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**Cryptanalysis of a Public Key Cryptosystem Using  
Matrices Over a Ring**

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**Abstract** At ACISP 2000, Yoo *et al* proposed a fast public key cryptosystem using matrices over a ring. The authors claim that the security of their system is based on the RSA problem. In this paper we present a heuristic attack that enables us to recover the private key from the public key. In particular, we show that breaking the system can be reduced to finding a short vector in a lattice which can be achieved using  $L^3$ -lattice reduction algorithm.

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