

Cryptography from Rings

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Agenda

- 1 Polynomial rings, ideal lattices and Ring-LWE
- 2 Basic Ring-LWE encryption
- 3 Fully homomorphic encryption

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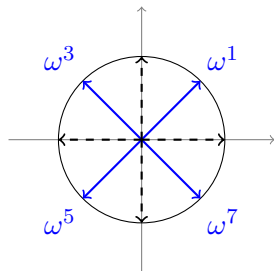
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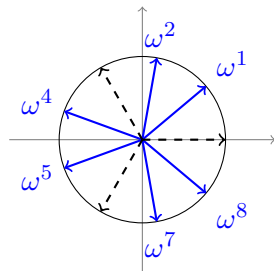
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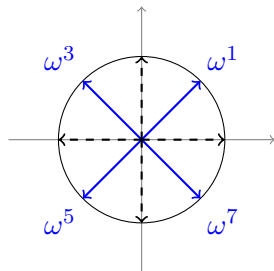
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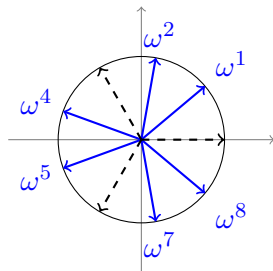
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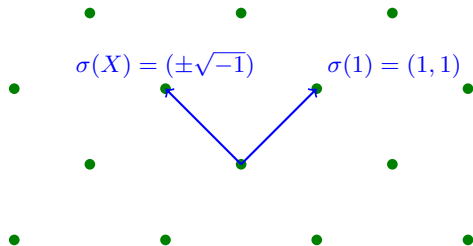
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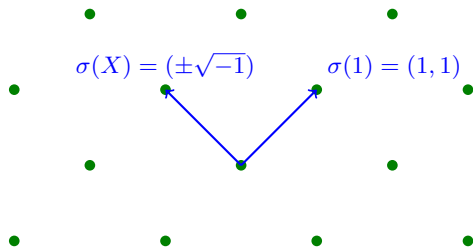
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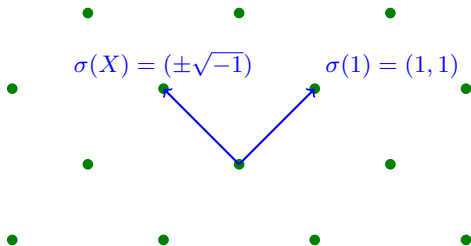


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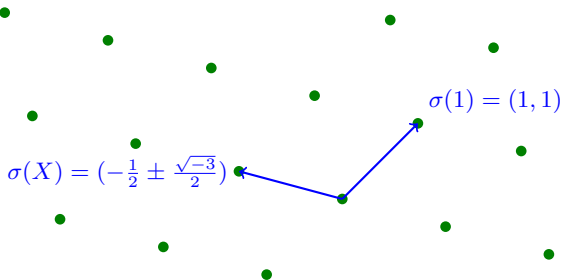


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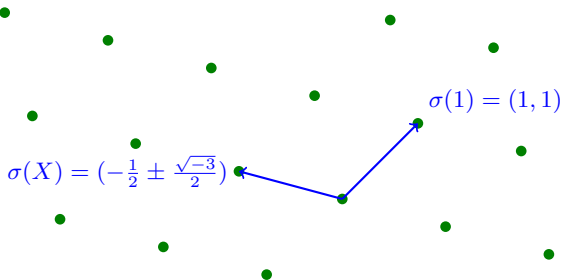
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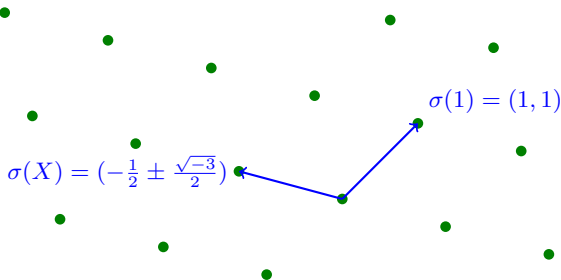


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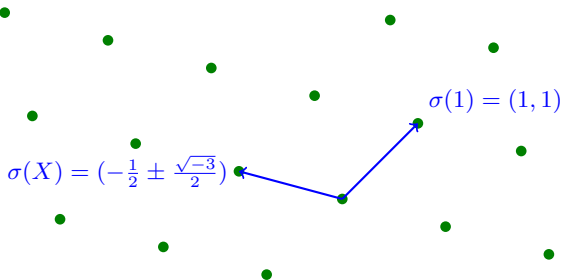


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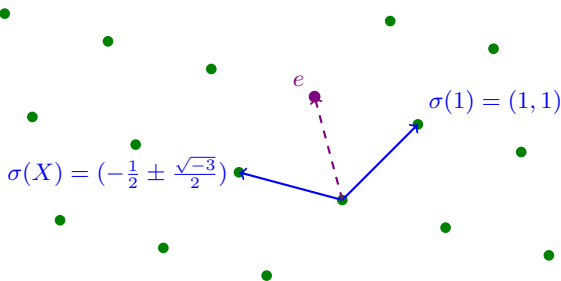


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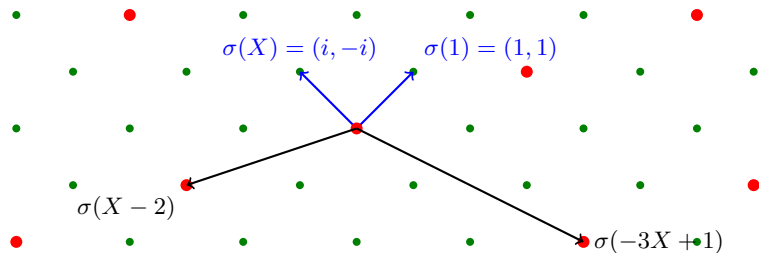
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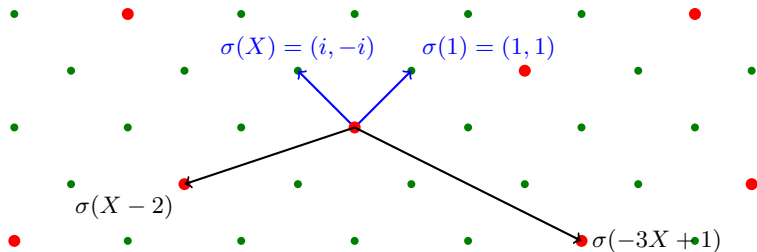
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(Approximate) Ideal Shortest Vector Problem

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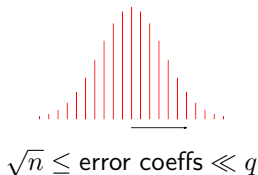
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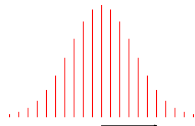


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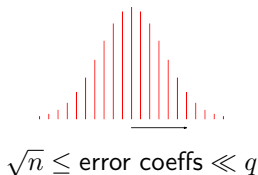
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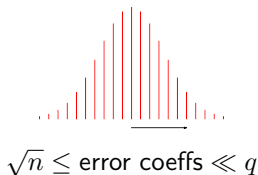


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