

# Learning With Errors and Extrapolated Dihedral Coset Problem

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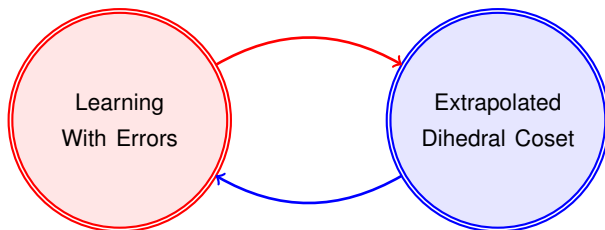
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## Main Result (Informal)

We show a (quantum) computational equivalence between Learning With Errors and an Extrapolated version of Dihedral Coset Problem.



# Learning With Errors

Learning With Errors Problem for  $n, q, m$  and  $\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}$  ( $\text{LWE}_{n, q, \alpha}^m$ )

Input:  $m \geq n$  samples of the form  $(\mathbf{a}, b) \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n \times \mathbb{Z}_q$ ,

with  $\mathbf{a} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$  and  $b = \langle \mathbf{a}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + e$ , where  $e \leftarrow \mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}$  and  $\mathbf{s} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^n$ .

Output: the secret vector  $\mathbf{s}$ .

$$\mathbf{A}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{A} \mathbf{s} + \mathbf{e}$$

$\mathcal{D}_{\mathbb{Z}, \alpha q}$

# The Dihedral Coset Problem

Dihedral Coset Problem (DCP) for  $n$ ,  $q$  and  $m$  ( $\text{DCP}_{n,q}^m$ )

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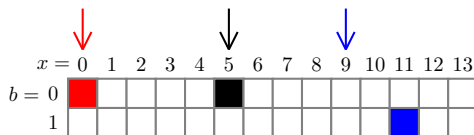
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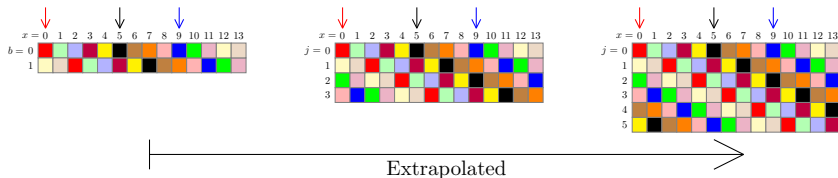
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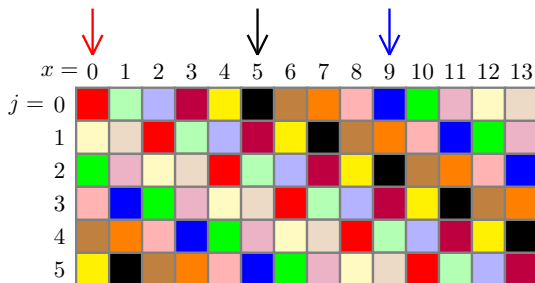
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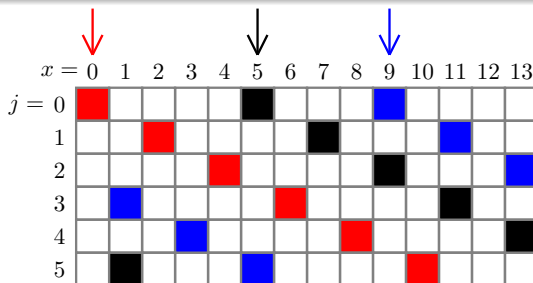
**Input:**

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} (|0, 0\rangle + |1, 2\rangle + |2, 4\rangle + |3, 6\rangle + |4, 8\rangle + |5, 10\rangle)$$

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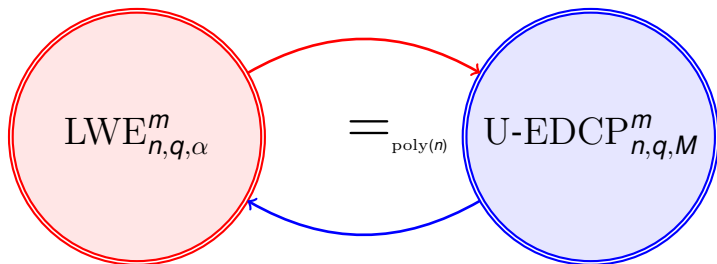
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**Output:** the secret  $s (= 2)$ .



# Main Result: equivalence between LWE and U-EDCP

- ▶ For  $m \leq \text{poly}(n)$ ,  $1/M = \alpha$ , we have



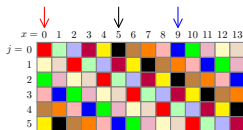
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$$A, b = A \times s + e$$

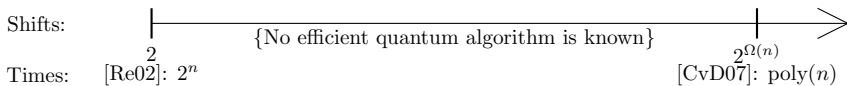
- Presumed hardness:

- ▶ Worst-case to average-case reduction [Re05] → using average-case LWE but relying on hardness of problems over worst-case lattices.
- ▶ The best known algorithm for LWE takes  $2^n$  time → conjectured hard.

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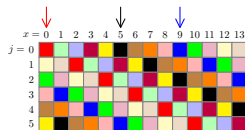
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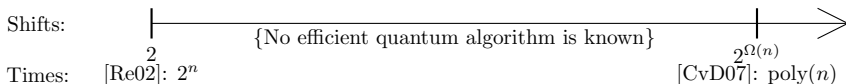
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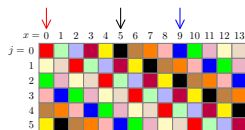


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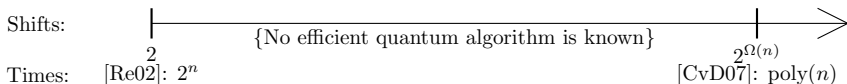
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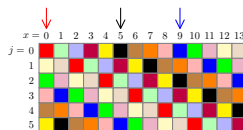
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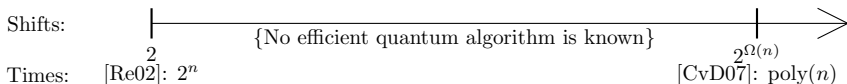
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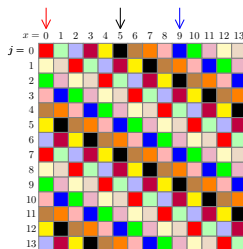
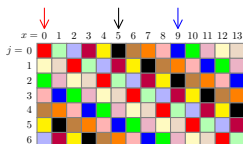
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# Why is EDCP interesting (by itself)?



- ▶ EDCP with  $M = N = 2^n$ : coset problem over the group  $\mathbb{Z}_N \times \mathbb{Z}_N$ .
- ▶ EDCP with  $M = \text{poly}(n)$  is considered in this work.
- ▶ DCP serves as the security foundation of some symmetric primitives [AR17].

# Prior works

$\text{BDD}_{n,1/\text{poly}(n)}$

$\text{DCP}_{n,2^n}^{\text{poly}(n)}$

SubsetSum

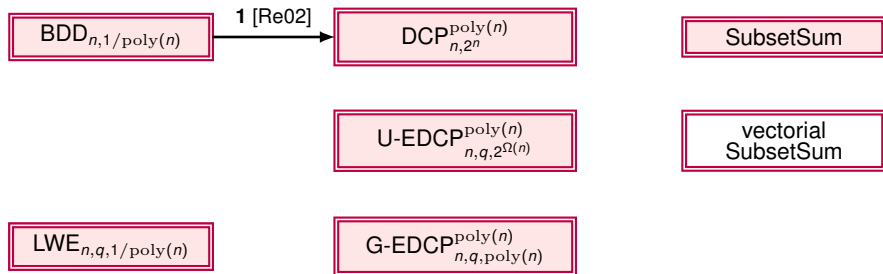
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vectorial  
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$\text{LWE}_{n,q,1/\text{poly}(n)}$

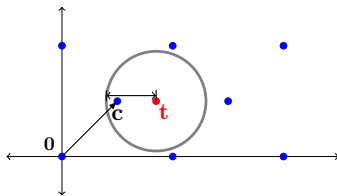
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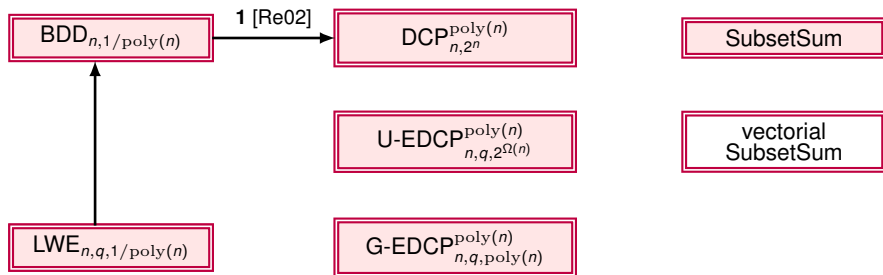


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Bounded Distance Decoding:

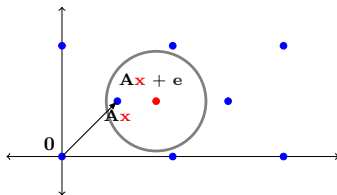


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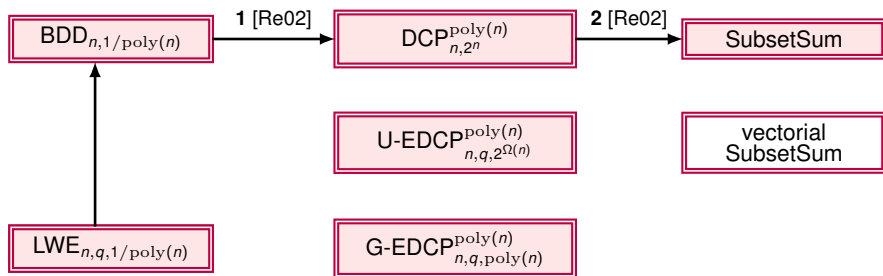


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LWE = average-case BDD

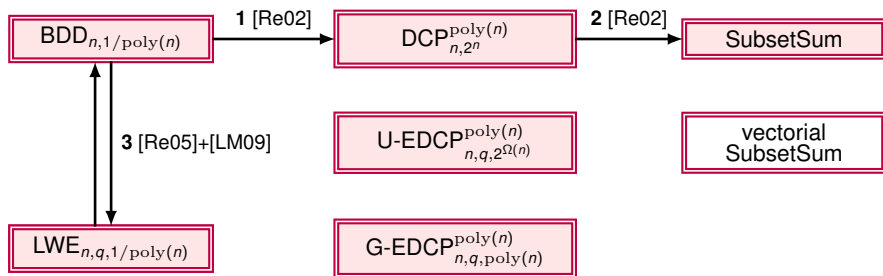


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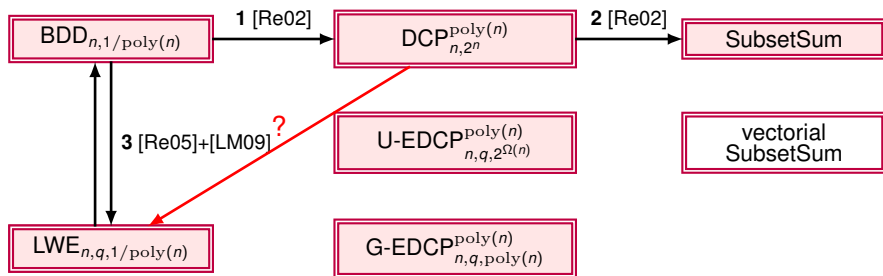
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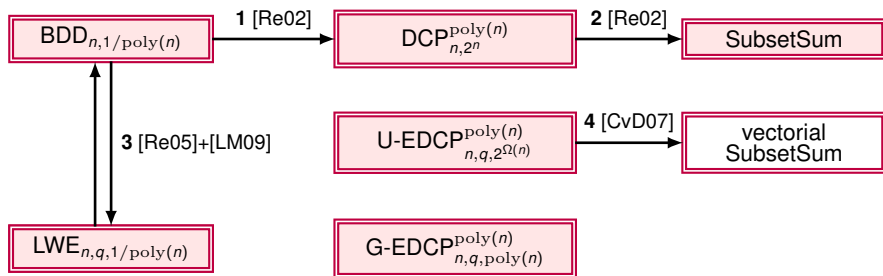


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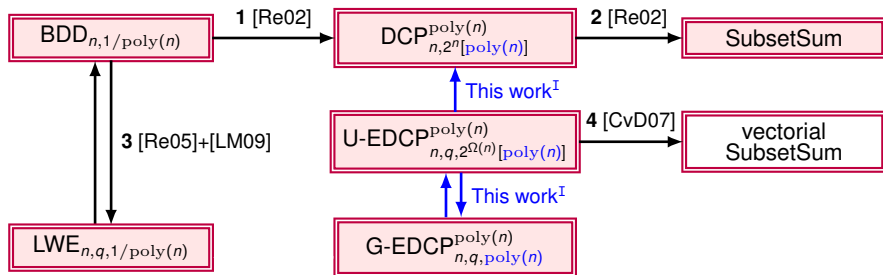
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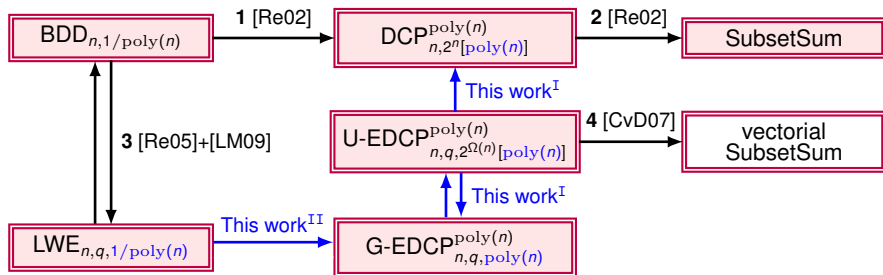
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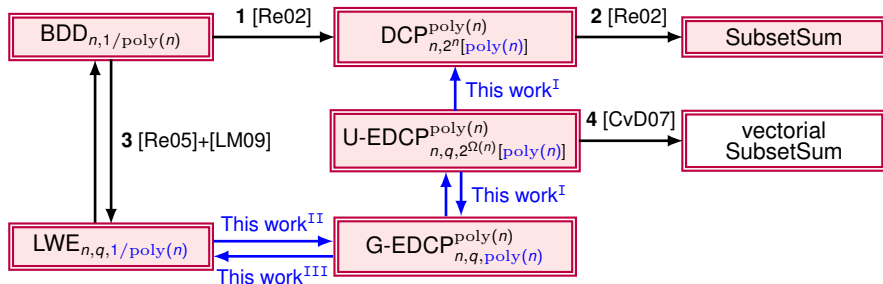
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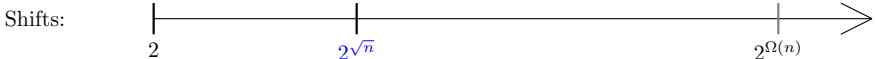
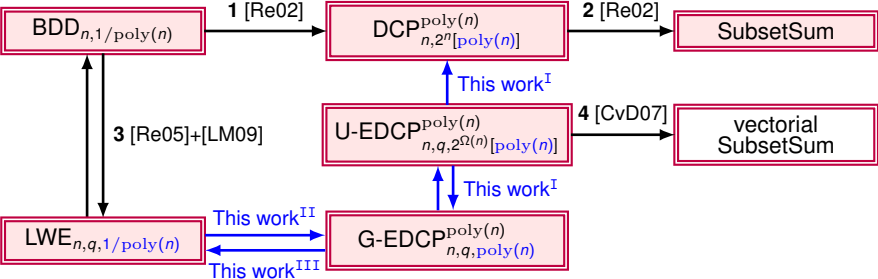
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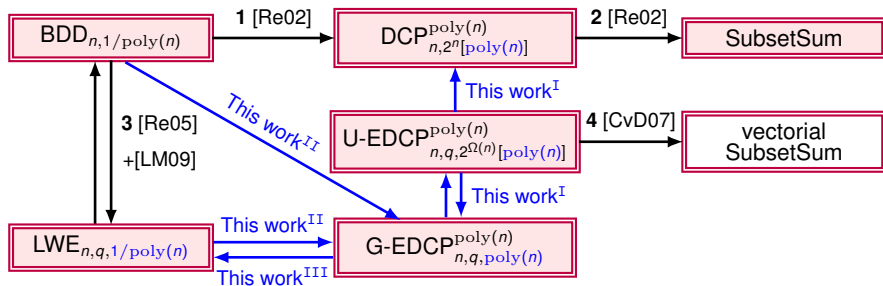
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Times: [Re02]:  $2^n$           This work<sup>III</sup>:  $\text{poly}(n)$           [CvD07]:  $\text{poly}(n)$

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An alternative worst-to-average case reduction:

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- ▶ Contribution: come up with EDCP such that converse reduction also works.

- ▶ Quantum Fourier transform:

$$\left[ \omega_q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{q}} \right]$$

$$\mathcal{F}_q^n : |\mathbf{x}\rangle \mapsto \frac{1}{\sqrt{q}} \sum_{\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n} \omega_q^{\langle \mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y} \rangle} |\mathbf{y}\rangle.$$

- ▶ Poisson summation formula:

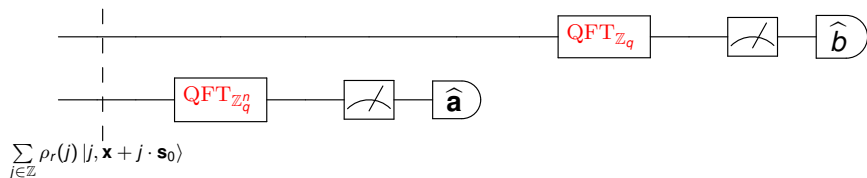
$$\left[ \rho_r(x) = e^{-\pi \frac{x^2}{r^2}} \right]$$

$$\sum_{x \in \mathbb{Z}} \rho_r(x + u) = r \cdot \sum_{x^* \in \mathbb{Z}} e^{2\pi i(x^* \cdot u)} \rho_{1/r}(x^*)$$

holds for any  $u \in \mathbb{R}$ .



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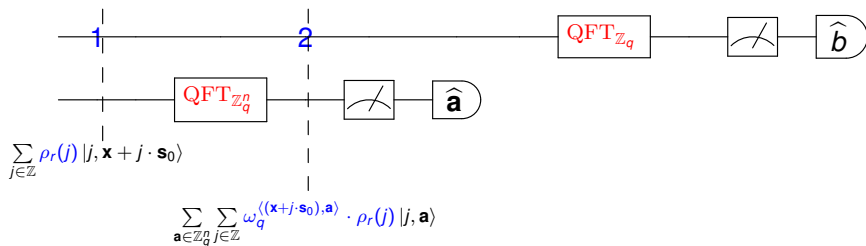
- ▶ Input an EDCP state:

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- ⇒ Output an LWE sample:

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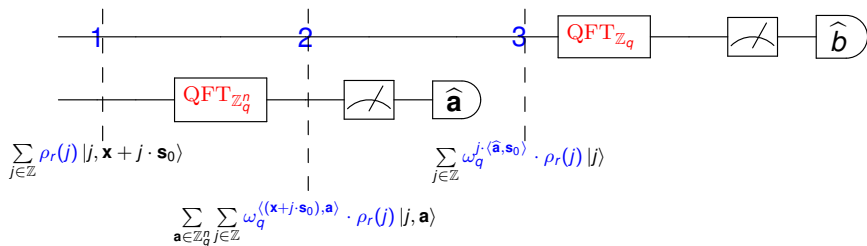
1. EDCP input state:

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2. Quantum Fourier Transform on the second register:

$$\sum_{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}_q^n} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega_q^{\langle (\mathbf{x} + j \cdot \mathbf{s}_0), \mathbf{a} \rangle} \cdot \rho_r(j) |j, \mathbf{a}\rangle.$$

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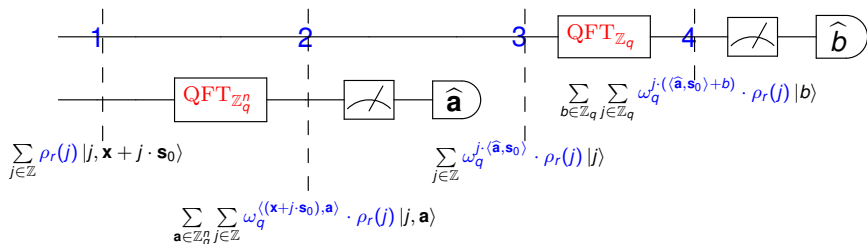
2. Result after Quantum Fourier Transform on the second register:

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3. Measure the second register: [omitting global phase:  $\omega_q^{\langle \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{a}} \rangle}$ ]

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega_q^{j \cdot \langle \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle} \cdot \rho_r(j) |j\rangle |\hat{\mathbf{a}}\rangle.$$

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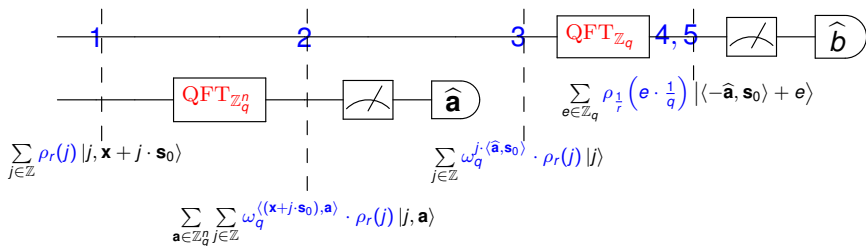
3. Result after measuring the second register: [omitting global phase:  $\omega_q^{\langle \mathbf{x}, \hat{\mathbf{a}} \rangle}$ ]

$$\sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \omega_q^{j \cdot \langle \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle} \cdot \rho_r(j) |j, \hat{\mathbf{a}}\rangle.$$

4. Quantum Fourier Transform on the first register:

$$\sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}_q} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}_q} \omega_q^{j \cdot \langle \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle + b} \cdot \rho_r(j) |b\rangle.$$

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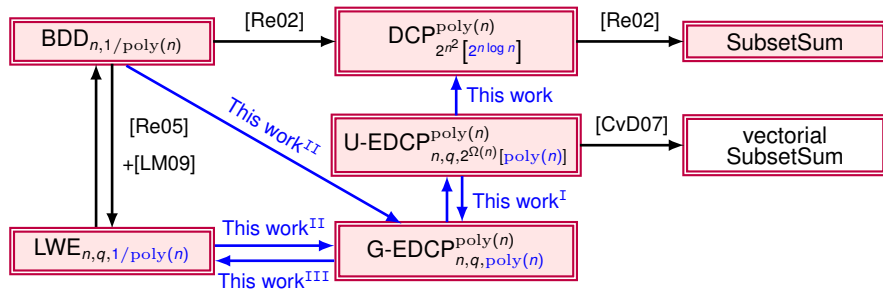
5. Use Poisson summation formula to reorganize:

$$\left[ \omega_q = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{q}} \right]$$

$$\sum_{b \in \mathbb{Z}_q} \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}} \rho_{1/r} \left( j + (\langle \hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle + b) \cdot \frac{1}{q} \right) |b\rangle \approx \sum_{e \in \mathbb{Z}} \rho_{1/r} \left( e \cdot \frac{1}{q} \right) | \langle -\hat{\mathbf{a}}, \mathbf{s}_0 \rangle + e \bmod q \rangle.$$

# Open questions

- ▶ The Gaussian distribution is heavily used in current reduction.



- Problem 1. Use other distributions to get \*new\* hardness for LWE variants.

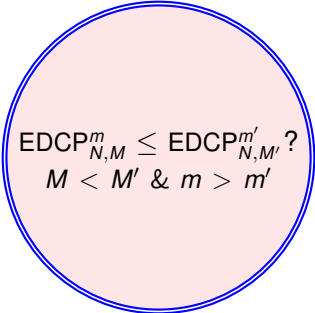
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- ▶ Hardness of EDCP varies with both shifts and samples number.
  - ▶ EDCP with more samples number  $m$ :  $2^{O\left(\frac{\log N}{\log m} + \log m\right)}$  by Kuperberg's algorithm [Ku05].
  - ▶ EDCP with more shifts number  $M$ :  $2^{O\left(\frac{\log N}{(\log M)^2}\right)}$  by reducing to LWE.


$$\text{EDCP}_{N,M}^m \leq \text{EDCP}_{N,M'}^{m'} ?$$
$$M < M' \ \& \ m > m'$$

- Problem 2. Trade samples for shifts? Is  $\text{DCP} \leq \text{EDCP}$ ?