

Dense (and smooth) lattices in any genus

Wessel van Woerden (PQShield).



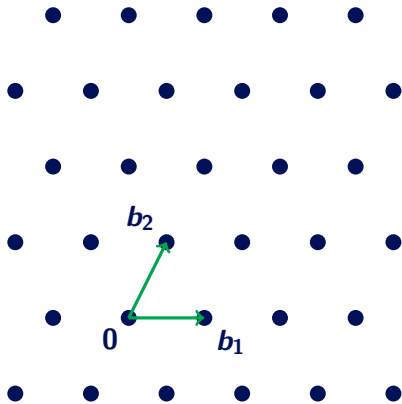
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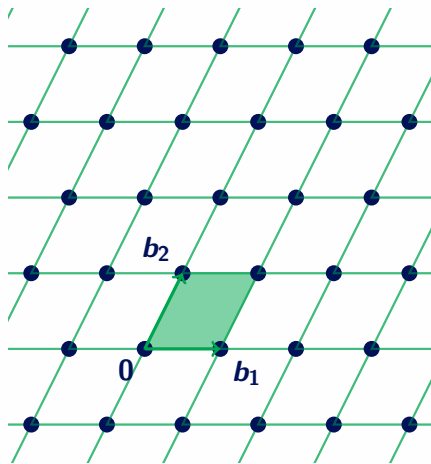
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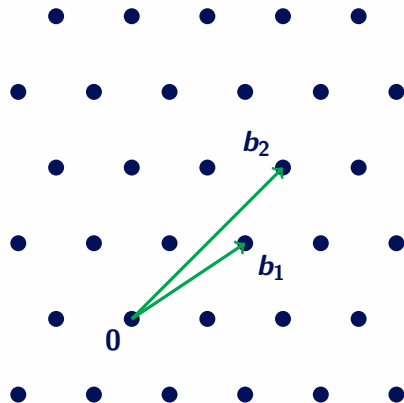
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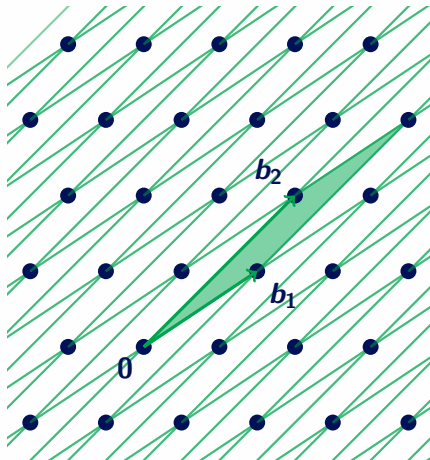
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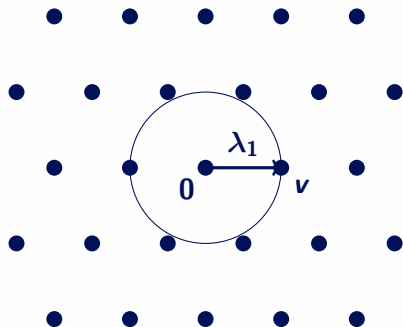
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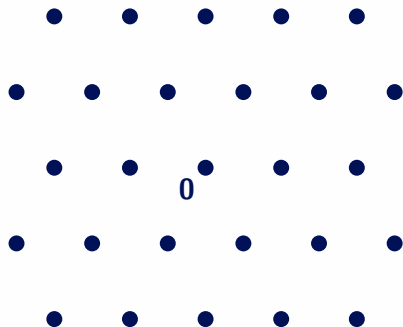
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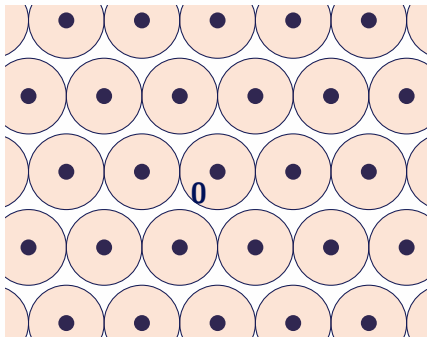


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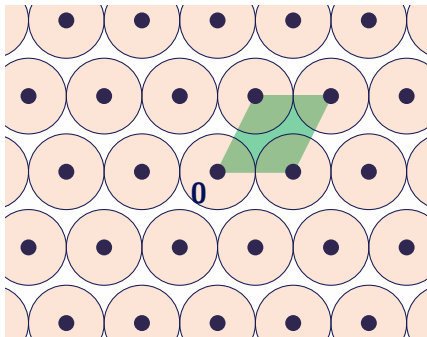
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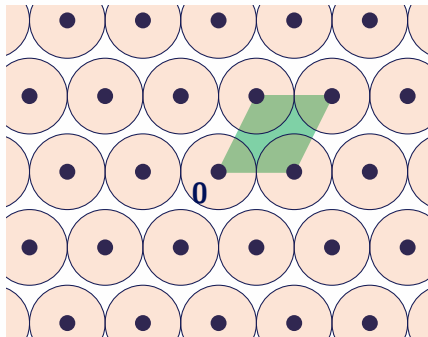
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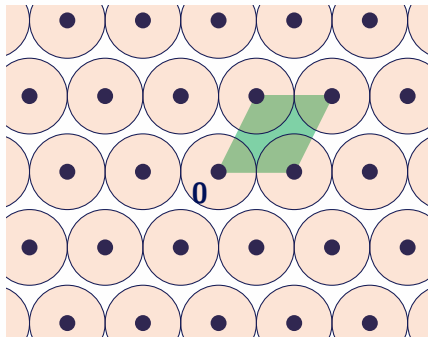
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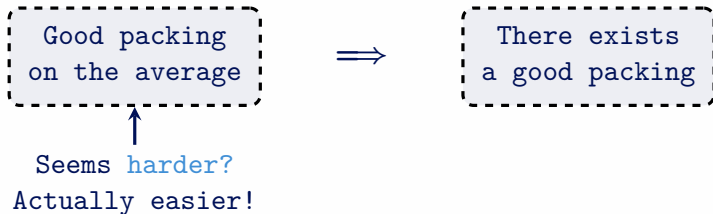
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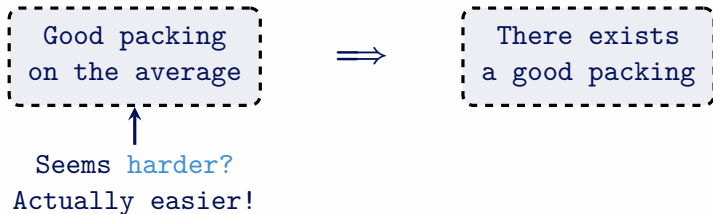
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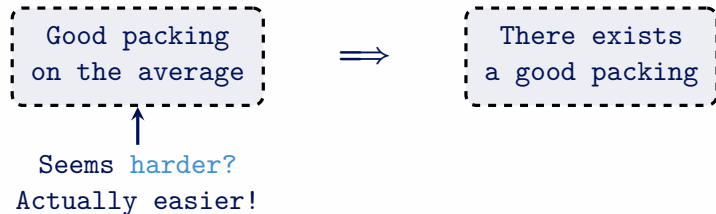
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Definition (Siegel 1945): Haar measure

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

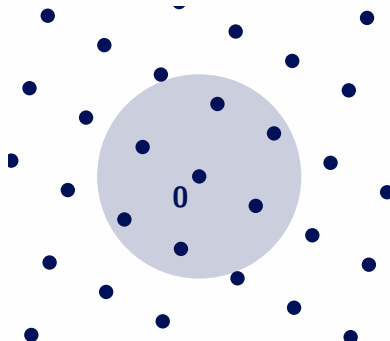
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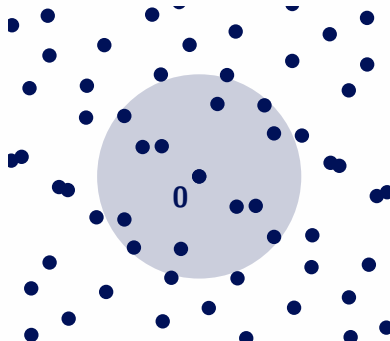
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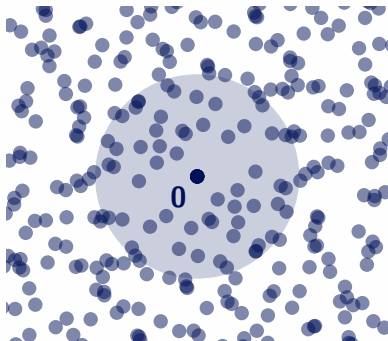
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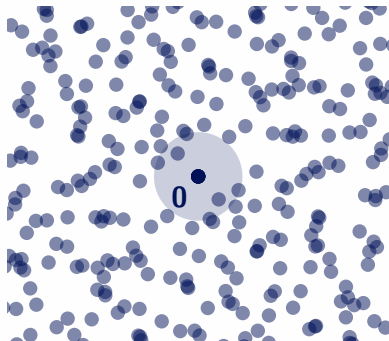
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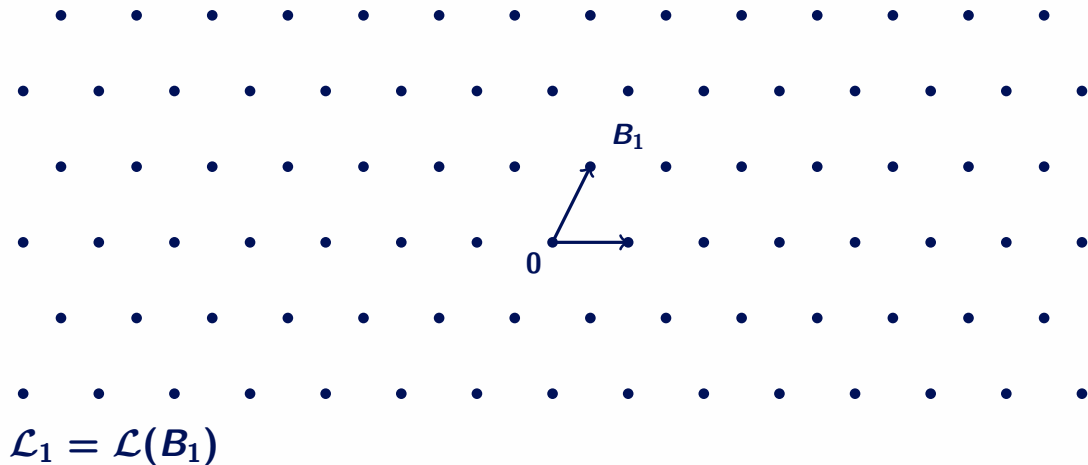
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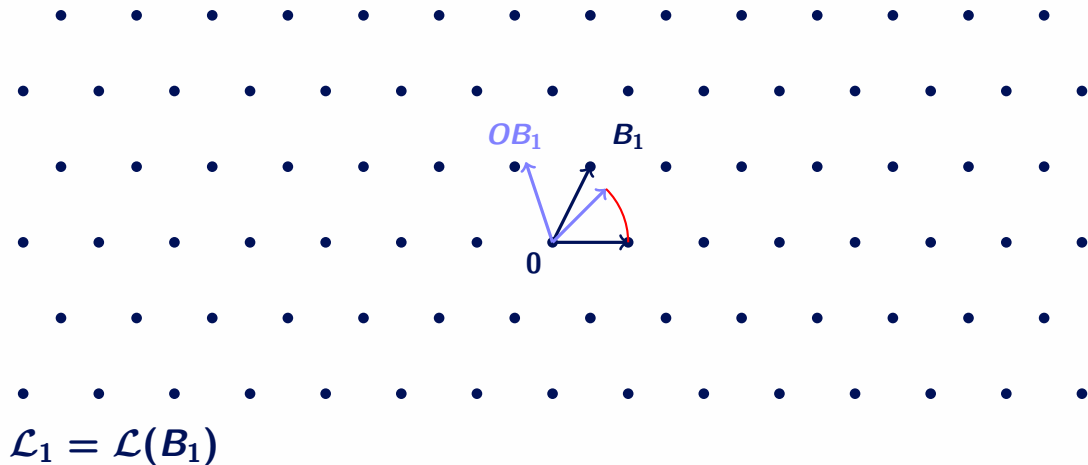
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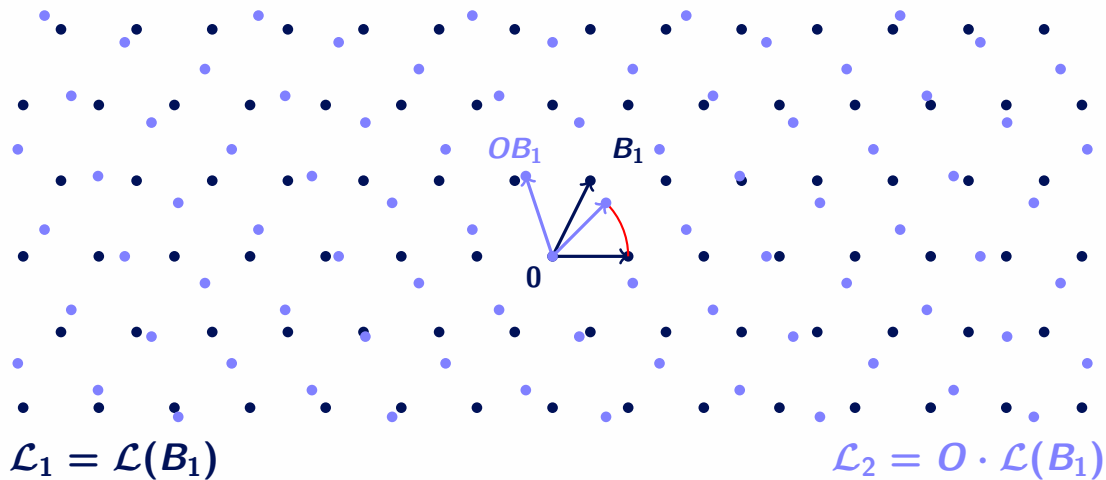
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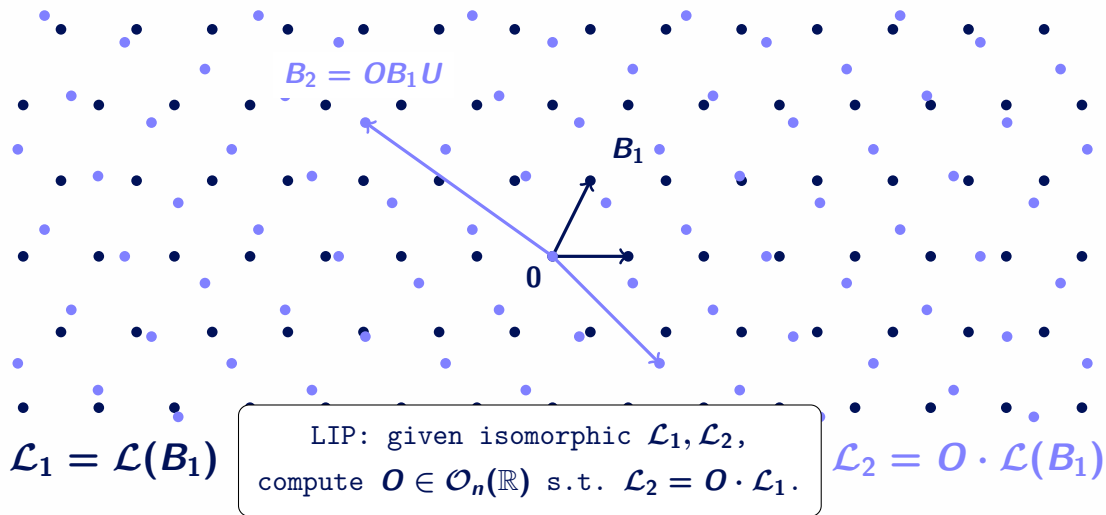
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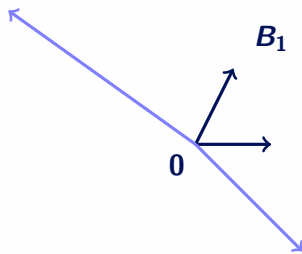


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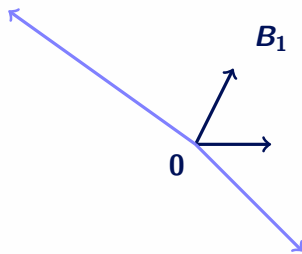
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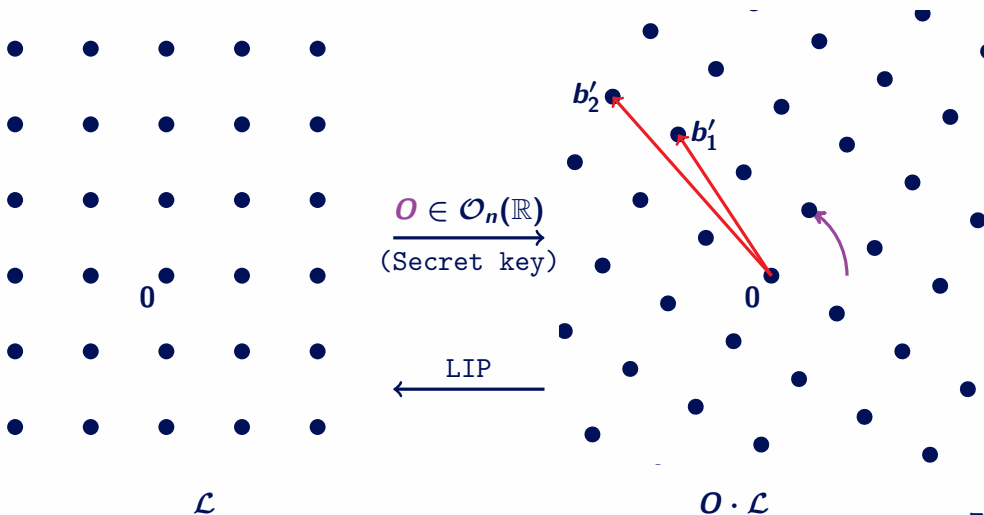
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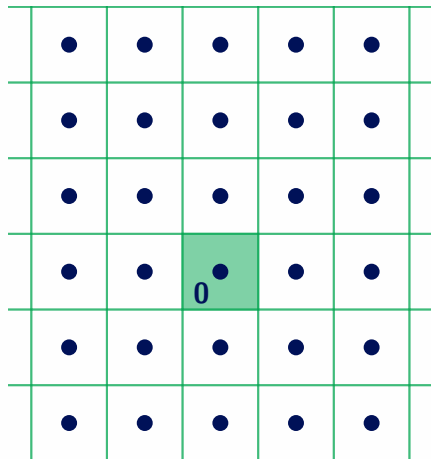
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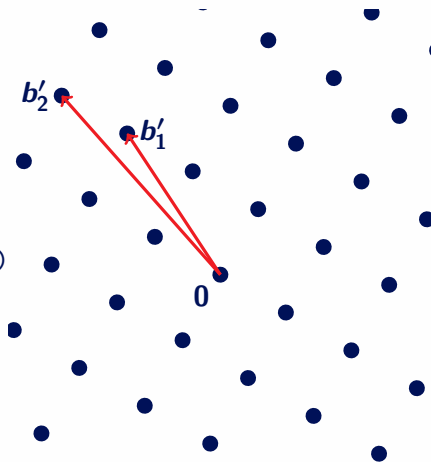
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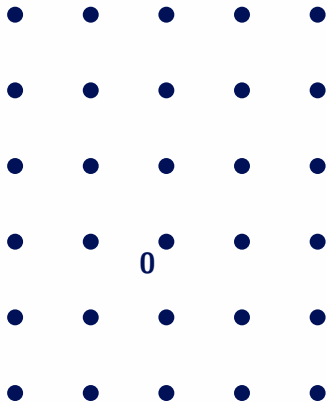
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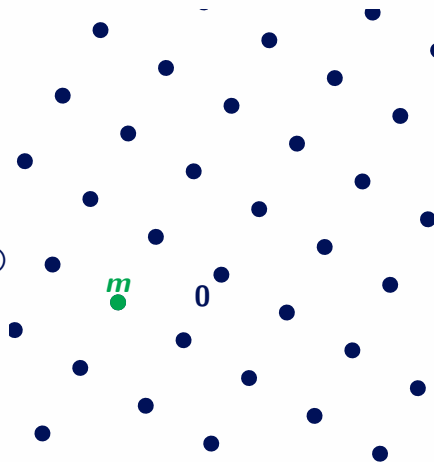
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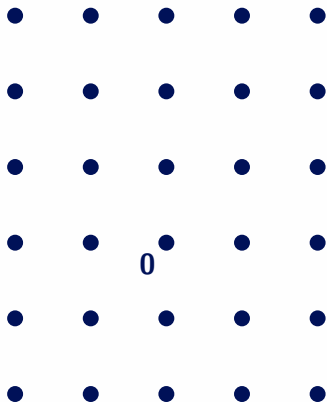
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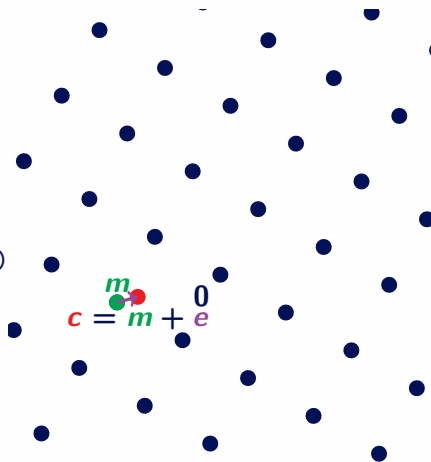


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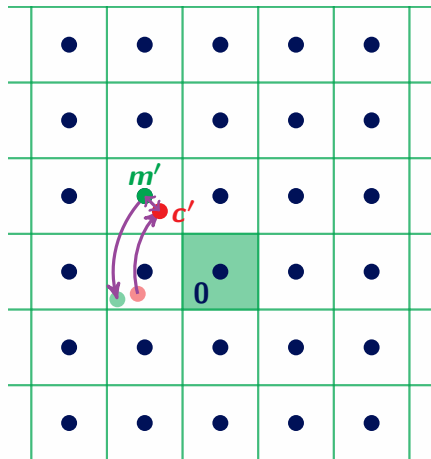
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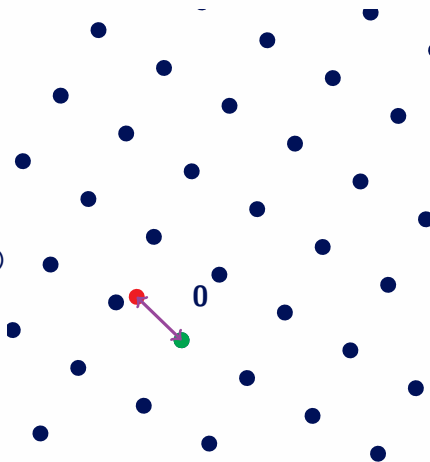
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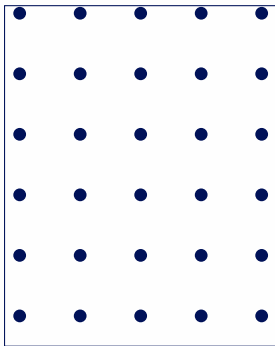
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- ▶ Many other works using LIP appeared recently

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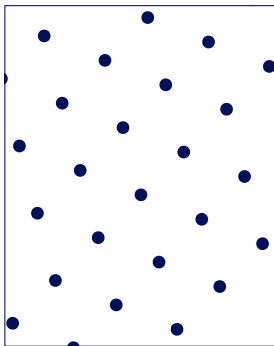
Definition: distinguish LIP (Δ -LIP)

Let $\mathcal{L}_1, \mathcal{L}_2$ be two non-isomorphic lattices and let $b \leftarrow \{1, 2\}$ uniform.
Given $\mathcal{L} \in [\mathcal{L}_b]$, recover b .



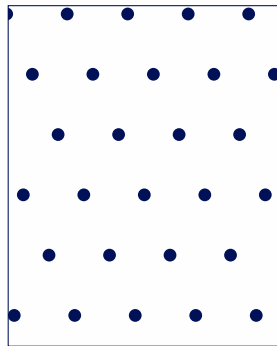
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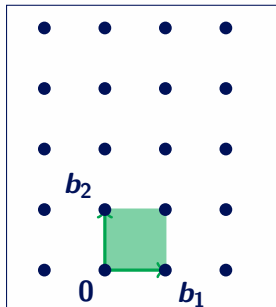
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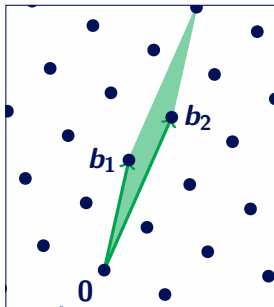
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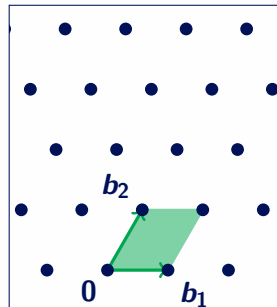
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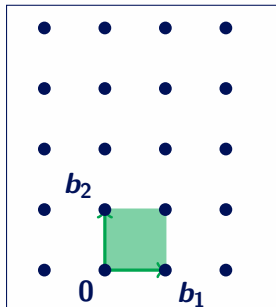
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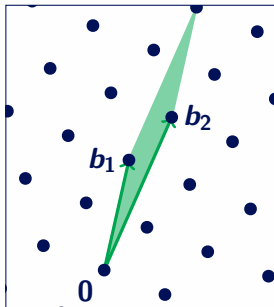
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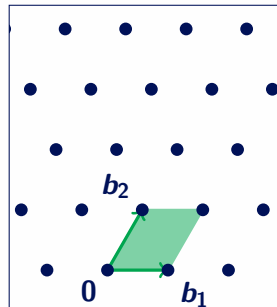
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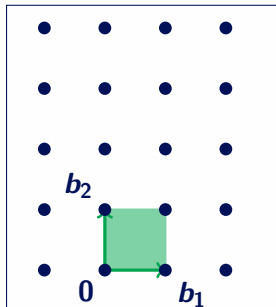


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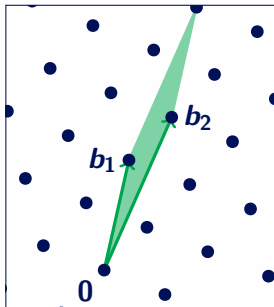
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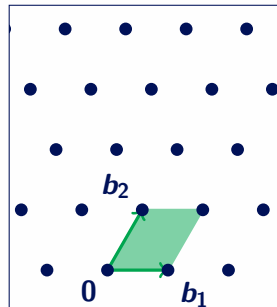
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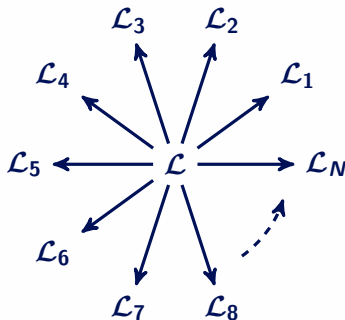
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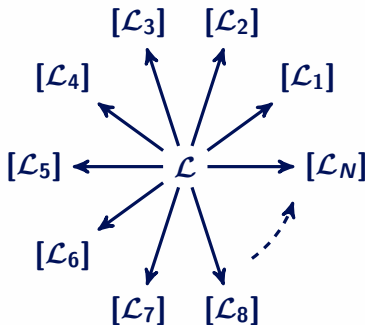


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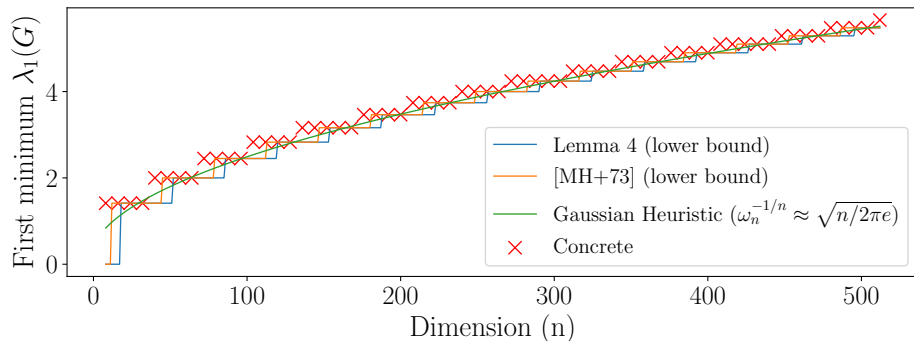
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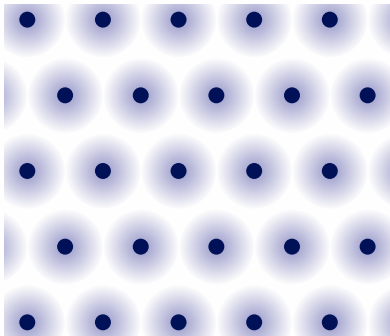
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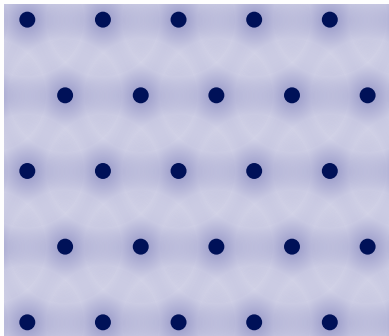
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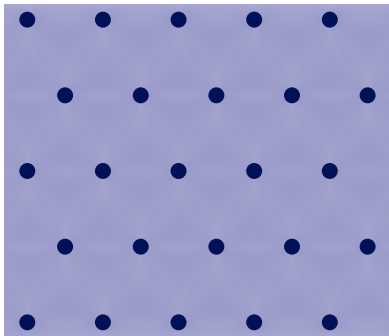
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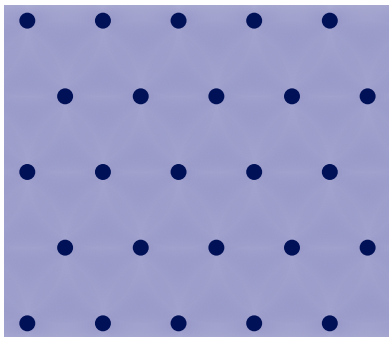
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