

Variations on the Knapsack Generator

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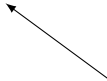


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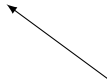
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- Stream cipher
- Reducing communication in MPC protocols.

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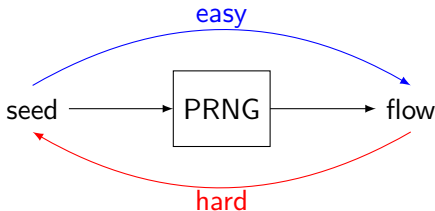
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(almost) Knapsack Problem



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What is in the knapsack ?

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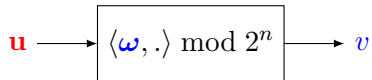
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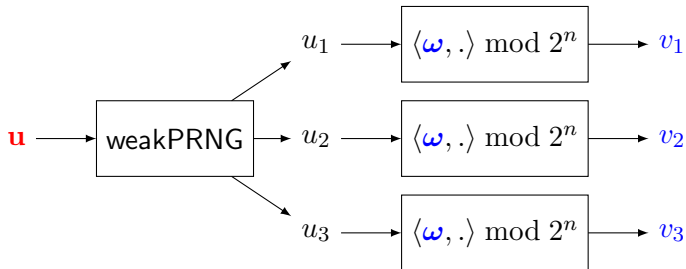
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The Subset Sum Problem is NP-hard and remain hard if we replace v by $v \bmod N$ as long as $N \simeq 2^n$.

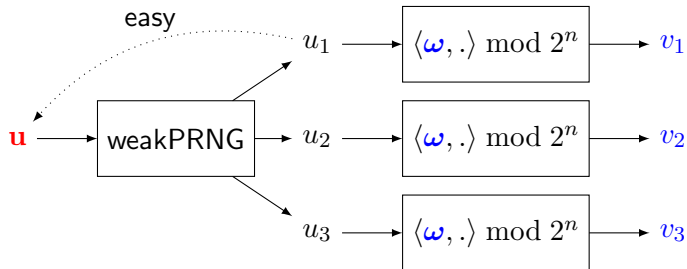
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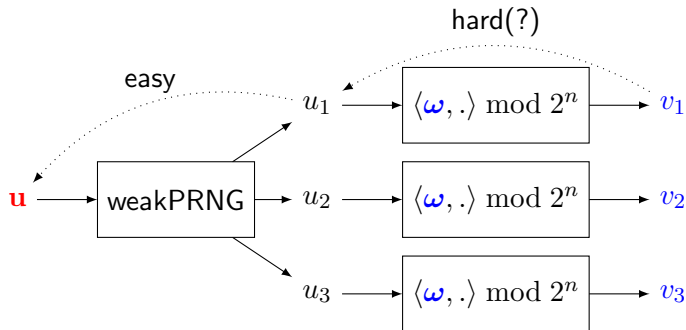
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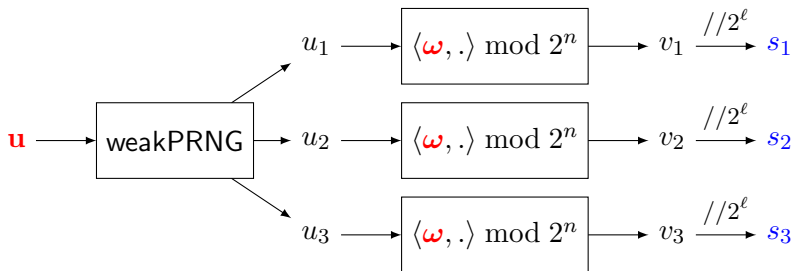
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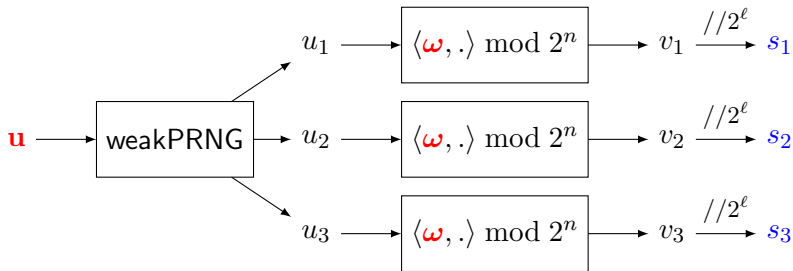


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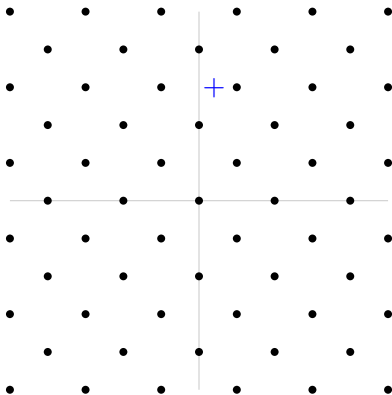
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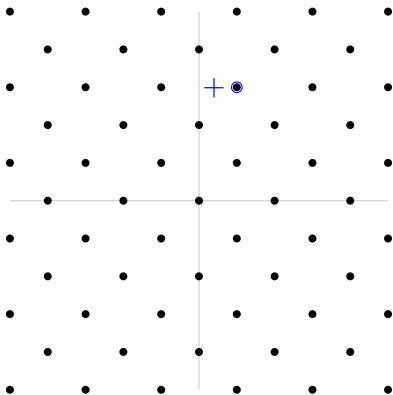
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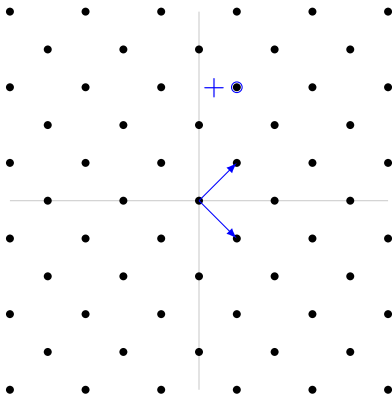
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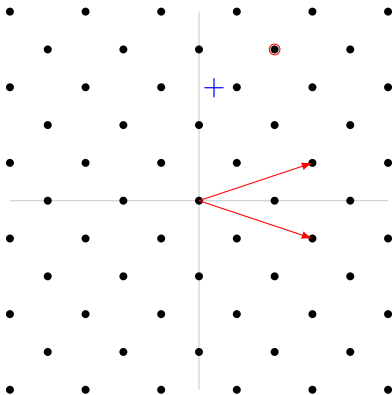
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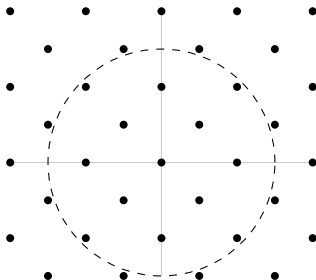
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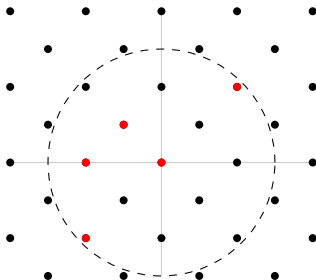
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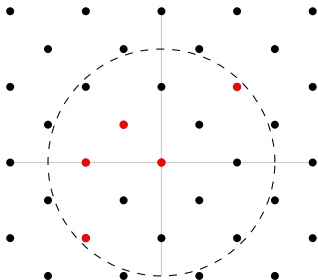
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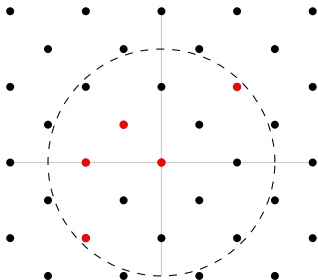
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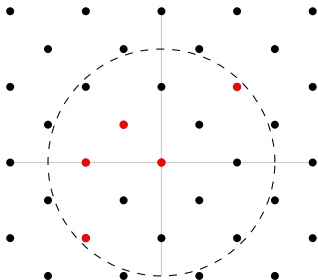
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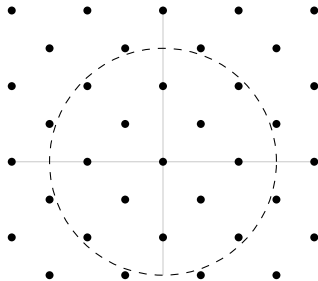


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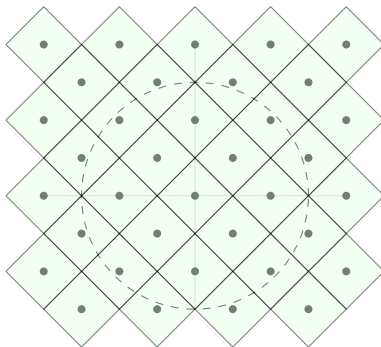
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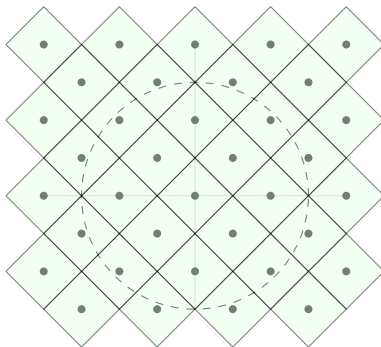
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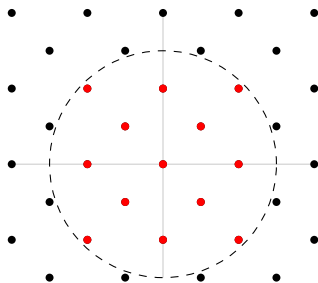
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Gaussian Heuristic : $|B_K| \simeq \text{Volume}(Ball)/\text{Volume}(\Lambda)$

In the case where $n = 32$, $m = 42$ and $\ell \leq 15$,

$$|A_K| \geq |B_K| \text{ with } K = 2^{\ell+1}$$



Thus $\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{v}'$ is a red point and $\|\boldsymbol{\omega} - \boldsymbol{\omega}'\| < K/\|U\|$.

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Figure: Quality of ω' for $n = 32$

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