

Dense and smooth lattices in any genus

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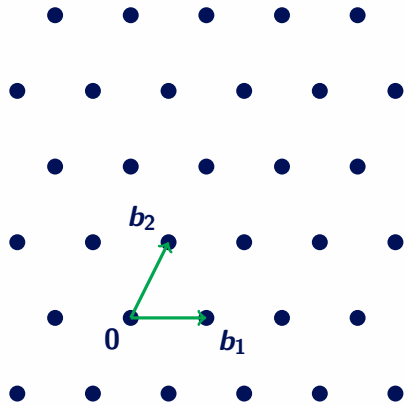
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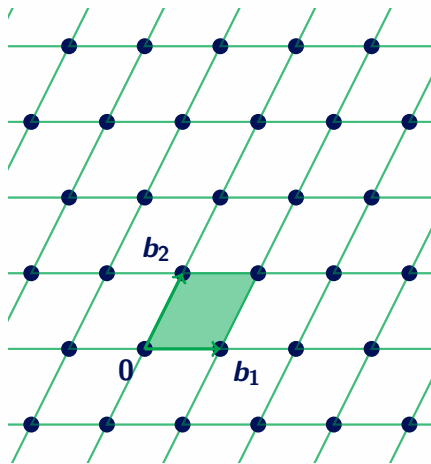
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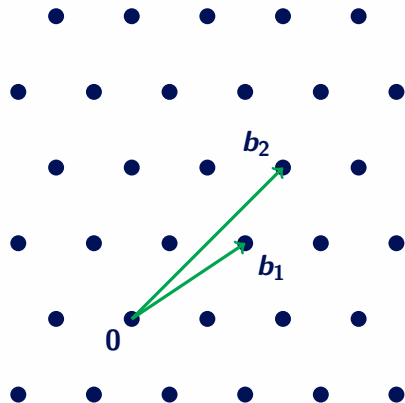
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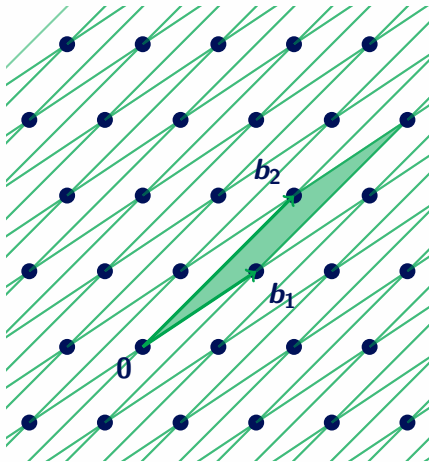
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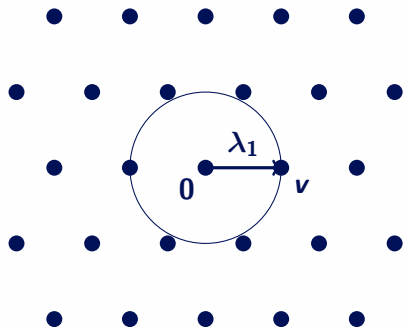
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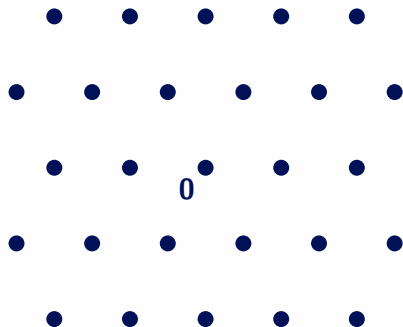
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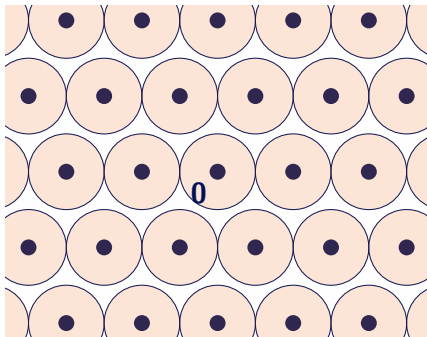


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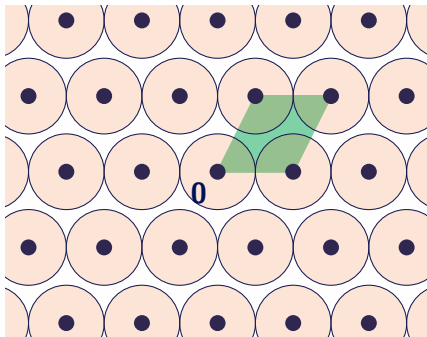
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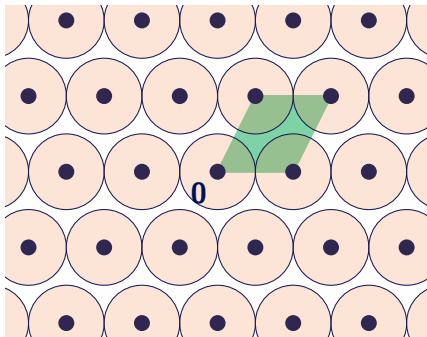
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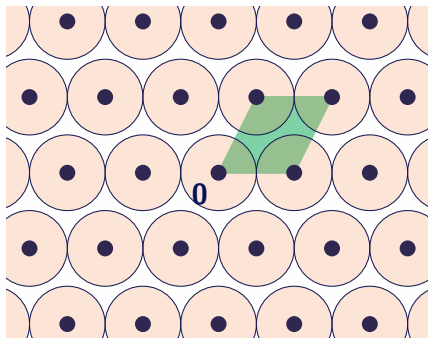
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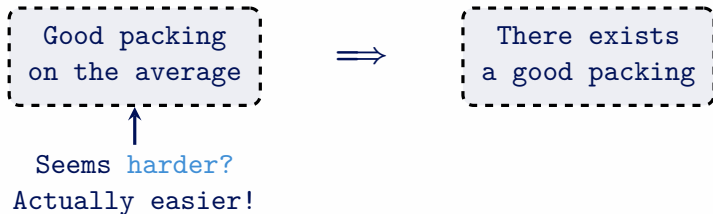
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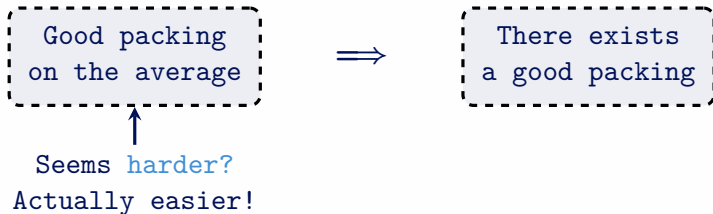
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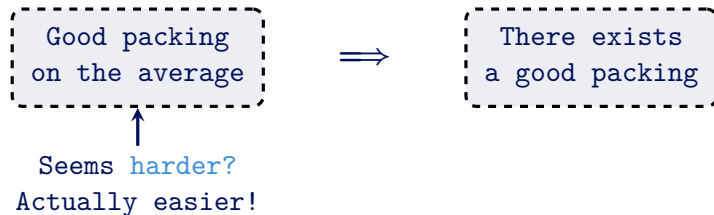
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Definition (Siegel 1945): Haar measure

The Haar measure on $\mathcal{SL}_n(\mathbb{R})$ has finite mass on the quotient space of unit volume lattices $\mathcal{L}_{[n]} = \mathcal{SL}_n(\mathbb{R}) / \mathcal{SL}_n(\mathbb{Z})$.

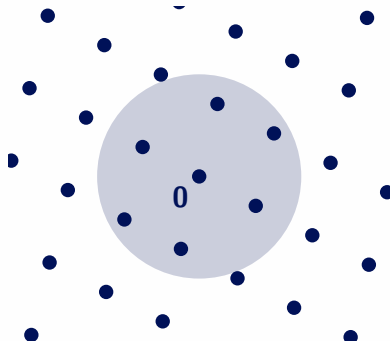
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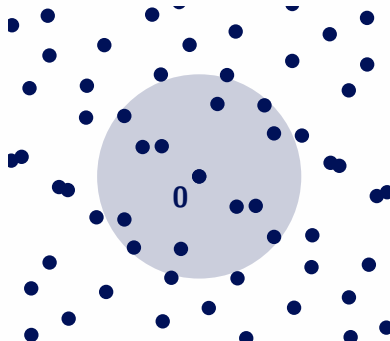
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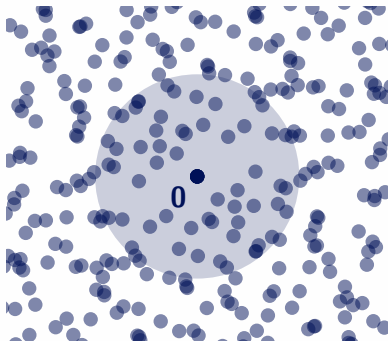
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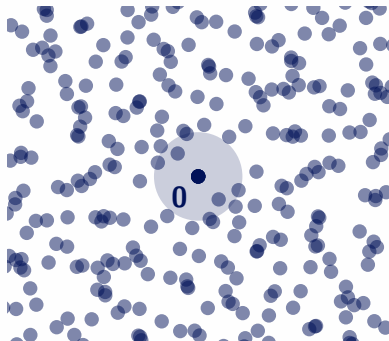
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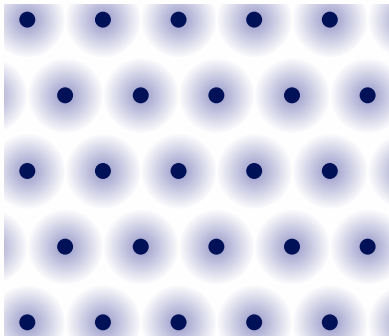
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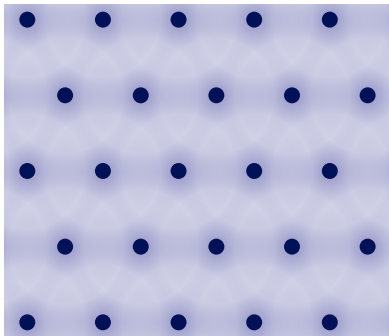
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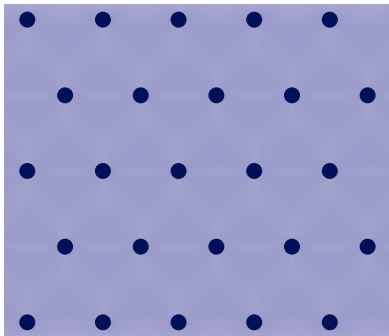
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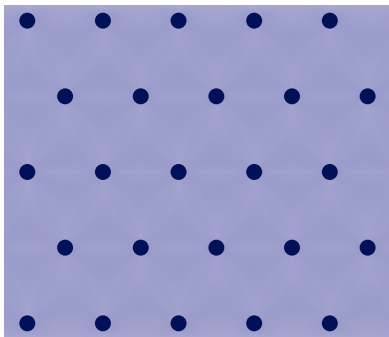
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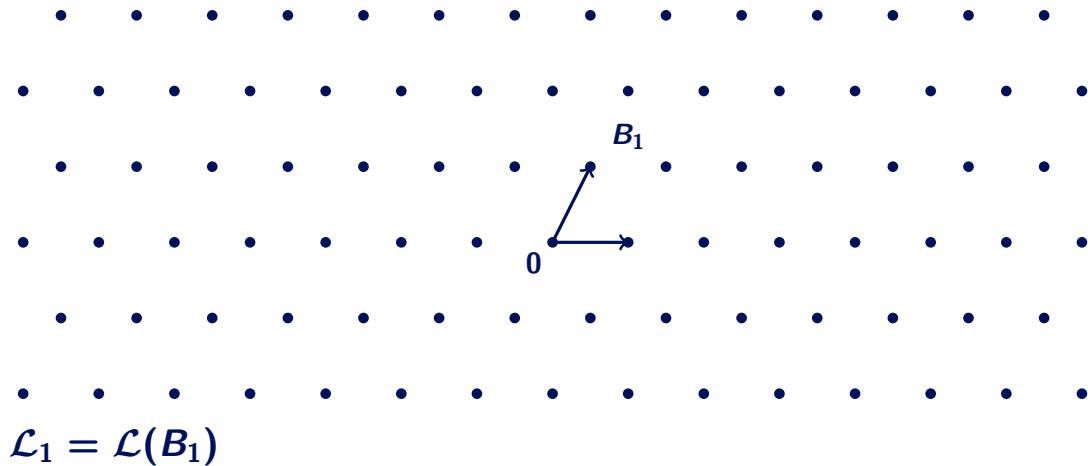
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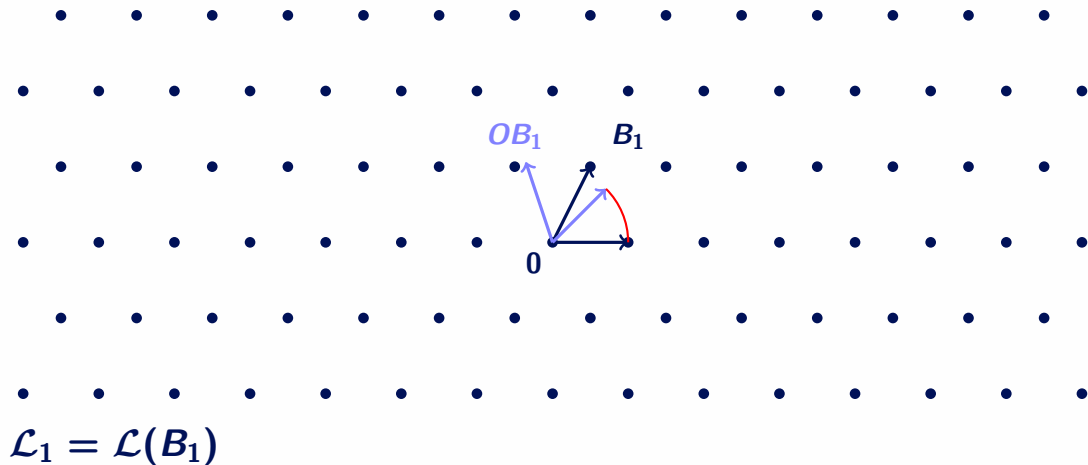
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LIP and the genus of a lattice

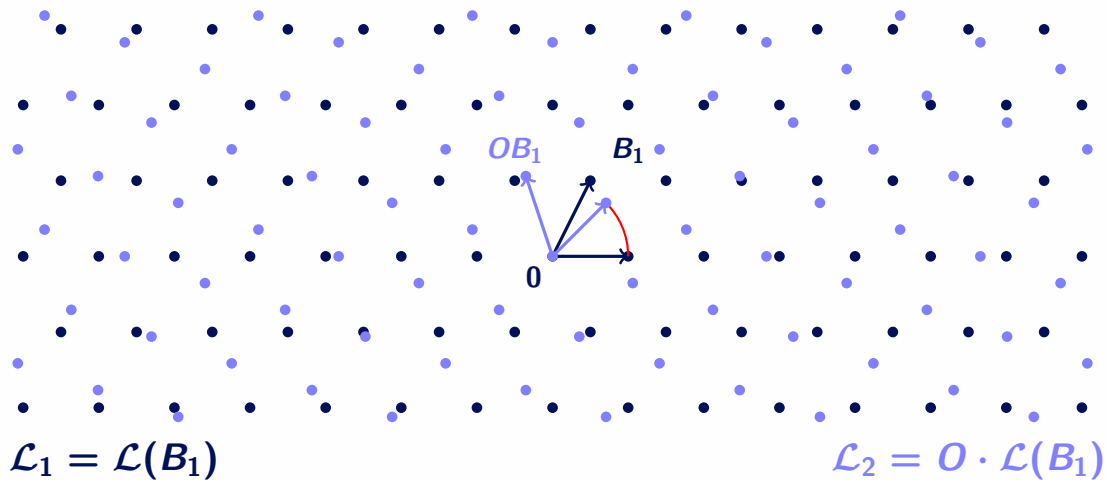
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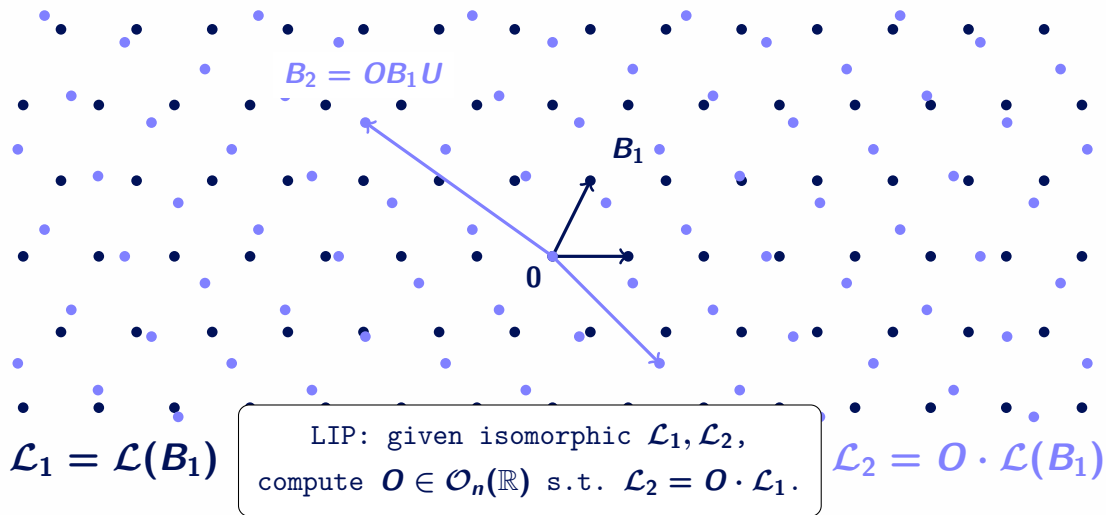
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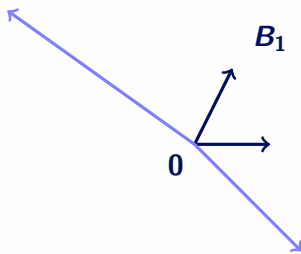


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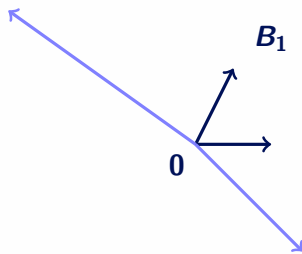
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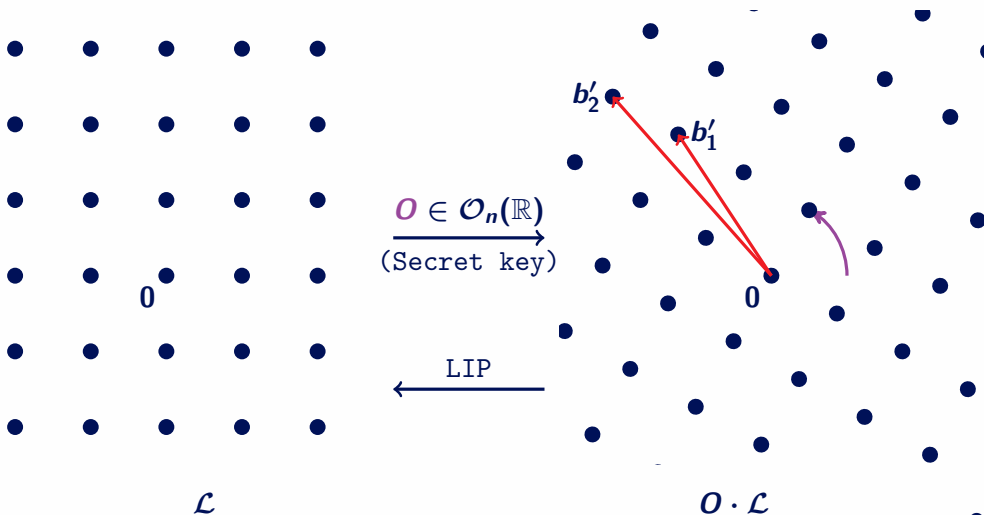
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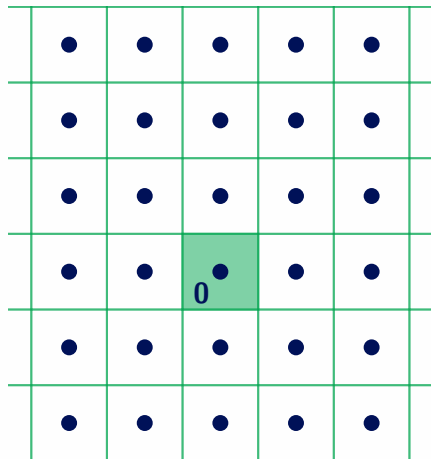
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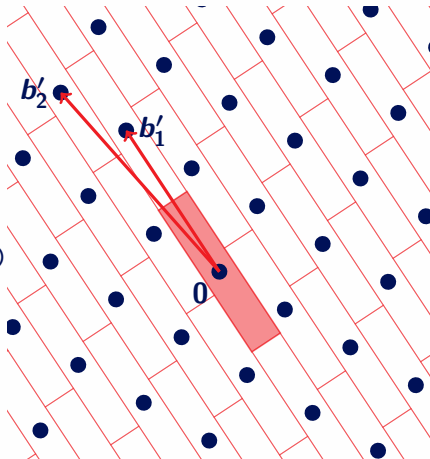
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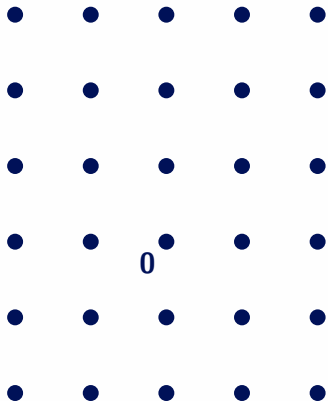
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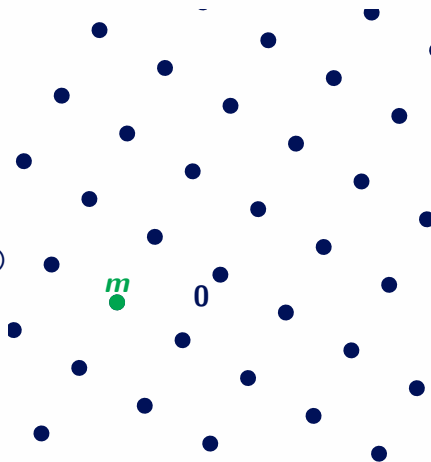
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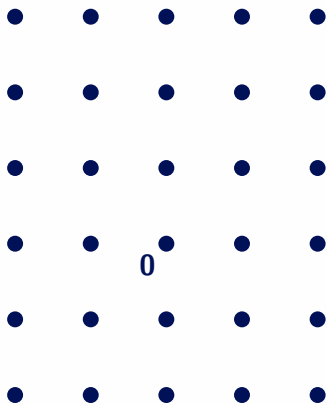
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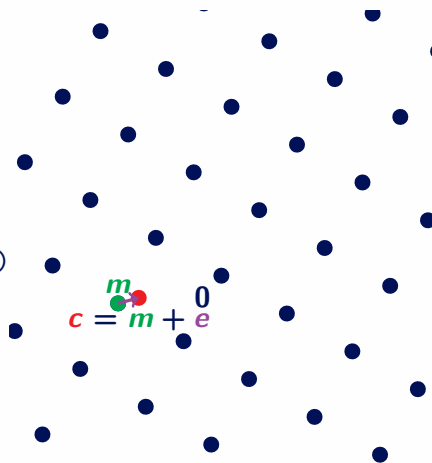
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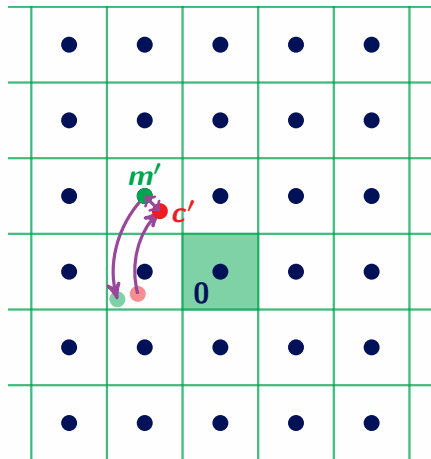


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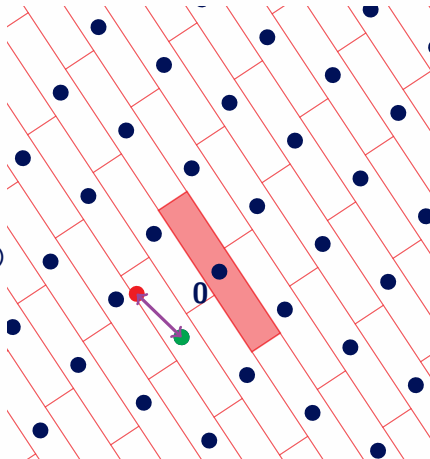
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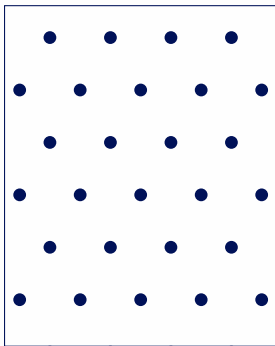
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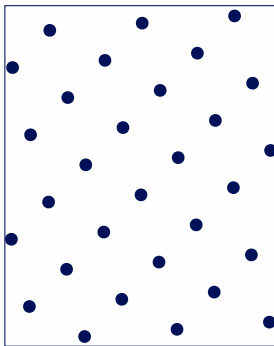
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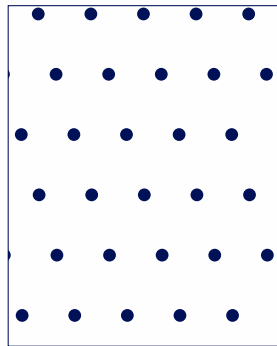
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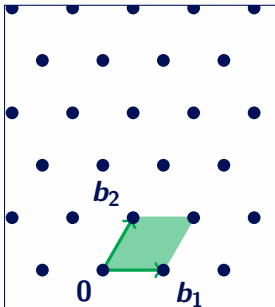
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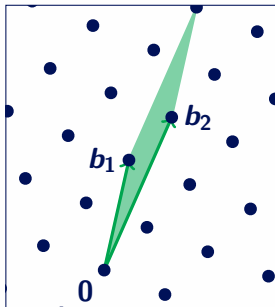
(Search to distinguish reduction for direct sum lattices: eprint 2025/1204)

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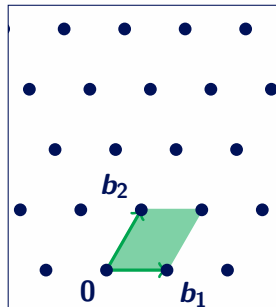
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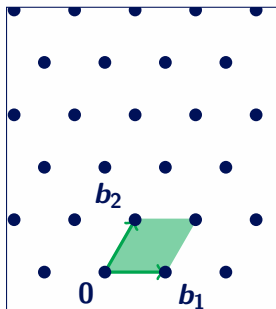
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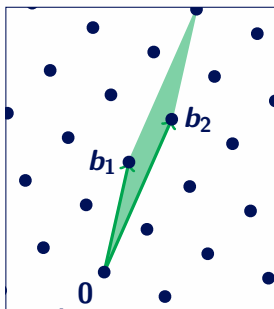
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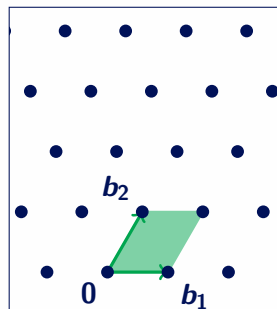
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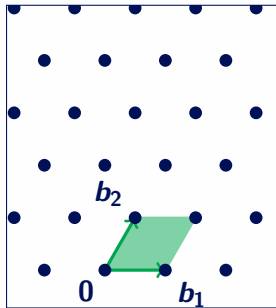


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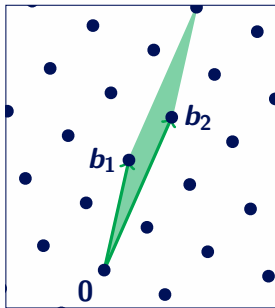
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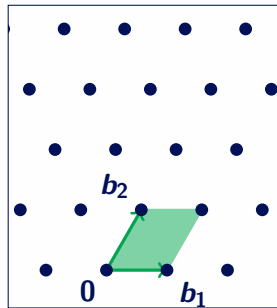
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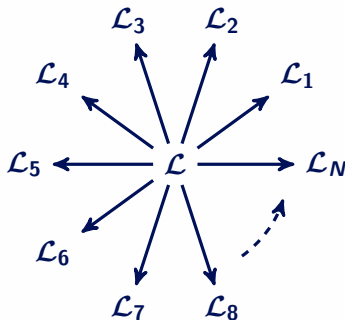
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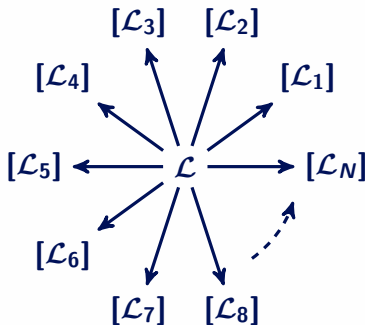


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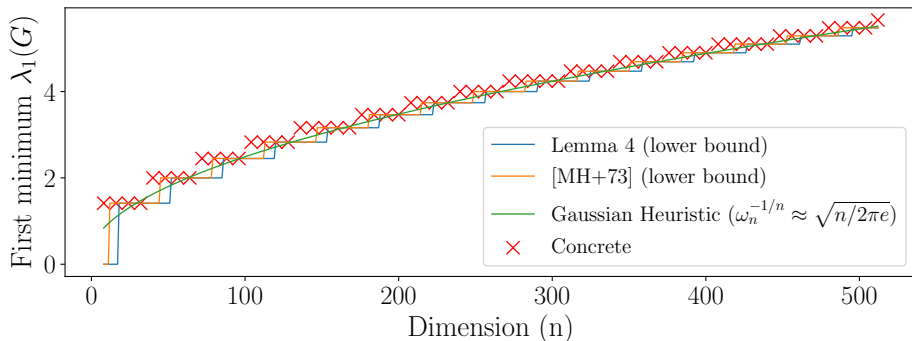
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