

# Further Results on Implicit Factoring in Polynomial Time

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**Abstract.** In a very recent work, May and Ritzenhofen presented some interesting problems related to factoring large integers with some implicit hints and one of the problems is as follows. Consider  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$ , where  $p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2$  are large primes. The primes  $p_1, p_2$  are of same bit-size with the constraint that certain amount of Least Significant Bits (LSBs) of  $p_1, p_2$  are same. Further the primes  $q_1, q_2$  are of same bit-size without any constraint. May and Ritzenhofen proposed a strategy to factorize both  $N_1, N_2$  in  $\text{poly}(\log N)$  time ( $N$  is an integer with same bit-size as  $N_1, N_2$ ) with the implicit information that  $p_1, p_2$  share certain amount of LSBs. We look at the same problem with a different lattice-based strategy and our method works when implicit information is available related to either Most Significant Bits (MSBs) or LSBs. Given  $q_1, q_2 \approx N^\alpha$ , we show that one can factor  $N_1, N_2$  simultaneously in  $\text{poly}(\log N)$  time (under some assumption related to Gröbner Basis) when  $p_1, p_2$  share  $(1 - \alpha - \beta) \log_2 N$  many LSBs or MSBs, where  $-4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{4}\beta^2 + 4\alpha + \frac{5}{3}\beta - 1 < 0$  provided  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta - 2\alpha \geq 0$ . The MSB case has not been studied earlier, which we consider in this paper and find encouraging results. The work of May and Ritzenhofen studied the LSB case, where we always find better results in experiments; our theoretical formula also provide improved results in certain range.

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## 1 Introduction

Very recently, in [9], a new direction towards factorization with implicit information has been introduced. Consider two integers  $N_1, N_2$  such that  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$  where  $p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2$  are primes and  $p_1, p_2$  share  $t$  least significant bits (LSBs). It has been shown in [9] that when  $q_1, q_2$  are primes of bit-size  $\alpha$ , then  $N_1, N_2$  can be factored simultaneously if  $t \geq 2(\alpha+1)$ . This bound on  $t$  has further been improved when  $N_1 = p_1q_1, N_2 = p_2q_2, \dots, N_k = p_kq_k$  and all the  $p_i$ 's share  $t$  many LSBs. The motivation of this problem comes from oracle based complexity of factorization problems. Prior to the work of [9], the main assumption in this direction was that an oracle explicitly outputs certain amount of bits of one prime. The idea of [9] deviates from that idea in the direction that none of the bits of the prime will be known, but some implicit information can be available regarding the prime. That is, an oracle, on input to  $N_1$ , outputs a different  $N_2$  as described above. A nice motivation towards the importance of this problem is presented in the introduction of [9].

Factoring of large integers is one of the most challenging problems in Mathematics and Computer Science. The quadratic Sieve [11], the elliptic curve method [5] and number field sieve [6] are among the significant works on classical computing model. Till date, there is no known polynomial time factorization algorithm on this model, though in a seminal work Shor [13] has presented a polynomial time algorithm for factorization on quantum computing

platforms. Towards the partial results for efficient factorization in classical domain (factoring with explicit information from an oracle according to [9]), Rivest and Shamir [12] showed that  $N$  (where  $N = pq$ ) can be factored efficiently when  $\frac{3}{5} \log_2 p$  many MSBs of  $p$  are known. Later, Coppersmith [2] improved this bound, where  $\frac{1}{2} \log_2 p$  many MSBs of  $p$  need to be known for efficient factorization.

In this paper we assume the equality of either the MSBs or the LSBs, i.e., we consider that  $p_1, p_2$  share either  $t$  many MSBs or  $t$  many LSBs. Our approach in solving the problem is different from that of [9].

We like to point out that the event of getting two primes with  $a$  many LSBs equal is approximately as frequent as getting two primes with  $a$  many MSBs equal. This can be noted as follows. Let  $i$  be an  $a$  bit integer. Consider two sets  $A$  and  $B$  where

$$A = \{p : p \text{ is a prime of } a + b \text{ bits and } a \text{ many MSBs of } p \text{ is } i\},$$

$$B = \{p : p \text{ is a prime of } a + b \text{ bits and } a \text{ many LSBs of } p \text{ is } i\}.$$

We first calculate cardinality of  $A$ . Let  $X = 2^b i$ . Then from prime number theorem [1, Page 65]  $|A| \approx \frac{X+2^b-1}{\log(X+2^b-1)} - \frac{X}{\log X} \approx \frac{2^b}{\log X}$  (assume  $b < a$ )  $\approx \frac{2^b}{\log 2^{a+b}}$ , which is  $O(2^b)$ . Also, we have  $B = \{p : p \text{ is a prime of } a + b \text{ bits and } p \equiv i \pmod{2^a}\}$ . From Dirichlet's theorem related to prime numbers [1, Page 154], we have  $|B| \approx \left(\frac{2^{a+b}-1}{\log(2^{a+b}-1)} - \frac{2^{a+b-1}-1}{\log(2^{a+b-1}-1)}\right) \frac{1}{\phi(2^a)} \approx \frac{2^{a+b-1}}{\log 2^{a+b}} \frac{1}{2^{a-1}}$ , which is again  $O(2^b)$ . Thus,  $|A|$  and  $|B|$  are of the same order.

In the next section we present our ideas. The technique is based on lattice reduction. For detailed notion on the technique we use, the readers are referred to [10, 4].

## 2 Implicit Factoring of Two Large Integers

Here we present the exact conditions on  $p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2$  under which  $N_1, N_2$  can be factored efficiently. For this we first need the following discussion.

Suppose we have a set of polynomials  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t\}$  on three variables having same root  $(x_{1,0}, x_{2,0}, \dots, x_{n,0})$ . Then a Gröbner Basis  $\{g_1, g_2, \dots, g_t\}$  is a set of polynomials that preserve the set of common roots of  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t\}$ . In this case,  $g_1, g_2, \dots, g_t$  can be computed with respect to some ordering such that the roots can be collected eliminating the variables. Though this is true in practice, theoretically this may not always happen. For this to be always true, one needs the following assumption. This kind of assumption has already been used in [4, Section 6].

**Assumption 1.** Let  $J$  be the ideal generated by  $\{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_t\}$ . We consider that the variety  $V(J)$  of the ideal  $J$  is zero-dimensional.

Throughout this paper, we will consider  $p_1, p_2$  are primes of same bit size and  $q_1, q_2$  are primes of same bit size. Thus  $N_1 = p_1 q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2 q_2$  are also of same bit size. We use  $N$  to represent an integer of same bit size as of  $N_1, N_2$ .

## 2.1 The MSB Case

The study when  $p_1, p_2$  share some MSBs has not been considered in [9], which we present in this section. The following theorem states our main technical result.

**Theorem 1.** *Let  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$ , where  $p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2$  are primes. Let  $Q_1, Q_2 \approx N^\alpha$ , and  $|P_1 - P_2| < N^\beta$ . Under Assumption 1, one can factor  $N_1, N_2$  in polynomial time if  $-4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{4}\beta^2 + 4\alpha + \frac{5}{3}\beta - 1 < 0$  provided  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta - 2\alpha \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* Here  $p_1, p_2$  share certain amount of MSBs and we write  $p_1 = p + P_1$  and  $p_2 = p + P_2$ , where the LSBs of  $p$  are zero. Thus,  $N_1 = (p + P_1)q_1$  and  $N_2 = (p + P_2)q_2$ . Eliminating  $p$ , we get  $q_2q_1(P_2 - P_1) + N_1q_2 - N_2q_1 = 0$ . Thus we need to solve  $f'(x, y, z) = xyz + N_1x - N_2y = 0$  whose roots corresponding to  $x, y, z$  are  $q_2, q_1, p_2 - p_1$ . Since there is no constant term in  $f'$ , we define a new polynomial  $f(x, y, z) = f'(x - 1, y, z) = xyz - yz + N_1x - N_1 - N_2y$ . The root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  of  $f$  is  $(q_2 + 1, q_1, p_2 - p_1)$ . The idea of modifying the polynomial with a constant term was introduced in [3, Appendix A] and later used in [4] which we follow here.

Let  $X, Y, Z$  be the upper bounds of  $q_2 + 1, q_1, p_2 - p_1$  respectively. As given in the statement of this theorem,  $X = N^\alpha, Y = N^\alpha, Z = N^\beta$ . Following the ‘‘Extended Strategy’’ of [4, Page 274],

$$S = \bigcup_{0 \leq j \leq t} \{x^i y^j z^{k+j} : x^i y^j z^k \text{ is a monomial of } f^m\},$$

$$M = \{ \text{monomials of } x^i y^j z^k f : x^i y^j z^k \in S \}.$$

We exploit  $t$  many extra shifts of  $z$  where  $t$  is a non-negative integer. Our aim is to find two more polynomials  $f_0, f_1$  that share the root  $(q_2 + 1, q_1, p_2 - p_1)$  over the integers.

From [4], we know that these polynomials can be found by lattice reduction if

$$X^{s_1} Y^{s_2} Z^{s_3} < W^s, \quad (1)$$

where  $s_j = \sum_{x^i y^j z^k \in M \setminus S} i_j$  for  $j = 1, \dots, 3$ , and  $W = \|f(xX, yY, zZ)\|_\infty \geq N_1 X$ .

One can check  $s_1 = \frac{m^3}{2} + \frac{5}{2}m^2 + 4m + 2 + 2t + \frac{3}{2}m^2t + \frac{7}{2}mt$ ,  $s_2 = \frac{5}{6}m^3 + 4m^2 + \frac{37}{6}m + 3 + 2t + \frac{3}{2}m^2t + \frac{7}{2}mt$ ,  $s_3 = \frac{1}{2}m^3 + \frac{5}{2}m^2 + 4m + 2 + \frac{3}{2}t^2 + \frac{7}{2}t + \frac{3}{2}m^2t + mt^2 + \frac{9}{2}mt$ , and  $s = \frac{1}{3}m^3 + \frac{3}{2}m^2 + \frac{13}{6}m + 1 + t + m^2t + 2mt$ .

Neglecting lower order terms, from (1), we get the condition as

$$X^{\frac{m^3}{2} + \frac{3}{2}m^2t} Y^{\frac{5}{6}m^3 + \frac{3}{2}m^2t} Z^{\frac{m^3}{2} + \frac{3}{2}m^2t + mt^2} < W^{\frac{m^3}{3} + m^2t}.$$

Let  $t = \tau m$ . Then we get the required condition is

$$\tau^2\beta + (2\alpha + \frac{3}{2}\beta - 1)\tau + (\alpha + \frac{\beta}{2} - \frac{1}{3}) < 0. \quad (2)$$

Now optimal value of  $\tau$  to minimize the left hand side of (2) is  $\frac{1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta - 2\alpha}{2\beta}$ . Putting this optimal value, the required condition will be  $-64\alpha^2 - 32\alpha\beta - 4\beta^2 + 64\alpha + \frac{80}{3}\beta - 16 < 0$ . That is, when this condition holds, according to [4], we get two polynomials  $f_0, f_1$  such that  $f_0(x_0, y_0, z_0) = f_1(x_0, y_0, z_0) = 0$ . Under Assumption 1, we can extract  $x_0, y_0, z_0$  following the method of [8, Section 6].  $\square$

*Remark 1.* In the proof of Theorem 1, we have applied extra shift over  $z$ . In fact, we have tried with extra shifts on  $x, y$  too. However, we have noted that the best theoretical as well as experimental results are achieved using extra shifts on  $z$ .

It is clear from Theorem 1, that fixing the bit-size of  $N$ , if the size of  $q_1, q_2$  (i.e.,  $\alpha$ ) increases, then the equality of the MSBs of  $p_1, p_2$  should increase (i.e.,  $\beta$  should decrease) for efficient factorization of  $N_1, N_2$ .

The theoretical as well as experimental results are presented in Table 1. The experimental results in each row are based on average of five runs where  $N_1, N_2$  are 1000-bit integers. We have written the programs in SAGE 3.1.1 over Linux Ubuntu 8.04 on a computer with Dual CORE Intel(R) Pentium(R) D CPU 1.83 GHz, 2 GB RAM and 2 MB Cache. The experiments in Table 1 are performed with lattice dimension 46 (parameters  $m = 2, t = 1$ ) and each lattice reduction takes around 30 seconds.

To explain the results of Table 1, let us concentrate on the first row. As  $\alpha = 0.23$ , we have  $q_1, q_2$  are of bit size  $0.23 \times 1000 = 230$ . Thus,  $p_1, p_2$  are of bit size  $1000 - 230 = 770$ . Now, the numerical value from Theorem 1 tells that  $770 - 0.255 \times 1000 = 515$  many MSBs of  $p_1, p_2$  need to be equal to have efficient factorization of  $N_1, N_2$  simultaneously. However, the average of the experimental results are more encouraging which shows that only  $770 - 0.336 \times 1000 = 434$  many MSBs of  $p_1, p_2$  need to be equal to have efficient factorization of  $N_1, N_2$  simultaneously.

$\alpha$	Numerical upper bound of $\beta$ following Theorem 1	Results achieved for $\beta$ from experiments
0.23	0.255	0.336
0.24	0.239	0.313
0.25	0.225	0.296
0.26	0.210	0.269
0.27	0.196	0.250

**Table 1.** Theoretical and experimental values of  $\alpha, \beta$  for which  $N_1, N_2$  can be factored efficiently.

*Remark 2.* From Table 1 it is clear that we get much better results in experiments than the theoretical bound. This is because, for the parameters we consider here, the shortest vectors belong to some sub-lattice. However, the theoretical calculation in Theorem 1 cannot capture that and further, identifying such optimal sub-lattice seems to be difficult as pointed out in [4, Section 7.1].

We also present evidences to show that higher lattice dimension provides better experimental results. In Examples 1, 2, we find that when  $\alpha = 0.25$ , the values of  $\beta$  that can be achieved are as high as 0.308, 0.311 respectively for lattice parameters  $m = 3, t = 2$ . These results are better than the average  $\beta = 0.296$  as presented in Table 1 for  $m = 2, t = 1$ .

*Example 1.* For a demonstration of the experiment, consider 750-bit primes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$   
3967780110926558985695599259225508707353082348138173713914249580078148537872

6599867324275434123532276863604353073078110457548149609593185038269904949915  
38951443158292762268189891045388828922478530615979139037853178431738420087 and  
3967780110926558985695599259225508707353082348138173713914249580078148537872  
6599867324275434123532276863604353073078110457548149609597672639849904669875  
11414871763397210786172961055167000499946887837157176166275686743465332147.

Note that  $p_1, p_2$  share 442 many MSBs. Further,  $q_1, q_2$  are 250-bit primes  
1791405259026492103131865184203435870047916914753003354202248185126637129539 and  
1359854273468970113914581544928445498889538930116761650886947228775354080297  
respectively. We use lattice of dimension 105 (parameters  $m = 3, t = 2$ ) and the lattice  
reduction takes 6457.84 seconds.  $\square$

*Example 2.* As another experimental result, consider 750-bit primes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$   
3103293851234545621612884177271352199071965229969307590769556901553501696121  
4868945041507537781070498998947022575729439699731098420594278482621105745216  
61287756193724060104016731225285634163002534645448007119837656454227440177 and  
3103293851234545621612884177271352199071965229969307590769556901553501696121  
4868945041507537781070498998947022575729439699731098420635006115660343901889  
86791515114690594523923567275780555267831035031294553991617471138271288077.

Note that  $p_1, p_2$  share 439 many MSBs. Further,  $q_1, q_2$  are 250-bit primes  
1761986055485501596400884508719659270275271677762068580864458138443043985389 and  
1793915333056311315115475413216227307458109801843263226409813428452265284467  
respectively. We use lattice of dimension 105 (parameters  $m = 3, t = 2$ ) and the lattice  
reduction takes 7150.09 seconds.  $\square$

In Theorem 1, we have considered that given the conditions, we can find  $f_0, f_1$  by lattice  
reduction. However, in practice, one may get more polynomials. In our experiments, we used  
four polynomials  $f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3$  that come after lattice reduction. Let  $J$  be the ideal generated  
by  $\{f, f_0, f_1, f_2, f_3\}$  and let the corresponding Gröbner Basis be  $G$ . We studied the first  
three elements of  $G$  and found that one of them is of the form  $xy - \frac{q_2}{q_1}y^2 - y$ . Note that  
 $x_0 = q_2 + 1, y_0 = q_1$  is the root of this polynomial.

Thus the result of Theorem 1 and the experimental evidences show that under certain  
conditions polynomial time factoring is possible with implicit hints.

## 2.2 The LSB Case

Let us first explain the ideas presented in [9]. Let  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$ . In [9, Section  
3], it has been explained that if  $q_1, q_2 \approx N^\alpha$ , then for efficient factorization of  $N_1, N_2$ , the  
primes  $p_1, p_2$  need to share at least  $2\alpha \log_2 N$  many LSBs.

Our strategy is different from the strategy of [9] and we apply the similar technique as  
explained in Section 2.1.

**Theorem 2.** *Let  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$ , where  $p_1, q_1, p_2, q_2$  are primes. Let  $q_1, q_2 \approx N^\alpha$ .  
Consider that  $\gamma \log_2 N$  many LSBs of  $p_1, p_2$  are same, i.e.,  $p_1 \equiv p_2 \pmod{N^\gamma}$ . Let  $\beta = 1 - \alpha - \gamma$ .  
Under Assumption 1, one can factor  $N_1, N_2$  in polynomial time if  $-4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{4}\beta^2 + 4\alpha +$   
 $\frac{5}{3}\beta - 1 < 0$  provided  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta - 2\alpha \geq 0$ .*

*Proof.* We can write  $p_1 = p + N^\gamma P_1$  and  $p_2 = p + N^\gamma P_2$ . Thus,  $p_1 - p_2 = N^\gamma(P_1 - P_2)$ . Since,  $p_1 = \frac{N_1}{q_1}$  and  $p_2 = \frac{N_2}{q_2}$ , we get  $N^\gamma(P_1 - P_2)q_1q_2 + N_2q_1 - N_1q_2 = 0$ . Thus we need to solve  $f'_{LSB}(x, y, z) = N^\gamma xyz + N_2y - N_1x = 0$  whose roots corresponding to  $x, y, z$  are  $q_2, q_1, P_2 - P_1$ . Since there is no constant term in  $f'_{LSB}$ , we define a new polynomial  $f_{LSB}(x, y, z) = f'_{LSB}(x - 1, y, z) = N^\gamma xyz - N^\gamma yz + N_2y - N_1x + N_1$ . The root  $(x_0, y_0, z_0)$  of  $f_{LSB}$  is  $(q_2 + 1, q_1, P_2 - P_1)$ .

One may note the form of  $f_{LSB}$  is similar to that of  $f$  in the proof of Theorem 1. From this point, the proof of this theorem follow in a similar manner that of the proof of Theorem 1. One should note that the bound of  $W$  as in the proof of Theorem 1 and in this proof are same as the terms  $N^\gamma XYZ$  and  $N_1X$  are of the same order. Thus the final result is same as the result achieved in Theorem 1.  $\square$

The numerical values related to the theoretical result of [9] and Theorem 2 as well as experimental results are presented in Table 2. The experimental results in each row are based on one run where  $N_1, N_2$  are 1000-bit integers. The experiments in Table 2 are performed with lattice dimension 46 (parameters  $m = 2, t = 1$ ) and each lattice reduction takes around 30 seconds. Similar to the observation in Section 2.1, we note from Table 2 that better results are obtained in experiments than the theoretical bound. We believe the reason is same as explained in Remark 2 in Section 2.1.

$\alpha$	Numerical upper bound of $\beta$ following [9]	Numerical upper bound of $\beta$ following Theorem 2	Results achieved for $\beta$ from experiments
0.23	0.31	0.255	0.336
0.24	0.28	0.239	0.314
0.25	0.25	0.225	0.296
0.26	0.22	0.210	0.268
0.27	0.19	0.196	0.251

**Table 2.** Theoretical and experimental values of  $\alpha, \beta$  for which  $N_1, N_2$  can be factored efficiently.

In our notation, the number of MSBs in each of  $p_1, p_2$  that are unshared is  $\beta \log_2 N$ . Thus  $\beta = (1 - \alpha) - 2\alpha = 1 - 3\alpha$ , where  $\alpha \log_2 N$  is the bit size of  $q_1, q_2$ . Table 2 identifies that while our theoretical result is either worse or better than that of [9] based on the values of  $\alpha$ , the experimental results that we obtain are always better than [9]. In the introduction of [9], it has been pointed out that for 250-bit  $q_1, q_2$  and 750-bit  $p_1, p_2$ , the primes  $p_1, p_2$  need to share 502 many LSBs. We have implemented the strategy of [9] and observed similar results.

On the other hand, our experimental results are better as evident from Table 2, when  $\alpha = 0.25$ . In fact, we experimented with a higher lattice dimension as explained in Examples 3, 4 and our strategy requires only 442 and 439 many LSBs respectively to be shared in  $p_1, p_2$ . These results are much better than [9], where 502 many LSBs have been shared.

*Example 3.* In this experiment, consider 750-bit primes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$   
5232464401790173496889776813731992463007796797197958752484439607191540455235  
6608087324378089911735572744300332234102069657955934461989289309962068103250

78810654140616439325724089448684722792481034854929045247229685114499401607 and  
4311796718402237315332622037900773800355832324549261614699895316190733254104  
0376948850231036794311185546576317750184830286997614825307318419096215142451  
35730269665188193197190838441262406453523279005533091728042442492020950919.

Note that  $p_1, p_2$  share 442 many LSBs which will be clear if one writes  $p_1, p_2$  in binary and checks the LSBs. Further,  $q_1, q_2$  are 250-bit primes

1631651738790114027147107602960138604308539138427653628254827153426896347739 and  
1776124692833044236475237348456766321872003926797460168161822934670015844393

respectively. We use lattice of dimension 105 (parameters  $m = 3, t = 2$ ) and the lattice reduction takes 7160.63 seconds.  $\square$

*Example 4.* Here we consider 750-bit primes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$

5895254139679228077142387416586490039613283191466241401307494261824605966908  
4690420722716275439075281566487074700579275565739610880278518405272767367010  
03322173329476277711235116947599147048863366019662261619304575961682668297 and  
4392119049423447468690947059559090008016802774014559696547174955333794465234  
2861564934625350120675407265601224878945969002652471346685040069850301681742  
01428949181076294088915910886847055459554005392066246146594876423472933641.

Note that  $p_1, p_2$  share 439 many LSBs. Further,  $q_1, q_2$  are 250-bit primes

916010977814643010666950783967979656772444969801926690589674791043059104197 and  
1587061752065032326280290326014711341044827082150757395718254111544994945759

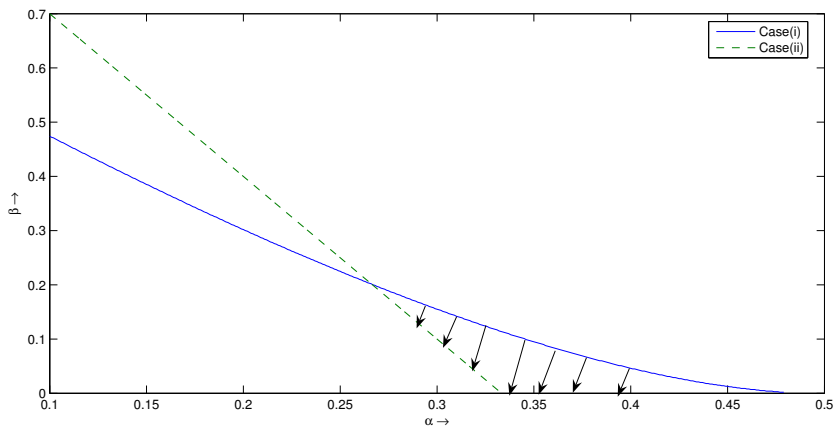
respectively. We use lattice of dimension 105 (parameters  $m = 3, t = 2$ ) and the lattice reduction takes 7273.52 seconds.  $\square$

We now discuss in more details how our strategy compares with that of [9]. It is indeed clear from Table 2, that our experimental results provide much better performance than the theoretical results presented in our paper as well as in [9]. Moreover, we now explain how the technique of [9] and our strategy compare in terms of theoretical results.

Let us first concentrate on the formula  $\beta = 1 - 3\alpha$ , that characterizes the bound on the primes for efficient factoring in [9]. When  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$ , then  $\beta$  becomes zero, implying that  $p_1, p_2$  need to have all the bits shared. Thus, the upper bound on the smaller primes  $q_1, q_2$  is  $N^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , where sharing of LSBs in  $p_1, p_2$  helps in efficient factoring.

However, in our case, the bound on the primes is characterized by  $-4\alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta - \frac{1}{4}\beta^2 + 4\alpha + \frac{5}{3}\beta - 1 < 0$  provided  $1 - \frac{3}{2}\beta - 2\alpha \geq 0$ . We find that  $\beta$  becomes zero when  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$ . Thus in our case, the upper bound on smaller primes  $q_1, q_2$  is  $N^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , where sharing of LSBs in  $p_1, p_2$  helps in efficient factoring.

One may check that our method starts performing better (i.e.,  $\beta$  in our case is greater than that of [9]) than [9] when  $\alpha \geq 0.266$ . Thus for  $q_1, q_2 \geq N^{0.266}$ , our method will require less number of LSBs of  $p_1, p_2$  to be equal than that of [9]. This is also presented in Figure 1. The shaded region in the figure identifies our improvement in terms of theoretical analysis. However, we like to reiterate that our experimental results outperforms the theoretical results presented by us as well as in [9].



**Fig. 1.** Comparison of our theoretical results (case (i)) with that of [9] (case (ii)).

The theoretical analysis of our results related to LSBs, presented in this section, will apply similarly for our analysis related to MSBs as explained in Section 2.1.

### 3 Conclusion

In this paper we have studied  $\text{poly}(\log N)$  time factorization strategy when two integers  $N_1, N_2$  (of same size) are given where  $N_1 = p_1q_1$  and  $N_2 = p_2q_2$  and  $p_1, p_2$  share certain amount of LSBs or MSBs. The results either extend or improve the problem presented in [9]. Our technique does not immediately extend the following generalized problems studied in [9].

1. Our strategy is hard to extend with more than two integers, i.e., when one considers that  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k$  are available such that  $N_1 = p_1q_1, N_2 = p_2q_2, \dots, N_k = p_kq_k$  and all the  $p_i$ 's share  $t$  many MSBs. This is because, the idea presented in Theorem 1 exploits the fact that  $p_2 - p_1$  is small. It is not clear how to extend the idea when  $p_j - p_i$  is small in general. Similar bottleneck exists when we consider sharing of LSBs too.
2. Our idea does not work when one considers that  $p_i, q_i$  are of same bit-size. The bound presented in Theorem 1 does not accommodate this case. Even if we consider that some information regarding  $q_i$ 's are available, that also does not help much. This is because, under such information the structure of the polynomial  $f'$  in Theorem 1 changes and more number of monomials arrive, that prevents to achieve a good bound.

Still, we like to point out that the problem of factorization with two integers  $N_1, N_2$  in this domain is harder than the case of factorization with more than two integers  $N_1, N_2, \dots, N_k$ . For the case of two integers, we present results that could not be achieved earlier.

The strategy presented in [9] used lattice dimension 2 only for the case with two integers  $N_1, N_2$  and it is also not immediate whether similar technique can be extended with higher lattice dimensions. However, our strategy allows to exploit larger lattice dimensions and thus during experiments we get better results as lattice dimension increases.



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