

# Error Correction and Ciphertext Quantization in Lattice-based Cryptography

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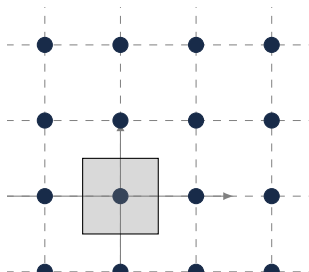
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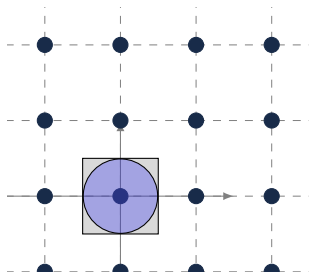
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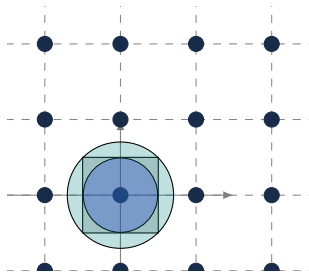
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- 3  $\sqrt[n]{\text{vol}(\mathcal{V}_Q)} = O(\sigma) \implies \text{LWE}[E, Q]$  is **not** rate  $1 - o(1/(\log q))$ .

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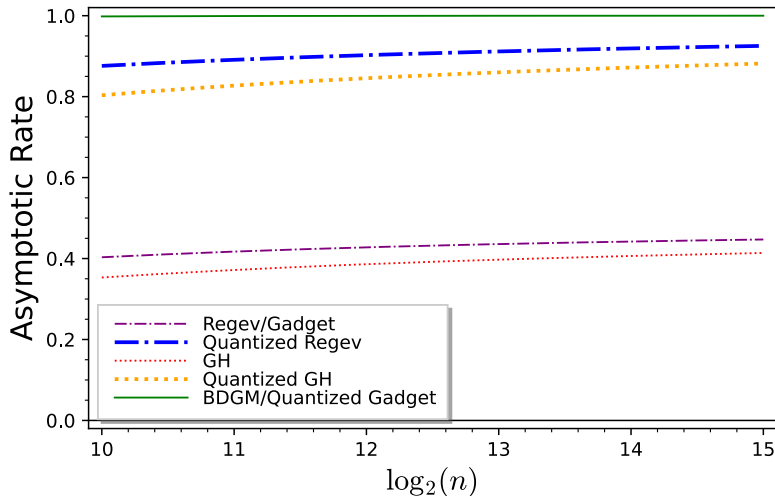
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If  $E, Q$  are  $k$ -dimensional, and  $E' = E^{\oplus(n/k)}, Q' = Q^{\oplus(n/k)}$ , then under same conditions as before  $\text{LWE}[E, Q]$  cannot have rate

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- Typically  $k = O(\log n)$ , exponentially stronger

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