

# RSA X

Coppersmith method

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- ▶ This lecture uses this method and LLL as a black box, next looks into when it works.

## Find root $r$ of $f(x) = a + x$

- ▶ Let  $r \leq X$ . We know or guess some bound.  
In our case only very few bottom bits changed to reach a prime.
- ▶ Construct the matrix  $M$  as

$$\begin{bmatrix} X^2 & Xa & 0 \\ 0 & X & a \\ 0 & 0 & n \end{bmatrix}$$

corresponding to the coefficients of the polynomials  $Xxf(Xx)$ ,  $f(Xx)$ , and  $n$ .

- ▶ Run LLL lattice basis reduction on matrix  $M$ .
- ▶ Regard the shortest vector as coefficients of polynomial  $g(Xx)$ .
- ▶ Compute the roots  $r_i$  of  $g(x)$  and check if  $a + r_i$  divides  $n$ .  
Note: no  $X$  here.

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Q = B[0][0]*x^2/X^2+B[0][1]*x/X+B[0][2]
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sage: Q.roots(ring=ZZ)
[(281309904423412535115696871561721270073659798137, 1)]
sage: a+Q.roots(ring=ZZ)[0][0] == p
True
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- ▶ Coppersmith can handle more errors than  $X < p^{1/3}$  by using larger matrices.  
Works up to  $X < p^{1/2}$  but gets **very** expensive.
- ▶ See next lecture for math details.
- ▶ Generalizations can handle more than one block of errors.
- ▶ We found more primes.  
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