## Tracing a Linear Subspace

## Application to Linearly-Homomorphic Group Signatures

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- Trivial Solution
- Improved Efficiency via Code-Based Construction


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