# **FFPACK: Finite Field Linear Algebra Package**

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Applications: integer polynomial factorization, Gröbner basis computation, integer system solving, ...

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- Higher Level (cf LAPACK)
- Based on matrix triangularization

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$$x_i = \frac{1}{a_{i,i}} \left( b_i - \sum_{j=i+1}^n a_{i,j} x_j \right)$$

 $\Rightarrow$  *A* must have a unit diagonal.

⇒Precondition A: 
$$U = AD_A^{-1}$$
  
solve  $UY = B$   
 $X = D_A^{-1}Y$  where  $D_A$  is the

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⇒For some cases, a specialization of dot-product can slightly outperform trsm-blas

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We will compare 3 implementations:

- LSP: a block recursive algorithm [lbara & AI.]
- LUdivine: LSP with lesser memory requirements
- LQUP : Fully in-place triangularization





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## Comparisons

n	1000	3000	5000	8000	10000
LSP	0.48	8.01	32.54	404.8	1804
LUdivine	0.47	7.79	30.27	403.9	1691
LQUP	0.45	7.59	29.90	201.7	1090

- Similar timings when matrix fit in the RAM
- LQUP is slightly faster
- LQUP is fully in-place  $\Rightarrow$  no swap for n = 8000

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  - Correctness constraints (theoretical thresholds)
  - Performance constraints (experimental thresholds)

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