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A McEliece-type cryptosystem based on
convolutional codes

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Abstract

The McEliece cryptosystem is the first post-quantum system based on algebraic coding theory. Its security is based on the hard problem of decoding a random linear code. First attempts to use convolutional codes in this cryptosystem have been recently proposed. However, these schemes consider fixed block lengths (with the block Toeplitz structure typical of convolutional codes) and therefore had many similarities with block codes. In this paper, we investigate further the possibility of using convolutional codes instead of block codes.

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