

A k -List Algorithm for LWE

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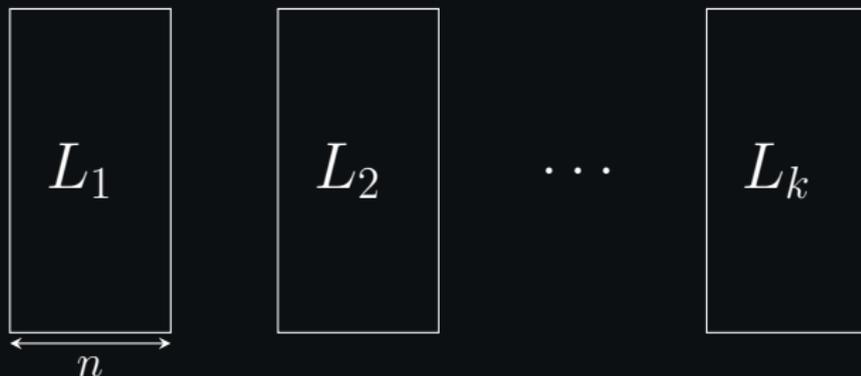
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Outline

- The k -List Problem
- The Learning with Errors Problem (LWE)
- The (Extended) Dihedral Coset Problem (DCP)
- Reduction from LWE to EDCP
- Solving EDCP/LWE via k -Lists

Definition: the k -List problem

Given k -lists $L_1, \dots, L_k \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ of iid. elements and a relation \mathcal{R}



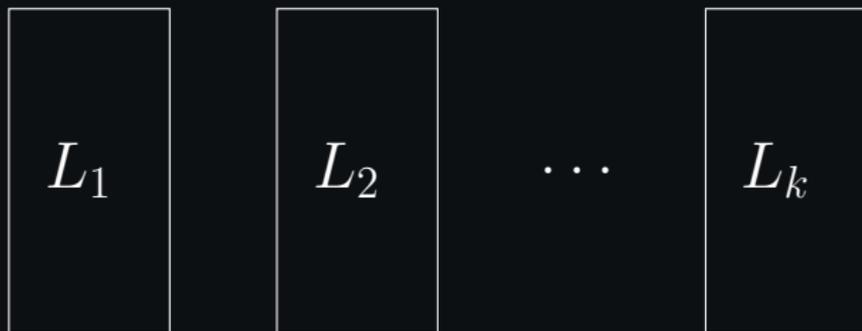
find all/almost all/a fraction of $(x_1, \dots, x_k) \in L_1 \times \dots \times L_k$ s.t.

$\mathcal{R}(x_1, \dots, x_k)$ is satisfied

- L_i are of the same size and can be identical
- $|L_i|$ is set s.t. enough solutions exist

Example: k -XOR (Wagner'02)

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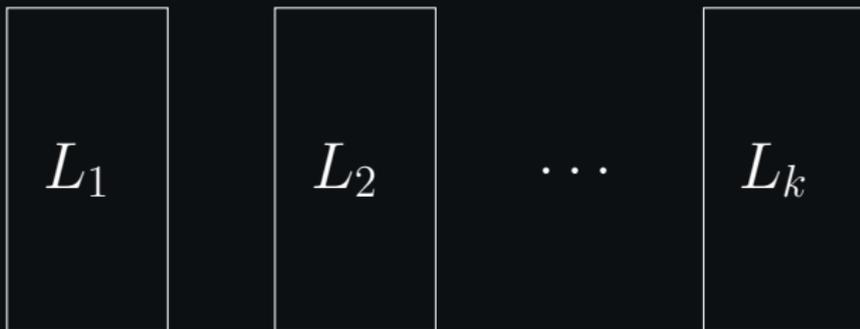
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- $|L_i| = 2^{\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})}$, Runtime: $2^{\mathcal{O}(\sqrt{n})}$

This talk

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- BKW algorithm for LWE
- Kuperberg's algorithm for the Dihedral Coset Problem

The Learning With Errors Problem (Regev'05)

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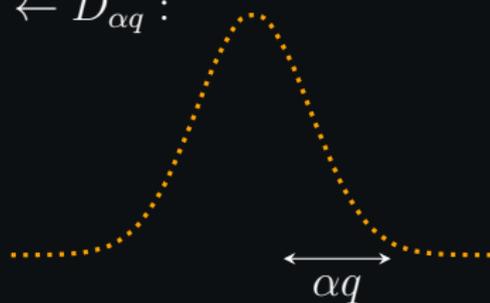
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$$e_i \leftarrow D_{\alpha q} :$$



Typical parameters: $n = \Theta(\text{bit security})$, $q = n^{\Theta(1)}$,
 $m = \Theta(n \log q)$, $\alpha = \sqrt{n}/q$

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- For $m = \mathcal{O}(n \log q)$, \mathbf{s} is unique whp.
- For $n = 1, M = 2$ the problem is called the Dihedral Coset Problem. Samples are of the form

$$|0\rangle |x\rangle + |1\rangle |x + \mathbf{s} \bmod q\rangle$$

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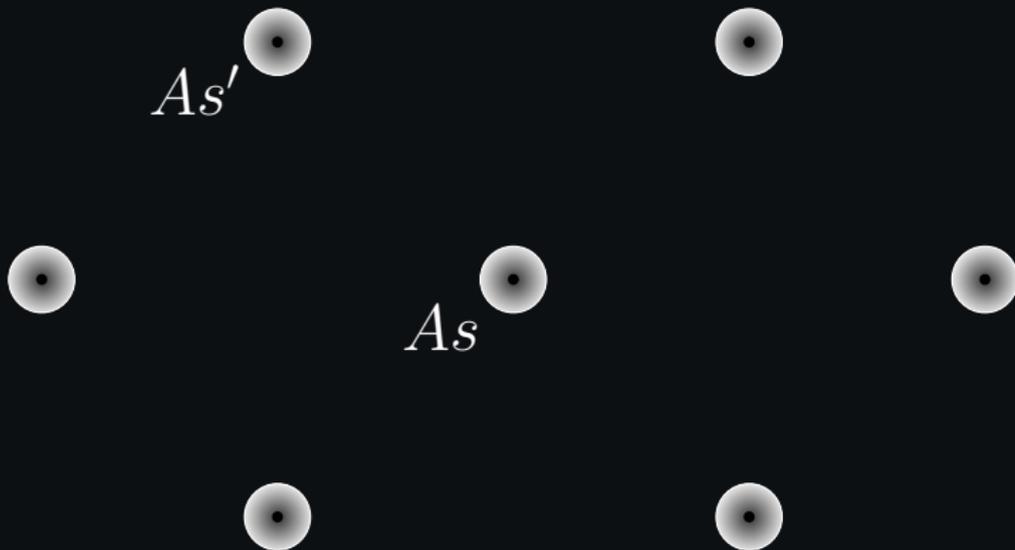
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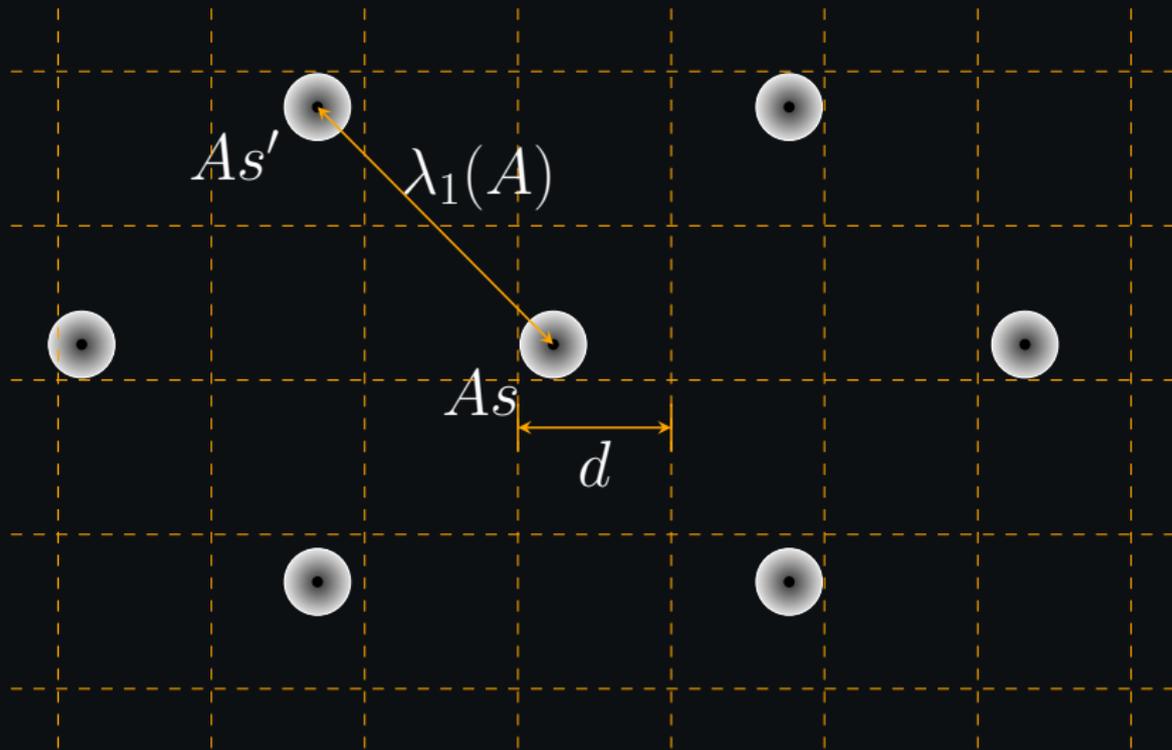
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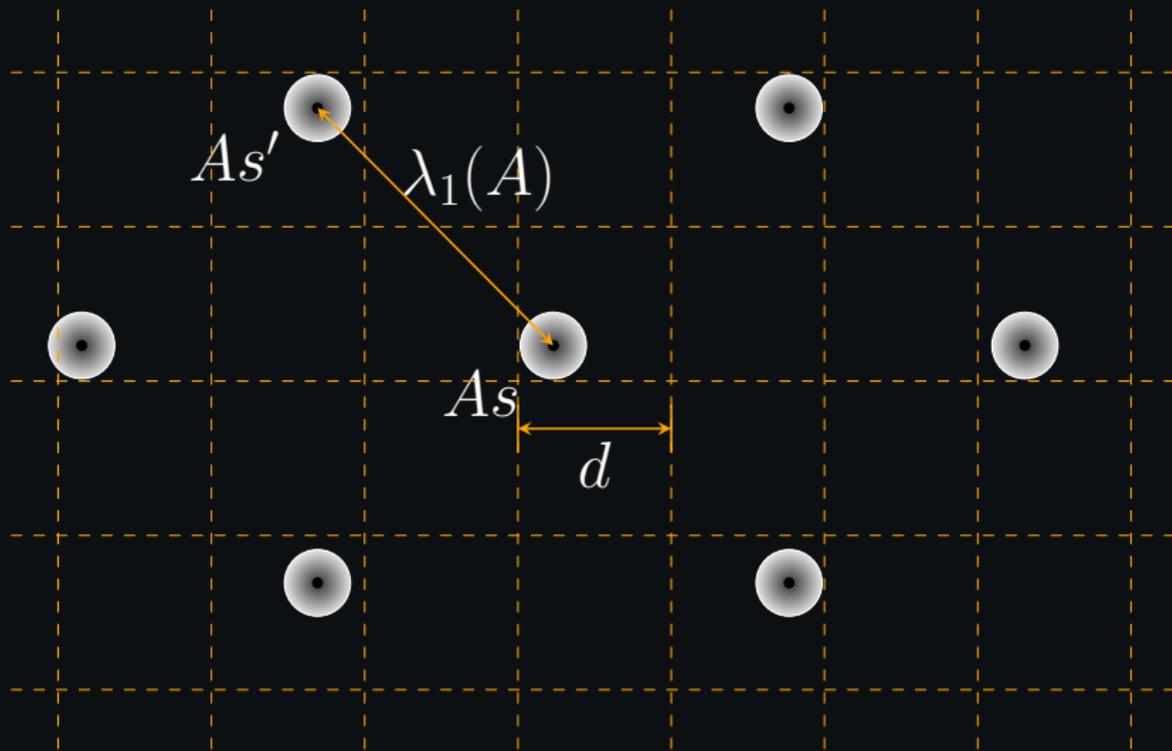
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5. Uncompute $A\mathbf{s} - j\mathbf{e}_0$ by applying

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If $M = q^\epsilon$ and n is “small” $\Rightarrow \text{poly}(n)$ [Childs-vanDam’05]

If $M = o(n)$ or $M = \Theta(1)$: Kuperbeg’s algorithm [Kup’05, Kup’11]

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- Reduction from LWE gives $\ell = \text{poly}(n)$ samples
- This is inferior (by the constant in the exponent) to lattice attacks

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