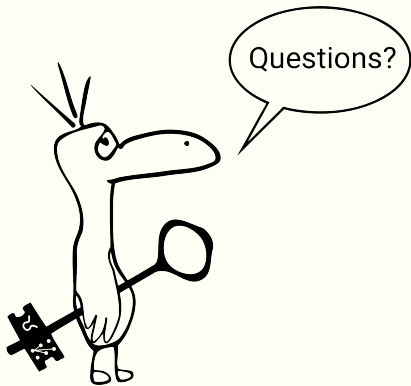
Experiments

Table 1: DLOG computation for multiquadratic fields.

| deg K | Field | Alg. 5 | Sage | Cl _K |
|-------|-------|--------|------|---|
| 16 | real | 325 | 0.19 | C_4^2 |
| 32 | real | 1607 | 64 | $C_2 \times C_4 \times C_8^4$ |
| 64 | real | 4743 | - | $C_2^9 \times C_4^3 \times C_8 \times C_{16}^4 \times C_{48} \times C_{240}$ |
| 16 | imag. | 159 | 0.41 | $C_8 \times C_{48}$ |
| 32 | imag. | 1487 | 26 | $C_2 \times C_4^3 \times C_{24} \times C_{48}^2 \times C_{3360}$ |
| 64 | imag. | 3941 | - | $C_2^2 \times C_4^9 \times C_8^3 \times C_{16} \times C_{48} \times C_{96}^2 \times C_2^2 \times C_{192}^2 \times C_{6720}^2 \times C_{927360}$ |

* Timings are given in seconds.

- Implementation is made in SageMath v.10.0
- Computations were done on Intel Core i7-8700 clocked at 3.20GHz and 64 GB of RAM.



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