

Lattice-Based Zero-Knowledge Proofs (II)

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So far...

Lattice-based cryptography

$$As = u$$

Denote
 $S_\beta := \{x \in R_q : \|x\| \leq \beta\}$

Vector s has polynomials with *small* coefficients
e.g. $\{-1,0,1\}$

Equation over ring R_q

Approximate [Lyu09,Lyu12]:

- We only prove that we know short s and short c such that $As = cu$.
- This is enough for identification schemes and signatures like CRYSTALS-Dilithium.
- Small proof sizes ($\approx 3KB$).

But we wanted more!

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Let us prove knowledge of such s !

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Exact:

- We prove exactly that s is within specified range and $As = u \pmod{q}$.
- This is crucial for building more advanced privacy-preserving primitives, e.g. verifiable encryption.
- Much bigger proof sizes.

The main focus of this talk:

$$As = u \pmod{q} \text{ and } s \in \{0,1\}^m$$

Later on:

- Quiz
- Applications
- Obtaining succinct proofs

Equation
over ring \mathbb{Z}_q

Overview

$$As = u \pmod{q}$$

$$s \in \{0,1\}^m$$

Lemma: Let $s \in \mathbb{Z}^m$. Then, $s \in \{0,1\}^m$ if and only if $\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0$.

Proof: Suppose $\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0$. This means that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m s_i(s_i - 1) = 0.$$

However, since each s_i is an integer, we have

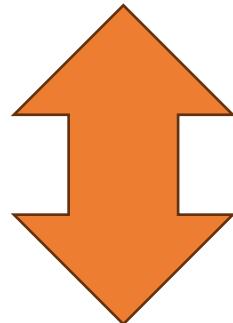
$$s_i(s_i - 1) \geq 0$$

Hence, the sum is equal to zero if each of the inequalities is an equality, i.e. $s_i \in \{0,1\}$.

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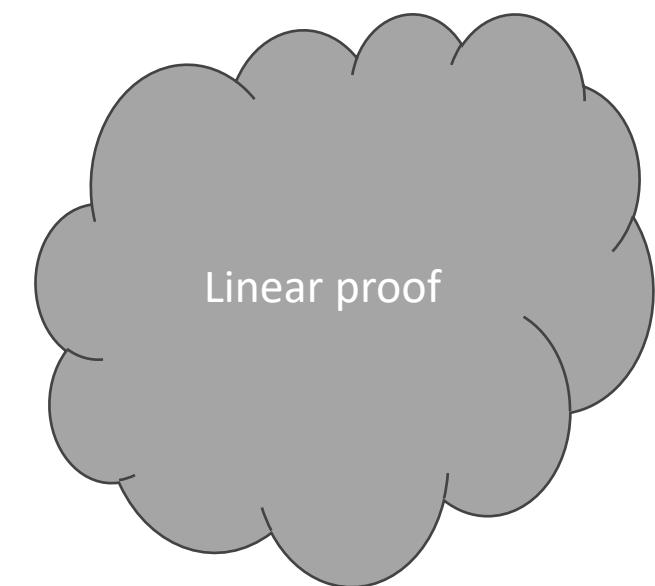
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and

$$||s|| \ll q$$

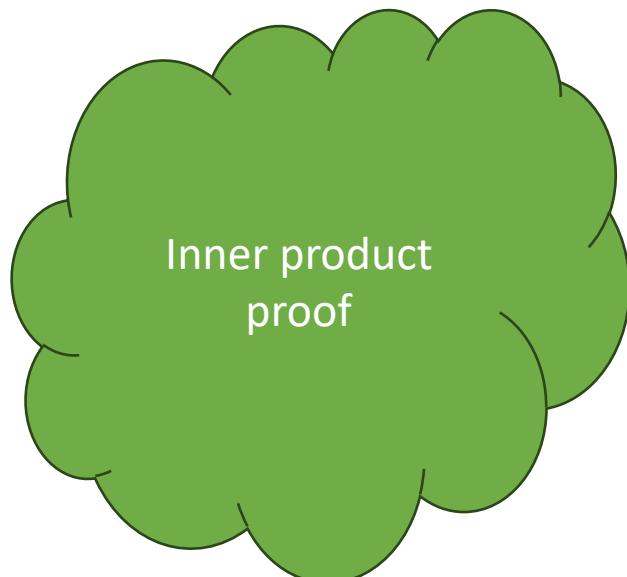
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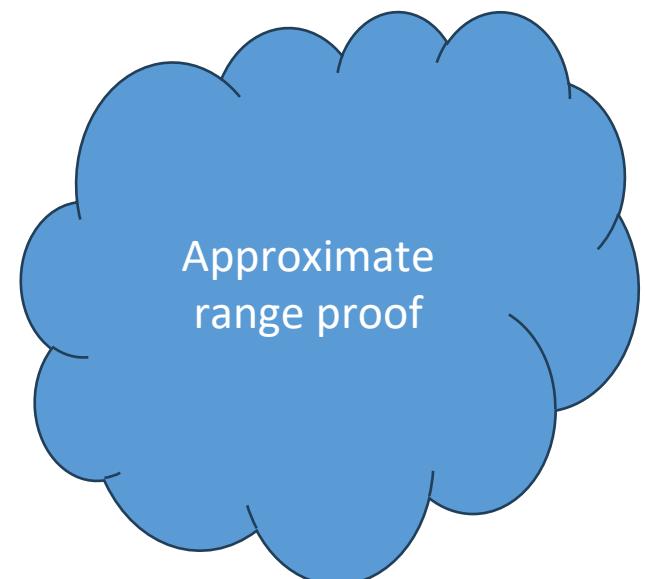
Linear proof

$$\langle s, s - 1 \rangle = 0 \pmod{q}$$



Inner product
proof

$$||s|| < q$$



Approximate
range proof

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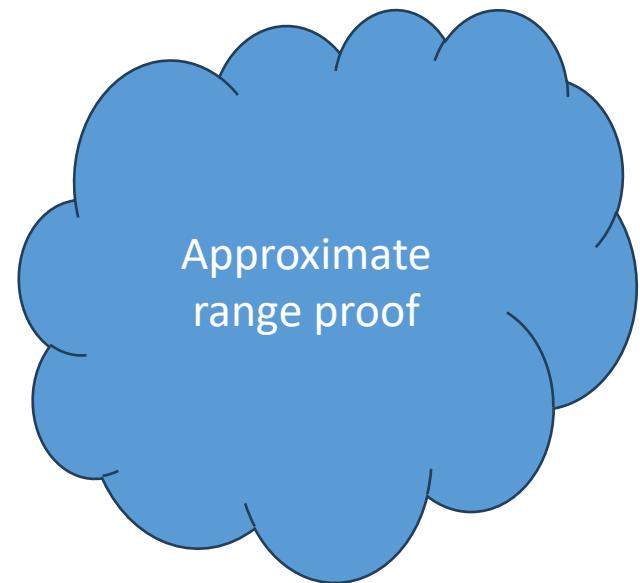
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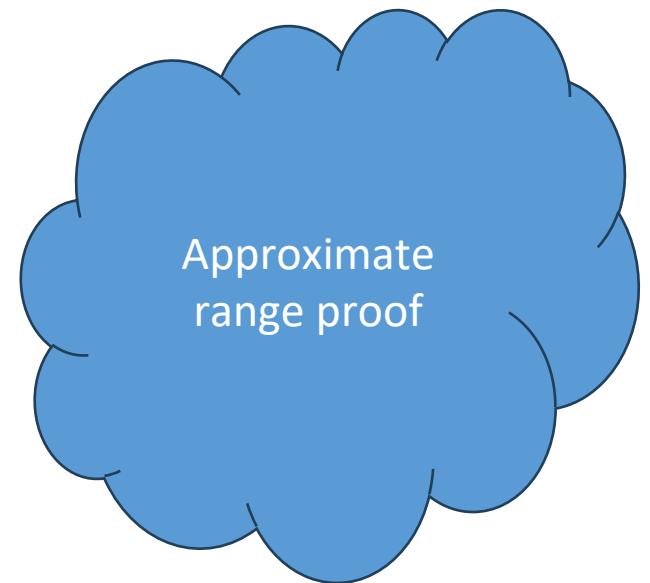
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Overview + ZK

- If I take a random short vector b , add a short mask y then clearly
$$y + \langle b, s \rangle$$
is short.
- But if I am given a large vector s and y , then what's the probability that
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$$\|s\| < q$$



Approximate range proof lemma

$$\|s\| < q$$

Lemma:

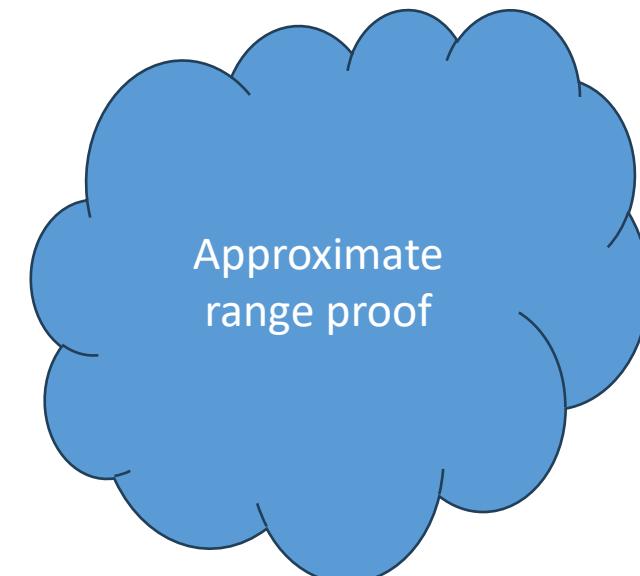
$$\Pr_{\mathbf{b} \leftarrow \{0,1\}^m} [|\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + y| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot \|s\|] \leq 1/2.$$

Proof: Let $s_i = \|s\|$ for some i .

Then, we can write $\langle \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{s} \rangle + y = b_i s_i + r$.

By the triangle inequality, at least one of $\{r, s_i + r\}$ has to have norm at least $\frac{1}{2} \cdot \|s\|$.

The probability of hitting that value is at least $1/2$.



Approximate range proof

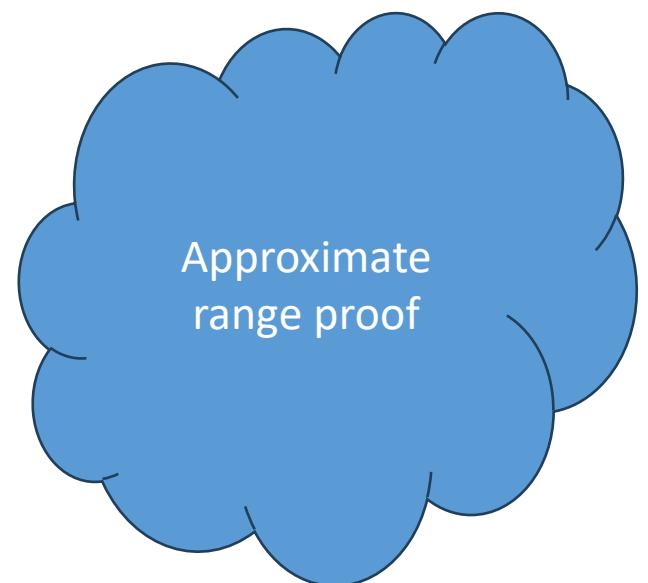
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Lemma:

$$\Pr_{B \leftarrow \{0,1\}^{\lambda \times m}} [||Bs + y|| < \frac{1}{2} \cdot ||s||] \leq 1/2^\lambda.$$

Proof: By amplification.

$$||s|| < q$$



Intuition



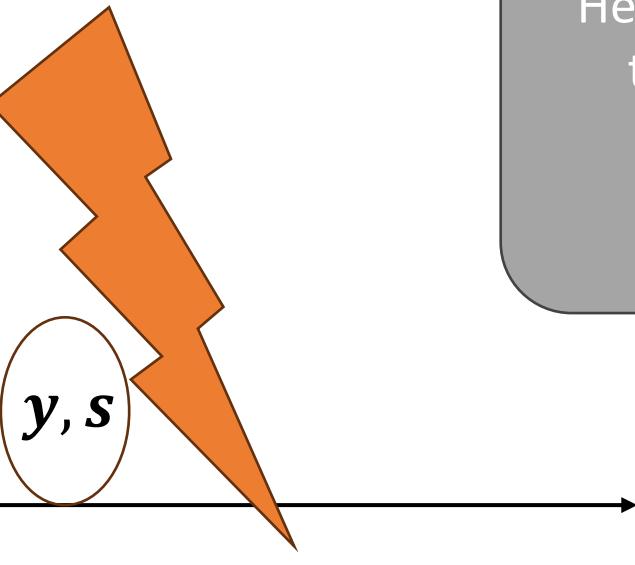
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Check $\|z\| \leq \alpha - m$
 $z = y + Bs$

Hence, the verifier is convinced
that $\|s\| \leq 2\|y + Bs\| \leq$
 $2(\alpha - m)$
(with high probability).

Commitments



Message m

$$t = \text{Com}(m; r)$$



Binding:

It's hard to find two different openings (m, r) and (m', r') such that $\text{Com}(m; r) = \text{Com}(m'; r')$.

Hiding:

The adversary can't learn any information about (m, r) from t

Attempt 2



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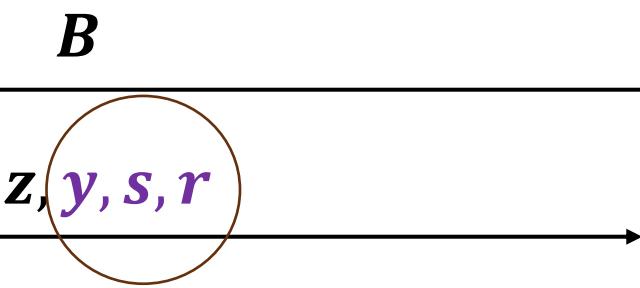
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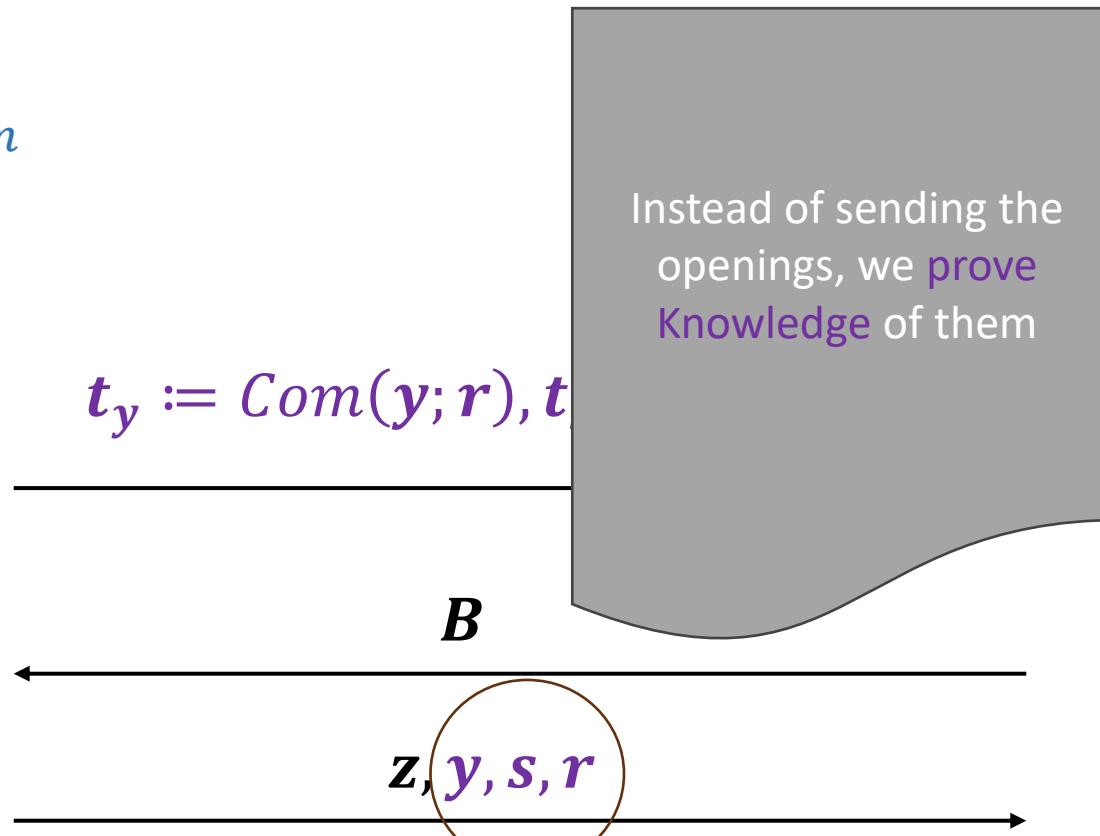
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Instead of sending the openings, we **prove** Knowledge of them



Approximate range proof



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Prove knowledge
of $\mathbf{y}, \mathbf{s}, \mathbf{r}$ s.t.

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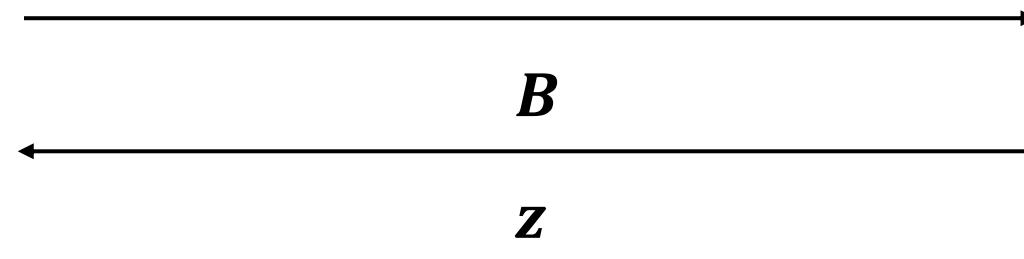
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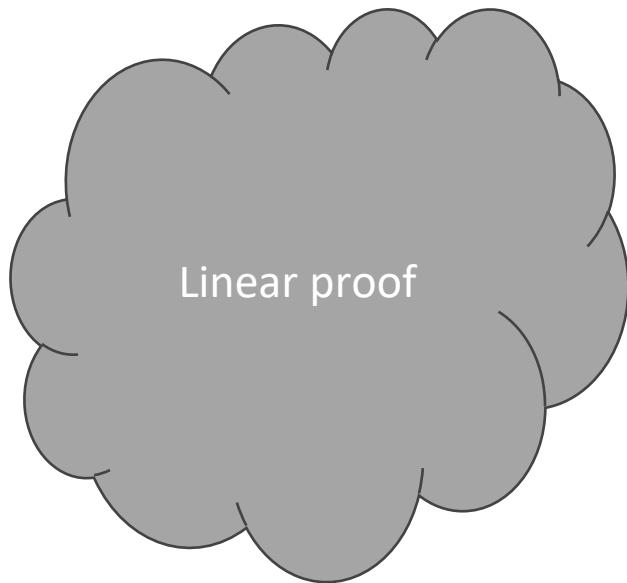
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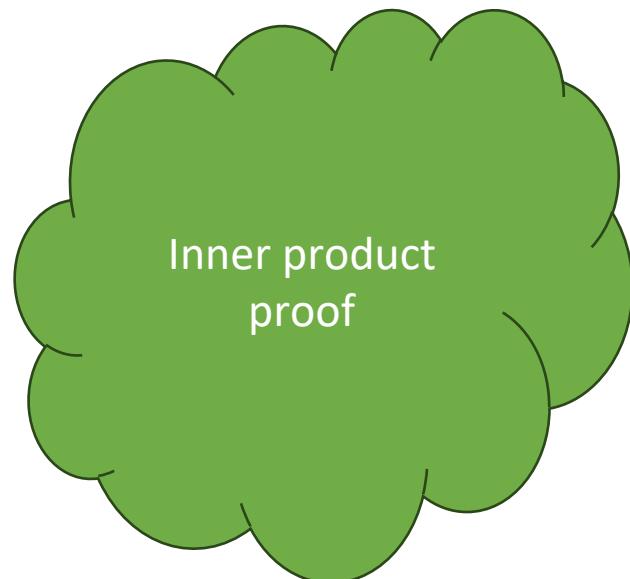


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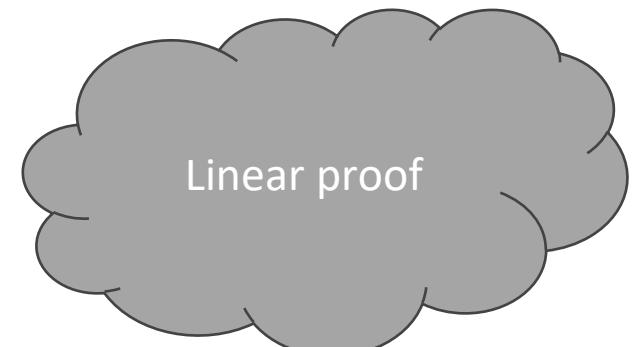
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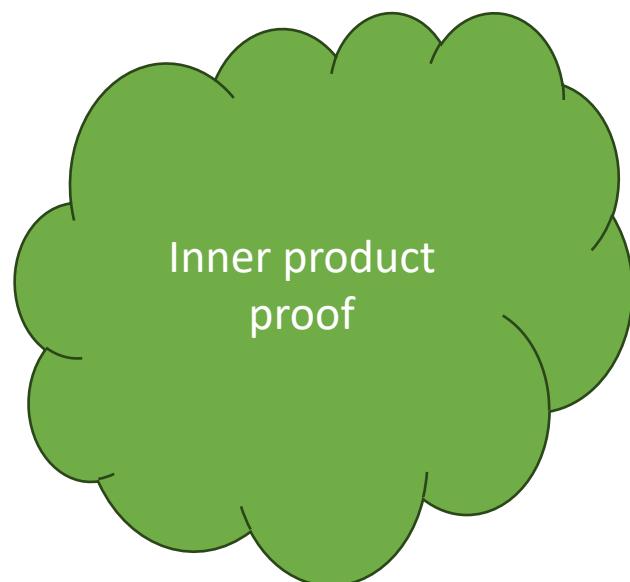


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Next step: inner products over \mathbb{Z}_q

- We want to prove inner products (either between two committed messages, or between one secret and one public vector)
- Working natively over integers will result with bad soundness error (see previous lecture)
- We need to translate the inner products into relations over the polynomial ring R_q

Setup

- Consider the standard polynomial ring $R_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(X^d + 1)$ where d is a power-of-two.
- For $i \in \mathbb{Z}_{2d}^\times$, let us denote $\sigma_i: R_q \mapsto R_q$ to be the automorphism defined by $\sigma_i(X) = X^i$.
- Let $\sigma := \sigma_{-1}$. Seems irrelevant now but it will be useful later!
- For $x \in R_q$, we denote $ct(x) = x_0$ its constant coefficient/term.

The key ingredient

Lemma: Let $u := \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i$ and $v := \sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^i$ be ring elements in R_q . Then, the constant coefficient of the polynomial $u\sigma_{-1}(v) \in R_q$ is $\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i v_i$.

Proof: By definition,

$$u\sigma_{-1}(v) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i \right) \sigma \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^i \right) = \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} u_i X^i \right) \left(\sum_{i=0}^{d-1} v_i X^{-i} \right) = \sum_{i,j} u_i v_j X^{i-j}.$$

Therefore, the constant term is indeed $u_0 v_0 + u_1 v_1 + \dots + u_{d-1} v_{d-1}$.

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Back to overview

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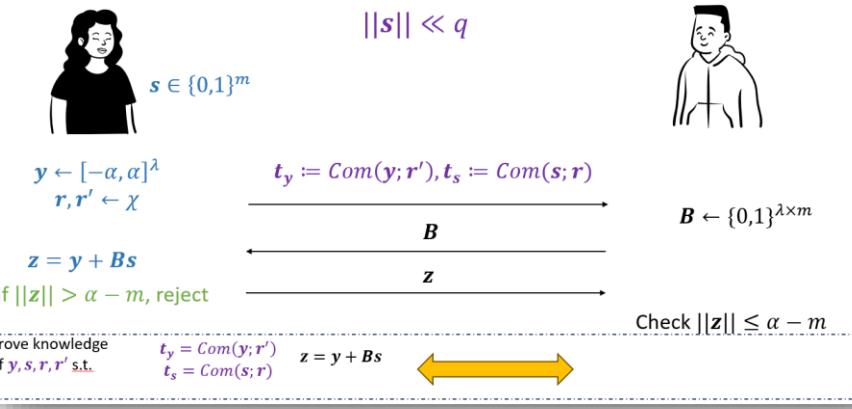
A large, solid orange arrow pointing downwards, indicating a flow or direction.

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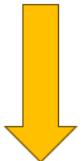


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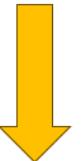
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But what happens if for some $i, ct(f_i(s, y)) \neq 0$?

Then, with prob. $\frac{1}{q}$, we have $ct(\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_i \cdot f_i(s, y)) = 0$. Repeat L times.

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- Sample and commit to random polynomials $g_1, \dots, g_L \leftarrow \{x \in R_q : ct(x) = 0\}$.
- Given challenges $\mu_{j,1}, \dots, \mu_{j,k}$ for $j = 1, \dots, L$, compute

$$h_j := g_j + \sum_{i=1}^k \mu_{j,i} \cdot f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})$$

Hence, $ct(h_j) = 0$ and h_j hides info about other coeffs of $\sum_{i=1}^k \mu_{j,i} \cdot f_i(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y})$

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\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}



$$g_1, \dots, g_L \leftarrow \{x \in R_q : \text{ct}(x) = 0\}$$

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$$(\mu_{j,i})_{j,i}$$

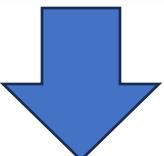
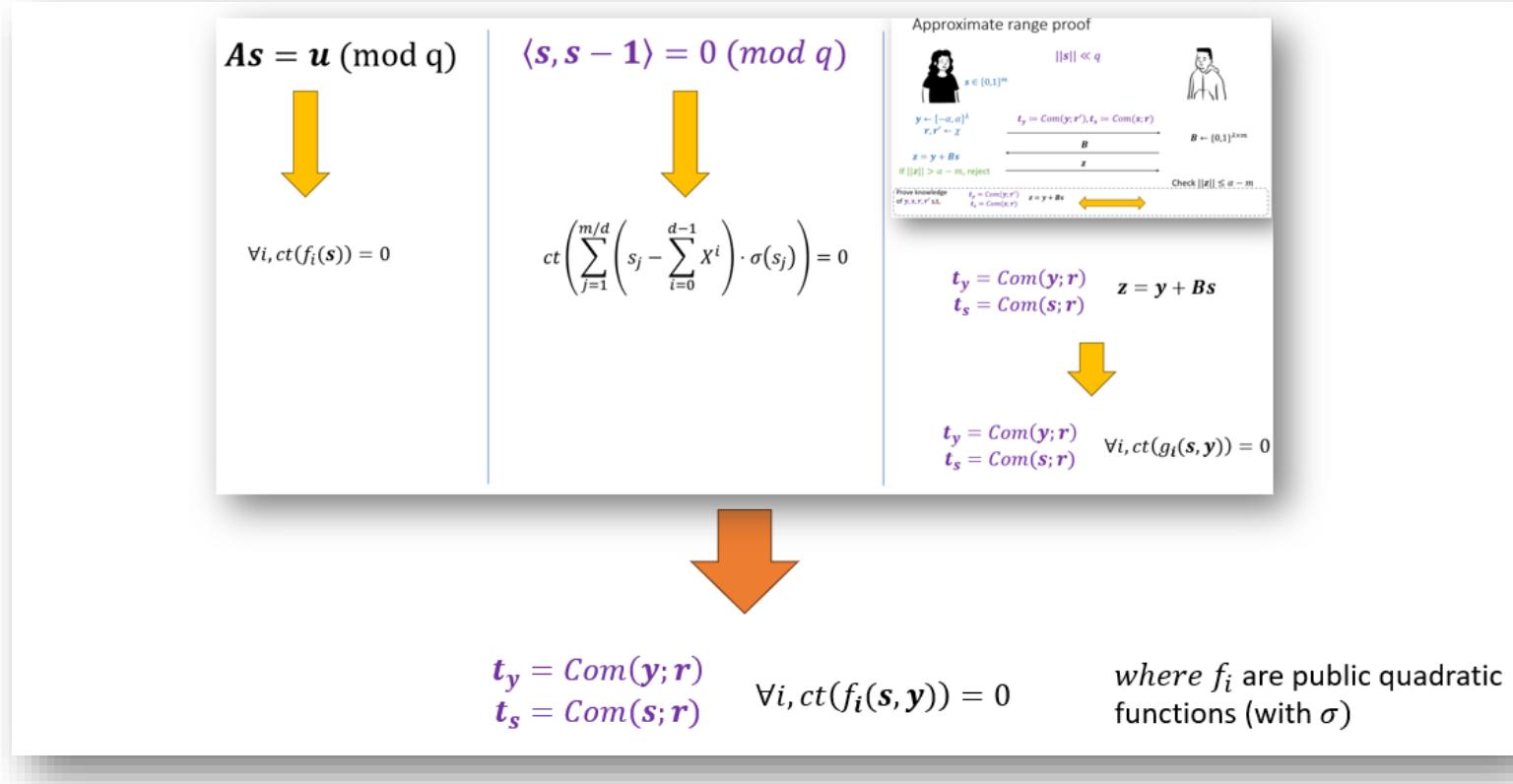
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$$(\mu_{j,i})_{j,i} \leftarrow \mathbb{Z}_q^{L \times k}$$

$$\text{Check } \forall j, \text{ct}(h_j) = 0$$

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In other words

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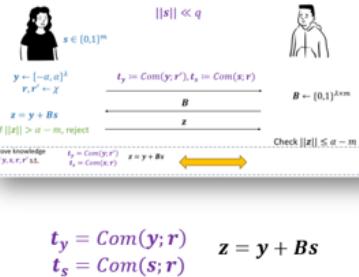
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Public quadratic function (with σ)



Simple exercise

- *Discuss with your neighbour (2 minutes):*

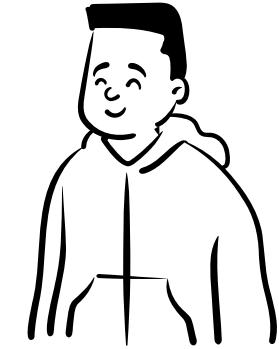
How to reduce proving multiple quadratic equations $\forall j, P_j(s, y, g) = 0$ into one $P(s, y, g) = 0$?

Simple amortisation

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{t}_y &= \text{Com}(\mathbf{y}; \mathbf{r}) \\ \mathbf{t}_s &= \text{Com}(\mathbf{s}; \mathbf{r}) \quad \forall j, P_j(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = 0 \\ \mathbf{t}_g &\coloneqq \text{Com}(\mathbf{g}; \mathbf{r}) \end{aligned}$$



\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}



η_1, \dots, η_L

$\eta_i \leftarrow R_q^L$

Prove that:

$$\sum_{j=1}^L \eta_j \cdot P_j(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = 0$$

Soundness analysis

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- Hence the probability that $\eta_j \cdot P_j(\mathbf{s}, \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{g}) = x$ is at most $q^{-d/2}$.

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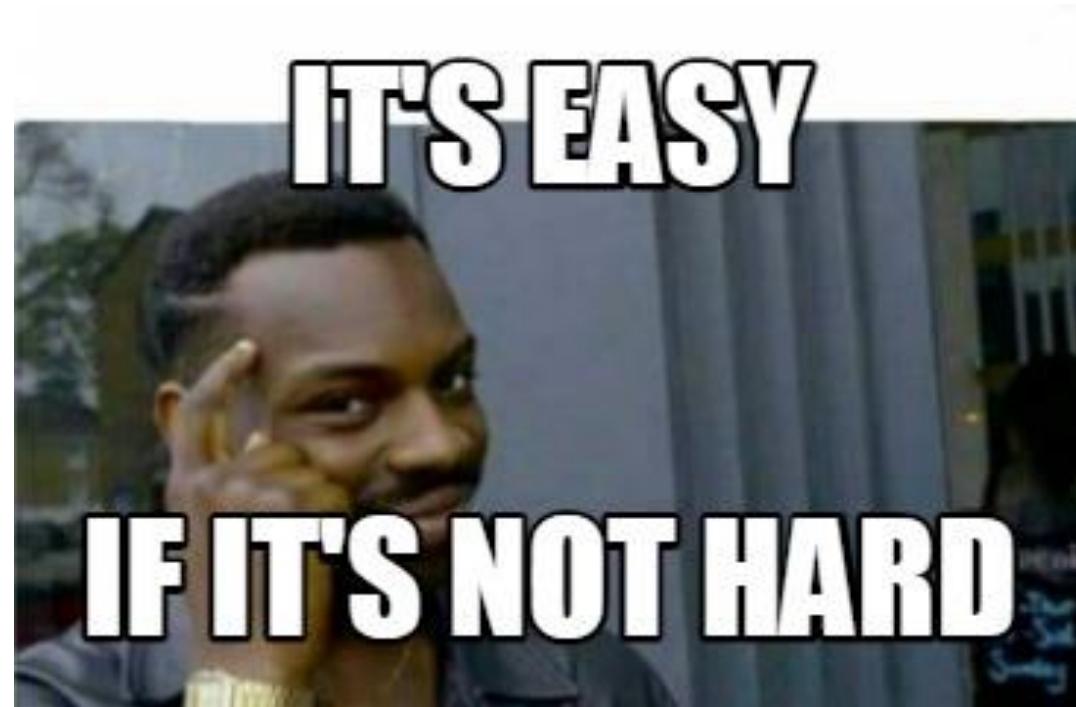
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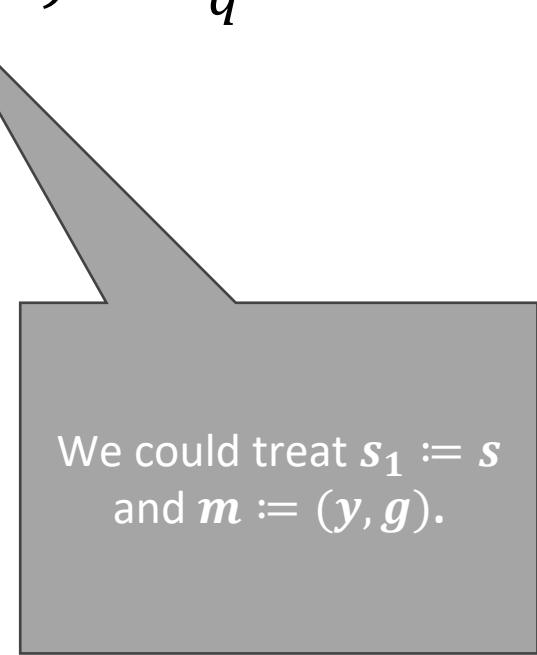
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I can only do handwaving thus far



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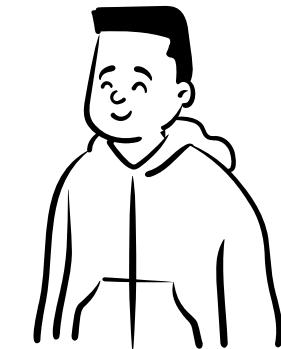


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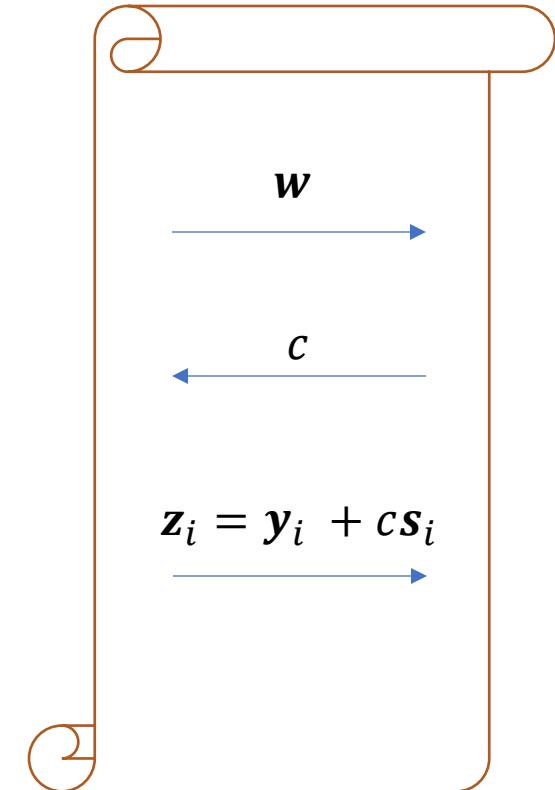
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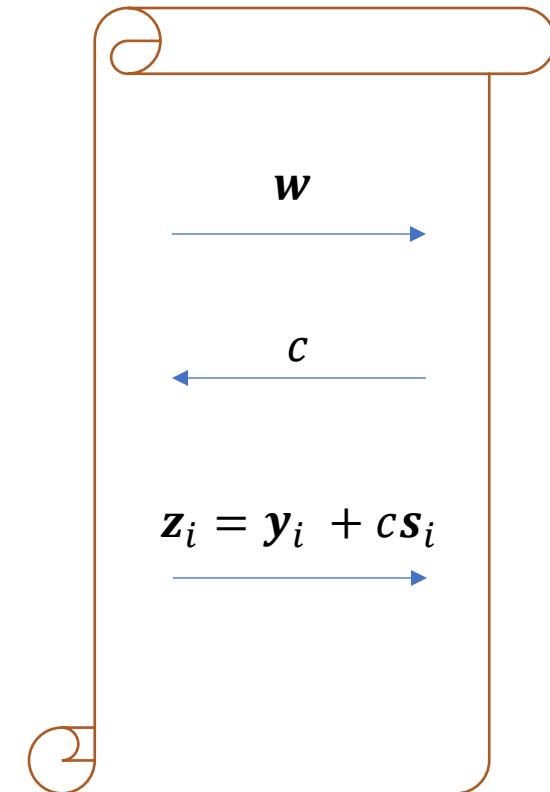
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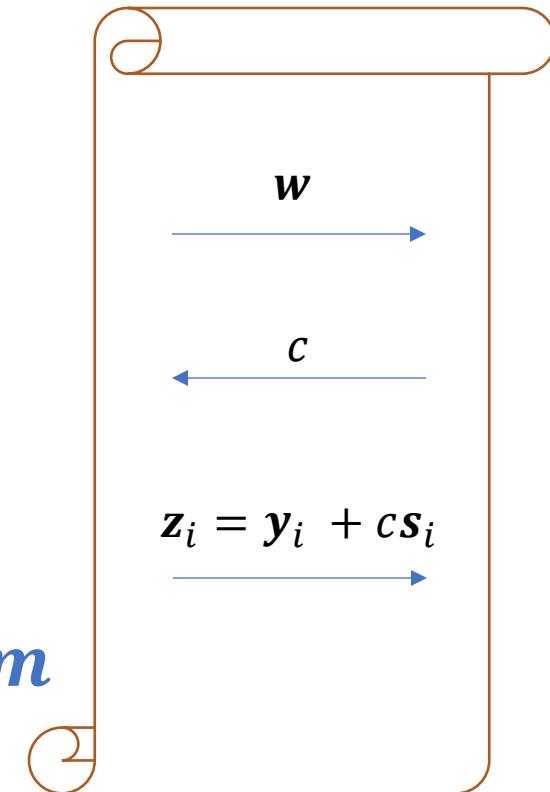
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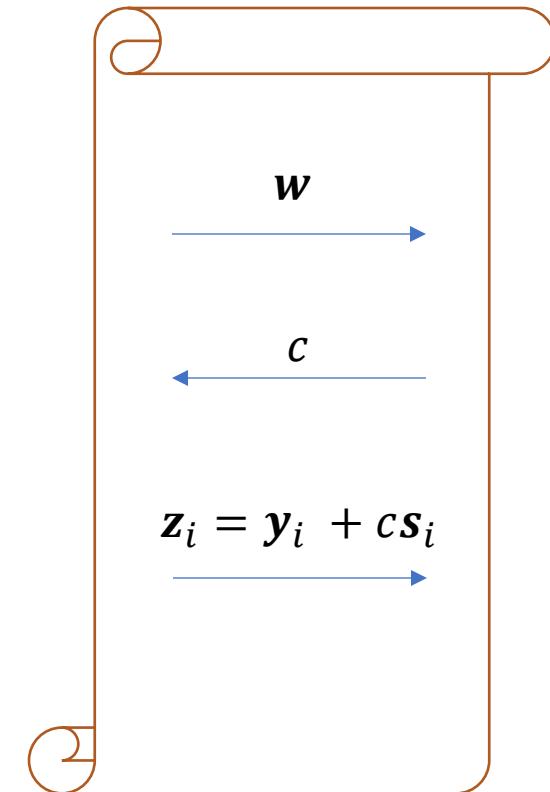
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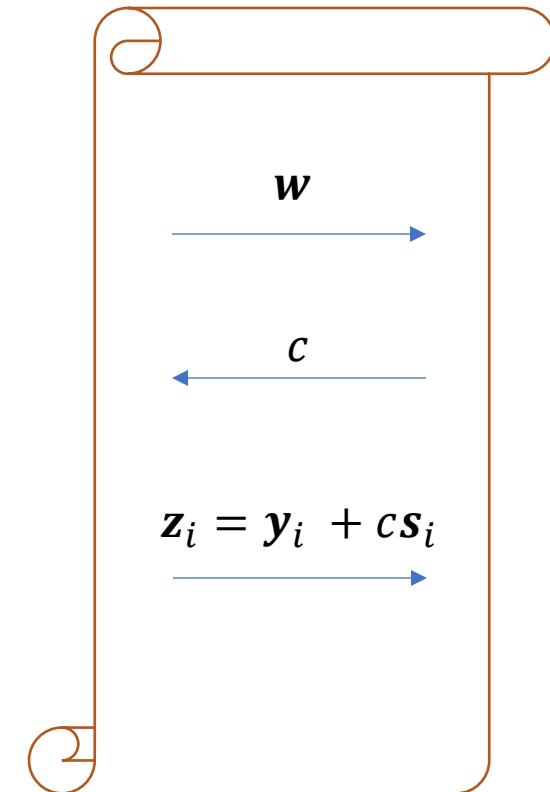
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Appending the ABDLOP commitment

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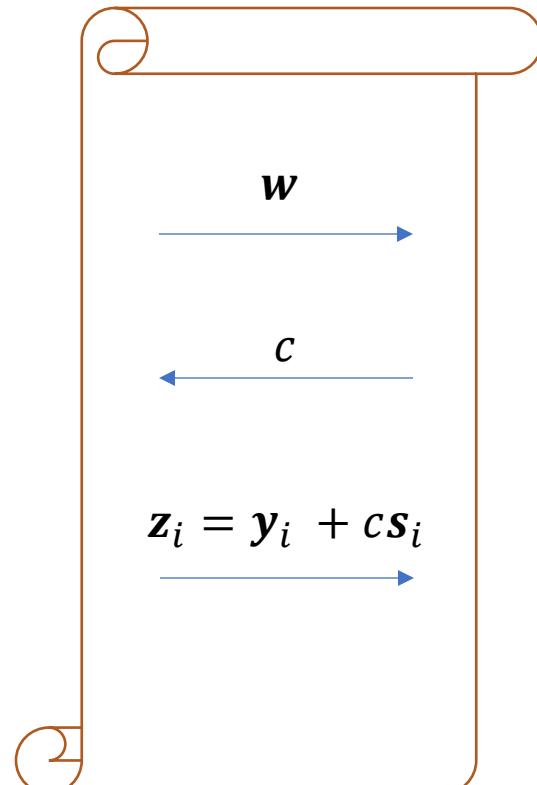
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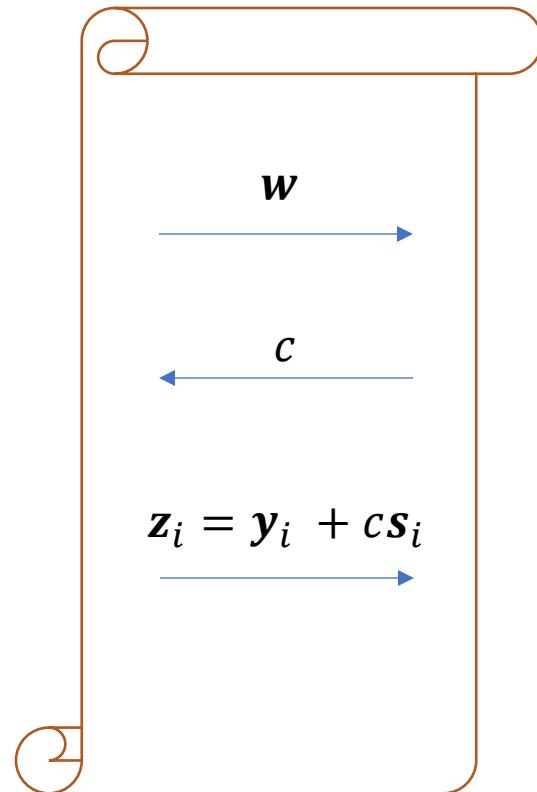
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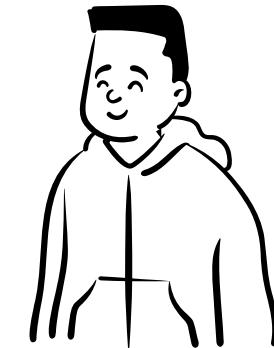
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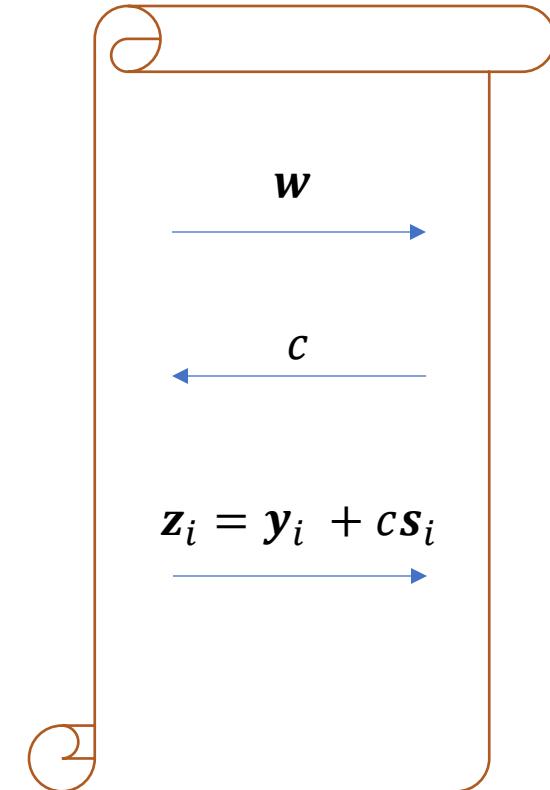
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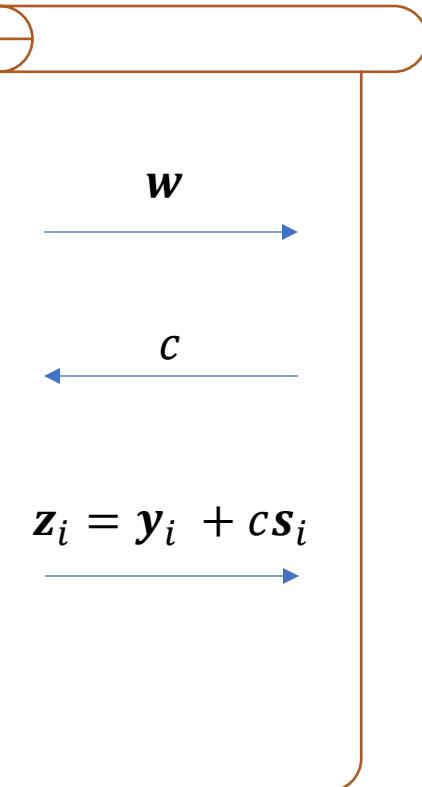
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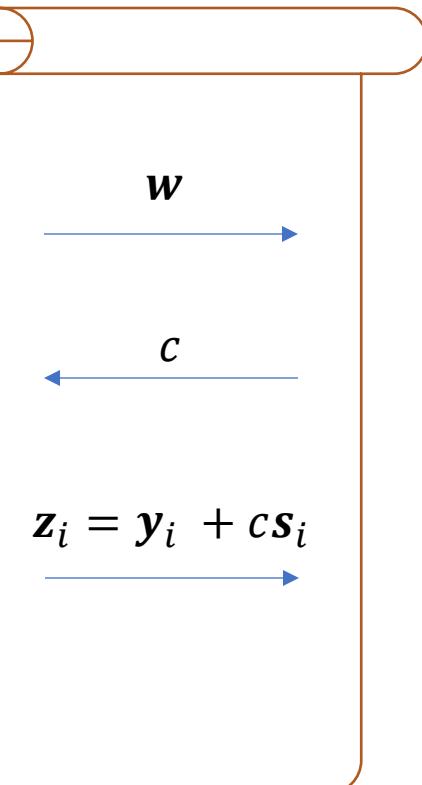
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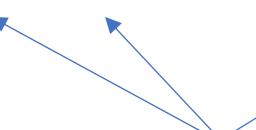
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- Approximate range proof makes sure that $||s|| \ll q$, and we are done.

Which d to pick - tradeoff

- We want d to be large enough, so that the challenge space is exponential-size
- We want d to be as small as possible, since sending ring elements will be costly

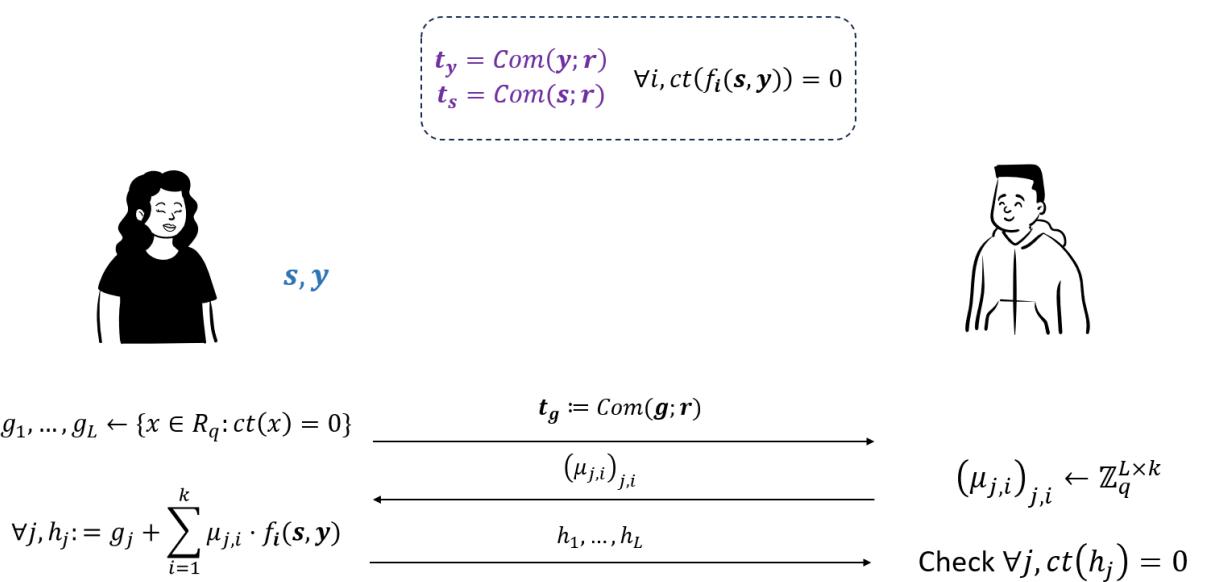
Challenge space

- We need exponentially large challenge space C .
- We want $\sigma(c) = c$ for any $c \in C$.
- We want the difference of any distinct $c, c' \in C$ to be invertible over R_q .

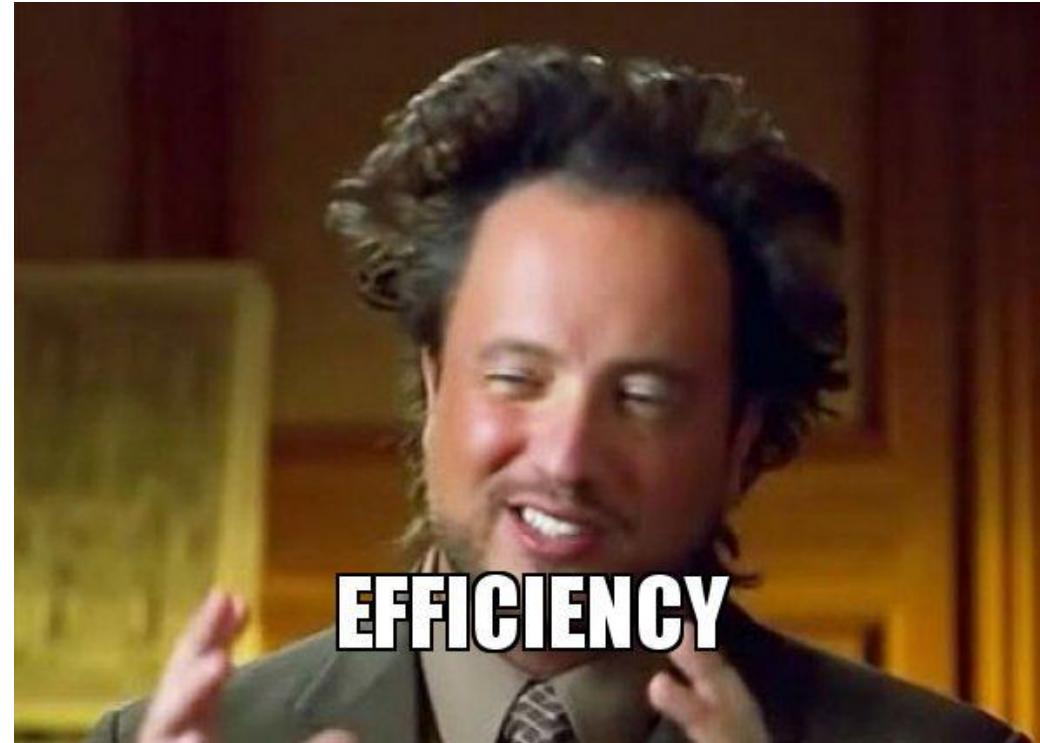
Let us pick:

$$C = \{c_0 + c_1 X + \dots + c_{\frac{d}{2}-1} X^{\frac{d}{2}-1} - c_{\frac{d}{2}-1} X^{\frac{d}{2}+1} - \dots - c_1 X^{d-1} : c_i \in [-\kappa, \kappa]\}.$$

$|C| = (2\kappa + 1)^{d/2}$.



Efficiency and applications



Applications

- Proving knowledge of short s, e s.t. $As + e = u$.

Scheme	Proof size
Stern proofs (e.g. [Ste93,LNSW13])	3MB
[Beu20]	233KB
[BLS19,YAZ+19]	384KB
Ligero [AHIV17]	157KB
Aurora [BCR+19,BCOS20]	72KB
[ALS20,ENS20]	47KB
[LNS21]	33KB
[LNP22]	14KB

Applications

Constructions	Proof/Signature size
verifiable encryption [LN ²²]	19KB
integer addition/multiplication [LN ²²]	12/15KB
group signature [LN ²²]	20KB
ring signature [LN ²²]	16KB
blind signature [AKSY22, BLNS23]	44KB/26KB

Quiz



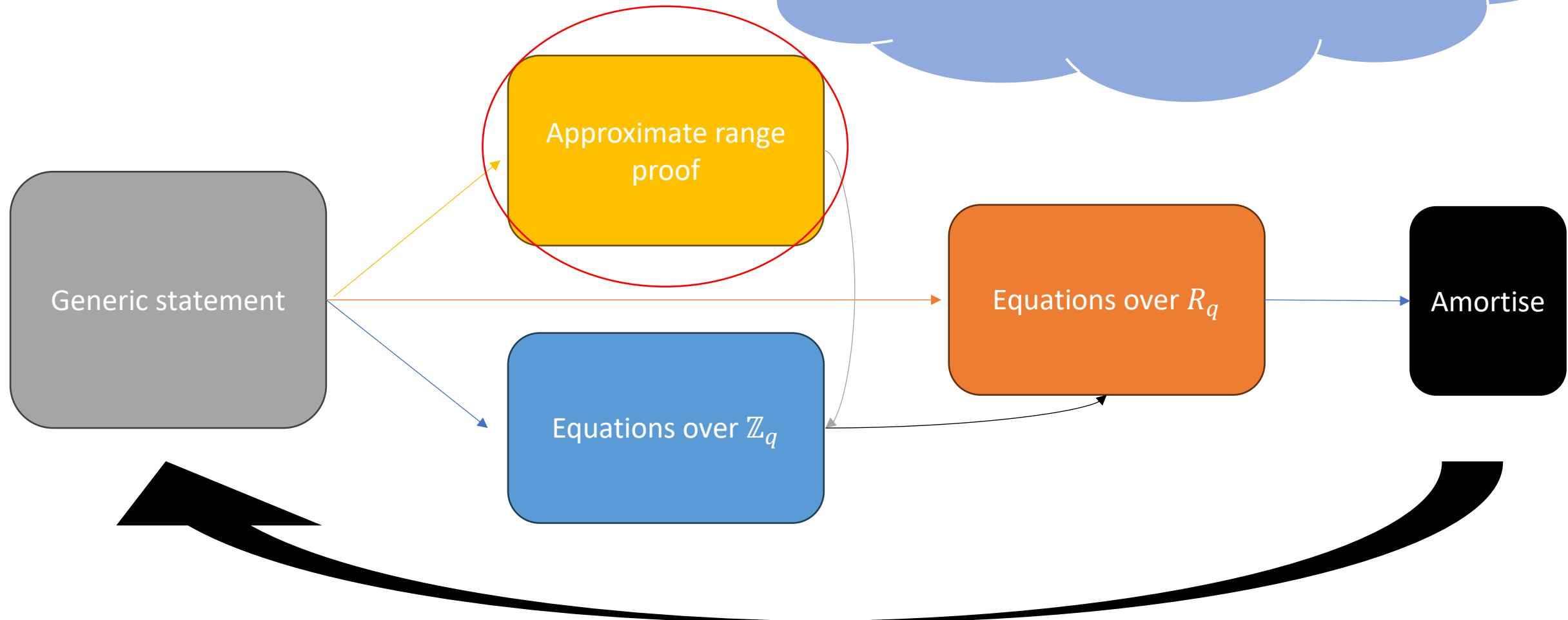
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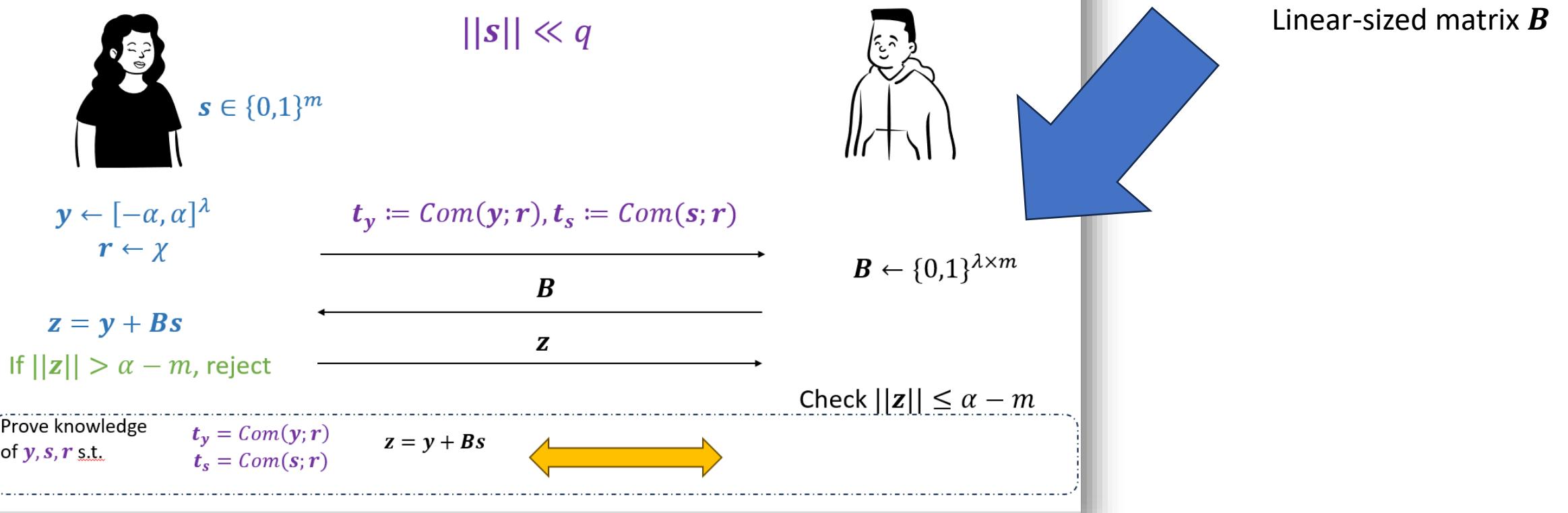
What about SNARKs?



LaBRADOR [BS23]



Approximate range proof



How to achieve sublinear verification with ARP

- Use a structured tensor-type matrix B [CMNW24]
- Use LaBRADOR as a subroutine [NS24]
- Just don't use ARP (and deal with its consequences)



Summary

- Linear-sized efficient “exact” ZKP from lattices
 - Under standard assumptions: MSIS and MLWE
 - Transparent setup
 - Sizes: $\approx 15\text{KB}$
 - Can be made non-interactive via Fiat-Shamir transformation
- “Approximate” proofs more efficient and have some applications

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Thank you!



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