

Une preuve de sécurité pour le cryptosystème NTRU

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 - Similar result for NTRUSign, in the random oracle model and with a non-quantum security proof.

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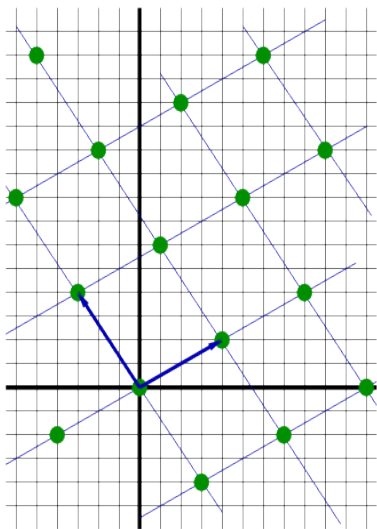
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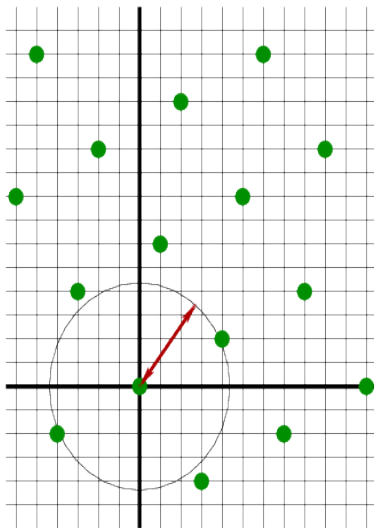
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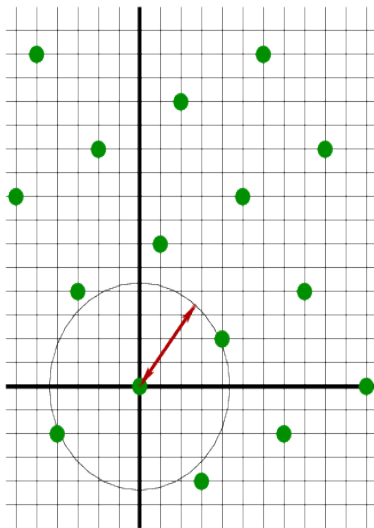
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