

## ALGEBRAIC CRYPTANALYSIS ON NTRU-HPS AND NTRU-HRSS

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### ABSTRACT

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NTRU is a lattice-based public-key cryptosystem designed by Hoffstein, Pipher, and Silverman in 1996. NTRU published on Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium (ANTS) in 1998. The ANTS'98 NTRU became the IEEE standard for public key cryptographic techniques based on hard problems over lattices in 2008. NTRU was later redeveloped by NTRU Inc. in 2018 and became one of the finalists in round 3 of the PQC (Post-Quantum Cryptography) standardization process organized by NIST in 2020. There are two types of NTRU algorithms proposed by NTRU Inc., which are classified based on parameter determination, NTRU-HPS (Hoffstein, Pipher, Silverman) and NTRU-HRSS (Hulsing, Rijnveld, Schanck, Schwabe). Algebraic cryptanalysis on ANTS'98 NTRU had previously been carried out in 2009 and 2012. In this paper, algebraic cryptanalysis is performed on NTRU-HPS with  $q=2048$ ,  $n=509$  (ntruhrs2048509) and NTRU-HRSS with  $n=701$  (ntruhrs701). This research aims to evaluate the resistance of NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS algorithms against algebraic cryptanalysis by reconstructing the private key value. As a result, NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS resistance to algebraic cryptanalysis.



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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of quantum computing has changed many scientific fields, including cryptography. Quantum computers can run several code breaking methods faster than classical computers [1]. For example, the Shor algorithm created by Peter Shor in 1994 can solve the large integer factorization problem in RSA if run on a quantum computer [2].

Classical public key cryptosystems such as RSA are widely used in key exchange mechanisms and digital signatures [1]. Advances in computing and algorithm development increase the need for cryptosystem development to provide a replacement for classical cryptosystems that are vulnerable to quantum computer-based cryptanalysis. These replacement cryptosystems are referred to as post-quantum cryptography [3].

In the context of the Post Quantum Cryptography (PQC) standardization process, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) conducted a selection process for PQC-based public key algorithms starting in 2017 with a total of 69 candidates. In July 2020, NIST published the candidates that became finalists in round 3, one of which was NTRU [4]. NTRU is a lattice-based public key cryptosystem that provides encryption algorithm solutions [3]. NTRU was published at the Algorithmic Number Theory Symposium (ANTS) in 1998 [5] and became the standard public key cryptography technique based on hard problems on lattice in IEEE in 2008 [6]. NTRU ANTS'98 was then redeveloped by NTRU Inc. in 2018 and underwent several changes during the NIST standardization process. There are two types of NTRU algorithms proposed by NTRU Inc. in round 3 of the PQC standardization process, namely NTRU-HPS (Hoffstein, Pipher, Silverman) and NTRU-HRSS (Hulsing, Rijneveld, Schanck, Schwabe) [7].

Currently, there is a lot of research on the implementation of NTRU both on networks, hardware, and the Internet of Things (IoT) [8]. Several security tests were also carried out on NTRU ANTS'98, such as algebraic cryptanalysis using Witt vectors and Grobner bases by Bourgeois and Faugere in 2009 [9], algebraic cryptanalysis using the method of solving equations in real numbers by Ding and Schmidt in 2012 [10], and lattice cryptanalysis experiments conducted by Bi and Han in 2021 [11], and side channel attack by Askeland and Ronjom [12]. In this research, algebraic cryptanalysis is carried out on the NTRU algorithm which has been updated and submitted by NTRU Inc. in round 3 of the NIST PQC standardization process. The purpose of this research is to determine the algebraic cryptanalysis process on the NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS algorithms and to determine the resistance of the NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS algorithms to algebraic cryptanalysis.

## 2. RESEARCH METHODS

The research methods used in the research correspond to the methods used in algebraic cryptanalysis. The main principle of algebraic cryptanalysis is simple, which is to turn the problem of attacking a cryptographic system (such as finding the secret key) into solving a system of polynomial equations [13]. This basic idea is then mapped into two stages in performing algebraic cryptanalysis as follows.

### 2.1 Forming a System of Equation

In a public-key cryptosystem, the private key is a key that is only owned by the key owner and is the parameter used to provide confidentiality and non-repudiation services in the public-key cryptosystem. The power of the public key cryptosystem lies in the private key. A public-key cryptosystem is said to be vulnerable if the private key is compromised.

NTRU-HPS dan NTRU-HRSS are used for encryption and key exchange management. The private key in the NTRU is used in the decryption function. Therefore, in this research, the decryption function is utilized to form a system of equations. It is assumed that the cryptanalyst has access to the decryption machine so that it can get the corresponding plaintext and ciphertext pairs without knowing the private key.

After obtaining the corresponding plaintext and ciphertext pairs, the cryptanalyst represents the decryption function in the form of an algebraic function. Cryptanalyst then enters the ciphertext value and the unknown private key variable into the function, thus forming equations of degree  $(n - 1)^2$  that represents the plaintext value.

## 2.2 Finding The Solution of A System of Equations

There are several commonly used methods to find solutions to polynomial equations, including the Grobner Basis, F4, F5, and XL algorithm [14]. In this research, the method of solving the system of equations used is linearization and Gaussian elimination. The polynomial multiplication rules in NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS make the equations formed in Section 2.1 have a degree of  $n$ , but the private keys in NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS have degree of  $n$ . A pair of plaintext and ciphertext can generate a system containing  $n$  equations. Therefore,  $n$  pairs of plaintext and ciphertext are generated to produce  $n^2$  equations so that Gaussian elimination can be applied. There are no special rules on scalar multiplication and polynomial subtraction in NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS, but when applying Gaussian elimination the operations must be performed in modulus  $q$ .

## 3. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

NTRU-HPS (Hoffstein, Piper, Silverman) and NTRU-HRSS (Hulsing, Rijneveld, Schanck, Schwabe) are two types of NTRU algorithms proposed in the NIST PQC standardization process. Algebraic cryptanalysis was performed on NTRU-HPS with  $n = 509$  and  $q = 2048$  (ntruhs2048509) also on NTRU-HRSS with  $n = 701$  and  $q = 4096$  (ntruhrs701). This research determines  $n$  plaintexts encrypted using the same public key to produce  $n$  corresponding ciphertexts. These  $n$  pairs of plaintexts and ciphertexts are used to generate  $n^2$  polynomial equations according to the steps described in Section 3.1. The amount of  $n^2$  polynomial equations is determined because the combination of  $n$  monomials of  $f$  and  $n$  monomials of  $f_p$  will produce  $n^2$  monomials for every equation formed in Section 3.1.

### 3.1 System of Polynomial Equations

This research utilizes the decryption function in NTRU to generate a polynomial equation that represents the ciphertext bits. The decryption function on the NTRU consists of the following two operations

$$v = c \cdot f \pmod{q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n} \quad (1)$$

$$m = v \cdot f_p \pmod{p, \Phi_n}. \quad (2)$$

Below is a brief explanation of the symbols in the decryption function.

- $\Phi_1 = x - 1$ .
- $\Phi_n = (x^n - 1)/(x - 1) = x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} \dots + 1$ .
- $\Phi_1 \Phi_n = x^n - 1$ .
- $m$  is the plaintext, represented as a polynomial in  $(\text{mod } p, \Phi_n)$ .
- $c$  is the ciphertext, represented as a polynomial in  $(\text{mod } q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)$ .
- $f$  is the private key, represented as a polynomial in  $(\text{mod } p, \Phi_n)$ .
- $f_p$  is the private key,  $f_p \equiv f^{-1} \pmod{p, \Phi_n}$ .
- $v$  is the polynomial product of  $c$  and  $f$ , represented as a polynomial in  $(\text{mod } q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)$ .

The polynomials  $f$  and  $f_p$  are in  $(\text{mod } \Phi_n)$  where  $\Phi_n \in \Phi_1 \Phi_n$ , so **Equation (1)** and **Equation (2)** can be merged into one algebraic equation as follow

$$m = c \cdot f \cdot f_p \pmod{q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n} \pmod{p, \Phi_n}. \quad (3)$$

The polynomial product in NTRU is a cyclic convolution product defined as

$$H_k = \sum_{i=0}^k F_i G_{k-i} + \sum_{i=k+1}^{n-1} F_i G_{n+k-i} = \sum_{i+j \equiv k \pmod{n}} F_i G_j$$

where  $F, G, H$  are any polynomials [4].

Example 1. A sample in ntruhs2048509 ( $q = 2048, n = 509$ ) contains plaintext  $m = \{1_{127}, 0_{254}, -1_{127}\}$ , ciphertext  $c = \{1209, 230, 174, 1154, \dots, -1335\}$ ,  $f = \{f_0, f_1, \dots, f_{507}\}$ ,  $f_p = \{f_{p_0}, f_{p_1}, \dots, f_{p_{507}}\}$ ,  $p = 3$ . Polynomial  $m, c, f$  and  $f_p$  are represented as follows.

**Table 1. Polynomial Representation of ntruhs2048509 Sample**

| Polynomial Representation | $x^0$     | $x^1$     | $x^2$     | $x^3$     | ... | $x^{507}$     | $x^{508}$ |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----------|
| $m$                       | 1         | 1         | 1         | 1         | ... | -1            | -1        |
| $c$                       | 773       | 317       | 1865      | 1897      | ... | 641           | -755      |
| $f$                       | $f_0$     | $f_1$     | $f_2$     | $f_3$     | ... | $f_{507}$     | 0         |
| $f_p$                     | $f_{p_0}$ | $f_{p_1}$ | $f_{p_2}$ | $f_{p_3}$ | ... | $f_{p_{507}}$ | 0         |

Next, polynomial  $c, f$  and  $f_p$  are calculated as in Equation (3) using the cyclic convolution product with the process shown in Table 2.

**Table 2. Cyclic Convolution Product in NTRU**

| Cyclic Convolution Product Output Index | $c \cdot f$   | $m = c \cdot f \cdot f_p \pmod{q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n}$   |
|---|---|---|
| 0                                       | $c_0 f_0 + c_{n-1} f_1 + c_{n-2} f_2 + \dots + c_2 f_{n-2}$     | $(c_0 f_0 + c_{n-1} f_1 + c_{n-2} f_2 + \dots + c_2 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_0} + (c_{n-1} f_0 + c_{n-2} f_1 + c_{n-3} f_2 \dots + c_1 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_1} + (c_{n-2} f_0 + c_{n-3} f_1 + c_{n-4} f_2 + \dots + c_0 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_2} + \dots + (c_2 f_0 + c_1 f_1 + c_0 f_2 + \dots + c_4 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_{n-2}}$                     |
| 1                                       | $c_1 f_0 + c_0 f_1 + c_{n-1} f_2 + \dots + c_3 f_{n-2}$         | $(c_1 f_0 + c_0 f_1 + c_{n-1} f_2 + \dots + c_3 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_0} + (c_0 f_0 + c_{n-1} f_1 + c_{n-2} f_2 + \dots + c_2 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_1} + (c_{n-1} f_0 + c_{n-2} f_1 + c_{n-3} f_2 \dots + c_1 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_2} + \dots + (c_3 f_0 + c_2 f_1 + c_1 f_2 + \dots + c_5 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_{n-2}}$                             |
| 2                                       | $c_2 f_0 + c_1 f_1 + c_0 f_2 + \dots + c_4 f_{n-2}$             | $(c_2 f_0 + c_1 f_1 + c_0 f_2 + \dots + c_4 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_0} + (c_1 f_0 + c_0 f_1 + c_{n-1} f_2 + \dots + c_3 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_1} + (c_0 f_0 + c_{n-1} f_1 + c_{n-2} f_2 + \dots + c_2 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_2} + \dots + (c_4 f_0 + c_3 f_1 + c_2 f_2 + \dots + c_6 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_{n-2}}$                                       |
| ⋮                                       | ⋮   | ⋮   |
| $n - 2$                                 | $c_{n-2} f_0 + c_{n-3} f_1 + c_{n-4} f_2 + \dots + c_0 f_{n-2}$ | $(c_{n-2} f_0 + c_{n-3} f_1 + c_{n-4} f_2 + \dots + c_0 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_0} + (c_{n-3} f_0 + c_{n-4} f_1 + c_{n-5} f_2 \dots + c_{n-1} f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_1} + (c_{n-4} f_0 + c_{n-5} f_1 + c_{n-6} f_2 + \dots + c_{n-2} f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_2} + \dots + (c_0 f_0 + c_{n-1} f_1 + c_{n-2} f_2 + \dots + c_2 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_{n-2}}$ |
| $n - 1$                                 | $c_{n-1} f_0 + c_{n-2} f_1 + c_{n-3} f_2 \dots + c_1 f_{n-2}$   | $(c_{n-1} f_0 + c_{n-2} f_1 + c_{n-3} f_2 \dots + c_1 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_0} + (c_{n-2} f_0 + c_{n-3} f_1 + c_{n-4} f_2 + \dots + c_0 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_1} + (c_{n-3} f_0 + c_{n-4} f_1 + c_{n-5} f_2 \dots + c_{n-1} f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_2} + \dots + (c_1 f_0 + c_0 f_1 + c_{n-1} f_2 + \dots + c_3 f_{n-2}) \cdot f_{p_{n-2}}$           |

To simplify the calculation, the unknown variables of the private keys  $f$  and  $f_p$  in the equations are sorted from  $f_0 f_{p_0}, f_1 f_{p_0}, \dots, f_{n-1} f_{p_0}$  to  $f_0 f_{p_{n-1}}, f_1 f_{p_{n-1}}, \dots, f_{n-1} f_{p_{n-1}}$  as shown in Table 3.

**Table 3. Polynomial  $m$  in NTRU with Sorted Unknown  $f$  and  $f_p$**

| $m$       | $f_0 f_{p_0}$ | $f_0 f_{p_1}$ | ... | $f_0 f_{p_{n-2}}$ | $f_1 f_{p_0}$ | ... | $f_{n-2} f_{p_0}$ | $f_{n-2} f_{p_1}$ | ... | $f_{n-2} f_{p_{n-2}}$ |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|-----|-------------------|---------------|-----|-------------------|-------------------|-----|-----------------------|
| $m_0$     | $c_0$         | $c_{n-1}$     | ... | $c_2$             | $c_{n-1}$     | ... | $c_2$             | $c_1$             | ... | $c_4$                 |
| $m_1$     | $c_1$         | $c_0$         | ... | $c_3$             | $c_0$         | ... | $c_3$             | $c_2$             | ... | $c_5$                 |
| $m_2$     | $c_2$         | $c_1$         | ... | $c_4$             | $c_1$         | ... | $c_4$             | $c_3$             | ... | $c_6$                 |
| ⋮         | ⋮             | ⋮             | ⋮   | ⋮                 | ⋮             | ⋮   | ⋮                 | ⋮                 | ⋮   | ⋮                     |
| $m_{n-2}$ | $c_{n-2}$     | $c_{n-3}$     | ... | $c_0$             | $c_{n-3}$     | ... | $c_0$             | $c_{n-1}$         | ... | $c_2$                 |
| $m_{n-1}$ | $c_{n-1}$     | $c_{n-2}$     | ... | $c_1$             | $c_{n-2}$     | ... | $c_1$             | $c_0$             | ... | $c_3$                 |

The polynomial  $m$  in **Table 3** then modulo  $\Phi_n$  with the results listed in **Table 4**.

**Table 4. Polynomial  $m(\text{mod } q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)(\text{mod } \Phi_n)$  in NTRU**

| $m$       | $f_0 f_{p_0}$       | $f_1 f_{p_0}$       | ...      | $f_{n-2} f_{p_0}$ | $f_0 f_{p_1}$       | ...      | $f_0 f_{p_{n-2}}$ | $f_1 f_{p_{n-2}}$ | ...      | $f_{n-2} f_{p_{n-2}}$ |
|-----------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| $m_0$     | $c_0 - c_{n-1}$     | $c_{n-1} - c_{n-2}$ | ...      | $c_2 - c_1$       | $c_{n-1} - c_{n-2}$ | ...      | $c_2 - c_1$       | $c_1 - c_0$       | ...      | $c_4 - c_3$           |
| $m_1$     | $c_1 - c_{n-1}$     | $c_0 - c_{n-2}$     | ...      | $c_3 - c_1$       | $c_0 - c_{n-2}$     | ...      | $c_3 - c_1$       | $c_2 - c_0$       | ...      | $c_5 - c_3$           |
| $m_2$     | $c_2 - c_{n-1}$     | $c_1 - c_{n-2}$     | ...      | $c_4 - c_1$       | $c_1 - c_{n-2}$     | ...      | $c_4 - c_1$       | $c_3 - c_0$       | ...      | $c_6 - c_3$           |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$            | $\vdots$            | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$            | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$              |
| $m_{n-2}$ | $c_{n-2} - c_{n-1}$ | $c_{n-3} - c_{n-2}$ | ...      | $c_0 - c_1$       | $c_{n-3} - c_{n-2}$ | ...      | $c_0 - c_1$       | $c_{n-1} - c_0$   | ...      | $c_2 - c_3$           |

The values in **Table 1** are then entered into the variables in **Table 4** to produce the values in **Table 5**.

**Table 5. Polynomial  $m(\text{mod } q, \Phi_1 \Phi_n)(\text{mod } \Phi_n)$  in ntruhs2048509**

| $m$       | $f_0 f_{p_0}$ | $f_1 f_{p_0}$ | ...      | $f_{n-2} f_{p_0}$ | $f_0 f_{p_1}$ | ...      | $f_0 f_{p_{n-2}}$ | $f_1 f_{p_{n-2}}$ | ...      | $f_{n-2} f_{p_{n-2}}$ |
|-----------|---------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|---------------|----------|-------------------|-------------------|----------|-----------------------|
| $m_0$     | 1528          | 652           | ...      | 1548              | 652           | ...      | 1548              | 1592              | ...      | 759                   |
| $m_1$     | 1072          | 132           | ...      | 1580              | 132           | ...      | 1580              | 1092              | ...      | 1835                  |
| $m_2$     | 572           | 1724          | ...      | 291               | 1724          | ...      | 291               | 1124              | ...      | 1552                  |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$      | $\vdots$      | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$      | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$          | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$              |
| $m_{507}$ | 1396          | 1061          | ...      | 454               | 1061          | ...      | 454               | 520               | ...      | 2016                  |

Based on the parameters in Example 1 and the values in **Table 5**, below is the illustration of polynomial equations that represent bits of the ntruhs2048509 plaintext sample.

1.  $1528f_0f_{p_0} + 652f_1f_{p_0} + 987f_2f_{p_0} + 1688f_3f_{p_0} + 166f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 759f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
2.  $1072f_0f_{p_0} + 132f_1f_{p_0} + 1639f_2f_{p_0} + 627f_3f_{p_0} + 1854f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1835f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
3.  $572f_0f_{p_0} + 1724f_1f_{p_0} + 1119f_2f_{p_0} + 1279f_3f_{p_0} + 793f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1552f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
4.  $604f_0f_{p_0} + 1224f_1f_{p_0} + 663f_2f_{p_0} + 759f_3f_{p_0} + 1445f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1761f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
5.  $1363f_0f_{p_0} + 1256f_1f_{p_0} + 163f_2f_{p_0} + 303f_3f_{p_0} + 925f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 219f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
6.  $391f_0f_{p_0} + 2015f_1f_{p_0} + 195f_2f_{p_0} + 1851f_3f_{p_0} + 469f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 585f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
7.  $108f_0f_{p_0} + 1043f_1f_{p_0} + 954f_2f_{p_0} + 1883f_3f_{p_0} + 2017f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 847f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
8.  $317f_0f_{p_0} + 760f_1f_{p_0} + 2030f_2f_{p_0} + 594f_3f_{p_0} + 1f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 717f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
9.  $823f_0f_{p_0} + 969f_1f_{p_0} + 1747f_2f_{p_0} + 1670f_3f_{p_0} + 760f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1273f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
10.  $1189f_0f_{p_0} + 1475f_1f_{p_0} + 1956f_2f_{p_0} + 1387f_3f_{p_0} + 1836f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1180f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
11.  $1451f_0f_{p_0} + 1841f_1f_{p_0} + 414f_2f_{p_0} + 1596f_3f_{p_0} + 1553f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1497f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
12.  $1321f_0f_{p_0} + 55f_1f_{p_0} + 780f_2f_{p_0} + 54f_3f_{p_0} + 1762f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 171f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
13.  $1877f_0f_{p_0} + 1973f_1f_{p_0} + 1042f_2f_{p_0} + 420f_3f_{p_0} + 220f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1584f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
14.  $1784f_0f_{p_0} + 481f_1f_{p_0} + 912f_2f_{p_0} + 682f_3f_{p_0} + 586f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1201f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
15.  $53f_0f_{p_0} + 388f_1f_{p_0} + 1468f_2f_{p_0} + 552f_3f_{p_0} + 848f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 2021f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
16.  $775f_0f_{p_0} + 705f_1f_{p_0} + 1375f_2f_{p_0} + 1108f_3f_{p_0} + 718f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 301f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
17.  $140f_0f_{p_0} + 1427f_1f_{p_0} + 1692f_2f_{p_0} + 1015f_3f_{p_0} + 1274f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1255f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
18.  $1805f_0f_{p_0} + 792f_1f_{p_0} + 366f_2f_{p_0} + 1332f_3f_{p_0} + 1181f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 706f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
19.  $577f_0f_{p_0} + 409f_1f_{p_0} + 1779f_2f_{p_0} + 6f_3f_{p_0} + 1498f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1046f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
20.  $905f_0f_{p_0} + 1229f_1f_{p_0} + 1396f_2f_{p_0} + 1419f_3f_{p_0} + 172f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1979f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = 1$
- $\vdots$
507.  $409f_0f_{p_0} + 1421f_1f_{p_0} + 194f_2f_{p_0} + 1260f_3f_{p_0} + 2038f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 468f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = -1$
508.  $1396f_0f_{p_0} + 1061f_1f_{p_0} + 360f_2f_{p_0} + 1882f_3f_{p_0} + 1426f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 2016f_{507}f_{p_{507}} = -1$

Below is the illustration of polynomial equations that represent bits of ntruhs701 plaintext sample with plaintext = {1,0<sub>700</sub>}, ciphertext = {1363,2145,4414,5577, ...,3025, -7599},  $q = 8192, n = 701$ .

1.  $770f_0f_{p_0} + 5760f_1f_{p_0} + 7298f_2f_{p_0} + 4844f_3f_{p_0} + 1343f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1442f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
2. & 1552f_0f_{p_0} + 6530f_1f_{p_0} + 4866f_2f_{p_0} + 3950f_3f_{p_0} + 6187f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 7070f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
3. & 3821f_0f_{p_0} + 7312f_1f_{p_0} + 5636f_2f_{p_0} + 1518f_3f_{p_0} + 5293f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 6462f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
4. & 4984f_0f_{p_0} + 1389f_1f_{p_0} + 6418f_2f_{p_0} + 2288f_3f_{p_0} + 2861f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1109f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
5. & 6426f_0f_{p_0} + 2552f_1f_{p_0} + 495f_2f_{p_0} + 3070f_3f_{p_0} + 3631f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 6346f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
6. & 3862f_0f_{p_0} + 3994f_1f_{p_0} + 1658f_2f_{p_0} + 5339f_3f_{p_0} + 4413f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 442f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
7. & 3254f_0f_{p_0} + 1430f_1f_{p_0} + 3100f_2f_{p_0} + 6502f_3f_{p_0} + 6682f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 5638f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
8. & 6093f_0f_{p_0} + 822f_1f_{p_0} + 536f_2f_{p_0} + 7944f_3f_{p_0} + 7845f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 4098f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
9. & 3138f_0f_{p_0} + 3661f_1f_{p_0} + 8120f_2f_{p_0} + 5380f_3f_{p_0} + 1095f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 7146f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
10. & 5426f_0f_{p_0} + 706f_1f_{p_0} + 2767f_2f_{p_0} + 4772f_3f_{p_0} + 6723f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 3111f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
11. & 2430f_0f_{p_0} + 2994f_1f_{p_0} + 8004f_2f_{p_0} + 7611f_3f_{p_0} + 6115f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 4082f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
12. & 890f_0f_{p_0} + 8190f_1f_{p_0} + 2100f_2f_{p_0} + 4656f_3f_{p_0} + 762f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 7455f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
13. & 3938f_0f_{p_0} + 6650f_1f_{p_0} + 7296f_2f_{p_0} + 6944f_3f_{p_0} + 5999f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 2602f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
14. & 8095f_0f_{p_0} + 1506f_1f_{p_0} + 5756f_2f_{p_0} + 3948f_3f_{p_0} + 95f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 4937f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
15. & 874f_0f_{p_0} + 5663f_1f_{p_0} + 612f_2f_{p_0} + 2408f_3f_{p_0} + 5291f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 3825f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
16. & 4247f_0f_{p_0} + 6634f_1f_{p_0} + 4769f_2f_{p_0} + 5456f_3f_{p_0} + 3751f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 4335f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
17. & 7586f_0f_{p_0} + 1815f_1f_{p_0} + 5740f_2f_{p_0} + 1421f_3f_{p_0} + 6799f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 5652f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
18. & 1729f_0f_{p_0} + 5154f_1f_{p_0} + 921f_2f_{p_0} + 2392f_3f_{p_0} + 2764f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 1259f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
19. & 617f_0f_{p_0} + 7489f_1f_{p_0} + 4260f_2f_{p_0} + 5765f_3f_{p_0} + 3735f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 3900f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
& \vdots \\
699. & 1127f_0f_{p_0} + 6377f_1f_{p_0} + 6595f_2f_{p_0} + 912f_3f_{p_0} + 7108f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 6815f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0 \\
700. & 2432f_0f_{p_0} + 894f_1f_{p_0} + 3348f_2f_{p_0} + 6849f_3f_{p_0} + 1882f_4f_{p_0} + \dots + 7029f_{699}f_{p_{699}} = 0
\end{aligned}$$

The system of equations generated in this research consists of  $n^2$  polynomial equations,  $508^2$  for ntruhs2048509 and  $700^2$  for ntruhrss701.

### 3.2 Solving System of Polynomial Equations

The way to solve the system of polynomial equations in this research basically uses the concept of linearization in XL Algorithm [15] and Gaussian elimination solution method, but the concept of extending system of polynomial equations in XL Algorithm is not suitable with this research because it will increase the number of monomials in the polynomial equations. To fulfill the number of equations needed in performing Gaussian elimination, the option chosen is by generating  $n$  plaintext ciphertext pairs and converting  $n^2$  plaintext bits into  $n^2$  polynomial equations.

Next step is linearizing the system of polynomial equations that have been formed in Section 3.1. Linearization is carried out to convert polynomial equations into linear equations to facilitate the Gaussian elimination process. In this research, the monomials contained in the system of polynomial equations on ntruhs2048509 are  $508^2$ , while on ntruhrss701 are  $700^2$ . Linearization is performed by substituting the monomials  $f_0f_{p_0}, f_0f_{p_1}, \dots, f_nf_{p_n}$  in the equations into monomials of degree 1, namely M1, M2, M3, ...,  $M(n^2)$  respectively.

The linearized equation is converted into an  $n^2 \times n^2$  matrix. Gaussian elimination is then performed on the matrix. The coefficients of the polynomial equations are in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  so that in this research the elementary row operations performed must pay attention to the rules of operation on the modulus  $q$ . The  $q$  values in NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS are multiple of 2. Some coefficients will be not relatively prime with  $q$  that means they do not have an inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . When the leading entry of a row has no inverse modulo  $q$  then it is difficult to convert the value to 1. Therefore, the elementary row operation in this research will only produce matrices that are close to the row echelon form. Below are the tricks in performing row echelon operations in  $q$  modulus in this research:

a. Look at the leading entry of the top row.

1) If the leading entry is odd, calculate the inverse of the leading entry. Multiply all entries in the row by the inverse of its leading entry. Do multiplication and subtraction like row echelon operation in common to the all lower row. After that, do the step in point **h**.

2) If the leading entry is even then do step in point **b**.



- b. Look at the leading entry of the lower row.
- 1) If the leading entry of the lower row is odd, swap it with the top row and do step in point **a.1**.
  - 2) If the leading entry is even then repeat step in point **b** until the lowest row.
  - 3) If the leading entries in all rows are even, continue to the step in point **c**.
- c. Count the factor of the leading entries of this row and all lower rows. Move the row which has the smallest factor of 2 to the top.
- d. Count gcd between leading entry of the top row and leading entries of all lower rows.
- e. Divide each lower row by its gcd which obtained in point **d**, then calculate the inverse of this division.
- f. Multiply each lower row by the value obtained in point **e**, and divide it by gcd in point **d**.
- g. Subtract each entry in the row by the product of the top row and the value at point **f**.
- h. If the top row in this step is not the second lowest row of this matrix, repeat all the steps form point **a**. If not then the calculation is complete.

Example 2. Below is matrix “A” which coefficient is in modulus  $q = 8192$ . The leading entries in the top row and all lower rows are even, so it is needed to carry out the steps in point **b** until **h**.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1771 & 5292 & 7068 & 7371 \\ 0 & 1 & 3783 & 4032 & 6124 \\ 0 & 0 & 6142 & 398 & 2976 \\ 0 & 0 & 1700 & 6344 & 1776 \\ 0 & 0 & 6896 & 4644 & 7140 \end{bmatrix}$$

- Count the factor of the leading entries.

$$a_{3,3} = 6142 = 2 \cdot 3071 \rightarrow a_{3,3} \text{ becomes top row}$$

$$a_{4,3} = 1700 = 2^2 \cdot 425$$

$$a_{5,3} = 6896 = 2^4 \cdot 431$$

- Count gcd between leading entry of the top row and leading entries of all lower rows.

$$\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{4,3}) = \gcd(6142, 1700) = 2$$

$$\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3}) = \gcd(6142, 6896) = 2$$

- Divide each lower row by its gcd which obtained above, then calculate the inverse of this division.

$$\left(\frac{a_{3,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{4,3})}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv \left(\frac{6142}{2}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv 5119$$

$$\left(\frac{a_{3,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3})}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv \left(\frac{6142}{2}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv 5119$$

- Multiply each lower row by the value obtained above, and divide it by the gcd.

$$x_{4,3} \equiv \frac{a_{4,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3})} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{3,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3})}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv \frac{1700}{2} \cdot 5119 \pmod{8192} \equiv 1198$$

$$x_{5,3} \equiv \frac{a_{5,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3})} \cdot \left(\frac{a_{3,3}}{\gcd(a_{3,3}, a_{5,3})}\right)^{-1} \pmod{8192} \equiv \frac{6896}{2} \cdot 5119 \pmod{8192} \equiv 4744$$

- Subtract each entry in the row by the product of the top row and the value at point **f**

$$a'_{4,3} = a_{4,3} - a_{3,3} * x_{4,3} \pmod{q} = 1700 - 6142 * 1198 \pmod{8192} = 0$$

$$a'_{5,3} = a_{5,3} - a_{3,3} * x_{5,3} \pmod{q} = 6896 - 6142 * 4744 \pmod{8192} = 0$$

The same process done to  $a_{4,4}, a_{4,5}, a_{5,4}, a_{5,5}$ .

The elementary row operation on the system of polynomial equations representing the NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS first plaintext bits in Example 2 resulted in the matrices shown in **Table 6** and **Table 7**, respectively.

**Table 6. Matrix of NTRU-HPS**

|           | M1       | M2       | M3       | M4       | M5       | M6       | M7       | M8       | M9       | M10      | M11      | M12      | M13      | M14      | M15      | M16      | M17      | M18      | ...      | M508     | <i>ptx</i> |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| $c_1$     | 1        | 149      | 744      | 995      | 414      | 852      | 42       | 1750     | 1573     | 82       | 398      | 2034     | 623      | 190      | 1701     | 1875     | 13       | 2015     | ...      | 492      | 1          |
| $c_2$     | 0        | 1        | 1295     | 752      | 1022     | 150      | 188      | 1826     | 1719     | 1099     | 1515     | 607      | 1196     | 706      | 2007     | 1952     | 137      | 298      | ...      | 316      | 0          |
| $c_3$     | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1701     | 1609     | 1122     | 762      | 1500     | 705      | 1031     | 772      | 972      | 1307     | 229      | 1417     | 318      | 1234     | 362      | ...      | 1439     | 0          |
| $c_4$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 168      | 471      | 794      | 190      | 843      | 1483     | 926      | 1493     | 1696     | 698      | 1606     | 434      | 780      | 1103     | ...      | 1303     | 1          |
| $c_5$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 104      | 695      | 1754     | 222      | 2027     | 395      | 766      | 501      | 768      | 922      | 422      | 1202     | 1452     | ...      | 1379     | 1          |
| $c_6$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 341      | 59       | 1521     | 1049     | 679      | 1366     | 909      | 1748     | 509      | 303      | 370      | 1653     | ...      | 805      | 0          |
| $c_7$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 79       | 1260     | 369      | 221      | 1428     | 852      | 112      | 660      | 1916     | 105      | 1655     | ...      | 1363     | -1         |
| $c_8$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1604     | 314      | 933      | 1148     | 1195     | 566      | 1211     | 184      | 707      | 1479     | ...      | 1903     | 0          |
| $c_9$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 826      | 2040     | 63       | 185      | 664      | 1201     | 806      | 1041     | 780      | ...      | 1144     | 0          |
| $c_{10}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 870      | 84       | 161      | 1811     | 714      | 1279     | 1652     | 499      | ...      | 1754     | 0          |
| $c_{11}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1578     | 1182     | 119      | 41       | 1128     | 1329     | 702      | ...      | 226      | 0          |
| $c_{12}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1414     | 1858     | 1955     | 725      | 1508     | 133      | ...      | 741      | 0          |
| $c_{13}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 416      | 1936     | 519      | 1853     | 1434     | ...      | 900      | 0          |
| $c_{14}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1954     | 1555     | 2014     | 1720     | ...      | 206      | -1         |
| $c_{15}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1247     | 1689     | 1277     | ...      | 1553     | 0          |
| $c_{16}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1234     | 1167     | ...      | 452      | 0          |
| $c_{17}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 174      | ...      | 306      | 0          |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$   |
| $c_{508}$ | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | ...      | 1970     | 0          |

**Table 7. Matrix of NTRU-HRSS**

|           | M1       | M2       | M3       | M4       | M5       | M6       | M7       | M8       | M9       | M10      | M11      | M12      | M13      | M14      | M15      | M16      | M17      | M18      | ...      | M700     | <i>ptx</i> |
|-----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|------------|
| $c_1$     | 1        | 3280     | 2452     | 4582     | 1217     | 2293     | 876      | 3844     | 2802     | 7917     | 3121     | 6873     | 7650     | 375      | 1333     | 7        | 1603     | 7053     | ...      | 5106     | 0          |
| $c_2$     | 0        | 1        | 3130     | 7072     | 2025     | 7        | 2920     | 2559     | 5184     | 4872     | 5196     | 3501     | 1984     | 198      | 6929     | 2102     | 4615     | 4327     | ...      | 6446     | 0          |
| $c_3$     | 0        | 0        | 1        | 6894     | 5547     | 8191     | 3934     | 1897     | 7869     | 76       | 1271     | 1114     | 6152     | 1354     | 1258     | 668      | 8136     | 2515     | ...      | 7758     | 0          |
| $c_4$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1441     | 3381     | 826      | 8055     | 2995     | 1845     | 1099     | 3209     | 8157     | 6306     | 2646     | 5325     | 4590     | 6884     | ...      | 4187     | 0          |
| $c_5$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 7254     | 1953     | 7115     | 6558     | 2080     | 1221     | 5742     | 2841     | 4998     | 684      | 6753     | 782      | 3804     | ...      | 1107     | -1         |
| $c_6$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 4736     | 4097     | 2373     | 7576     | 16       | 6517     | 1728     | 7161     | 6672     | 7204     | 4201     | 3672     | ...      | 4783     | -1         |
| $c_7$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 2674     | 6913     | 3917     | 5112     | 1293     | 8141     | 1484     | 4389     | 4068     | 3110     | 4904     | ...      | 2690     | 1          |
| $c_8$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1258     | 2525     | 2149     | 3868     | 5781     | 997      | 1140     | 1705     | 5100     | 50       | ...      | 2096     | 1          |
| $c_9$     | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 920      | 2765     | 2763     | 5200     | 1285     | 3885     | 1678     | 4993     | 5458     | ...      | 5771     | 1          |
| $c_{10}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 1186     | 5424     | 1248     | 4846     | 6044     | 5019     | 7994     | 1618     | ...      | 6691     | -1         |
| $c_{11}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 7402     | 3306     | 4640     | 1568     | 2240     | 2991     | 1274     | ...      | 3607     | 0          |
| $c_{12}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 3681     | 3666     | 5603     | 3142     | 3086     | 5467     | ...      | 4332     | 1          |
| $c_{13}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 4661     | 3027     | 6917     | 1472     | 2939     | ...      | 6887     | 0          |
| $c_{14}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 6054     | 1170     | 3817     | 6974     | ...      | 73       | -1         |
| $c_{15}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 2797     | 1713     | 4912     | ...      | 6076     | 1          |
| $c_{16}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 2928     | 6133     | ...      | 4972     | -1         |
| $c_{17}$  | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 1        | 6346     | ...      | 5454     | 1          |
| $\vdots$  | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$ | $\vdots$   |
| $c_{700}$ | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | ...      | 1        | 1          |

The steps in Section 3.1 and Section 3.2 done to all plaintext ciphertext sample and form matrix with size  $700^2 \times 700^2$ .

### 3.3 Key Recovery

The monomials in the resulting matrices in Section 3.2 that are then converted back to their original form ( $f_i f_{p_j}$ ). The difficulty is the value of each coefficient obtained in the matrices is the result of



multiplication between  $f_i$  and  $f_{p_j}$ , which means it will result in many solutions. Further research is needed on efficient calculations in factorizing numbers in the  $q$  modulus. Therefore, in this research, algebraic cryptanalysis on the NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS algorithms cannot be carried out until the key recovery stage.

#### 4. CONCLUSIONS

The NTRU-HPS algorithm with  $q = 2048$ ,  $n = 509$  and NTRU-HRSS with  $n = 701$  are resistant to algebraic cryptanalysis. However, there is still potential for algebraic cryptanalysis to be successfully performed on NTRU-HPS and NTRU-HRSS with further research in the future.

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