

# Secure Compute-and-Forward Using Nested Lattice Codes

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# Motivation: Physical-Layer Network Coding

## Network Coding:

- Multiple sources and destinations connected via intermediate relay nodes
- Source messages belong to  $\mathbb{F}^k$  for some finite field  $\mathbb{F}$
- Relay nodes compute and forward some function (e.g., a linear combination over  $\mathbb{F}$ ) of their incoming messages

## Wireless Networks:

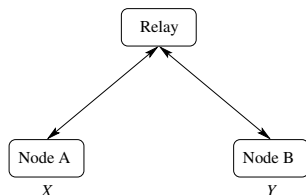
- All links between nodes are wireless with additive white Gaussian noise (AWGN)
- $\mathbb{R}$ - or  $\mathbb{C}$ -valued signals broadcast to all neighbouring nodes
- Superposition of signals received simultaneously at receiver:

$$\mathbf{y} = \sum_{i=1}^t h_i \mathbf{x}_i + \text{noise},$$

$h_i$  being the fading coefficient of the link from  $i$ th transmitter to receiver;  $h_i$ s are known to receiver

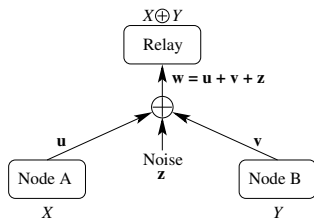
# Bidirectional Relay

A useful primitive in physical-layer network coding:

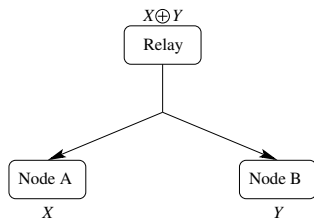


- Nodes A and B have messages  $X$  and  $Y$ , respectively, which they want to exchange.
- There is no direct link between the two nodes; they can only communicate through an intermediate relay node.
- The messages belong to some finite set  $\mathbb{G}$ ; to facilitate message exchange,  $\mathbb{G}$  is equipped with a suitable addition operation  $\oplus$  that makes it a finite Abelian group.

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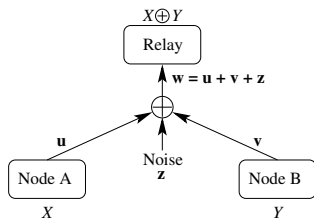


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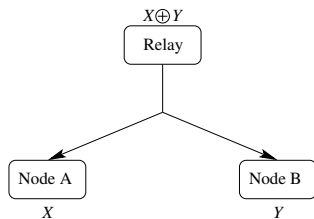
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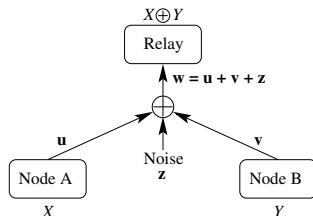
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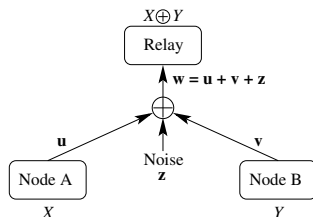
The broadcast phase is not relevant to our work.

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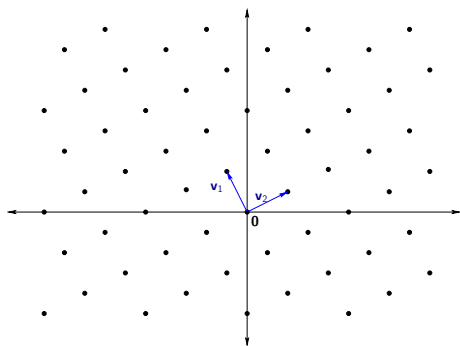
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[Narayanan et al. (2007), Nazer & Gastpar (2007)]

Let  $\mathbf{v}_1, \mathbf{v}_2, \dots, \mathbf{v}_d$  be linearly independent vectors in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

The set  $\Lambda = \{\sum_{i=1}^d a_i \mathbf{v}_i : a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  is called a (full-rank) lattice.



A lattice in  $\mathbb{R}^2$ .



Define  $Q_\Lambda(\mathbf{x}) := \arg \min_{\lambda \in \Lambda} \|\mathbf{x} - \lambda\|$ .

The **fundamental Voronoi region** of  $\Lambda$  is defined as

$$\mathcal{V}(\Lambda) := \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^d : Q_\Lambda(\mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{0}\}$$

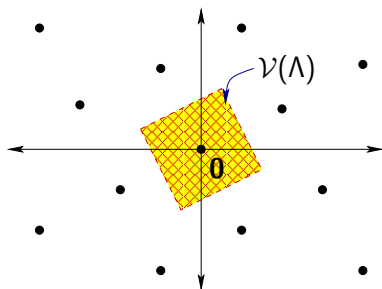


Figure: Fundamental Voronoi region of  $\Lambda$ .

# Nested Lattices

If  $\Lambda$  and  $\Lambda_0$  are lattices in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  with  $\Lambda_0 \subset \Lambda$ , then  $\Lambda_0$  is said to be **nested** within  $\Lambda$ , or  $\Lambda_0$  is a **sublattice** of  $\Lambda$ .

$\Lambda$  is called the **fine lattice** and  $\Lambda_0$  is called the **coarse lattice**.

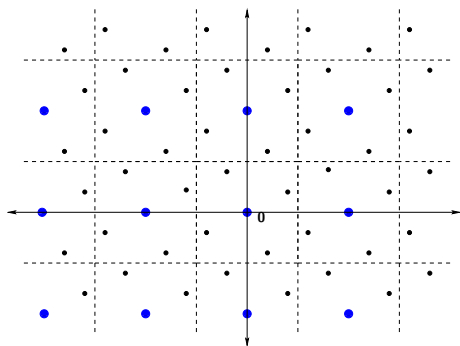


Figure: The blue dots indicate the coarse lattice  $\Lambda_0$ .

# Cosets and Coset Representatives

The **cosets** of  $\Lambda_0$  in  $\Lambda$  form a finite Abelian group  $\mathbb{G} = \Lambda/\Lambda_0$ .

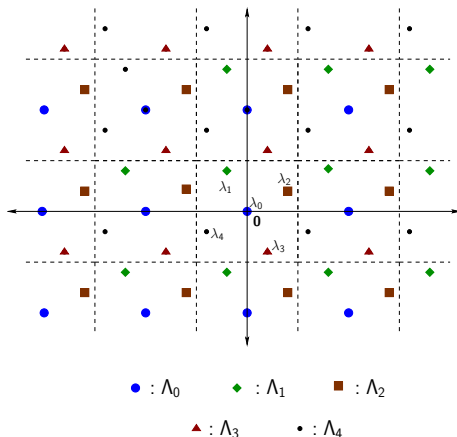


Figure:  $\lambda_i$  is the **coset representative** of  $\Lambda_i$  within  $\mathcal{V}(\Lambda_0)$ .

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- **Decoding:** The relay receives  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{u} + \mathbf{v} + \mathbf{z}$ .
  - 1 Let  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}} = Q_\Lambda(\mathbf{w})$  be the closest point in  $\Lambda$  to  $\mathbf{w}$ .
  - 2 The estimate of  $X \oplus Y$  is the coset to which  $\tilde{\mathbf{w}}$  belongs.

This is called **nearest lattice point decoding**.

- The **rate** of the nested lattice code is  $R = \frac{1}{d} \log_2 |\Lambda/\Lambda_0|$ .
- By choosing a “good” sequence of nested lattice pairs  $(\Lambda_0^{(d)}, \Lambda^{(d)})$ , with  $d \rightarrow \infty$ , reliable computation of  $X \oplus Y$  at the relay is possible at any rate  $R$  up to

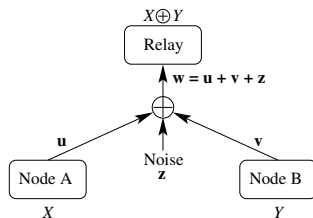
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- The techniques of “**uniform dithering**” and “**MMSE equalization**” at the decoder are used to achieve rates up to

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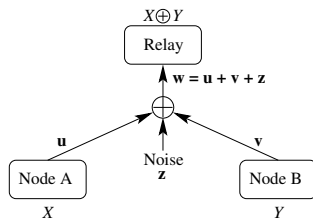
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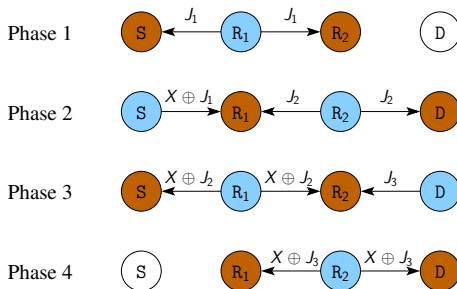


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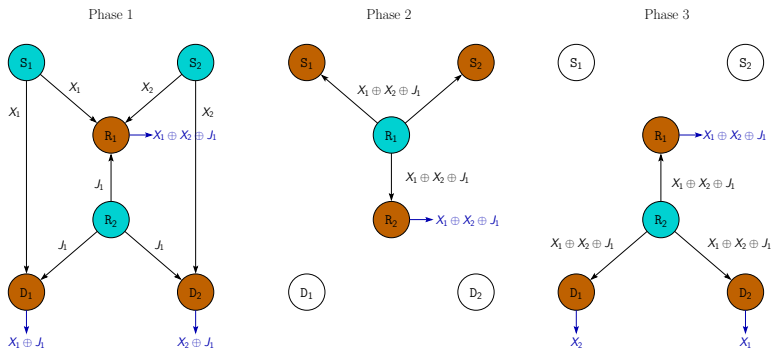


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  - **Strong Secrecy:**  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{w}; X) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{w}; Y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ .
  - **Weak Secrecy:**  $\frac{1}{d}\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{w}; X) \rightarrow 0$  and  $\frac{1}{d}\mathcal{I}(\mathbf{w}; Y) \rightarrow 0$  as  $d \rightarrow \infty$ .

Multi-hop line network using cooperative jamming:  
[He and Yener (2008)]



## Butterfly network:



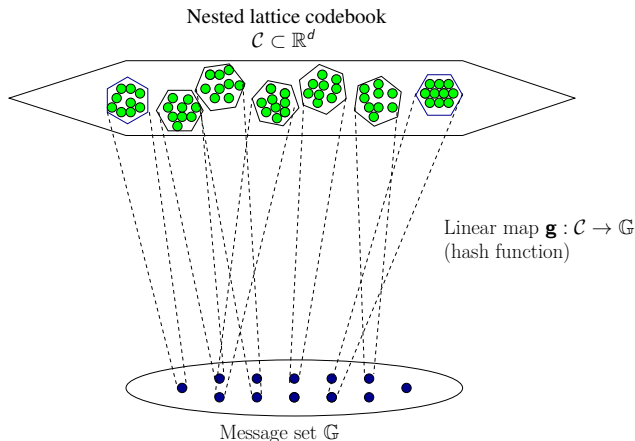
- Weak secrecy using random binning:  
He and Yener, Allerton, 2008.
- Strong secrecy using universal hash functions:  
He and Yener, IEEE Trans. Inf. Theory, Jan 2013.

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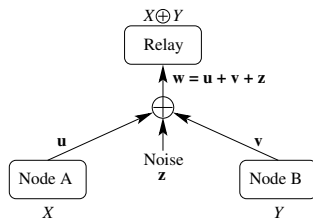
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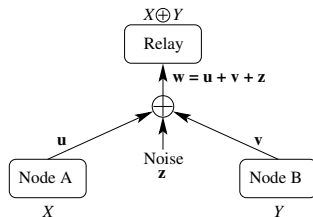
**Randomized Encoding:** Given message  $a \in \mathbb{G}$ , a codeword is picked uniformly at random from  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}(a)$  and transmitted.

- Each  $\mathbf{g}^{-1}(a)$  contains  $\sim 2^d$  codewords

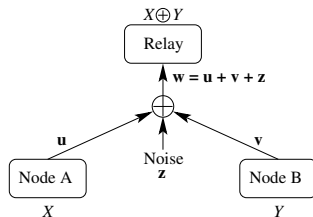
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## Theorem (Shashank, K. and Thangaraj (2013))

- (a) *Reliable and perfectly secure computation of  $X \oplus Y$  at the relay is possible at any rate  $R$  up to*

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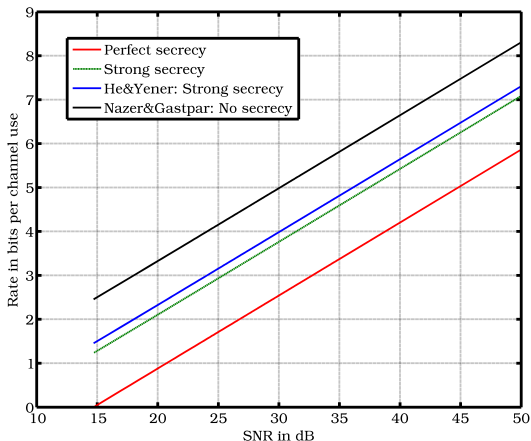
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- (b) *If perfect secrecy above is relaxed to strong secrecy, then any rate  $R$  up to*

$$\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\sigma^2} \right) - \frac{1}{2} \log_2(2e)$$

*is achievable under an average power constraint.*

# A Comparison of Achievable Rates



Nazer and Gastpar:  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left( \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\mathcal{P}}{\sigma^2} \right)$

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Shashank-K.-Thangaraj:

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# Our Coding Scheme

Choose a “good” pair of nested lattices  $\Lambda_0 \subset \Lambda$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

Choose a “good” probability density  $f(\mathbf{x})$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}^d$ .

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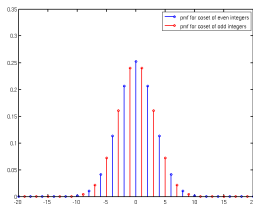
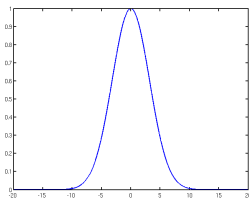
$$p_j(\mathbf{u}) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{Z(\Lambda_j)} f(\mathbf{u}) & \text{if } \mathbf{u} \in \Lambda_j \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where  $Z(\Lambda_j) = \sum_{\mathbf{u} \in \Lambda_j} f(\mathbf{u})$ .

- **Decoding:** Nearest lattice point decoding

# Major Departures from Previous Coding Schemes

- Codebook  $\mathcal{C}$  is countably infinite
- Prob. distributions used for randomization are obtained by sampling a pdf  $f$  at lattice points:  
e.g.,  $(\Lambda, \Lambda_0) = (\mathbb{Z}, 2\mathbb{Z})$  and a Gaussian density  $f$



- pdf  $f$  chosen so that  $\frac{1}{d}\mathbb{E}\|\mathbf{u}\|^2 \leq \mathcal{P}$  and  $\frac{1}{d}\mathbb{E}\|\mathbf{v}\|^2 \leq \mathcal{P}$

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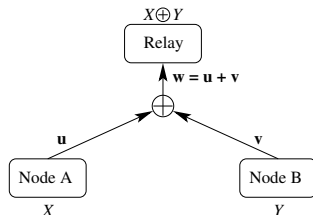
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Finding an  $f$  that yields perfect secrecy is a more interesting story

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$X, Y$  i.i.d. Bernoulli( $1/2$ ) rvs,  $X \oplus Y$  is their modulo-2 sum

Want real-valued rvs  $U$  and  $V$  such that

- (1)  $(X, U) \perp\!\!\!\perp (Y, V)$
- (2)  $U + V$  determines  $X \oplus Y$
- (3)  $U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp X$  and  $U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$

Use the nested lattice pair  $(\Lambda, \Lambda_0) = (\mathbb{Z}, 2\mathbb{Z})$ :  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z} \cong \mathbb{Z}_2$ .



## At Node A:

- If  $X = 0$ , transmit an even integer  $U$  picked according to

$$\Pr[U = k \mid X = 0] = p_0(k)$$

for a pmf  $p_0$  supported within the even integers.

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## How to Ensure (3) $U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp X$ and $U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$ ?

To satisfy

$$(3) \quad U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp X \text{ and } U + V \perp\!\!\!\perp Y$$

we need

$$\Pr[U + V = k \mid X = a] = \Pr[U + V = k]$$

for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \in \{0, 1\}$ .

In other words,  $p_{U|X=a} * p_V = p_U * p_V$  for  $a \in \{0, 1\}$ , i.e.,

$$p_0 * p = p_1 * p = p * p.$$

(Recall:  $p_U = p_V = p \triangleq \frac{1}{2}(p_0 + p_1)$ )

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Let  $\varphi_*(t) = \sum_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} p_*(k) e^{ikt}$  be the characteristic function of  $p_*$ .

We need characteristic functions that satisfy

$$\varphi_0 \cdot \varphi = \varphi_1 \cdot \varphi = \varphi^2,$$

with  $\varphi = \frac{1}{2}(\varphi_0 + \varphi_1)$ .

It can be shown that

- finitely-supported  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  cannot have the required properties;
- in fact, **light-tailed** pmfs  $p_0$  and  $p_1$  cannot have the required properties. [M. Krishnapur]

## Proposition

Let  $f$  be a pdf on  $\mathbb{R}$  whose char. function  $\psi$  is supported within  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ , i.e.,  $\psi(t) = 0$  for  $|t| \geq \pi/2$ . For any  $s \in \mathbb{R}$ , define

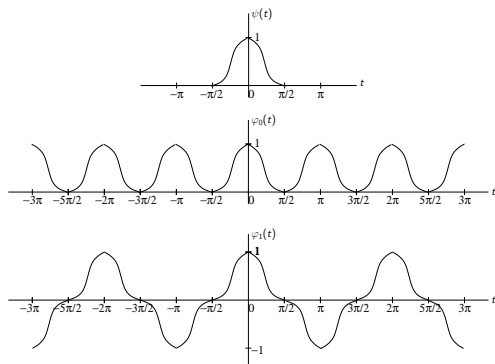
$$\Psi(t) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} (-1)^{sn} \psi(t + n\pi).$$

Then,

- (a)  $\Psi(t)$  is the char. function of a pmf  $p_s$  supported within the set  $2\mathbb{Z} + s = \{2k + s : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , and
- (b) for all  $u \in 2\mathbb{Z} + s$ , we have  $p_s(u) = 2f(u)$ .

The proof is based upon the **Poisson summation formula** of Fourier analysis.

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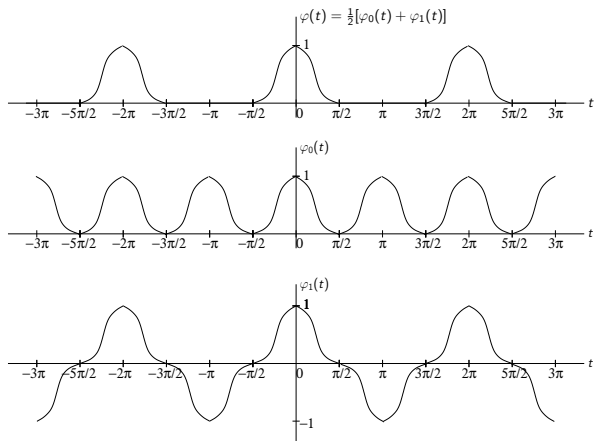
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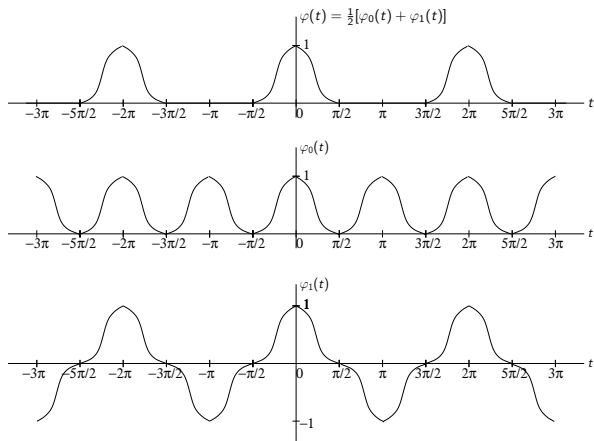
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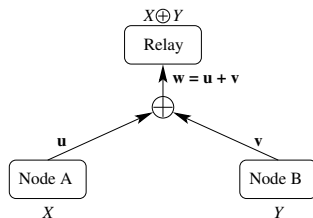


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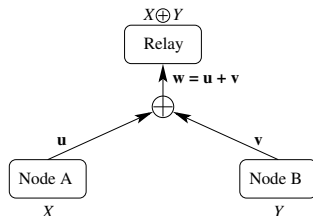
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$X, Y$  i.i.d. Bernoulli(1/2) rvs

- 1 Start with a pdf  $f$  having char. func.  $\psi$  supported within  $(-\pi/2, \pi/2)$ .
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# Coding Scheme for Noiseless Setting



## Fact

The resulting  $\mathbb{Z}$ -valued rvs  $U$  and  $V$  have finite second moment iff  $\psi$  is twice-differentiable. In this case,

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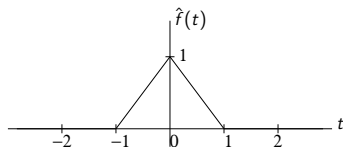
Thus,  $U$  and  $V$  can satisfy an **average power constraint**.

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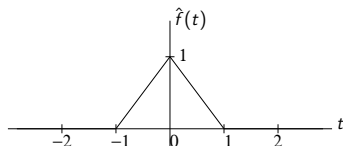


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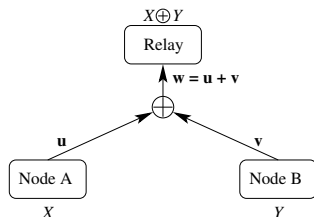
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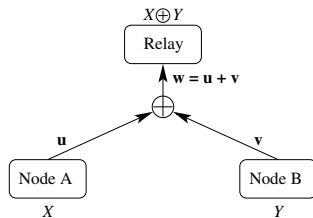
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$X, Y$  i.i.d. rvs unif. distrib. over an Abelian group  $(\mathbb{G}, \oplus)$  of size  $N$ .

- 1 Select a nested lattice pair  $\Lambda_0 \subseteq \Lambda$  in  $\mathbb{R}^d$  such that  $\mathbb{G} \cong \Lambda/\Lambda_0$ . Let  $\Lambda_0, \Lambda_1, \dots, \Lambda_{N-1}$  be the cosets of  $\Lambda_0$  in  $\Lambda$ .
- 2 Select a pdf  $f : \mathbb{R}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$  with char. func.  $\psi$  supported within a ball of radius  $2\pi\rho(\Lambda_0^*)$  around the origin, where  $\rho(\Lambda_0^*)$  is the packing radius of the dual of  $\Lambda_0$ .
- 3 For  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N - 1$ , define

$$p_j(\mathbf{k}) = \text{vol}(\mathcal{V}(\Lambda_0)) f(\mathbf{k}) \text{ for } \mathbf{k} \in \Lambda_j; \text{ and } 0 \text{ otherwise}$$



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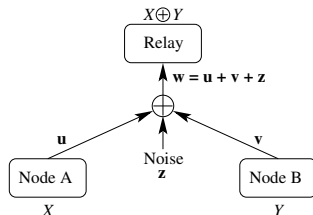
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As described for secure computation in the noiseless setting

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**Open question:** Is this the best one can do?



# What Next?

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- **Converse bounds.** No upper bound better than  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 \left( 1 + \frac{P}{\sigma^2} \right)$  is known for achievable rates for reliable computation at the relay *even without secrecy*.
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