# On Ideal Lattices and Learning With Errors Over Rings

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Leakage Resilience [AGV'09,DGKPV'10,GKPV'10,ADNSWW'10,...] Circular/KDM-Secure Encryption [ACPS'09,BHHI'10] Quadratic-Formula Homomorphic Encryption [GHV'10] Bi-Deniable Encryption [OP'10] and more...

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Uses Chinese remainder theorem and theory of duality for ideals.

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► Modulo any prime  $q = 1 \mod 2n$ ,  $(x^n + 1)$  has *n* roots  $\omega^{2i-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_q$ . For Ring-LWE schemes, this gives an embedding into  $\mathbb{Z}_q^n$ .

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