# Improving Speed of Dilithium's Signing Procedure

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**Abstract.** In this short note, we propose an optimization to improve the signing speed of Dilithium's signing procedure. Our optimization works by reducing the number of computations in the rejected iterations through *Early-Evaluation* of the rejection condition thereby performing optimal number of computations to detect the rejection condition. We would like to note that this straightforward algorithmic optimization only reduces the computational overhead in every rejected iteration, without having any effect on the rejection rate. We perform experimental validation of our optimization through software implementation on an Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-4460 CPU and observe a speed-up in the range of (6.29%-25.5%) across all the parameter-sets of Dilithium based on different scenarios based on the validity of the public-private key pair. Moreover, this optimization is also implementation agnostic and hence can be easily ported to all implementation platforms.

# 1 Introduction

NIST has called for proposals for standardization of post-quantum cryptographic schemes for public-key encryption, digital signatures, and key establishment protocols [10]. This initiative is partly driven by the onset of the era of practical and scalable quantum computers [11,5,3], which has motivated the cryptographic community to develop cryptographic schemes that are immune to cryptanalytic efforts using quantum algorithms. A total sum of 69 valid submissions (20 digital signature schemes and 49 Public key encryption/Key Establishment schemes) from various different types of post quantum cryptography were submitted for the first round of the standardization process. For the first round evaluation process, NIST identified three broad aspects of evaluation criteria for comparison of the submitted candidates. They are Security, Cost & Performance and Algorithm and Implementation Characteristics.

After intense scrutiny by NIST and based on public feedback, NIST selected 26 algorithms for the second round of the standardization process. The Dilithium

lattice-based signature scheme, part of the CRYSTALS (Cryptographic Suite for Algebraic Lattices) package based on the "Fiat-Shamir with Aborts" framework is also one of the second-round candidates. The security of Dilithium is based on the Module-Learning With Errors (MLWE) problem and offers good security and efficiency guarantees since most of the computations involves polynomials in a cyclotomic ring.

One of the main features of the signing procedure of Dilithium is the use of rejection sampling to generate secure signatures that do not leak the distribution of the secret key. The signing procedure loops over multiple iterations until it generates a signature that satisfies certain conditions. Let's say, for a given secret key and message input, the signing algorithm runs for L iterations  $(0, \ldots, L-1)$ , the computations performed in all except the last iterations are un-necessary overheads, since they are rejected by the signing procedure. While the computations involved in Dilithium are straightforward, the overhead due to computations in the rejected iterations hamper the performance of Dilithium's signing procedure.

In this small note, we would like to propose an optimization involving a straightforward early evaluation of the *rejection* condition so as to reduce the computational overhead in the rejected iterations. We would like to note that this straightforward algorithmic optimization only reduces the computational overhead in every rejected iteration, without having any effect on the rejection rate.

# 2 Preliminaries

**Notation:** Let  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  be a prime. Elements in ring  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  are denoted by regular font letters viz.  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . For an integer r and an even positive integer  $\alpha$ , we define centered reduction modulo q denoted as  $r \pmod{\pm \alpha}$ , to be the unique integer  $r_0$  such that,  $r \equiv r_0 \pmod{\alpha}$  and  $-\frac{\alpha}{2} < r_0 \leq \frac{\alpha}{2}$ . The usual modulo reduction is denoted by  $r \pmod{q}$ . For a set X, we write  $x \stackrel{\$}{\leftarrow} X$  to denote that x is chosen uniformly at random from X. We denote the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}_q[X]/\langle X^n+1\rangle$  as  $R_q$ . Polynomials in ring  $R_q$  are also represented as equivalent vectors of length n such that  $\mathbf{a} \equiv (\mathbf{a}_0, \mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{n-1})$  for  $\mathbf{a}_i \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ . For an element  $\mathbf{a} \in R_q$ , we define  $\|\mathbf{a}\|_{\infty} = \max_{0 \le i \le n-1} \|a_i\|_{\infty}$ , where  $\|a_i\|_{\infty} = |a_i \pmod{\pm q}|$ . While matrices and vectors with elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  are denoted by bold upper case letters  $(\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n)$ , polynomials in  $R_q$  or matrices and vectors with elements in  $R_q$  are denoted using bold lower case letters ( $\mathbf{a} \in R_q$ ,  $\mathbf{b} \in R_q^{\ell}$ ). Multiplication of two polynomials  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in R_q$  is denoted as  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}$  or  $\mathbf{ab} \in R_q$ . Due to the special structure (cyclotomic nature) of the factor polynomial used in  $R_q$ , multiplication can also be alternatively viewed as a matrix-vector multiplication such that  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{B} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{A}$ wherein the columns of the matrices  $\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^{n \times n}$  are anti-cyclic rotations of  $\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} \in R_q$  respectively. Point-wise multiplication (scalar product) is represented as  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} \in R_q$ . For a given  $\eta \in \mathbb{N}$ , define  $S_\eta = \{ \mathbf{a} \in R_q \mid \|\mathbf{a}\|_{\infty} \leq \eta \}$ . Individual

polynomials in a module  $\mathbf{a} \in R_q^{k \times l}$  are denoted as  $\mathbf{a}_{i,j}$  with  $i \in \{0, k-1\}$  and  $j \in \{0, \ell-1\}$ .

Lattice-based Cryptography: Most of the efficient lattice-based cryptographic schemes derive their hardness from two average-case hard problems, known as the Ring-Learning With Errors problem (RLWE) [8] and the Ring-Short Integer Solutions problem (RSIS) [9]. Both the problems reduce to worst-case hard problems over structured ideal lattices. Given a public key  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{t}) \in (R_q, R_q)$ , an RLWE attacker is asked to find two small polynomials  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in R_q$  with  $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2 \in S_\eta$ such that  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$ . Given *m* uniformly random elements  $\mathbf{a}_i \in R_q$ , an MSIS attacker is asked to find out a non-zero vector  $\mathbf{z}$  with a small norm  $\mathbf{z} \in S_\eta^m$  such that  $\sum_i^m \mathbf{a}_i \cdot \mathbf{z}_i = 0 \in R_q$ .

The more generalized versions of these problems known as Module-LWE (MLWE) and Module-SIS (MSIS) respectively deal with computations over the space  $R_q^{k \times \ell} = \mathbb{Z}_q^{k \times \ell} [X]/(X^n + 1)$  for k, l > 1 (as opposed to  $R_q$  for their ring variants) and also provide better security guarantees compared to their corresponding ring variants. Any change in the security of a scheme (based on either MLWE or MSIS) only requires changes in the value of the module parameters  $(k, \ell)$  while keeping the underlying structure of the ring fixed, thus warranting very minimal changes from a designer's perspective.

#### 2.1 Dilithium

Dilithium is a deterministic lattice-based signature scheme whose security is based on MLWE and MSIS problems. In particular, security against key-recovery attack under the classical random oracle model is based on the hardness assumption of the MLWE problem; and the security against existential signature forgery is based on the MSIS hardness assumption. The scheme's security against strong signature forgery attack, under the quantum random oracle model, is also discussed by the authors [7].

**2.1.1** Description of Dilithium In the following, we recall the details of the Dilithium signature scheme [7]. The underlying approach of the scheme is based on the "Fiat-Shamir with Aborts" framework [6] while the scheme in itself is an improved variant of the lattice-based signature scheme proposed by Bai and Galbraith[2]. The scheme operates over the base ring  $R_q$  with n, q = (256, 8380417) while offering flexibility with the module parameters  $(k, \ell)$  allowing to operate over varying dimensions  $(k \times \ell)$  for different security levels. The key generation, signing and verification algorithms for Dilithium are presented in Algorithm 1. For these individual procedures, please refer [7].

Key Generation: The key generation algorithm, KeyGen(), generates the public constant  $\mathbf{a} \in R_q^{k \times \ell}$  by expanding a given seed  $\rho \leftarrow \{0, 1\}^{256}$  such that  $\mathbf{a} = \mathsf{ExpandA}(\rho)$ . Next, the secret module  $\mathbf{s}_1 \in S_{\eta}^{\ell}$  and the error module  $\mathbf{s}_2 \in S_{\eta}^{k}$  are sampled after which the MLWE instance  $\mathbf{t} \in R_q^{k}$  is computed as  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$ . The LWE instance is not directly output as the public key but is decomposed into  $\mathbf{t}_0, \mathbf{t}_1$  such that  $\mathbf{t}_1 = \mathsf{HB}_q(\mathbf{t}, 2^d)$  and  $\mathbf{t}_0 = \mathsf{LB}_q(\mathbf{t}, 2^d)$ . Subsequently,  $\mathbf{t}_1$  is published as part of the public key while  $\mathbf{t}_0$  is kept secret. Subsequently, the published public key is  $(\rho, \mathbf{t}_1)$  while the secret key sk is  $(\rho, K, tr, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{t}_0)$ .

**Signing**: The signing procedure is iterative in nature with a number of conditional checks and it exits with a valid signature only when all the conditional checks are successfully passed. This is done to primarily ensure that the output signatures do not leak the distribution of the secret key. Moreover, these selective rejections in the signing procedure are also performed to ensure 100% correctness of the signature scheme.

Similar to the DSA and ECDSA signature schemes, the most important component of the signing procedure in case of Dilithium (apart from the secret key) is the ephemeral nonce  $\mathbf{y} \in R_a^{\ell}$ . Knowledge of a single value of  $\mathbf{y}$  or reuse of  $\mathbf{y}$  for different messages leads to a trivial break of the signature scheme. Moreover, the method of generation of the ephemeral nonce  $\mathbf{y}$  also determines the deterministic nature of the signature scheme. In Dilithium,  $\mathbf{y} \in S_n^{\ell}$  is deterministically generated using the ExpandMask function which takes as input, the message  $\mu$  to be signed, the secret key component K and the iteration count (Line 6 of Sign in Algorithm 1). Further, the product  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{y} \in R_q^k$  is computed and decomposed into  $\mathbf{w}_1$  and  $\mathbf{w}_0$  such that  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{w}_1 \cdot 2\gamma_2 + \mathbf{w}_0$ . The signing procedure requires the verifier to recover the value of  $\mathbf{w}_1$  for successful signature verification. To facilitate the same, a hint vector  $\mathbf{h} \in R_q^k$  with coefficients in  $\{0, 1\}$  is also generated and output as part of the signature. Furthermore, a challenge polynomial  $\mathbf{c}$  (sparse polynomial with only 60 non-zero coefficients in either  $\pm 1$ ) is also generated by hashing the ephemeral nonce along with the public key information and the message. The product  $\mathbf{cs}_1$  is computed which is subsequently masked with the ephemeral nonce y through addition and the result is output as the primary signature component  $\mathbf{z} \in R_a^{\ell}$  (Line 10 of Sign in Figure 1). The details of the verification procedure of Dilithium are provided for completeness in Algorithm 1.

# 3 Early Evaluation Optimization

Referring to the Sign procedure in Alg.1, we provide the following terminologies for the various rejection checks. It is important to note that all these checks have to be passed in a single iteration in order to output a valid signature.

- $\|\mathbf{z}\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma_1 \beta$ : Chk\_Norm( $\mathbf{z}$ )
- $\|\mathbf{r}_0\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma_2 \beta$ :  $\mathsf{Chk}_\mathsf{Norm}(\mathbf{r}_0)$
- $\|\mathbf{ct}_0\|_{\infty} \leq \gamma_2$ :  $\mathsf{Chk}_\mathsf{Norm}(\mathbf{ct}_0)$
- $wt(\mathbf{h}) < w$ : Chk\_Norm(h)

Based on the specifications of Dilithium, we make the following observations over the afore mentioned rejection checks in the signing procedure:

• The first three checks  $(Chk_Norm(z), Chk_Norm(r_0) \text{ and } Chk_Norm(ct_0))$  contribute the maximum number of rejections in the signing procedure and they

are all *infinity norm* checks (Chk\_Norm) over modules consisting of multiple polynomials.

• Individual polynomials in the module can be computed in an independent manner. For eg. every polynomial  $\mathbf{z}_i$  for  $i \in \{0, L-1\}$  in the module  $\mathbf{z}$  can be computed independently during the signing procedure and thus the same also applies to the corresponding computation of their Chk\_Norm conditions.

Infinity norm checks are necessary conditions (i.e)  $\mathsf{Chk}_\mathsf{Norm}$  condition of all the individual polynomials  $\mathbf{z}_i$  for  $i \in \{0, L-1\}$  of  $\mathbf{z}$  have to be satisfied to pass the rejection check. Hence, an iteration can be immediately rejected upon detecting a violation in any of the polynomials. In the reference implementation of Dilithium, the whole of  $\mathbf{z}$  is evaluated before checking the validity of the  $\mathsf{Chk}_\mathsf{Norm}(\mathbf{z})$ condition over the whole of  $\mathbf{z}$ . Lets assume a case where the first polynomial of  $\mathbf{z}_1$  violates the condition  $\mathsf{Chk}_\mathsf{Norm}(\mathbf{z})$ . Though the violation can be detected only by computing the first polynomial  $\mathbf{z}_1$  of  $\mathbf{z}$ , the reference implementation computes all the polynomials of  $\mathbf{z}$  before starting the rejection check. The same also applies for other polynomials  $\mathbf{r}_0$  and  $\mathbf{ct}_0$  which are also required to pass the rejection checks. This results in performing un-necessary computations in every rejected iteration.

Hence, we alternately propose to compute  $\mathbf{z}$  one polynomial at a time and immediately check its corresponding Chk\_Norm before proceeding onto the computation of the other subsequent polynomials of  $\mathbf{z}$ . Considering the same example where  $\mathbf{z}_1$  consists of a violation, we can immediately reject the iteration only upon calculating a single polynomial of  $\mathbf{z}$  thus avoiding un-necessary computations related to the other polynomials of  $\mathbf{z}$ . As stated before, the same technique can also be applied to the computation of other polynomials  $\mathbf{r}_0$ ,  $\mathbf{ct}_0$  whose infinity norms are also checked for rejection.

Refer to Fig.1 and Fig.2 for the C-Code snippet corresponding to computation of  $\mathbf{z}$  in the reference implementation and optimized implementation respectively. Please note that we have also incorporated another micro-optimization wherein we identify chains of multiple point-wise functions (i.e) functions which compute over one polynomial at a time and combine them into a single function. In particular, we identify polyvecl\_add, polyvecl\_freeze and polyvecl\_chknorm (Line 6,7 and 8 of Listing 1) as the chain of point-wise functions and combine them into a single function into a single function poly\_add\_freeze\_chk\_norm (Line 5 in Listing 2). Similarly, we identify two other chains of point-wise functions in the reference implementation which we combine together as a single function. A chain of pointwise functions polyvecl\_sub, polyvecl\_freeze and polyvecl\_chknorm, corresponding to computation of  $\mathbf{r}_0$  was combined into poly\_sub\_freeze\_chk\_norm while another identified chain of point-wise functions polyvecl\_csubq and polyvecl\_chknorm, corresponding to the computation of  $ct_0$  were combined into a single function poly\_csubq\_chk\_norm. By doing so, we extend the early-evaluation optimization to computations corresponding to individual coefficients.

We henceforth refer to these set of optimizations as the *Early-Eval* optimizations. Employment of the *Early-Eval* optimization enables to perform optimal number of computations to detect rejection, thus reducing the number of computations done in the rejected iterations.

```
1
     for (i = 0; i < L; ++i)
\mathbf{2}
     ł
3
       poly_pointwise_invmontgomery(z.vec+i, &chat, s1.vec+i);
4
       poly_invntt_montgomery(z.vec+i);
5
     polyvecl_add(&z, &y, &z);
6
\overline{7}
     polyvecl_freeze(&z);
     if (polyvecl_chknorm(&z, GAMMA1 - BETA))
8
9
     ł
10
       goto rej;
11
     }
```

Fig. 1: C-Code snippet of computation of  ${\bf z}$  according to the reference implementation

```
for (i = 0; i < L; ++i)
1
\mathbf{2}
    {
3
      poly_pointwise_invmontgomery(z.vec+i, &chat, s1.vec+i);
4
      poly_invntt_montgomery(z.vec+i);
\mathbf{5}
       if (poly_add_freeze_chk_norm(z.vec+i, z.vec+i,
6
           y.vec+i, GAMMA1 - BETA))
7
       {
8
           goto rej;
9
       }
10
```

Fig. 2: C-Code snippet of computation of  $\mathbf{z}$  according to our improved implementation with *Early-Eval* optimization

# 4 Experimental Results

We implemented our improved signing procedure incorporating our *Early-Eval* optimization by modifying the updated reference implementation of Dilithium that was submitted as part of the *second round* of the NIST standardization process. The results were obtained for the two versions of Dilithium across all the four proposed parameter sets (i.e) Dilithium\_SHAKE which uses SHAKE as

an XOF and Dilithium\_AES) which uses AES-256 in counter mode as an XOF. We performed about  $10^6$  runs of the signing procedure on an Intel(R) Core(TM) i5-4460 CPU 3.20GHz and compiled with gcc-4.2.1 without modifying the compiler flags set for the reference implementation. We evaluate the performance of our optimizations in three different scenarios.

Scenario-1: We assume that all the operations in the signing procedure are done online (i.e) all operations in the signing procedure are performed only when the message to be signed is known. This is typically the case with the original implementation of the signing procedure. We only evaluate the performance speed-up of the deterministic variant of Dilithium as we do not expect similar results in case of the randomized variant as well.

Scenario-2: We observe that certain operations performed over the public parameters, public key and secret key need not be performed every time the signing procedure is called, since we can safely assume that the public-private key pair is not going to be refreshed for every new signature generated. The parameter sets of Dilithium allow to generate arbitrarily many number of signatures for the same secret key without leaking its distribution through the generated signatures. Thus, operations such as unpacking the secret key (**sk**), expanding the public matrix (A) and NTT transforms over the public and secret key components ( $\mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{t}_0$ ) can be done only once and their results being used for multiple calls of the signing procedure. In such a case, we neglect the time taken by the above mentioned operations in our evaluation. We evaluate the speed up due to our optimization in this scenario for both the deterministic and randomized variants.

Scenario-3: On analyzing the randomized variant of the signing procedure, we observed that operations such as sampling  $\mathbf{y}$  (Line 6 in Alg.1) and computation of  $\mathbf{w}_1$  (Line 7 and 8 in Alg.1) can be performed independent of the message to be signed. In such a scenario, it is possible to split the signing procedure into offline and online phases wherein the message independent computations (Line 2,6,7 and 8 in Alg.1) can be performed offline assuming that the device has a large enough buffer to store enough coefficients so as to generate a signature for any given message with very high probability. The remaining operations can be performed online upon the knowledge of the message to be signed. The same idea was used by Aysu *et al.* in [1], wherein they reported a high-performance implementation of the GLP signature scheme [4] by partitioning the signing procedure into offline and online phases. For evaluation in such a scenario, we only consider the time taken by the online operations.

Please refer to Table 1 and 2 for a tabulation of the performance speedups (in terms of number of clock cycles) due to our *Early-Eval* optimization in each of the three scenarios across different parameter sets of Dilithium. We can see that our optimization yields a speed up of about (6.29% - 9%), (6.42% - 10.46%) for Scenarios 1 and 2 respectively. But, in case of Scenario-3, we observe a considerable speed-up in the range of (17.64% - 25.5%) since we evaluate

the performance speed up of the online phase of the signing procedure. The increased speed up in case of Scenario-4 is observed due to the fact that all our incorporated optimizations only improve the online-phase of the signing procedure, while making no changes to the offline phase.

We would like to note that the *Early-Eval* optimization only reduces the computations performed in the rejected iterations and hence demonstrates improved speed without any change in the rejection rate. Since the optimization is performed at the algorithmic level, it is implementation agnostic and hence can be easily ported to multiple implementation platforms.

#### 4.1 Note on Timing Attacks:

Any given iteration of the signing procedure is *rejected immediately* as soon a rejection through the conditional check on the bound of any coefficient is detected. This is also true in the case of the original reference implementation. In both the cases, it enables an adversary with access to the timing side-channel to derive information about the coefficient which resulted in rejection. But, since the probability of each coefficient violating the bound is independent of the secret key, knowledge of the position of the coefficient that resulted in rejection does not leak any information about the secret key. Thus, to the best of our knowledge, our *Early-Eval* optimization does not bring in any exploitable additional timing vulnerabilities.

# 5 Conclusion

In this short note, we have presented an algorithmic optimization on Dilithium's signing procedure which reduces the computations done in the rejected iterations through early-evaluation of the rejection sampling condition. Our optimization yields a speed up of about 7.6% (in clock cycles) for recommended parameter sets of Dilithium. Our optimization does not exploit any device-specific feature and hence can be readily included in Dilithium's implementations across multiple implementation platforms.

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Algorithm 1: Dilithium Signature scheme

1 Procedure KeyGen()  $\rho,\rho' \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$ 2  $K \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{256}$ 3 N = 04 for *i* from 0 to  $\ell - 1$  do  $\mathbf{5}$  $\mathbf{s}_1[i] = \mathsf{Sample}(\mathsf{PRF}(\rho', N))$ 6 7 N := N + 1 $\mathbf{end}$ 8 9 for *i* from 0 to k - 1 do  $\mathbf{s}_2[i] = \mathsf{Sample}(\mathsf{PRF}(\rho', N))$  $\mathbf{10}$ N := N + 111 end 12  $\mathbf{a} \sim R_q^{k \times \ell} = \mathsf{ExpandA}(\rho)$ 13  $\mathbf{t} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1 + \mathbf{s}_2$ 14  $\mathbf{t}_1 = \mathsf{Power2Round}_q(\mathbf{t}, d)$  $\mathbf{15}$  $tr \in \{0,1\}^{384} = \mathsf{CRH}(\rho||\mathbf{t}_1)$  $\mathbf{16}$ return  $pk = (\rho, \mathbf{t}_1), sk = (\rho, K, tr, \mathbf{s}_1, \mathbf{s}_2, \mathbf{t}_0)$  $\mathbf{17}$  $\mathbf{18}$ 1 **Procedure** Sign(sk, M) $\mathbf{A} \in R_q^{k \times \ell} := \mathsf{ExpandA}(\rho)$  $\mathbf{2}$  $\mu = \mathsf{CRH}(\mathsf{tr} \| M)$ 3  $\kappa = 0, (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \bot$  $\mathbf{4}$ while  $(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \perp \mathbf{do}$ 5  $\mathbf{y} \in S_{\gamma_1-1}^{\ell} := \mathsf{ExpandMask}(K \| \mu \| \kappa)$ 6  $\mathbf{w} = \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{y}$ 7 8  $\mathbf{w}_1 = \mathsf{HB}_q(\mathbf{w}, 2\gamma_2)$ 9  $\mathbf{c} \in B_{60} = H(\mu \| \mathbf{w}_1)$  $\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{y} + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{s}_1$  $\mathbf{10}$  $(\mathbf{r}_1, \mathbf{r}_0) := \mathsf{D}_q(\mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2, 2\gamma_2)$ 11 if  $\|\mathbf{z}\|_{\infty} \geq \gamma_1 - \beta$  or  $\|\mathbf{r}_0\|_{\infty} \geq \gamma_2 - \beta$  or  $\mathbf{r}_1 \neq \mathbf{w}_1$  then 12  $(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \bot$  $\mathbf{13}$  $\mathbf{14}$ else $\mathbf{h} = \mathsf{MH}_q(-\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0, \mathbf{w} - \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{s}_2 + \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0, 2\gamma_2)$  $\mathbf{15}$ if  $\|\mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}_0\|_{\infty} \ge \gamma_2$  or  $\mathsf{wt}(\mathbf{h}) > \omega$  then  $\mathbf{16}$ |  $(\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}) = \bot$ 17  $\mathbf{end}$ 18 19  $\kappa = \kappa + 1$ 20  $\mathbf{end}$ return  $\sigma = (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{c})$ 21  $\mathbf{22}$ 1 Procedure Verify (pk,  $M, \sigma = (\mathbf{z}, \mathbf{h}, \mathbf{c})$ )  $\mathbf{a} \in R^{k \times \ell}_q := \mathsf{ExpandA}(\rho)$  $\mathbf{2}$  $\mu = \mathsf{CRH}\left(\mathsf{CRH}(\rho \| \mathbf{t}_1) \| M\right)$ 3  $\mathbf{w}_1 := \mathsf{UH}_q(\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{z} - \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{t}_1 \cdot 2^d, 2\gamma_2)$ 4 if  $\mathbf{c} = H(\mu, \mathbf{w}_1)$  and  $\|\mathbf{z}\|_{\infty} < \gamma_1 - \beta$  and  $\mathsf{wt}(\mathbf{h}) \le \omega$  then 5 return 1 6  $\mathbf{7}$ else8 return 0 9 end

Table 1: Performance Evaluation of the reference and optimized implementation of Dilithium for Scenario-1 (Deterministic) and Scenario-2 (Randomized) across multiple parameters sets of Dilithium. The results are reported in units of million  $(10^6)$  clock cycles.

Scheme	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Scenario-1} ~ (\textbf{Deterministic}) \\ (\times 10^6 ~ \textbf{clock cycles}) \end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Scenario-2} \ \textbf{(Randomized)} \\ \textbf{(} \times 10^6 \ \textbf{clock cycles)} \end{array}$		
	Ref.	Opt.	Speed up (%)	Ref.	Opt.	Speed up (%)
Dilithium1	0.904	0.839	7.15	0.786	0.722	8.1
$\mathbf{Dilithium2}$	1.588	1.459	8.13	1.383	1.254	9.36
Dilithium3	2.371	2.157	9	2.059	1.844	10.46
Dilithium4	2.186	2.032	7.02	1.582	1.734	8.74
Dilithium1-AES	1.177	1.098	6.67	0.919	0.860	6.42
Dilithium2-AES	2.116	1.982	6.29	1.675	1.544	7.789
Dilithium3-AES	3.183	2.971	6.65	2.483	2.273	8.44
Dilithium4-AES	3.182	2.972	6.58	2.483	2.271	8.52

Table 2: Performance Evaluation of the reference and optimized implementation of Dilithium for Scenario-2 (Deterministic) and Scenario-3 (Randomized) across multiple parameters sets of Dilithium. The results are reported in units of **million**  $(10^6)$  clock cycles.

Scheme	$\begin{array}{l} \textbf{Scenario-2} \ \textbf{(Deterministic)} \\ \textbf{(} \times 10^6 \ \textbf{clock cycles)} \end{array}$			$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Scenario-3 (Randomized)} \\ (\times 10^6 \ \textbf{clock cycles}) \end{array}$		
	Ref.	Opt.	${f Speed}\ {f up}\ (\%)$	Ref.	Opt.	${f Speed}\ {f up}\ (\%)$
Dilithium1	0.780	0.714	8.426	0.368	0.303	17.64
Dilithium2	1.376	1.270	7.64	0.598	0.456	23.7
Dilithium3	2.057	1.842	10.45	0.802	0.598	25.4
Dilithium4	1.737	1.582	8.97	0.702	0.548	21.9
Dilithium1-AES	0.933	0.852	8.63	0.373	0.303	18.69
Dilithium2-AES	1.667	1.545	7.95	0.595	0.457	23.24
Dilithium3-AES	2.472	2.258	8.64	0.803	0.599	25.4
Dilithium4-AES	2.472	2.262	8.51	0.804	0.599	25.5