

# The SIS Problem and Cryptographic Applications

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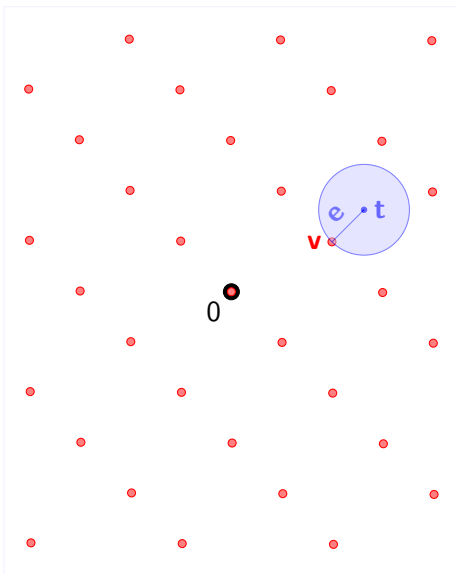
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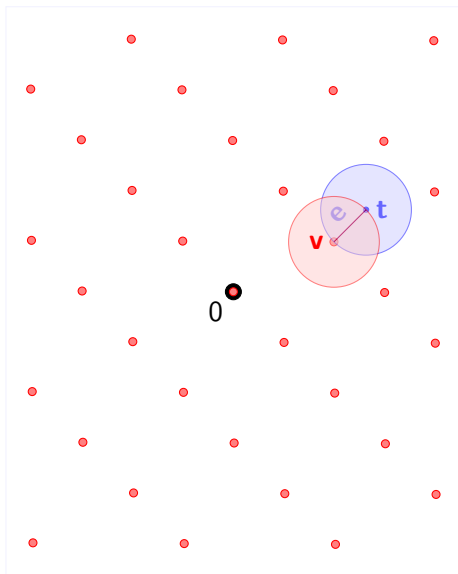
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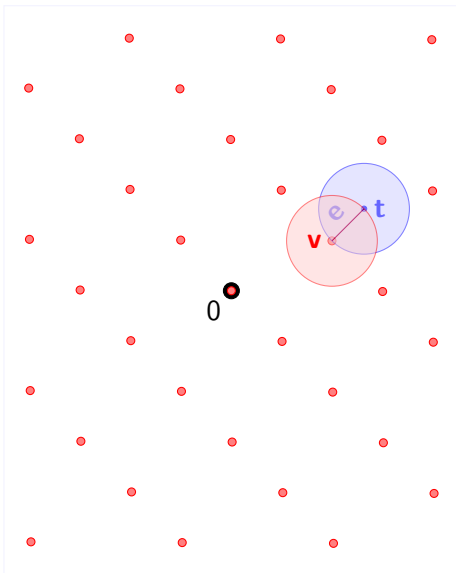
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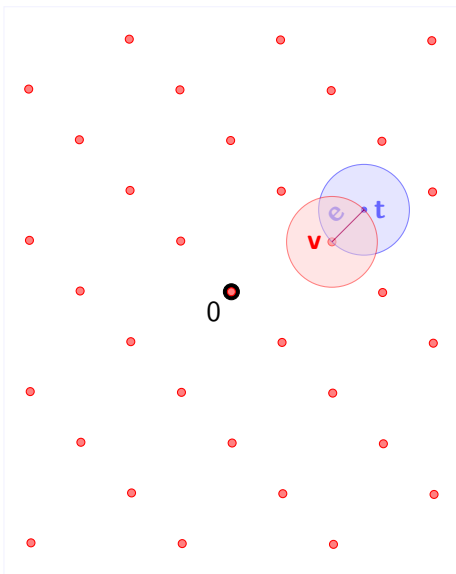
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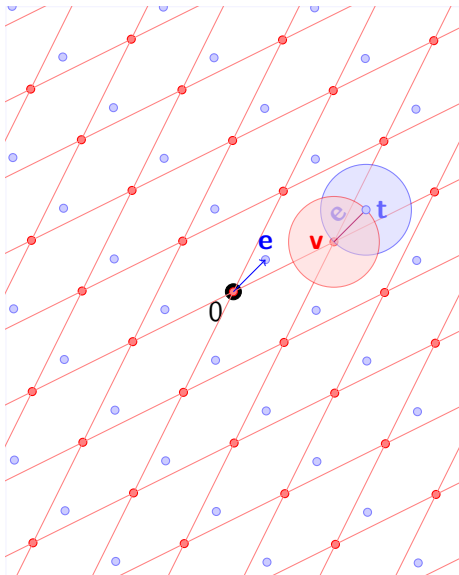
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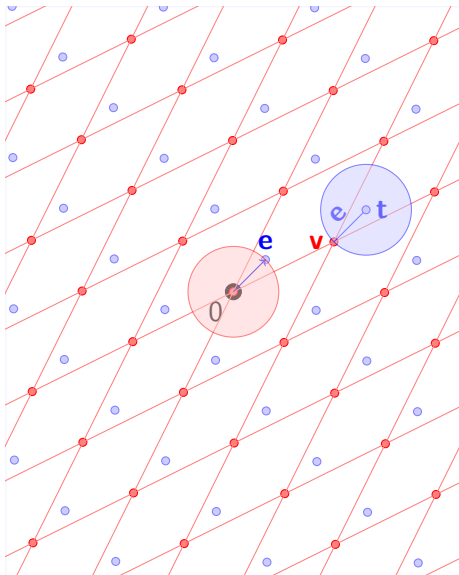
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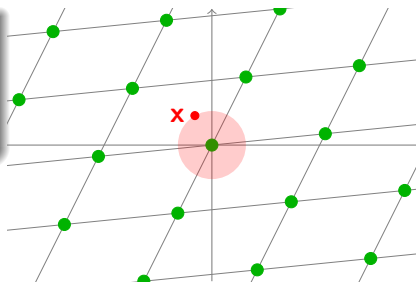
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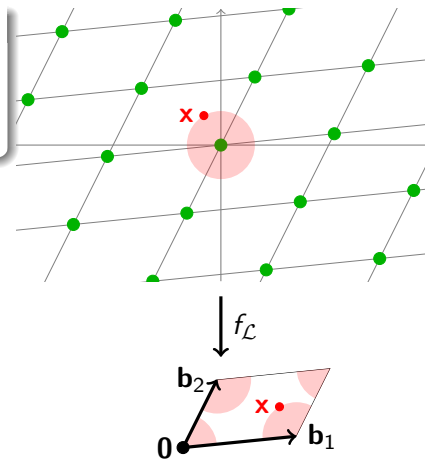
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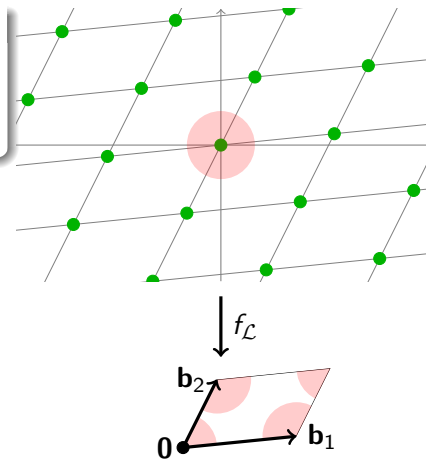
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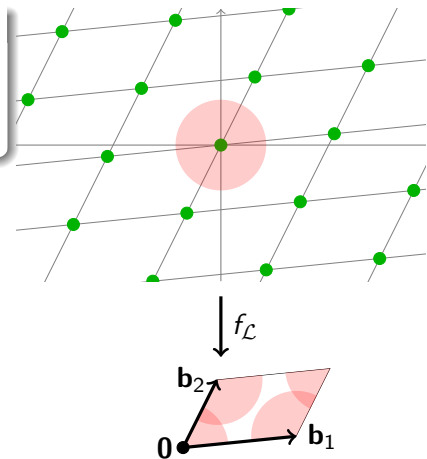


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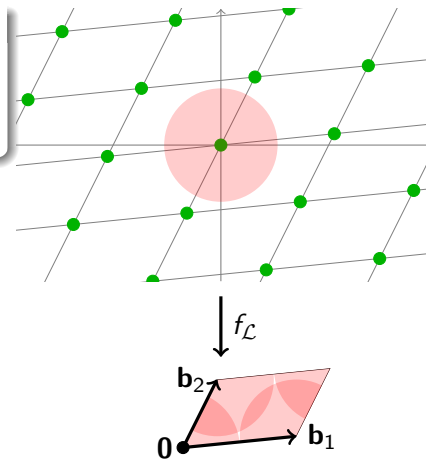


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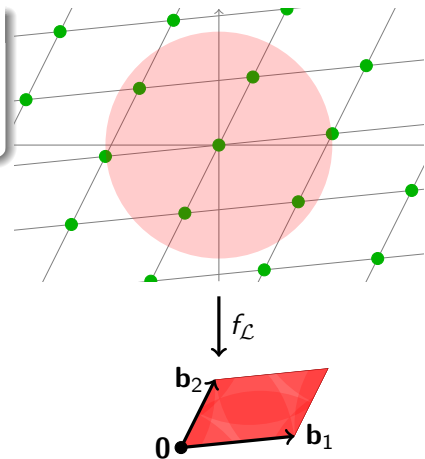


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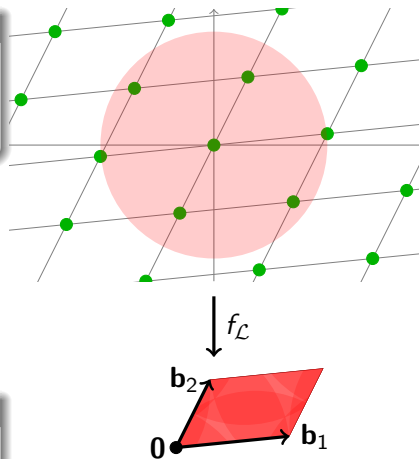
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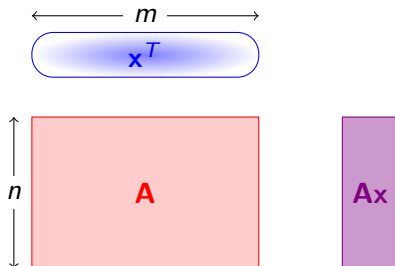
Are these functions cryptographically hard to invert?





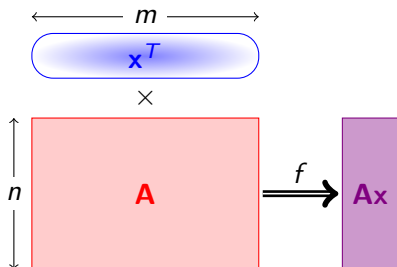
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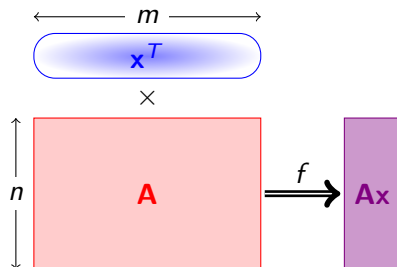
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## Theorem (A'96)

*For  $m > n \lg q$ , if lattice problems (SIVP) are hard to approximate in the worst-case, then  $f_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{Ax} \bmod q$  is a one-way function.*

Applications: OWF [A'96], Hashing [GGH'97], Commit [KTX'08], ID schemes [L'08], Signatures [LM'08, GPV'08, ..., DDLL'13] ...

# Cryptographic functions

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Inverting Ajtai's function is an average case instance of the Closest Vector Problem where the lattice is chosen according to  $\Lambda^\perp(\mathbf{A})$

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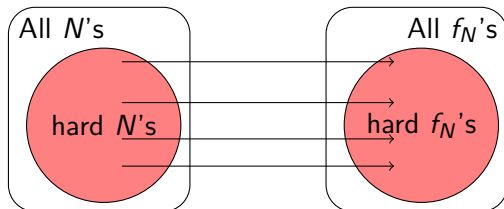
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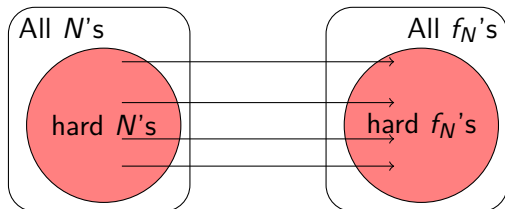
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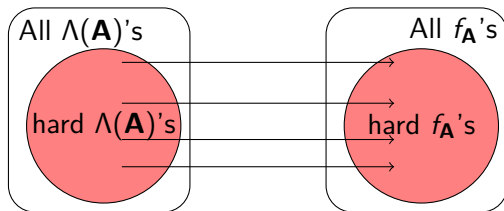
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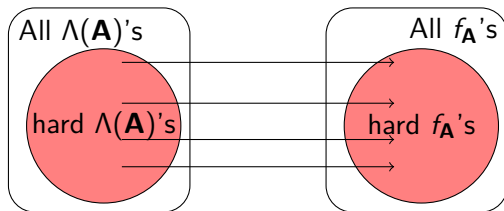
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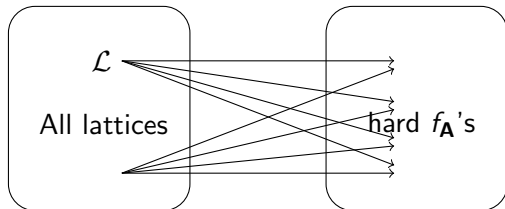
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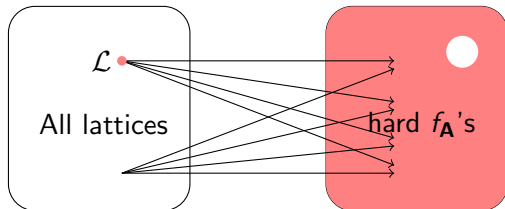
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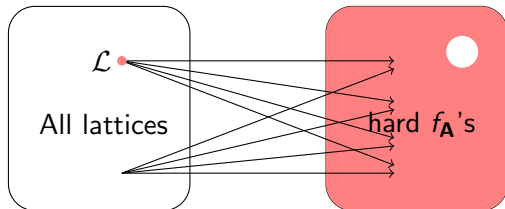


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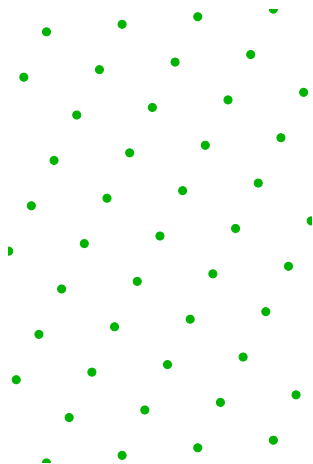
### Theorem (Ajtai,...,Micciancio&Regev)

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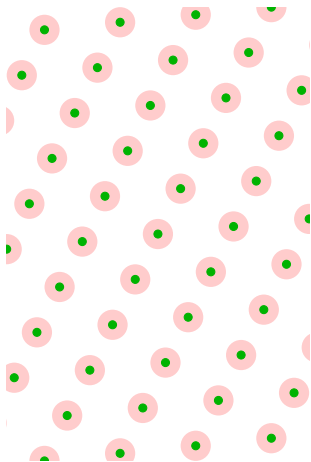
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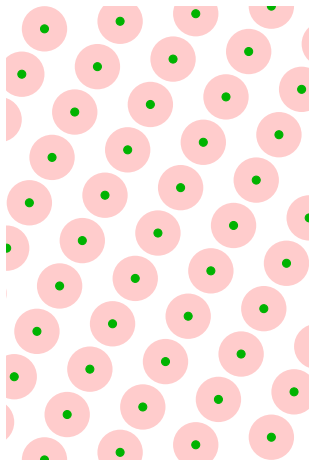
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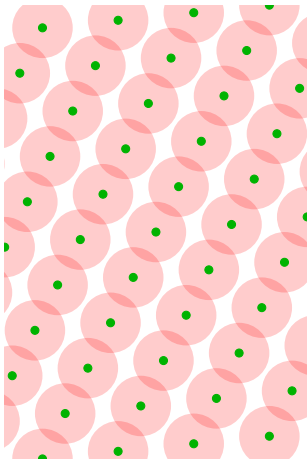
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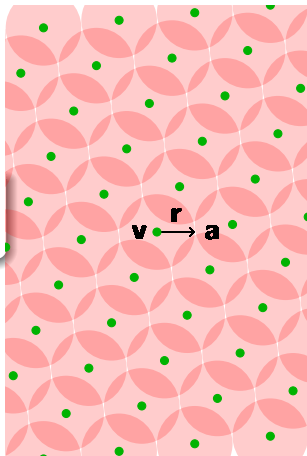
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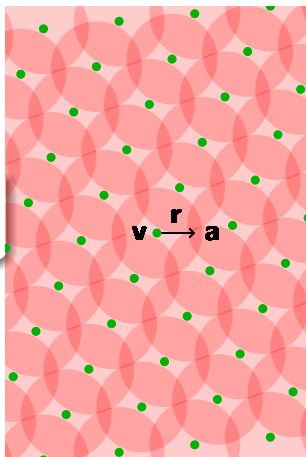
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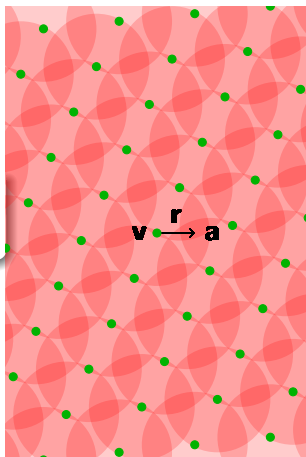
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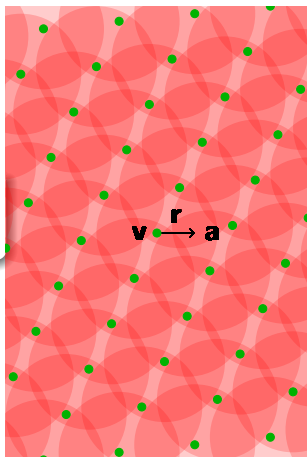
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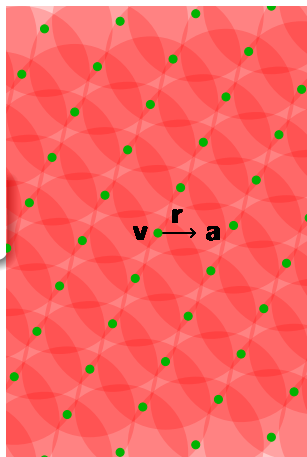
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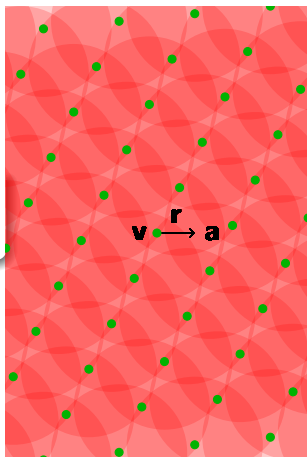
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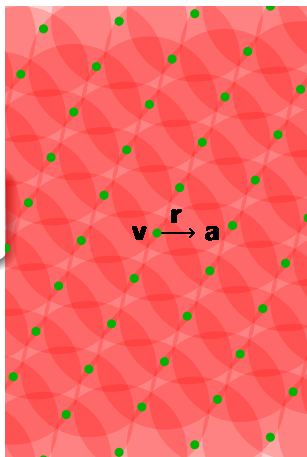
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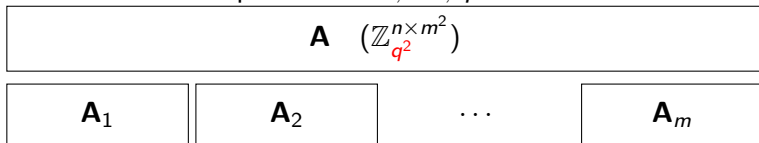
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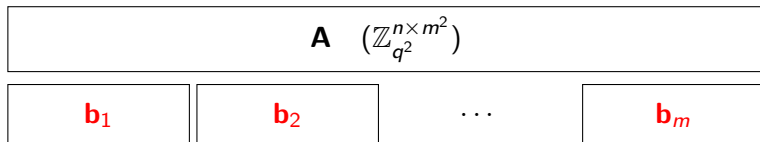
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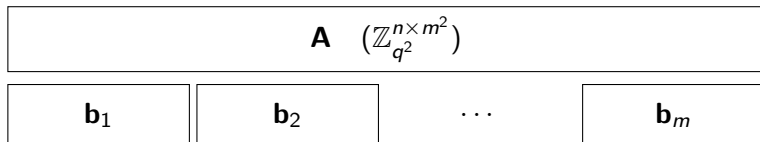
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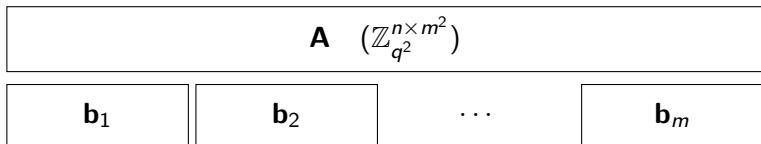
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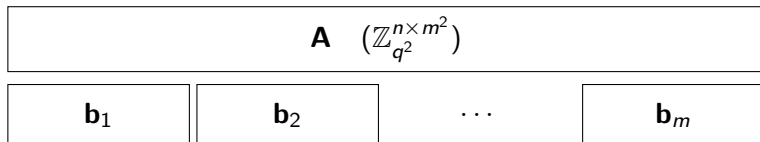
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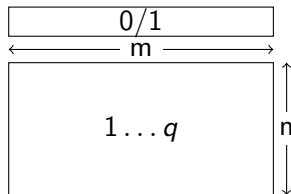
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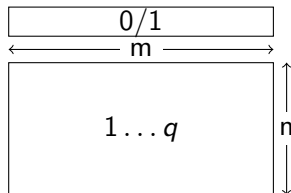
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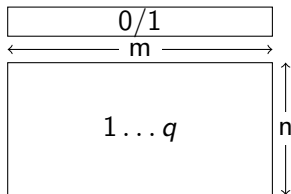
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### Problem

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- Proposed by [M02], where it is proved that  $f_{\mathbf{A}}$  is one-way under plausible complexity assumptions
- Similar idea first used by NTRU public key cryptosystem (1998), but with no proof of security
- Wishful thinking: finding short vectors in  $\Lambda_q^{\perp}(\mathbf{A})$  is hard, and therefore  $f_{\mathbf{A}}$  is collision resistant

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*Provably collision resistant, assuming the **worst case** hardness of approximating SVP and SIVP over **anti-cyclic** lattices.*

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- Key size:  $(m/n) \cdot n \log q = m \cdot \log q = \tilde{O}(n)$  bits
- Anti-cyclic matrix-vector multiplication can be computed in quasi-linear time  $\tilde{O}(n)$  using FFT
- The resulting hash function can also be computed in  $\tilde{O}(n)$  time
- For appropriate choice of parameters, this can be very practical (SWIFFT [LMPR])
- The hash function is linear:  $\mathbf{A}(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y}) = \mathbf{A}\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{A}\mathbf{y}$
- This can be a feature rather than a weakness



# Ideal Lattices and Algebraic number theory

- Isomorphism:  $\mathbf{A}^{\text{cyc}} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^n - 1)$
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$$f_{\mathbf{a}_1, \dots, \mathbf{a}_k}(\mathbf{u}_1, \dots, \mathbf{u}_k) = \sum_i \mathbf{a}_i(X) \cdot \mathbf{u}_i(X) \pmod{X^n - 1}$$

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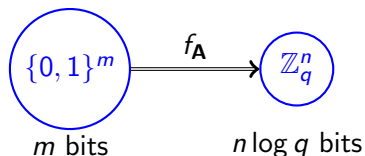
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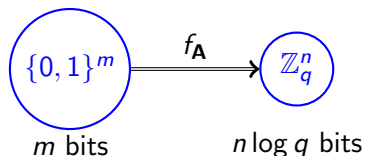
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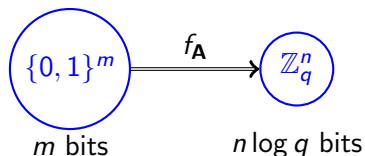
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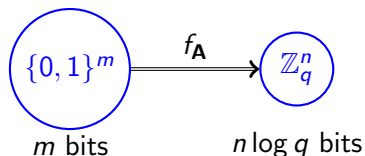
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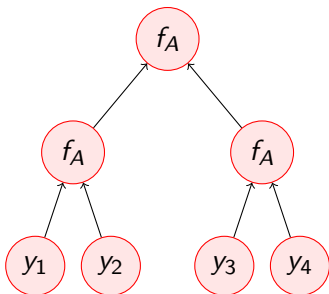
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Classic application: Merkle Trees

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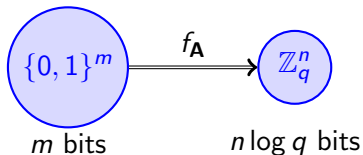
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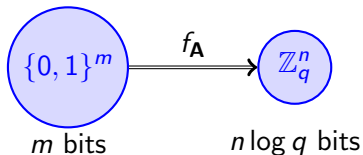
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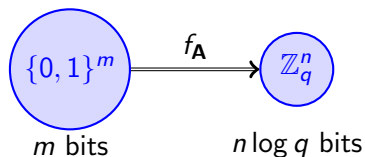
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# One-time signatures from anti-cyclic lattices

Fix hash function key  $\mathbf{A} = [\mathbf{A}^{(1)} | \dots | \mathbf{A}^{(m/n)}]$

Definition (Secret signing key)

$$\mathbf{x} = [\mathbf{x}^{(1)}, \dots, \mathbf{x}^{(m/n)}]$$

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- Signing  $\mathbf{m} \in \{0, 1\}^n$ :

$$\sigma_i = \mathbf{x}^{(i)} \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{y}^{(i)}$$

$$\sigma = (\sigma_1, \dots, \sigma_{m/n})$$

- Verification:

Check if  $h_{\mathbf{A}}(\sigma) = X\mathbf{M} + Y$

Definition (Public verif. key)

$$X = h_{\mathbf{A}}(\mathbf{x}) = \sum \mathbf{A}^{(i)} \mathbf{x}^{(i)}$$

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$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} m_1 & -m_n & \cdots & -m_2 \\ m_2 & m_1 & \cdots & -m_3 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ m_n & m_{n-1} & \cdots & m_1 \end{bmatrix}$$



## Efficiency and security

- Key generation, signing and verifying all require just 1 or 2 hash function computations in  $\tilde{O}(n)$  time
- Secret key, public key and signature size are also  $\tilde{O}(n)$  bits

### Theorem (Lyubashevsky&Micciancio)

*The one-time signature scheme is secure based on the worst-case hardness of approximating SVP/SIVP on anti-cyclic lattices within a factor  $\gamma = n^2$*

- Forgery  $(\mathbf{M}, \sigma)$ :  $h_{\mathbf{A}}(\sigma) = X\mathbf{M} + Y$
- Use  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  to sign  $\mathbf{M}$ :  $h_{\mathbf{A}}(\sigma') = X\mathbf{M} + Y$
- If  $\sigma \neq \sigma'$ , then  $h_{\mathbf{A}}(\sigma) = X\mathbf{M} + Y = h_{\mathbf{A}}(\sigma')$  is a collision!

# That's all folks!

Later today:

- LWE: injective version of SIS, many more applications
- RingLWE: efficient version of LWE