

# Enhancing Ring-LWE Hardness using Dedekind Index Theorem

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**Abstract.** In this work we extend the known pseudorandomness of Ring-LWE (RLWE) to be based on ideal lattices of non Dedekind domains. In earlier works of Lyubashevsky et al (EUROCRYPT 2010) and Peikert et al (STOC 2017), the hardness of RLWE was based on ideal lattices of ring of integers of number fields, which are known to be Dedekind domains. While these works extended Regev’s (STOC 2005) quantum polynomial-time reduction for LWE, thus allowing more efficient and more structured cryptosystems, the additional algebraic structure of ideals of Dedekind domains leaves open the possibility that such ideal lattices are not as hard as general lattices.

To mitigate this issue, Bolboceanu et al (Asiacrypt 2019) defined  $q$ -Order-LWE over any order (modulo  $q$ ) in a number field and based its hardness on worst-case hard problems of ideal lattices of the same order, but restricted to invertible ideals. Orders generalize the ring of integers to non-Dedekind domains. In a subsequent work in 2021, they proved a non-effective “ideal-clearing” lemma for  $q$ -Order-LWE for any  $q$  that is co-prime to index of the order in the ring of integers. This work can be shown to give an efficient reduction from any ideal of the same order. However, this requires factorization of arbitrary integers, namely the norm of the given ideal.

In this work we give a novel approach to proving the “ideal-clearing” lemma for  $q$ -Order-LWE by showing that all ideals  $I$  of an order are principal modulo  $qI$ , for any  $q$  that is co-prime to index of the order in the ring of integers. Further, we give a rather simple (classical) randomized algorithm to find a generator for this principal ideal, which makes our hardness reduction (from all ideals of the order) not require any further quantum steps on top of the quantum Gaussian sampling of the original Regev reduction. This also removes the “known factorization” requirement on  $q$  for the original RLWE hardness result of Peikert et al.

Finally, we recommend a “twisted” cyclotomic field as an alternative for the cyclotomic field used in NIST PQC algorithm CRYSTALS-Kyber, as it leads to a more efficient implementation and is based on hardness of ideals in a non-Dedekind domain following Dedekind index theorem.

## 1 Introduction

In a ground-breaking work, Regev [Reg05] showed a (quantum) polynomial-time reduction from worst-case lattice problems to a learning problem called *learning*

with error (LWE). He also obtained public-key cryptosystems using LWE whose security is then based on worst-case lattice problems such as closest vector problem (CVP), shortest vector problem (SVP) and shortest independent vectors problem (SIVP). The fact that there are no known efficient quantum algorithms for these hard problems, makes this approach to obtaining encryption schemes even more significant, and has led to numerous applications in cryptography.

As a more efficient variant of LWE, Lyubashevsky *et al.* introduced the Ring Learning With Errors problem (RLWE) [LPR10] over the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ . The hardness of RLWE is then based on lattice problems restricted to ideal lattices in the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , instead of general integer lattices. Since addition and multiplication in the ring of integers can be viewed as polynomial addition and multiplication, it allows for more efficient cryptosystems, with almost a quadratic size improvement in the security parameter. Additionally, it has allowed for a more sound security setting for many (fully) homomorphic encryption schemes [Gen09], where the ring structure naturally allows for homomorphic evaluation ring-operations [BGV12, Bra12, FV12, GSW13], [DM15, CGGI16, CKKS17]. For conjectured hardness of RLWE, [LPR10] provide a quantum polynomial-time reduction from the (seemingly) hard Approximate Shortest Independent Vectors Problem (ApproxSIVP) over ideal lattices. While the original [LPR10] reduction, especially for the decisional version of RLWE, was restricted to cyclotomic number fields, in another technical tour-de-force work [PRS17] extend the hardness of decisional-RLWE to arbitrary number fields  $\mathbf{K}$ , basing the hardness on worst-case lattice problems restricted to ideal lattices in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ .

Since the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field enjoy remarkable algebraic properties, namely that such rings are Dedekind domains<sup>3</sup>, and all ideals in the rings are invertible and have a unique prime ideal factorization, the question naturally arises if the normally hard lattice problems may be at a risk of being weaker due to the additional algebraic structure. In particular, while all ideal lattices are also full-ranked over the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$ , and of the same rank as the rank of the number field  $\mathbf{K}$  as an extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , every ideal of a Dedekind domain can be generated by only two elements of the domain. Moreover, one of the generators can be taken to be just the integer that is the norm of the ideal. In light of this<sup>4</sup>, it is natural to ask if the class of lattices can be expanded to a class having lesser algebraic properties and still basing a polynomial algebra cryptosystem on these lattices. Ideally, one would like to base the hardness of RLWE on worst-case general integer lattices as is the case for LWE.

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<sup>3</sup> In Appendix C we provide a brief introduction to Dedekind domains and ring of integers. For the purpose of present discussion, the ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  can be viewed as an extension of the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$  that includes elements from  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$  which satisfy any polynomial equation with integer coefficients. This *integral-closure* leads to  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  satisfying unique prime-ideal factorization property (see e.g. [Cla84]).

<sup>4</sup> We will later discuss in more detail the currently best known attacks on ideal lattices.

To mitigate this issue, in [BBPS19], a generalization of the RLWE problem is described, wherein the ambient ring is not the ring of integers of a number field, but rather an order (i.e. any full-ranked sub-ring) such as the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ . Further, they show that the hardness of this  $q$ -Order-LWE (i.e. modulo  $q$ ) can be based on worst-case hard problems of ideal lattices of this sub-ring. But their work was limited in that the reduction only worked for *invertible* ideals of this sub-ring, which offer no extra richness to the set of ideals (lattices) as those in a Dedekind domain. As we will see later, most of these RLWE-like reductions employ a key lemma informally known as the “ideal-clearing lemma”, which removes any mention of the (worst-case) ideal from the  $q$ -RLWE samples. So, in a followup to [BBPS19], the paper [BBS21] proves an ideal clearing lemma for  $q$ -Order-LWE that works for all ideals of the order  $\mathcal{O}$  (i.e. not just invertible ideals), for any  $q$  that is co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ . This is a remarkable technical achievement, proved using Jordan-Hölder filtration of ideals. However, for this lemma to yield an efficient reduction, the isomorphism shown in this lemma must also be shown to be efficiently computable given a basis of the ideal. While [BBS21] do not give an efficient isomorphism, we have surmised that it can be obtained with some work using techniques of computational algebraic number theory (for more on this, see the subsection on related work). However, this method does require factorization of arbitrary integers, namely the norm of the (worst-case) ideal.

In this work, we give a novel proof of the “ideal clearing lemma” of [LPR10] with a new proof and algorithm that does not use properties of Dedekind domains and works for all orders in the number field. In particular, for any  $q$  that is co-prime to the index of  $\mathcal{O}$  in the ring of integers (the integrally-closed and hence maximal order)  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , we show that for any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of order  $\mathcal{O}$ , the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  modulo  $q\mathcal{I}$  is principal. This fact is well-known for Dedekind domains and is usually proven using unique prime-ideal factorization of Dedekind domains<sup>5</sup>. However, we prove it for all orders using elementary ideal theory. Further, as mentioned earlier, the ideal-clearing lemma needs efficient isomorphisms of relevant modules, and we give a rather simple (classical) randomized algorithm to find the generator of the principal ideal  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$ , given a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$ <sup>6</sup>. The randomized algorithm essentially takes a  $\mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(f(X))$ -linear combination of the columns of a given  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$ . Finally, we prove that given only a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  and a generator of principal ideal  $\mathcal{I}/(q\mathcal{I})$ , we can efficiently *clear the ideal* in the hardness reduction. Later, in Section 1.1, we give a more detailed overview of our techniques.

Naturally, our technique and novel randomized algorithm are also applicable to  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  but now working for all  $q$ . This leads to an improved (time complexity) reduction for the usual  $q$ -RLWE hardness as compared to [LPR10]. In addition,

<sup>5</sup> This fact is also implicitly used in the original ideal clearing lemma of [LPR10].

<sup>6</sup> The general problem of finding a generator of a principal ideal is only known to have a sub-exponential time classical algorithm [BF14], and a quantum polynomial time algorithm [BS16].

our technique does not require  $q$  to have a known-factorization, whereas [LPR10] does.

The main result of this work thus shows that one can base hardness of decisional Order-LWE on ideal lattice problems in non-Dedekind domains. In particular, instead of setting the RLWE instance in the maximal order, i.e. the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ , we set our Order-LWE instances in the ring  $\mathcal{O}$ , or in particular the special order, the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ , which is anyway easier to work with from a cryptosystem perspective; the maximal order  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  can have polynomials with rational coefficients. We then show that, for all  $q$  that are co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ , the  $q$ -Order-LWE instances are as hard as the worst-case lattice problems, such as CVP and SIVP, of ideal lattices of these (potentially) non-Dedekind domains  $\mathcal{O}$ . We obtain exactly the same security and noise parameters as [PRS17], and most of our reduction uses the main technical lemmas from [PRS17], but replaces the ideal-clearing lemma with our new proof and algorithm. In addition to [BBS21], earlier works [RSW18, PP19] have also considered setting RLWE in the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , but had only shown hardness of polynomial-LWE based on hardness of Dedekind-domain ideal lattices, namely  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  lattices.

It is worth remarking that for every number field  $\mathbf{K}$ , there is a finite number  $m$ , namely  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ , such that every ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  can be scaled by  $m$ , so that  $m \cdot \mathcal{I}$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ . Thus, the ideals (and corresponding lattices) in  $\mathcal{O}$  include all hard ideal lattices coming from  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ . However, we show later that the reverse is not true. Moreover, we will give non-trivial examples of ideals of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$  that require at least three generators. A comparison of all the relevant algebraic properties of ideals of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  and non-Dedekind  $\mathcal{O}$  can be found in Table 1.

*Dedekind Index Theorem.* Recall, we intend to show hardness of  $q$ -RLWE for all  $q$  such that  $q$  and  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$  are co-prime. For the special order, the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , the Dedekind Index Theorem [Conb] gives an easy necessary and sufficient test of when a prime  $p$  *does not* divide the index  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}]$ . The test involves checking the factorization of  $f(X)$  modulo  $p$  into irreducible polynomials (modulo  $p$ ) for a specific property (see Theorem 2.5). It is well known that a prime  $p'$  can divide  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}]$  only if  $p'^2$  divides the discriminant of the field  $\mathbf{K}$ . Therefore, the number of bad  $p'$  is bounded by the number of factors of the discriminant, and hence is finite and usually few. Then the RLWE can be set modulo any  $q$  whose prime factors exclude the small number of bad  $p'$ . However, we must also assure (using Dedekind's index theorem) that there is prime that divides  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}]$ , so that  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$  is a non-maximal order, and hence not a Dedekind domain.

*Example.* Consider the polynomial  $f(X) = X^{256} + 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$ . By Eisenstein criterion,  $f(X)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and thus  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$  is a number field. Consider the polynomial ring<sup>7</sup>  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ . The discriminant of  $f(X)$  is just the determinant of the multiplication matrix of  $f'(X) = 256 \cdot X^{255}$ ,

<sup>7</sup> Since  $\mathbf{K}$  will be clear from context, we will drop it from subscript of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ .

and a little calculation shows that only 2, 13 and 3 can divide the discriminant, and hence are the only possible bad candidates for the Dedekind index test. The Dedekind index test shows that 2 does not divide  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]$ , but 3 does. Thus, 2 is a good prime and we can base our RLWE modulo any power of two, and still be assured hardness based on worst case ideal lattices in  $\mathcal{R}$  which is not a Dedekind domain. We give more complicated examples in Section 6, where we also prove that some non-trivial ideal requires at least three generators. But, the above example was expressly chosen as a potential alternative to CRYSTALS-Kyber [BDK<sup>+</sup>21] cyclotomic number-field which is defined with  $f(X) = X^{256} + 1$ . Kyber also sets  $q = 3329$  for  $q$ -RLWE and more generally Module-LWE. Now, it turns out that  $-2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$  is a 256-th residue in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , and this leads to a highly efficient implementation. The ramifications are discussed in more detail in Section 6. We remark that hardness of a module version of our Order-LWE can also be based on hardness of Module-SIVP with lattices of ideals in orders, as the result of Langlois and Stehle [LS15] on Module-LWE is at a high level a tensoring of lattices and the algebraic structure of ideals. Implementation issues of general orders is discussed in Section 7.

*Known Attacks on Ideal Lattices* There are no known efficient classical/quantum algorithms for polynomial-factor approximation of SVP, SIVP etc for ideal lattices of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  (or sub-rings such as  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ), even restricted to prime-power cyclotomic fields. However, after a flurry of heuristic claims [Ber14,CGS14], the work [CDPR16] has shown that when restricted to principal ideals, the sub-exponential-approximate SVP problem can be solved in quantum polynomial time. The attack has two parts. First, an arbitrary generator of the principal ideal is computed by index-calculus method by first computing the ideal class group [BF14,BS16]. Second, a short generator is computed by running bounded-distance-decoding on Dirichlet’s logunit lattice (i.e. the logarithms of the unit group that form a small ranked lattice) [CDPR16]. For general ideals in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , we know that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  being a Dedekind domain has the property that every ideal has at most two generators and in fact it is relatively easy to compute some pair of generators for every ideal using prime ideal factorization (see e.g. [FT91,LPR10]). However, now the above second step does not work as logarithm of additive terms is non-linear. We should remark that of the two generators one can always be taken to be a number, e.g. the norm of the ideal, although even this does not help in searching through the logunit lattice. So, more advanced techniques are required.

For cyclotomic fields, remarkably, [CDW17] use the Stickelberger relation and module (see e.g. [IR90]) to convert a general ideal to a (not too large generator) principal sub-ideal, and under some plausible assumptions, obtain a quantum polynomial time algorithm for sub-exponential-approximate SVP for general ideals of cyclotomic fields. However, the Stickelberger relation works using the Galois group of a cyclotomic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , so it does not extend to non-Galois fields. But even for cyclotomic fields and Galois fields it will not work for general (non-Dedekind) orders as not all ideals are invertible. Recall, the principal ideals are broken using index calculus on the ideal class group, but

for non-maximal orders, the class group is only defined for the ideals that are invertible and not for all ideals (see the asterisk in line one of Table 1). So, none of the above techniques are expected to work on ideals of non-maximal orders. One may wonder that since the number of bad primes  $p'$ , i.e. the ones that divide the index of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , is small, it maybe the case that only a few ideals are lacking algebraic structure (i.e. of the Dedekind domain kind). While it is true that there are only a few *prime* ideals lacking algebraic structure [Cond, Theorem 8.6], the number of non-prime ideals contained in these prime ideals is unlimited. Another important point to be raised is if one can demonstrate that non-trivial ideals in such non Dedekind domains require more than two generators. In this work, we also prove that there are non-trivial ideals, i.e. which do not have a diagonal Hermite normal form, for which at least three generators are required, and which cannot be scaled by a rational number to become an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ .

Algebraic Property	$\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$	$\mathcal{O} \subsetneq \mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$
Class Group and Unit Group Computation [FT91,BF14]	Yes	Yes*
Irredundant Primary Decomposition of Ideals [AM69, Ch. 4]	Yes	Yes
Jordan-Hölder Filtration of Ideals [Cond,BBS21]	Yes	Yes
Tight bound on Shortest Vector [PR07,LPR10] (Lemma 2.13)	Yes	Yes
Every Fractional Ideal is Invertible [Cla84,FT91,Cona]	Yes	No
Every Ideal co-prime to Conductor is Invertible [Cona]	Yes	Yes
Unique Prime Ideal Factorization (PIF) [Cla84,FT91]	Yes	No
PIF of ideals co-prime to Conductor [Cona]	Yes	Yes
Every Ideal can be generated by two elements [FT91]	Yes	No
Compute (two or more) generators given $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis (e.g. [LPR10])	Yes	?
Ideal $\mathcal{I} \bmod q\mathcal{I}$ is Principal (for $q$ co-prime to index) (Secs. 3,4)	Yes	Yes

**Table 1.** Comparison of algebraic properties that an ideal lattice satisfies in the worst case. If a property is indicated with an affirmative, then it is also known to be efficiently computable (for class group, the claim is only for heuristic sub-exponential complexity[BF14]; moreover (\*), for  $\mathcal{O}$  the class group is only defined limited to the subset of invertible ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$  (modulo group of *all* principal ideals) [Cona]). The question mark above indicates that it is an open problem.

*On Clearing the Ideal.* As mentioned earlier, one of the main technical challenges in the hardness reduction, starting from Regev’s LWE reduction, is setting up a  $q$ -RLWE instance which is somehow not dependent on the worst-case lattice instance, especially given only some basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{L})$  of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ . While in the LWE instance, since the multiplication in LWE is just inner product, it is compatible with the lattice and the dual lattice clearing each other out, and the issue of inverting the lattice-basis modulo  $q$  does not come up. In the case of RLWE, since it is more “efficient”, the multiplication in RLWE is not a trace-product, but rather a polynomial multiplication. Thus, it is not enough that a lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  and its dual lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$  have the property that  $\mathcal{L}^\top \mathcal{L}^\vee = \mathbf{I}$ . To solve this problem,

the ideal clearing lemma of [LPR10] obtains an efficiently invertible (module-) isomorphism between  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  and the whole polynomial ring<sup>8</sup> modulo  $q$ , for any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . This isomorphism is not easy to obtain as lattice corresponding to  $\mathcal{I}$  may not be invertible modulo  $q$ , and in fact  $(q)$  as an ideal may have additional factorization into prime ideals. Nevertheless, an efficient isomorphism is obtained by computing prime ideal factorization or effectively inverting the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  itself (instead of inverting its lattice-basis). In our case, i.e. where  $\mathcal{O}$  could be a non Dedekind domain, the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  may not be invertible. However, we prove a more general clearing lemma that suffices for the reduction, and only requires that  $\mathcal{I}$  be a principal ideal modulo  $q\mathcal{I}$ .

**Related Work.** In [BBPS19], a generalization of the RLWE problem is described, wherein the ambient ring is not the ring of integers of a number field, but rather an order (i.e. a full-ranked sub-ring) such as the polynomial ring we consider. In a followup work in [BBS21], prove an ideal clearing lemma for arbitrary orders, including the polynomial ring. The relevant isomorphisms in their clearing lemma are not shown to be efficiently computable and they just prove that the relevant ring modules are isomorphic. Their approach to proving the ideal clearing lemma is different from ours. Instead of showing that for every ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , for  $q$  co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ ,  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  is principal, they take an alternative approach by first showing that  $\mathcal{I}$  is always a sub-ideal of an invertible ideal  $\mathcal{I}'$ , such that  $[\mathcal{O} : \mathcal{I}']$  is co-prime to  $q$ . The isomorphism is then built using composition of two maps from earlier works, namely [PP19, Theorem 4.1]<sup>9</sup> and the original ideal clearing lemma of [LPR10]. The existence of  $\mathcal{I}'$  with the relevant property is shown using Jordan-Holder decomposition of ideals in orders of a number field [Cond, Theorem 8.9]. However, it is not shown how  $\mathcal{I}'$  can be obtained efficiently given only a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

We have surmised that the above mentioned  $\mathcal{I}'$  of [BBS21] can be obtained efficiently by a quantum algorithm via the following strategy: first, factor the determinant of the given basis of  $\mathcal{I}$ , using Shor's quantum algorithm [Sho94]. Next, for each prime  $p$  in the factorization that is co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}]$ , one obtains a prime ideal factorization of the ideal  $(p)$ , using another algorithm of Dedekind and relevant theory of conductor ideals of  $\mathcal{R}$  [Cona]. One then searches through powers of each of these prime ideals to get the maximum power that is a factor ideal of  $\mathcal{I}$ . The product of all such prime ideal powers is the required ideal  $\mathcal{I}'$ . Since Regev's hardness reduction is anyway quantum, the fact that this algorithm is quantum does not hamper one from obtaining a quantum hardness reduction from ideals of  $\mathcal{R}$ , although it is desirable to have a classical isomorphism for the clearing lemma such as the one we show. It is worth noting, as we point out in the technical overview (section 1.1), that the depth of the quantum circuit for factoring is possibly much deeper than the quantum circuit

<sup>8</sup> More precisely,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}/q\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , for general fields

<sup>9</sup> In Theorem 4.1 of [PP19, Theorem 4.1] it is shown that, given a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , there is an efficiently computable and invertible isomorphism as long as the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is co-prime to the ideal  $(q)$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

required for Regev’s discrete Gaussian sampling [Reg05]; the former requires computing exponentiation modulo  $N$  whereas the latter requires computing the representative of a point modulo the given basic parallelepiped of lattice of ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ .

While [PP19] focuses on unifying all known versions and generalizations of Ring-LWE, Order-LWE, Module-LWE and others and showing that all of these can be based on hardness of usual RLWE and hardness of ideals in the Dedekind domain  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , they do prove some interesting technical lemmas which can be seen as ideal-clearing lemmas. In particular, Theorem 4.1 in that work implies that for  $q$ -Order-LWE (in any order  $\mathcal{O}$  in a number field), one can base its hardness on hardness of SIVP of sub-class of ideal (-lattices) of  $\mathcal{O}$ , namely restricted to ideal (-lattices)  $\mathcal{I}$  co-prime to principal ideal  $q\mathcal{O}$ . As mentioned earlier, this is a component used in the work [BBS21].

In [RSW18], a reduction from decision (resp. search) RLWE in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  to decision (resp. search) polynomial-LWE [SSTX09] (i.e. with the ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ) is obtained. Since, the hardness of RLWE in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  was only known based on hardness of ideals in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , this result only ties the hardness of polynomial-LWE to hardness of Dedekind-domain ideal lattices. In [PP19], a more general framework is considered which encompasses Module-LWE [BGV12,LS15] and Order-LWE [BBPS19] and shows reductions from Ring-LWE to these other variants, and with tight reductions, but with the same limitation.

In [AD17], the authors show a reduction from module-LWE in dimension  $d$  to RLWE with modulus  $q^d$ . This reduction continues to hold for module version of Order-LWE in dimension  $d$  to  $q^d$ -Order-LWE as the main theorem in [AD17], Theorem 1, continues to hold for any order of the number field, and not just the ring of integers. This is because the main property used in the proof of that theorem is that ideals of the ring of integers are full-ranked as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -modules. But this holds for all orders of a number field (see lemma 2.2).

**Outline.** The rest of the paper is organized as follows. The remaining part of Introduction contains a technical overview. Section 2 covers preliminaries of lattices, smoothing lemma, and hard problems over lattices. Section 2.1 covers basics of ideals and states the Dedekind Index theorem. Section 2.4 introduces the polynomial ring calculus including dual ideals. Section 3 proves that ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is principal modulo  $q\mathcal{I}$ . Section 4 gives a novel randomized algorithm to find a generator for above principal ideal. Section 5 proves the pseudo-randomness of  $q$ -Order-LWE using earlier works and the novel formulation of the clearing lemma and its proof using the theory and algorithms developed in earlier sections. Section 6 considers alternatives to CRYSTALS-Kyber and gives examples of non-bigenic ideals. The paper ends with a discussion on general orders.

## 1.1 Technical Overview

The state-of-the-art decisional Ring-LWE hardness, extended to lattices of ideals (of ring of integers) of all number fields, is the culmination of three works: the



original Regev LWE-reduction [Reg05], the decisional Ring-LWE hardness for cyclotomic fields [LPR10], and the extension to all number fields [PRS17].

First, we briefly describe the main components of Regev’s hardness reduction from discrete Gaussian sampling (DGS) over worst-case integer lattices to learning-with-error ( $q$ -LWE) modulo integer  $q$ . The DGS problem for a lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  can be classically solved if the variance  $\sigma$  for the Gaussian sampling is sufficiently large, for instance  $\sigma > 2^{2n} \lambda_n(\mathcal{L})$ , where  $n$  is the dimension of the lattice and  $\lambda_n$ , as usual, is the minimum length of a set of  $n$  linearly independent vectors from  $\mathcal{L}$ . This step is also called the bootstrapping step of DGS. To obtain finer sampling, i.e. for  $\sigma$  approaching a polynomial factor away from  $\lambda_n(\mathcal{L})$ , Regev employs a recursive strategy involving two reductions:

1. A quantum reduction that allows one to solve finer DGS for  $\mathcal{L}$  given a worst-case promise closest-vector-problem (CVP) oracle for the dual lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$ . A promise-CVP oracle  $\text{CVP}_{\mathcal{L}^\vee, d}$  solves the closest vector problem as long as the input instance is promised to be within distance  $d$  of the lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$ . The larger the promise under which the CVP oracle works, the finer is the DGS sampler, upto a limit. It is worth remarking that the main quantum components of this algorithm is a quantum fourier transform, and a computation (over superpositions) that computes a representative of point  $x$  modulo a given basic parallelepiped of  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$ .
2. A classical reduction that uses a  $q$ -LWE oracle, along with a fine DGS sampler for  $\mathcal{L}$  to solve promise-CVP over the dual lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$ . The finer the DGS sampler, the larger the promise that the CVP solver can handle. One hard problem solved in this step is what maybe referred to as “clearing the lattice”. Note that the CVP input instance describes a point  $x$  close to some lattice point  $y$  of some lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$ , whereas the  $q$ -LWE oracle which is used to solve this problem does not explicitly refer to any lattice. Regev’s clever idea is to use the DGS sampler to sample a lattice vector  $v$  from  $\mathcal{L}$ , and take the inner product of  $v$  with  $x$  to obtain the LWE sample. Since the dual lattice, by definition, is spanned by  $\mathcal{L}^{-\top}$ , this leads to clearing of the lattice from the LWE instance.

The work [LPR10] essentially extended step 2 above to use a  $q$ -RLWE oracle to solve the CVP problem for ideal lattices, more precisely, the ideal lattices of dual of the *ring of integers* of the underlying number field. The reduction to the decisional RLWE problem was only shown for cyclotomic fields. The biggest challenge that was solved in this work was that the usual dual of a lattice, and in this case a lattice defined by a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of the ring, need not itself be an ideal. Fortunately, this problem is well studied in number theory, and it is well-known that the appropriate lattice to consider is not the lattice defined by the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the ideal, but by the lattice embedded in  $\mathbb{C}^n$ , the  $n$ -dimensional complex domain, by the “canonical embedding”. This canonical embedding is similar to a Fourier transform and is essentially the linear transform defined by the Vandermonde matrix of  $f(X)$ , where  $f(X)$  is the irreducible polynomial that defines the number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ .

Once we consider these embedded lattices, it turns out that the usual notion of a dual lattice leads to a lattice that does correspond to a (fractional) ideal of the same ring. This (fractional) ideal is referred to as the dual ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  of the original ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . This is crucial in solving the “clearing the lattice” problem in step 2 above, where the problem is more complicated now as the RLWE sample generation uses polynomial (or number field) multiplication, and hence clearing the lattice must also employ polynomial multiplication and not an inner product; the latter sufficed for LWE. This is one of the main reasons that working with the *dual ideal* is helpful, although it still doesn’t immediately solve the problem. To fully tackle the problem [LPR10] formulated and proved an “ideal clearing lemma”, which informally showed the following:

- (i) an efficient isomorphism  $\psi$  that maps the finely sampled  $v$  (from the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  or its corresponding lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ ) to the ring modulo  $q$ ,
- (ii) an efficiently invertible isomorphism  $\phi$  that maps  $y$ , a lattice point in lattice  $\mathcal{L}^\vee$  of dual ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  (or equivalently treating  $y$  as an element of ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ ) to the dual of the ring (again, modulo  $q$ ),
- (iii) such that  $\psi(v) * \phi(y) = v * y \pmod{q}$ , where ‘\*’ is the polynomial multiplication in the number field (*ideal clearing property*).

Note that the image of  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  lie in the ring and the dual of the ring respectively, and do not refer to the ideal or the lattice, and hence the name “ideal clearing lemma”. More importantly, it is imperative to show that these isomorphisms are efficiently computable (invertible resp.) given only some basis of the ideal (or the corresponding lattice). This, however, is not an easy task and requires algorithms from computational number theory, and in particular the unique prime ideal factorization of ideals of Dedekind domains. [LPR10] show an invertible isomorphism  $\psi$ , as required above, by computing an element  $t$  in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  such that  $t \cdot \mathcal{I}^{-\vee}$  is co-prime to ideal  $(q)$ . Intuitively, multiplication by  $t$  serves as the inverse of isomorphism  $\psi$  by noting the following: multiplication by any  $t$  in  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  would map the dual of the ring to the ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ . However, if the principal ideal  $(t)$  shares some prime ideals with factorization of  $(q)$ , then this would not be a bijection. Thus, by requiring that  $t \cdot \mathcal{I}^{-\vee}$  is coprime to  $(q)$ , the map becomes bijective. But, note that this reasoning only holds in a ring where there is unique prime ideal factorization, and hence this technique only works for rings which have unique prime ideal factorization. It is well-known that the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field  $\mathbf{K}$  is a Dedekind domain which is also well-known to have unique prime ideal factorization. Further, all strict sub-rings of ring of integers of a number field are known to be non-Dedekind domain, and also *not* have unique prime ideal factorization.

## 1.2 Extension to Arbitrary Orders in the Number Field

In this work, we achieve the ideal clearing lemma by a slightly different strategy, which not just simplifies the claim for Dedekind domains, but is also applicable for  $\mathcal{O}$ , as long as  $q$  is co-prime to index of  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  (denoted  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ ). The

alternate strategy requires showing that for any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and any such  $q$ , the ideal  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  is a principal ideal of the ring  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{I}$ . We also give a simple and novel randomized algorithm to find a generator for this principal ideal. Finally, we show that with this generator in hand, we can give the requisite isomorphisms  $\phi$  and  $\psi$  above, which are easily shown to be efficiently computable and invertible, and which satisfy the ideal clearing property.

Since the proof of ideal clearing lemma requires some key lemmas involving the dual ideal, which in turn is defined using the canonical embedding, we begin by giving in section 2.4 a basic introduction to dual ideals, especially tailored for the orders  $\mathcal{O}$ . The core of our work is in showing that  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  is a principal ideal of the ring  $\mathcal{R}/q\mathcal{I}$ , and we achieve this goal in a relatively elementary way, without invoking advanced techniques such as localization, Jordan-Holder decomposition, and of course neither the Dedekind domain prime ideal factorization.

We briefly describe how we prove that  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  is a principal ideal of the ring  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{I}$ . We first prove that  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$  is a principal ideal domain. For Dedekind domains, this is a well-known result, and holds for all  $q$ , in fact modulo all ideals. For general orders, it well-known that  $q\mathcal{O}$  is a product of prime ideals (i.e. when  $q$  is co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ ), say  $q\mathcal{O} = \mathfrak{p}_1^{e_1} \cdot \mathfrak{p}_r^{e_r}$ . Next, any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is shown to be a product of an ideal  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  (co-prime to all the above ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ ) and product of some powers of above  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . This is possible as ideals in orders are full-ranked sub-groups. With this factorization in hand, we first show that each of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  is a principal ideal ring, which just requires showing that  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is principal modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  for  $e_i > 1$ . This is the trickiest part of the proof, and uses (recursive) factorization as above of each principal ideal ( $z$ ) for  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_i$ , and shows that one of these must be the whole ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  (modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ ). The rest of the proof follows by Chinese remainder theorem.

The most interesting part of the proof is that it shows that every nonzero ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  is generated by a power of a same  $z \in \mathfrak{p}$  (see theorem 3.4). This allows us to give a simple randomized algorithm for the principal ideal  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$ , given any  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . Indeed, the simple algorithm picks  $n$  random elements  $\rho_k(X)$  ( $k \in [n]$ ) from  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$ . Next, we view each of the  $n$  columns of the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$  as polynomials, say  $\gamma_k(X)$ , which are all generated by power of a same  $z$  (modulo each  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ ). The algorithm simply outputs  $\sum_{k \in [n]} \gamma_k(X) * \rho_k(X)$ . We prove that this is a generator of the principal ideal with a decent non-negligible probability.

## 2 Preliminaries

### 2.1 Ideal Basics

Let  $R$  be any commutative ring with unity. An (integral) *ideal*  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq R$  is an additive subgroup that is closed under multiplication by the elements from  $R$ . A fractional ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is a subset of  $R$ , such that there exists an element  $r \in R$  that makes  $r \cdot \mathcal{I}$  an integral ideal of  $R$ . An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $R$  is **invertible** if there exists a fractional ideal  $\mathcal{J}$  such that  $\mathcal{I}\mathcal{J} = R$ . An ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  generated by finitely many

$g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k$  is denoted by  $(g_1, g_2, \dots, g_k)$ . Note,  $(1) = R$ . A **prime ideal** of a ring  $R$  is an ideal  $\mathcal{P}$  such that  $ab \in \mathcal{P}$  implies  $a \in \mathcal{P}$  or  $b \in \mathcal{P}$ . A **maximal ideal** of a ring  $R$  is a non-trivial ideal (i.e. not same as  $R$ ) that is maximal under the subset relation. Two ideals  $\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  are called **co-prime** if  $\mathcal{I} + \mathcal{J} = (1)$ . An element  $c \in R$  will be called **invertible modulo an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$**  if there exists a  $\mu \in R$  and  $\lambda \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $\mu c = 1 + \lambda$ . In other words,  $c$  is a **unit** of quotient ring  $R/\mathcal{I}$ . We enumerate a list of well-known facts about ideals, with elementary proofs, in appendix A.

For a proof of the following general form of CRT, see e.g. [Eis13].

**Theorem 2.1 (Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)).** *Let  $\mathcal{I}_1, \dots, \mathcal{I}_k$  be a set of pairwise co-prime ideals of a ring  $R$ . Then,  $R/\mathcal{I}_1 \cdots \mathcal{I}_k \cong \prod_i R/\mathcal{I}_i$ .*

## 2.2 Basic Algebraic Number Theory

A number field is a finite extension of the field of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$ . By the celebrated primitive element theorem, every number field  $\mathbf{K}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$  where  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , and  $[\mathbf{K} : \mathbb{Q}]$  is the degree of the polynomial  $f(X)$ . Let  $R$  be a subring of a ring  $R'$ . An element  $x \in R'$  is said to be **integral** over  $R$  if it satisfies a monic polynomial equation, where the polynomial has coefficients in  $R$ . The **ring of integers** of a number field  $\mathbf{K}$ , denoted  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , are the set of elements of  $\mathbf{K}$  that are integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  is integrally closed. The ring of integers can in general be a strict super-ring of the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ . However, for cyclotomic fields, the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  is same as  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$  (see Appendix D for a proof). It is well-known that the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field is a Dedekind domain (see e.g. [FT91]). Even though our work does not employ Dedekind domains other than for comparison purposes, we give a brief introduction to Dedekind domains in Appendix C.

Generalizing the rings  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  and  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , an **order**  $\mathcal{O}$  in the field  $\mathbf{K}$  is a subring of  $\mathbf{K}$  that is finitely generated as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module and contains a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Orders in  $\mathbf{K}$  are the subrings of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  with finite index, and hence  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  is referred to as the maximal order. Since a Dedekind domain is integrally closed, the non-maximal orders are not Dedekind domains. However, orders share many features of the maximal order  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  (see e.g. [Cond, Section 8]):

- Lemma 2.2.** (i) *An order in  $\mathbf{K}$  is an integral domain and has fraction field  $\mathbf{K}$ .*  
(ii) *All nonzero prime ideals in an order are maximal.*  
(iii) *Every order has a  $\mathbb{Z}$  basis that can be chosen to include 1.*  
(iv) *All nonzero ideals in an order are finitely generated as a free  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module with rank  $n = [\mathbf{K} : \mathbb{Q}]$ .*  
(v) *Given a rank  $n$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis matrix of a nonzero ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\mathfrak{a})$ , every sub-ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of  $\mathbf{B}(\mathfrak{a}) \cdot \mathbf{M}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is an integer  $n \times n$  matrix. Consequently,  $\det(\mathbf{M})$  is same as  $[\mathfrak{a} : \mathfrak{m}]$ .*  
(vi) *For every nonzero prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and for every  $r \geq 0$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}^r \neq \mathfrak{p}^{r+1}$ .*

The proof of (v) follows from the previous items and by computing Hermite normal form. The proof of determinant follows by combining the structure theorem of finitely generated abelian groups [Lan02, Theorem 8.2] and the elementary divisors theorem of finitely generated submodules [Lan02, Theorem 7.8] (aka Smith Normal Form). The proof of (vi) follows from the generalized Cayley-Hamilton theorem (see e.g. [AM69, Corr. 2.5] or [Eis13], cf. Nakayama’s lemma [AM69, Lemma 2.6]). For general orders, it is not necessary that  $[\mathfrak{p}^r : \mathfrak{p}^{r+1}]$  is constant, whereas for the maximal order this is true.

**Theorem 2.3.** (*[Cond, Theorem 8.6]*) *Let  $m = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ . Every prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , such that  $m\mathcal{O} \not\subset \mathfrak{p}$ , is invertible.*

The proof of the following lemma is similar to proof of [Cona, Theorem 3.6] and can be found in Appendix A.

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $m = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ . An ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  that is relatively prime to principal ideal  $m\mathcal{O}$  is a product of prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$ .*

Note that in this work we will not require that this factorization of  $\mathfrak{b}$  be unique.

For a proof of the following celebrated theorem see [Conb] or [Coh93, Theorem 6.1.4]. Recall, for a prime  $p$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_p[X]$  is a unique factorization domain.

**Theorem 2.5 (Dedekind Index Theorem).** *Let  $p$  be a prime integer. For any monic polynomial  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  that is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , let  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  be the ring of integers of the number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ . Let the following be the (unique) factorization of  $f(X)$  modulo  $p$  into powers of  $m$  irreducible polynomials  $h_i(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$  ( $i \in [m]$ ):*

$$f(X) = h_1(X)^{e_1} \cdots h_m(X)^{e_m} + p \cdot t(X),$$

where  $e_i$  are positive integers, and  $t(X) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ . Then,  $p \nmid [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))]$  if and only if for all  $i \in [m]$  such that  $e_i \geq 2$ , polynomial  $h_i(X)$  does not divide  $t(X)$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[X]$ .

### 2.3 The Canonical Space $\mathcal{H}$ , Lattices, and Hard Lattice Problems

We’ll be working with polynomial rings modulo a monic polynomial  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$  of degree  $n$  whose (complex) roots are distinct. Each ring element is a polynomial  $g(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} g_i X^i$  of degree less than  $n$ , which can be viewed as a length- $n$  (column) vector of its coefficients  $(g_0, \dots, g_{n-1})$ . We will denote this vector by boldface  $g$ , i.e.  $\mathbf{g}$ , and we will use this as a general notational principle.

To start with, we will work with the ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ . When  $f(X)$  is irreducible,  $\mathbf{K} = \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a number field. Later, we will develop the theory for many sub-rings such as  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ , its modulo  $q$  version  $\mathcal{R}_q = \mathbb{Z}_q[X]/(f(X))$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and in general any order in  $\mathbf{K}$ .

For clarity, we use operator “ $\ast$ ” for polynomial multiplication, operator “ $\cdot$ ” for matrix multiplication, and operator “ $\times$ ” for cartesian product.

The ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is definitely a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -algebra, and a (possibly degenerate) extension of the field  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Since,  $\mathbb{C}$  is the completion of algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  naturally embeds in  $\mathbb{C}$ , with  $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  embedding identically in  $\mathbb{C}$ . However, there are  $n$  such distinct embeddings in  $\mathbb{C}$ . These  $n$  embeddings are automorphic (i.e. automorphisms of the image of  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ ) if  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a Galois field extension. However, in general we will get  $n$  embeddings which are not necessarily automorphic. The  $n$  embeddings viewed together can be seen as mapping to the following space  $\mathcal{H}$ , which we will refer to as the *canonical embedding* in the general case, i.e. whether  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a Galois extension or not even a field extension.

The canonical space  $\mathcal{H}$  is defined as follow where  $s_1 + 2s_2 = n$ :

$$\mathcal{H} = \{(x_0, \dots, x_{n-1}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{s_1} \times \mathbb{C}^{2s_2} \mid \forall i \in [s_2] : x_{s_1+i} = \overline{x_{s_1+s_2+i}}\} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^n$$

We now describe the canonical embedding from the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  to this space  $\mathcal{H}$  given by a matrix.

*Vandermonde Matrix and Discriminant* Let the  $n$  distinct roots of  $f(X)$  be  $(z_0, \dots, z_{n-1})$ . Note the complex roots of  $f(X)$  come in conjugate pairs, because for integer polynomial,  $f(\bar{z}) = \overline{f(z)}$ . We can order the roots such that  $z_i \in \mathbb{R}$  for  $i \in [s_1]$  and  $z_{s_1+i} = \overline{z_{s_1+s_2+i}}$  for  $i \in [s_2]$ , where  $s_1 + 2s_2 = n$ .

The (square) *Vandermonde matrix*  $\mathbf{V}$  of the roots of  $f(X)$  is given by

$$\mathbf{V} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & z_0 & z_0^2 & \cdots & z_0^{n-1} \\ 1 & z_1 & z_1^2 & \cdots & z_1^{n-1} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 1 & z_{n-1} & z_{n-1}^2 & \cdots & z_{n-1}^{n-1} \end{bmatrix}$$

whose determinant is  $\det(\mathbf{V}) = \prod_{0 \leq i < j < n} (z_j - z_i)$ . Because all roots are distinct,  $\det(\mathbf{V}) \neq 0$  and hence  $\mathbf{V}$  is invertible. We will abuse notation, and call the Vandermonde matrix of  $z_i$ 's, to be also the Vandermonde matrix of  $f(X)$ .

The **discriminant**  $\Delta_f$  of a polynomial is defined to be the square of the determinant of the Vandermonde matrix of  $f(X)$ . In corollary B.3 we will relate the discriminant to the determinant of the multiplication matrix (in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ ) of the derivative of  $f(X)$ .

Given a polynomial  $g(X)$  and its vector representation  $\mathbf{g}$ , the product of  $\mathbf{V}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  is essentially the evaluation of polynomial  $g(X)$  at roots of  $f(X)$ :  $(g(z_0), g(z_1), \dots, g(z_{n-1})) \in \mathcal{H}$ . Therefore, the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $f(X)$  canonically embeds the polynomial in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  into the canonical space  $\mathcal{H}$ : first view the polynomial as vector of coefficients over  $\mathbb{Q}$  ( $\subseteq \mathbb{R} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ ). The first  $s_1$  rows of  $\mathbf{V}$  maps this vector into  $\mathbb{R}^{s_1}$ , and the remaining rows of  $\mathbf{V}$  maps this vector into  $\mathbb{C}^{2s_2}$ , with conjugate pairs. Note that  $\mathbf{V}(\mathbf{g} * \mathbf{h})$  is same as point-wise product of  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{h}$ , for any polynomials  $\mathbf{g}$  and  $\mathbf{h}$ .

*Lattice* The lattice  $\mathcal{L}$  is defined as an additive subgroup of  $\mathcal{H}$  given by a set of basis vectors  $\{\mathbf{b}_0, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{m-1}\}$  from  $\mathcal{H}$ :

$$\mathcal{L} = \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{m-1} z_i \cdot \mathbf{b}_i \mid (z_0, \dots, z_{n-1}) \in \mathbb{Z}^n \right\}.$$

It's dual is defined as  $\mathcal{L}^\vee = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L} : \langle \mathbf{y}, \mathbf{x} \rangle = \mathbf{y}^H \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ . Here  $(\cdot)^H$  denotes the Hermitian (conjugate) transpose. It's easy to verify that  $(\mathcal{L}^\vee)^\vee = \mathcal{L}$ .

The minimum distance of a lattice is defined as the length of the shortest non-zero lattice vector:  $\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}) = \min_{\mathbf{0} \neq \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}} \{\|\mathbf{x}\|\}$ .

*Gaussians* Define  $G = \{\mathbf{r} \in \mathbb{R}_+^n \mid \mathbf{r}_{s_1+i} = \mathbf{r}_{s_1+s_2+i}, 0 \leq i < s_1\}$ . For any  $\mathbf{r} \in G$ , the *elliptical Gaussian distribution*  $D_{\mathbf{r}}$  over the space  $\mathcal{H}$  is defined to have a probability density function proportional to  $\rho_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = \exp\left(-\sum_{i=0}^{n-1} |\mathbf{x}_i/\mathbf{r}_i|^2\right)$ . For real  $r > 0$ , We also define the spherical Gaussian distribution  $D_r$  as  $D_{r \cdot \mathbf{1}}$ .

**Definition 2.1 (Smoothing Condition).** For any lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$ , a positive real  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\mathbf{r} \in G$ , we say  $\mathbf{r} \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L})$  if  $\rho_{1/\mathbf{r}}(\mathcal{L}^\vee \setminus \{0\}) \leq \epsilon$  where  $1/\mathbf{r} = (1/r_0, 1/r_1, \dots, 1/r_{n-1})$ .

**Lemma 2.6 ([MR07, PRS17]). (Smoothing Lemma)** For any lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$  and  $\mathbf{r} \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L})$ . the statistical distance between  $(D_{\mathbf{r}} \bmod \mathcal{L})$  and the uniform distribution over  $\mathcal{H}/\mathcal{L}$  is at most  $2\epsilon$ .

**Lemma 2.7 ([MR07]).** For any lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $c \geq 1$ , we have  $c\sqrt{n}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}^\vee) \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L})$  where  $\epsilon = \exp(-c^2n)$ .

**Proposition 2.8 ([MR07]).** For any lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\epsilon \in (0, 1)$ , we have  $\eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}) \geq \sqrt{\frac{\log(1/\epsilon)}{\pi}}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}^\vee)$ .

For a lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathcal{H}$  and  $\mathbf{r} \in G$ , the *discrete Gaussian* distribution  $D_{\mathcal{L}, \mathbf{r}}$  is defined to have support  $\mathcal{L}$  and mass function  $D_{\mathcal{L}, \mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x}) = \rho_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathbf{x})/\rho_{\mathbf{r}}(\mathcal{L})$  for  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}$ .

*Lattice Problems* We introduce the following (seemingly hard) lattice problems.

**Definition 2.2 (SVP and SIVP).** On the canonical space  $\mathcal{H}$  endowed with some geometric norm (such as the  $\ell_2$  norm), let  $\gamma > 1$ , given a lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ , the Shortest Vector Problem  $SVP_\gamma$  asks for an element  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}$  such that  $\|\mathbf{x}\| \leq \gamma \cdot \lambda_1(\mathcal{L})$ , and the Shortest Independent Vectors Problem  $SIVP_\gamma$  asks for  $n$  linearly independent elements in  $\mathcal{L}$  whose norms are at most  $\gamma \cdot \lambda_n(\mathcal{L})$ .

**Definition 2.3 (DGS).** Let  $\gamma > 0$ . The Discrete Gaussian Sampling problem  $DGS_\gamma$  is, given a lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$  and  $r \geq \gamma$ , output samples from the distribution  $D_{\mathcal{L}, r}$ .

**Definition 2.4 (GDP).** For a lattice  $\mathcal{L} \subseteq \mathcal{H}$ , the Gaussian Decoding Problem  $GDP_{\mathcal{L}, r}$  asks, given a coset  $\mathbf{e} + \mathcal{L}$  where  $\mathbf{e} \in \mathcal{H}$  is sampled from Gaussian  $D_r$ , find  $\mathbf{e}$ .

More specifically, in this work, we consider the above problems restricted to the *ideal lattices*, when lattices are generated by ideals of orders in the field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ — see section 2.5.

## 2.4 Polynomial Ring Calculus

*Circulant Matrices* In polynomial ring modulo  $f(X)$ , the **circulant matrix** (modulo  $f(X)$ ) or multiplication matrix for a ring element  $g(X)$  is given by an  $n$ -by- $n$  matrix  $\mathbf{C}_g$  whose  $i$ -th column is the coefficients of  $g(X) * X^i$  modulo  $f(X)$  for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n-1$ .

It's not difficult to see that circulant matrices are closed under addition and multiplication. Moreover, the multiplication commutes. For any two ring elements  $g(X)$  and  $h(X)$ :

- $\mathbf{C}_g + \mathbf{C}_h = \mathbf{C}_{g+h}$ .
- $\mathbf{C}_g \cdot \mathbf{h}$  corresponds to their product  $g(X) * h(X)$ .
- $\mathbf{C}_g \cdot \mathbf{C}_h = \mathbf{C}_{g*h} = \mathbf{C}_{h*g} = \mathbf{C}_h \cdot \mathbf{C}_g$ .

Additionally, a circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}_g$  has an inverse  $\mathbf{C}_g^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_{g^{-1}}$  iff  $g(X)$  is invertible modulo  $f(X)$ .

The inverse of the circulant matrix can also be given as  $\mathbf{C}_g^{-1} = \frac{1}{\det(\mathbf{C}_g)} \cdot \text{adj}(\mathbf{C}_g)$  where  $\text{adj}(\mathbf{C}_g)$  is the adjugate matrix of  $\mathbf{C}_g$ . If  $g(X)$  is from  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_g$  is integer, and its inverse  $\mathbf{C}_g^{-1}$  is also integer except for a common (integer) denominator  $\det(\mathbf{C}_g)$ .

*Another view of the canonical embedding.* Take the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $f(X)$ . It defines an embedding from the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  to its evaluation domain  $\mathcal{H}$ . We now demonstrate that, the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  diagonalizes the circulant matrices into its canonical embedding.

Let  $\mathbf{D}_g$  be the diagonal matrix with its diagonal being the canonical embedding of  $g(X)$ , i.e.  $(\mathbf{D}_g)_{i,i} = g(z_i)$ . Consider  $(\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{C}_g)_{i,j} = p_j(z_i)$  where  $p_j(X) = g(X) * X^j \pmod{f(X)}$ . In other words,  $p_j(X) = g(X)X^j - t_j(X)f(X)$  for some polynomial  $t_j(X)$ , we have

$$(\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{C}_g)_{i,j} = p_j(z_i) = g(z_i) \cdot z_i^j - t_j(z_i) \cdot 0 = g(z_i) \cdot z_i^j = (\mathbf{D}_g \cdot \mathbf{V})_{i,j}$$

and hence  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{C}_g = \mathbf{D}_g\mathbf{V}$  or  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{C}_g\mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{D}_g$ .

The determinant of the circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}_g$  can be then calculated as

$$\det(\mathbf{C}_g) = \frac{\det(\mathbf{D}_g)}{\det(\mathbf{V})\det(\mathbf{V}^{-1})} = \det(\mathbf{D}_g) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} g(z_i) \quad (1)$$

where  $z_i$ 's are the roots of  $f(X)$ . Note that this is just the product of all the entries in the embedding of  $g(X)$ . When  $f(X)$  is irreducible, and thus  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  is a field, then this quantity, i.e. the determinant  $\det(\mathbf{C}_g)$  is called the **(field) norm** of  $g(X)$  in the extension field  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## 2.5 Ideal Lattices and Dual Ideals

*Ideal  $\mathbb{Z}$ -Basis.* By lemma 2.2 (iv) ideals of any order  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathbf{K}$  have a rank  $n$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis. Thus, any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of an  $n \times n$  basis matrix, which we



denote by  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ . Note that all basis matrices are closed under integer unimodular transformation, and hence their determinants are the same. Similarly, the order itself has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, which we will denote by  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$ .

**Lemma 2.9.** *The principal ideal  $g\mathcal{O}$  of order  $\mathcal{O}$  generated by a  $g \in \mathcal{O}$  has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{C}_g \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$ .*

*Ideal Lattice.* Since an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  has a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, say  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ , it defines a lattice in  $\mathcal{O} \subseteq \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ . We can also embed this lattice in  $\mathcal{H}$ , and consider the embedding as a lattice in  $\mathcal{H}$ . The canonical embedding given by the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $f(X)$  naturally induces an *ideal lattice*  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})$  in  $\mathcal{H}$ , given by matrix  $\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ .

*Ideal Lattice Dual.* For an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , the dual of its ideal lattice  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})$  in  $\mathcal{H}$  is defined to be  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall \mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}), \mathbf{y}^H \cdot \mathbf{x} \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\mathbf{y} \in \mathcal{H} \mid \forall \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^n, \mathbf{y}^H \cdot \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) \cdot \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{\mathbf{V}^{-H} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-H} \mathbf{z} \mid \mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^n\}$ . As mentioned above, the basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$  also defines a lattice in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , and one can define a dual of the ideal itself using *trace pairing*. Recall that we abuse the notation by denoting  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}$  as the coefficients vector of polynomial  $a(X) * b(X)$  modulo  $f(X)$ . The trace pairing of  $a(X), b(X) \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $\text{Tr}(a(X), b(X))$  is defined to be trace of  $\mathbf{V} \cdot (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})$  which is same as  $(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{a})^\top \cdot (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{b})$ . Thus, we can define the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  of ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  to be the set

$$\{b(X) \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}} \mid \forall a(X) \in \mathcal{I}, \text{Tr}(a(X), b(X)) \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Note that this is the pre-image in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$  of the complex conjugate of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$ . We prove below that this is indeed a (fractional) ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ . Hence, we will refer to  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  as the **dual ideal** of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

**Lemma 2.10.** *For an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  with basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ ,*

- i) *the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top}$ ,*
- ii) *the matrix  $\det(\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})) \cdot \det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \cdot (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top}$  is an integer matrix,*
- iii) *the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ .*

The proof of the above lemma is standard using elementary symmetric polynomials and can be found in Appendix B.

*The Dual (of the) Ring.* When the entire ring  $\mathcal{O}$  is considered as an ideal, its dual  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$ , by lemma 2.10, is a fractional ideal given by the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis matrix  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})^{-\top}$ . See Appendix B for a full characterization of the dual ideal  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$ .

**Lemma 2.11.** *For an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , for any  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{I}$  and any  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$ ,  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{O}^\vee$ .*

*Proof.* Since by lemma 2.10,  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is a (fractional) ideal, for any  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c}$  is also in  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ . Thus, by definition of the dual-ideal (applied to dual of  $\mathcal{I}$ ),  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since this trace is same as trace of  $\mathbf{V} \cdot (\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b} * \mathbf{c})$ , this also implies that  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}, \mathbf{c}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since this holds for all  $\mathbf{c} \in \mathcal{O}$ , again by definition of dual ideal (applied to dual of  $\mathcal{O}$ ),  $\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b}$  is in dual of  $\mathcal{O}$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$ .

**Proposition 2.12.** For  $g(X) \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ , we have  $C_g(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} = (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} C_g^\top$ , and  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) C_g = C_g^\top (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})$ .

*Proof.* Note that the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  diagonalizes the circulant matrix  $\mathbf{V} C_g \mathbf{V}^{-1} = \mathbf{D}_g$ . Thus,

$$\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} C_g = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{D}_g \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{D}_g^\top \mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{D}_g \mathbf{V})^\top \mathbf{V} = (\mathbf{V} C_g)^\top \mathbf{V} = C_g^\top \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}.$$

This proposition, along with lemma 2.11, will be used in proving the ideal clearing lemma.

We also give a counterpart of lemma 2.9 of [LPR10] (which in turn uses [PR07]). The proof is similar and can be found in Appendix B.

**Lemma 2.13.** For any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , where  $f(X)$  is irreducible and of degree  $n$ .

$$\sqrt{n} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{1/n} \leq \lambda_1(\mathcal{I}) \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{1/n} \cdot \sqrt{\Delta_f^{1/n}}$$

### 3 Principal Ideal Lemma for Dedekind-Special Integers

Consider the number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ , where  $f(X)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}$  be an order in  $\mathbf{K}$ . In this section we will show that for every  $q$ , such that  $q$  is co-prime to  $m = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ , the ring  $\mathcal{O}$  modulo  $q$  is a principal ideal domain (PID). Moreover, we show that every ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , modulo the ideal  $q\mathfrak{a}$ , is principal. Normally, such a claim holds for Dedekind domains, and the proofs require the unique prime ideal decomposition theorem for Dedekind domains. We show that if the ring is an order in a number field, even though it may not be a Dedekind domain, it can directly be shown that the ring  $\mathcal{O}$  modulo  $q$  is a PID, and further, every ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is principal modulo  $q\mathfrak{a}$ .

To start with, by lemma 2.4,  $q\mathcal{O}$  is a product of prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$ , which we state as a lemma below.

**Lemma 3.1.** In the order  $\mathcal{O}$ , for any  $q$  that is co-prime to  $m$ , the ideal  $(q)$  is same as  $\mathfrak{p}_1^{e_1} \mathfrak{p}_2^{e_2} \dots \mathfrak{p}_r^{e_r}$ , for some distinct prime ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and positive integers  $e_1, \dots, e_r$ .

From now on we will let  $r, \mathfrak{p}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{p}_r$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_r$  stand for values associated with  $q$  as in the lemma above.

The following theorem follows from above and CRT.

**Theorem 3.2.**

$$\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O} \cong \prod_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$$

The rest of the section is devoted to proving that  $\mathcal{O}/q$  is a principal ideal ring (PID) (Theorem 3.4 below), and any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is principal modulo  $q\mathfrak{a}$  (Theorem 3.7). If  $\mathcal{O}$  was a Dedekind domain, the usual proof goes as follows: One first shows that  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}/\mathfrak{D}_i \mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$ , where  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$  is the *localization* of  $\mathcal{O}$  at the ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . If the reader is not familiar with localization, he/she can

skip this discussion, as the direct proof we give *does not* use localization. Next, it is shown that the local ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$  is a principal ideal domain (PID) by showing that it is a discrete valuation ring (DVR). This step requires the prime ideal decomposition theorem for Dedekind domains. Since the quotient ring of a PID is a PID, the claim follows.

While our ring  $\mathcal{O}$  may not be a Dedekind domain, most of the above steps would still go through for our special  $q$ , except for proving that  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$  is a DVR, which is usually proved using the prime ideal decomposition theorem for Dedekind domains. Luckily, in our special case, we can still prove  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathfrak{p}_i}$  is a DVR without the decomposition theorem for Dedekind Domains. As promised, we give a direct proof of Theorem 3.4.

**Lemma 3.3.** *Any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  can be written as  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in [r]} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t_i}$ , where  $t_i$  are non-negative integers, and  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$  co-prime to every  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in [r]$ ).*

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to every  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in [r]$ ), then  $t_i$  can be taken to be zero, and we are done. Otherwise, let  $I \subseteq [r]$  be the non-empty and maximal set of indices  $i$ ,  $i \in [r]$ , such that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is not co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . Since each  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is prime and maximal, this implies that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a subset of each of  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in I$ ). For each  $i \in I$ , let  $t(i) > 0$  be the largest integer such that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a subset of  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ . Such a  $t(i)$  is well-defined as  $[\mathcal{O} : \mathfrak{a}]$  is fixed, and  $[\mathcal{O} : \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}]$  becomes large with increasing  $t(i)$  by lemma 2.2 (v)& (vi).

We show that there exists an ideal  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} = \hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ .

Let  $T = \sum_{i \in I} t(i)$ . Define  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  to be the *fractional* ideal

$$q^{-T} \cdot \mathfrak{a} \cdot \left( \prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{(e_i-1)t(i)} * \prod_{j \in [r], j \neq i} \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j t(i)} \right).$$

Using lemma 3.1, it is straightforward to check that  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot (\prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}) = \mathfrak{a}$ .

We now show that  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is actually an integral ideal, i.e. an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ . We will show that  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot \left( \prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{(e_i-1)t(i)} * \prod_{j \in [r], j \neq i} \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j t(i)} \right)$  is in  $(p)^T$ . Since, for all  $i \in I$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \cap_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ . But, these ideals  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$  are all co-prime, and hence  $\mathfrak{a} \subseteq \prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ . Claim then follows from the factorization of  $(q)$  given by lemma 3.1.

*Claim:* Ideal  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is co-prime to every  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ ,  $i \in [r]$ .

*Proof of Claim:* If there exists an  $i \in [r]$ , say  $i^*$ , such that  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is not co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_{i^*}$ , then since the latter is maximal,  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}_{i^*}$ . But, since  $\mathfrak{a} = \hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in I} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t(i)}$ , this implies that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}_{i^*}^{t(i^*)+1}$ , contradicting the maximality of  $t(i^*)$ . This proves the claim and the lemma.

**Theorem 3.4.** *For all  $j \in [r]$ ,  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is a principal ideal ring. Further, for every  $j \in [r]$ , there is a fixed  $z \in \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  such that every non-zero ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is generated by a non-negative integer power of  $z$ .*

*Proof.* If an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ , and hence also co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  then  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j} = (1)$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is generated by one, which is a zero-th power of the stipulated  $z$ . So, we are left with the case where ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is not co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ .

By lemma 3.3, any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  can be written as  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in [r]} \mathfrak{p}_i^{t_i}$ , where  $t_i$  are non-negative integers, and  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$  co-prime to every  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in [r]$ ). As before,  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is generated by one. Similarly, for all  $i \neq j$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{t_i}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is generated by one. If  $t_j \geq e_j$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_j}$  is zero modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  and is generated by zero, so the only interesting case we are left with is  $0 < t_j < e_j$ . We will just show that  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is principal modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  with  $e_j > 1$ , as this would imply that every power of  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is also principal, and if  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  is generated by some  $z$ , then  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_j}$  is generated by  $z^{t_j}$ .

For each  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_j$ , consider the principal ideal  $(z)$  in  $\mathcal{O}$ . Again, by lemma 3.3, it can be written as product of ideals co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  and some finite power  $t_z$  of  $\mathfrak{p}_j$ . Thus, ideal  $(z)$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_z}$ . Let  $z^*$  be an  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_j$  with minimal  $t_z$ . We claim that every  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_j / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_{z^*}} / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{p}_j / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is same as  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_{z^*}} / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$ . This will show that  $\mathfrak{p}_j$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is principal, being generated by  $z^*$ . The claim is dispatched by noting that for every  $z \in \mathfrak{p}_j / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$ , by definition of  $t_z$  and the fact that  $t_{z^*}$  is minimal,  $(z) / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_{z^*}} / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$ , and hence  $z$  itself is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}_j^{t_{z^*}} / \mathfrak{p}_j^{e_j}$ .

**Corollary 3.5.**  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$  is a principal ideal ring.

*Proof.* Follows by theorems 3.2 and 3.4 as product of principal ideal rings is a principal ideal ring.

**Corollary 3.6.** For all  $i \in [r]$ , the ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  is same as  $(q, h_i)$  for some  $h_i \in \mathfrak{p}_i$ .

*Proof.* By corollary 3.5, the ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i \bmod q\mathcal{O}$  is generated by some  $h_i \in \mathfrak{p}_i / q\mathcal{O}$ . W.l.o.g. pick any  $h_i \in \mathfrak{p}_i$  as the representative. Then,  $\mathfrak{p}_i + (q) = (h_i) + (q)$ . Since  $(q) \subset \mathfrak{p}_i$  and the corollary follows.

**Theorem 3.7.** For any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is principal modulo  $q\mathfrak{a}$ , i.e. as an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathfrak{a}$ .

*Proof.* First consider the case that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to all  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in [1..r]$ ). Then, by lemma 3.1 and basic properties of ideals (see lemma A.1 (xiv) and (xii)), and CRT, we have  $\mathcal{O}/(q\mathfrak{a}) \cong \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{a} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ . So  $\mathfrak{a}$  will be principal in  $\mathcal{R}/q\mathfrak{a}$ , if it is principal in each of the component rings. Theorem 3.4, shows that  $\mathfrak{a}$  is principal in  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ , and  $\mathfrak{a}$  is trivially principal modulo  $\mathfrak{a}$ , and hence the lemma is proved in this case.

Otherwise, by lemmas 3.3 and 3.1, we have,  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot (q) = \hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in [r]} \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i + t_i}$ , for some non-negative integers  $t_i$ . Also,  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is co-prime to each  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  and hence to each  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i + t_i}$ . Thus, by CRT,  $\mathcal{O}/(q\mathfrak{a}) \cong \mathcal{O}/\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i=1}^r \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i + t_i}$ . Then, using theorem 3.4,  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is principal modulo  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot (q)$  by employing CRT, just as in the simple case above where  $\mathfrak{a}$  was co-prime to all  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . By Theorem 3.4, each  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is also principal modulo

$\mathfrak{p}_j^s$ , for any  $s$ . So, we just need to show that  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is principal modulo  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Since  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , there exists elements in  $\alpha \in \mathfrak{p}_i$  and  $\beta \in \hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ , such that  $\alpha + \beta = 1$ . Thus,  $\alpha = 1$  modulo  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is same as (1) modulo  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Ideal  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is also co-prime to  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , and hence by the same argument as above,  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is same as (1) modulo  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ .

## 4 Generator Extractor for Principal Ideals

In this section we restrict ourselves to the setting of Section 3. In particular,  $\mathbf{K}$  is any number field, say  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$  for some irreducible polynomial  $f(X)$  of degree  $n$ , with  $n = [\mathbf{K} : \mathbb{Q}]$ , and  $\mathcal{O}$  is any order in the field. Let  $m = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$  be the index of  $\mathcal{O}$  in the maximal order  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , i.e. the ring of integers of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Let  $q$  be relatively prime to  $m$ . We first focus on  $q$  being a prime power, say  $p^s$ . The case where  $q$  is a product of powers of different primes is handled subsequently. Given an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  described by a set of generators  $\{\gamma_i\}_{i \in [r]}$  in  $\mathcal{O}$  or a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathfrak{a})$ , we wish to compute a generator of the principal ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $p^s \mathfrak{a}$  (which is principal by theorem 3.7).

We show that the following simple and efficient randomized algorithm computes such a generator with non-negligible probability.

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### Algorithm 1 FindGen

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**Input:** A rank  $n$   $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{B}$  for an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Output:** A single generator  $a(X)$  for ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  mod  $p^s \mathfrak{a}$ , i.e. ideal  $\mathfrak{a}/p^s \mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}/p^s \mathfrak{a}$ .

- 1: Pick a random  $n$ -vector  $\boldsymbol{\rho}$  with component polynomials  $\rho_k$  ( $k \in [r]$ ) chosen uniformly and independently from finite ring  $\mathcal{O}/p\mathcal{O}$ , which is same as  $\mathbb{Z}_p[X]/(f(X))$  for the special case of polynomial ring  $\mathcal{O} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$ .
  - 2: View the  $n$  columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  as  $n$  polynomials  $\gamma_k \in \mathcal{O}$  ( $k \in [r]$ ).
  - 3: Compute  $a(X) = \sum_{k=1}^n \rho_k * \gamma_k$  in  $\mathcal{O}$ .
  - 4: Output  $a(X)$
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*Remark.* Note that given a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis matrix  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$  of order  $\mathcal{O}$ , the quotient ring  $\mathcal{O}/p\mathcal{O}$  has the same matrix  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ -basis.

**Lemma 4.1.** *For a prime  $p$  co-prime to  $m$ , let  $p\mathcal{O}$  have a factorization in terms of prime ideals as  $p\mathcal{O} = \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ . The algorithm **FindGen** outputs a generator  $a(X)$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $p^s \mathfrak{a}$  with probability at least  $\prod_{i \in [r]} (1 - 2/p^{d_i})$ , where  $d_i$  is the degree of extension of the finite field (of characteristic  $p$ )  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .*

*Proof.* First, note that each of the  $n$  columns of  $\mathbf{B}$  can be viewed as polynomials  $\gamma_k \in \mathcal{O}$  ( $k \in [r]$ ), such that the  $\gamma_k$  collectively form a set of generators (over  $\mathcal{O}$ ) of  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Recall,  $a(X)$  computed in the algorithm is just  $\sum_k \rho_k \gamma_k$ .

By lemma 3.3, we have  $\mathfrak{a} \cdot (p)^s = \hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in [r]} \mathfrak{p}_i^{s \cdot e_i + t_i}$ , where  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$  is co-prime to every  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  ( $i \in [r]$ ). Thus, by employing CRT, we have that the ring  $\mathcal{O}/p^s \mathfrak{a}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}/\hat{\mathfrak{a}} \cdot \prod_{i \in [r]} \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{s \cdot e_i + t_i}$ . Since,  $\mathfrak{a}$  is zero mod  $\hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ ,  $a(X)$  is also zero

and hence trivially generates  $\mathfrak{a} \bmod \hat{\mathfrak{a}}$ . Thus, we can focus on  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{s \cdot e_i + t_i}$ , for each  $i \in [r]$ .

Fix an  $i \in [r]$ . Denote  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{s \cdot e_i + t_i}$  by  $\mathfrak{q}_i$ . View each of the elements  $\gamma_k$  ( $k \in [r]$ ) also as elements of the quotient ring  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{q}_i$ , and the randomly chosen elements  $\rho_k$  as also elements in  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{q}_i$ . Denote  $\mathfrak{a}$  reduced mod  $\mathfrak{q}_i$  by  $\mathfrak{a}_i$ . By Theorem 3.4,  $\mathfrak{a}_i$  is principal and is generated by finite power of some  $g_i$ . Similarly, each  $(\gamma_k) \bmod \mathfrak{q}_i$  is itself generated by a finite power of the same  $g_i$ , say the power is  $v_{k,i} \geq 0$ . Hence,  $\mathfrak{a}_i$  is generated by  $g_i^{v_i^*}$ , where  $v_i^* = \min\{v_{k,i} : k \in [r]\}$ . We need to show that  $\sum_k \rho_k \gamma_k$  generates exactly  $(g_i)^{v_i^*} \bmod \mathfrak{q}_i$ .

Note,  $\gamma_k$  can be written as  $\alpha_{k,i} g_i^{v_{k,i}} \bmod \mathfrak{q}_i$ , where  $\alpha_{k,i}$  is not in  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . Then,  $\sum_k \rho_k \gamma_k \bmod \mathfrak{q}_i$  can be written as  $g_i^{v_i^*} * \sum_k \rho_k \alpha_{k,i} g_i^{v_{k,i} - v_i^*}$ . Note, at least for one  $k \in [r]$ ,  $v_{k,i} - v_i^*$  is zero. So, let  $I_i$  be the non-empty set of indices, subset of  $[r]$ , such that  $v_{k,i} - v_i^*$  is zero.

Since  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is a maximal ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ , every element of  $\mathcal{O}$  not in  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is invertible mod  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , we need to show that with decent probability, over the random choices of  $\{\rho_k\}_k$ , for all  $i \in [r]$ ,  $\sum_{k \in I_i} \rho_k \alpha_{k,i}$  is not zero modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . Note that for  $k \notin I_i$ , the quantities  $\rho_k \alpha_{k,i} g_i^{v_{k,i} - v_i^*}$  are in  $(g_i) \subseteq \mathfrak{p}_i$ , so the full sum (over all  $k \in [r]$ ) will be non-zero modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  and hence invertible.

To calculate this probability, we first note that  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  is a finite field as  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is a maximal ideal and is of finite rank in  $\mathcal{O}$ , as each ideal of an order has finite index in the order (see e.g. [Cond, Section 8]). Further  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  contains  $p$  and hence the field has characteristic  $p$ . Thus, by Galois theory of finite fields,  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  is isomorphic to  $\text{GF}(p^{d_i})$ , for some positive integer  $d_i$ , i.e. the degree of extension. Thus, we can view each of  $\rho_k$  and  $\alpha_{k,i}$  as elements of this field (by reducing mod  $p$ ). We have already seen that  $\alpha_{k,i}$  is non-zero in this field, as it is not in  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ . However, a random choice of  $\rho_k$  in  $\mathcal{O}/p\mathcal{O}$  may lead  $\rho_k$  to be zero modulo  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , although this probability is small, as we next show.

First, by employing CRT and theorem 3.2,  $\rho_k$  is uniformly and *independently* distributed in the rings  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ . Since, as additive groups  $\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  is an abelian sub-group of  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  which is a sub-group of  $\mathcal{O}$ , every element of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  can be uniquely expressed as  $a + b$  where  $a \in \mathfrak{p}_i/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  and  $b \in \mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$ , i.e.  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i} \cong (\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i)(\mathfrak{p}_i/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i})$ . Thus, a randomly and uniformly chosen element of  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$  is in ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$ , i.e. is zero in  $(\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i)$  with probability  $1/|\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i|$ . This latter quantity is exactly  $1/p^{d_i}$ . In fact, this random element is uniformly distributed in each coset of sub-group  $\mathfrak{p}_i/\mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ .

Thus, probability that  $\beta_i = \sum_{k \in I_i} \rho_k \alpha_{k,i}$  is in ideal  $\mathfrak{p}_i$  is at most  $1/p^{d_i * |I_i|}$  plus  $1/p^{d_i}$ , which is at most  $2/p^{d_i}$ . Since,  $\rho_k$  are independently distributed in the various rings  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/\mathfrak{s}_i$ , the probability that all of these  $m$  quantities  $\beta_i$  are non-zero is at least  $\prod_{i \in [r]} (1 - 2/p^{d_i})$ , which is also a lower bound on the probability that  $a(X)$  is a generator of  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $p^s \mathfrak{a}$ .

For a prime  $p$  co-prime to  $m$ , let  $p\mathcal{O}$  have a factorization in terms of prime ideals as  $p\mathcal{O} = \prod_{i=1}^r \mathfrak{p}_i^{e_i}$ . The algorithm **FindGen** outputs a generator  $a(X)$  of  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $p^s \mathfrak{a}$  with probability at least  $\prod_{i \in [r]} (1 - 2/p^{d_i})$ , where  $d_i$  is the degree of extension of the finite field (of characteristic  $p$ )  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_i$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

*Extension to Product of Powers of Primes.* Let  $q = \prod_j p_j^{s_j}$  be a product of powers of primes such that for every  $j$ , such that  $q$  and hence each  $p_j$  is co-prime to  $m$ . For each  $j$ , let  $p_j \mathcal{O}$  have a factorization in terms of prime ideals as  $p_j \mathcal{O} = \prod_{i=1}^{r_j} \mathfrak{p}_{j,i}^{e_{j,i}}$ . The above algorithm can be correctly extended by choosing  $\rho_i$  randomly and independently from  $Z_{q'}[X]/(f(X))$  where  $q' = \prod_j p_j$ . The probability of success in this case is at least  $\prod_j \prod_{i \in [r_j]} (1 - 2/p_j^{d_{j,i}})$ , where  $d_{j,i}$  is the degree of extension of the finite field (of characteristic  $p_j$ )  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_{j,i}$  over  $\mathbb{Z}_{p_j}$ .

*Extension to Arbitrary  $q$  without known-factorization.* If the factorization of  $q$  is not known, and say  $q = \prod_j p_j^{s_j}$  as above, we can still use the above algorithm, but this time by choosing  $\rho_i$  randomly and independently modulo  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$ . In the proof of lemma 4.1, again using CRT and focusing on individual primes, say  $p_j$ ,  $\rho_k$  is now uniformly and independently distributed in  $\mathcal{O}/\mathfrak{p}_{j,i}^{e_{j,i}s_j}$ . This ring is isomorphic to  $\mathcal{O}/(p_j, h_{j,i}^{e_{j,i}s_j})$ . By the probability analysis in the lemma 4.1 above, the probability of success remains the same as in the known factorization case above.

*Boosting the Probability of Success.* One can boost the probability of finding a generator of  $\mathfrak{a}$  modulo  $q\mathfrak{a}$  by repeating the above algorithm, but to stop the repetition we need an efficient test that  $a(X)$  as computed is indeed a generator. But, this is same as checking  $(\mathfrak{a}, q\mathfrak{a}) = (a(X), q\mathfrak{a})$ , which can be efficiently tested by computing the Hermite normal form of  $\mathbf{B}$  (the given  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{a}$ ) and the Hermite normal form of  $[\mathbf{C}_a \mid q\mathbf{B}]$ , and checking for equality.

## 5 Hardness of Decisional Order-LWE

In this section, we focus on a degree- $n$  monic irreducible polynomial  $f(X) \in \mathbb{Z}[X]$ , and an order  $\mathcal{O}$  in the number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ , and an integer  $q \geq 2$  such that  $q$  is co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ . Let  $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R}[X]/(f(X))$ . Let  $\mathcal{O}_q$  stand for  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$ .

First we give out the same distribution of error distributions as in [PRS17] and more generally in [PP19], which we will use in the following reduction.

**Definition 5.1 (Error Distribution).** Fix arbitrary  $s(n) = \omega(\sqrt{\log(n)})$ . For  $\alpha > 0$ , a distribution sampled from  $\Upsilon_{\alpha}$  is an elliptical Gaussian distribution  $D_{\mathbf{r}}$ , where  $\mathbf{r} \in G$  is sampled as follow: for  $i = 0, \dots, s_1 - 1$ , sample  $x_i \in D_1$  and set  $r_i^2 = \alpha^2(x_i^2 + s^2(n))/2$ , for  $i = s_1, \dots, s_1 + s_2 - 1$ , sample  $x_i, y_i$  from  $D_{1/\sqrt{2}}$  and set  $r_i^2 = r_{i+s_2}^2 = \alpha^2(x_i^2 + y_i^2 + s^2(n))/2$ .

**Definition 5.2 (Order-LWE Distribution).** ([BBPS19]) Let  $\mathbf{V}$  be the Vandermonde matrix of the polynomial  $f(X)$ . For  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{O}_q^{\vee}$  and an error distribution  $\psi$  over  $\mathbf{K}_{\mathbb{R}}$ , we define the Order-LWE distribution  $\mathcal{A}_{\mathbf{s}, \psi}$  over  $\mathcal{O}_q \times \mathbf{K}_{\mathbb{R}}/\mathcal{O}^{\vee}$  as  $(\mathbf{a}, \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{a} * \mathbf{s}/q + \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{e} \bmod \mathcal{O}^{\vee})$  where  $\mathbf{e}$  is sampled from  $\psi$ ,  $\mathbf{a}$  is uniform over  $\mathcal{O}_q$ .

**Definition 5.3 ((Average-case) Decisional Order-LWE Problem).** Let  $\Upsilon_\alpha$  be a distribution over family of error distributions, each over  $\mathbb{R}[X]/(f(X))$ . The average-case decisional Order-LWE problem,  $OLWE_{q,r_\alpha}$  is to distinguish (with non-negligible advantage) between independent samples from  $A_{\mathbf{s},\psi}$  for a random choice of uniform  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{O}_q^\vee$  and  $\psi \in \Upsilon_\alpha$  and the same number of uniformly random and independent samples from  $\mathcal{O}_q \times \mathbf{K}_\mathbb{R}/\mathcal{O}^\vee$ .

Let  $\mathcal{O}\text{-DGS}_\gamma$  be the discrete Gaussian sampling problem  $\text{DGS}_\gamma$  when restricted to the ideal lattices of the order  $\mathcal{O}$ .

**Theorem 5.1.** Let  $\alpha = \alpha(n) \in (0, 1)$ ,  $q = q(n) \geq 2$  be an integer co-prime to  $[\mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K} : \mathcal{O}]$  for an order  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathbf{K}$ . If  $\alpha q \geq 2 \cdot \omega(1)$ , for some negligible  $\epsilon = \epsilon(n)$ , there is a probabilistic polynomial-time quantum reduction from  $\mathcal{O}\text{-DGS}_\gamma$  to (average case, decisional)  $OLWE_{q,r_\alpha}$ , where

$$\gamma = \max \left\{ \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})) \cdot (\sqrt{2}/\alpha) \cdot \omega(1), \sqrt{2n}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee) \right\}$$

Note that  $\eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}) > \omega(\sqrt{\log(n)})/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}^\vee)$ . Using known reduction [Reg06], this immediately implies a polynomial-time quantum reduction from  $\text{SIVP}_\gamma$  to (average-case, decision)  $OLWE_{q,r_\alpha}$  for any  $\gamma \leq \max \left\{ \omega(\sqrt{n \log(n)})/\alpha, \sqrt{2n} \right\}$ .

In case of spherical error, same as [PRS17, Section 7] we have

**Corollary 5.2.** With the same notation as Theorem 5.1, there's a polynomial time quantum reduction from  $\mathcal{O}\text{-DGS}_\gamma$  to (average-case, decisional)  $OLWE_{q,D_\xi}$  using  $\ell$  samples, where

$$\gamma = \max \left\{ \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})) \cdot (\sqrt{2}/\xi) \cdot \left( \frac{n\ell}{\log(n\ell)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log(n)}), \sqrt{2n}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee) \right\},$$

as long as  $\xi q \geq \left( \frac{n\ell}{\log(n\ell)} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \cdot \omega(\sqrt{\log(n)})$ .

Our proof of theorem 5.1 will be exactly the same as [PRS17, Theorem 6.2], that starts with a discrete Gaussian sampler with very large radius, and iteratively applies the following lemma 5.3.

**Definition 5.4.** For  $r > 0$ ,  $\zeta > 0$  and  $T \geq 1$ , define  $W_{r,\zeta,T}$  as the set of cardinality  $(s_1 + s_2) \cdot (T + 1)$  containing for each  $i = 0, \dots, s_1 + s_2 - 1$  and  $j = 0, \dots, T$  the vector  $\mathbf{r}_{i,j}$  which is equal to  $r$  in all coordinates except in the  $i$ -th, and the  $(i + s_2)$ -th if  $i \geq s_1$ , where it is equal to  $r \cdot (1 + \zeta)^j$ .

**Lemma 5.3.** There's an efficient quantum algorithm that, given an oracle that solves  $OLWE_{q,r_\alpha}$ , an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , a number  $r \geq \sqrt{2q} \cdot \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$  and  $r' = r \cdot \omega(1)/(\alpha q) \geq \sqrt{2n}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee)$ , polynomially many samples from discrete Gaussian distribution  $D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}),\mathbf{r}}$  for each  $\mathbf{r} \in W_{r,\zeta,T}$  (for some  $\zeta = 1/\text{poly}(n)$ ) and  $T = \text{poly}(n)$ , and a vector  $\mathbf{r}' \geq r'$ , outputs an independent sample from  $D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}),\mathbf{r}'}$ .



As in [PRS17, Lemma 6.5], this iterative step is given by combining the following two parts: a classical one in lemma 5.4 that use a discrete Gaussian sampler and an OLWE oracle to solve the Gaussian Decoding Problem (GDP), and a quantum one in lemma 5.5 that use this GDP solver to provide discrete Gaussian samples with smaller radius.

**Lemma 5.4.** *There's a probabilistic (classical) polynomial time algorithm that, taking an oracle that solves  $OLWE_{q,r_\alpha}$  for  $\alpha \in (0,1)$  and integer  $q > 2$ , an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , a parameter  $r \geq \sqrt{2}q \cdot \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$ , and polynomially many samples from discrete Gaussian  $D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}),\mathbf{r}}$  for each  $\mathbf{r} \in W_{r,\zeta,T}$  for some  $\zeta = 1/\text{poly}(n)$  and  $T = \text{poly}(n)$ , solves  $GDP_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee,g}$  for any  $g = o(1) \cdot \alpha q/(2r)$ .*

**Lemma 5.5 ([PRS17, Lemma 6.7]).** *There is an efficient quantum algorithm that, given any  $n$ -dimensional lattice  $\mathcal{L}$ , a number  $g < \frac{\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}^\vee)}{2\sqrt{2}n}$ , a vector  $\mathbf{r} \geq 1$ , and an oracle that solves  $GDP_{\mathcal{L}^\vee,g}$  with all but negligible probability, outputs a sample from  $D_{\mathcal{L},\frac{\mathbf{r}}{2g}}$ .*

The proof of lemma 5.4 follows exactly from [PRS17, Lemma 6.6], except the core reduction from Gaussian Decoding Problem to OLWE in [PRS17, Lemma 6.8] requires the underlying ring to be a dedekind domain, which is not true in the general case. We provide a counterpart in lemma 5.6 that works for all orders.

**Lemma 5.6.** *There's an efficient algorithm that, takes as input an integer  $q \geq 2$ , a dual ideal lattice  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$  where  $\mathcal{I}$  is an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ , a coset  $\mathbf{e} + \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$  with a bound  $d \geq \|\mathbf{e}\|_\infty$ , a parameter  $r \geq \sqrt{2}q \cdot \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$  and samples from  $D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}),\mathbf{r}}$  for some  $\mathbf{r} \geq r$ . It outputs samples that are within negligible statistical distance from the Order-LWE distribution  $A_{\mathbf{s},\mathbf{r}'}$  for a uniformly random  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{O}_q^\vee$ , where  $(\mathbf{r}'_i)^2 = (\mathbf{r}_i|\mathbf{e}_i|/q)^2 + (rd/q)^2$ .*

To prove this lemma 5.6, we follow the standard techniques as in [PRS17, Lemma 6.8] which is a slight generalization over [LPR10, Lemma 4.7], elaborated as below.

*Proof Sketch.* First sample a random  $\hat{\mathbf{z}} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{z}$  from the discrete Gaussian  $D_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}),\mathbf{r}}$  where  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Because  $\mathbf{r} \geq \sqrt{2}q \cdot \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$ , by smoothing lemma 2.6, the distribution of  $(\mathbf{z} \bmod q\mathcal{I})$  is within a negligible distance from uniform distribution over  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$ . Also let  $\mathbf{e}'$  be an independent sample from the continuous Gaussian  $D_{\alpha/\sqrt{2}}$ .

Now, for any element  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{y} = \hat{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{e} + \hat{\mathbf{x}} \in \mathbf{e} + \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$ , where  $\hat{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{V}\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$ , we could directly provide a ‘‘Order-LWE sample’’ from  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I} \times \mathbf{K}_{\mathbb{R}}/\mathcal{O}^\vee$  as

$$\left( \mathbf{z} \bmod q\mathcal{I}, \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{y}/q + \mathbf{e}' \bmod \mathcal{O}^\vee = \frac{\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x}}{q} + \frac{1}{q} \mathbf{C}_z \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e}' \bmod \mathcal{O}^\vee \right).$$

for some secret  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee/q\mathcal{I}^\vee$ . To jump out of the ideal, we use lemma 5.7, a counterpart of clearing lemma of [LPR10, Lemma 2.15] for non dedekind

domains, that gives (i) an invertible and efficiently computable bijection  $\psi : \mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$ , and (ii) an efficiently invertible and computable bijection  $\phi : \mathcal{I}^\vee/q\mathcal{I}^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\vee/q\mathcal{O}^\vee$ , with the additional property that  $\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} = \psi(\mathbf{z}) * \phi(\mathbf{x})$ . Therefore the final Order-LWE distribution would be over  $\mathcal{O}_q \times \mathbf{K}_{\mathbb{R}}/\mathcal{O}^\vee$  as

$$\left( \psi(\mathbf{z} \bmod q\mathcal{I}), \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{y}/q + \mathbf{e}' \bmod \mathcal{O}^\vee = \frac{\psi(\mathbf{z}) * \phi(\mathbf{x})}{q} + \frac{1}{q} \mathbf{C}_z \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e}' \bmod \mathcal{O}^\vee \right)$$

for some secret  $\phi(\mathbf{x}) \in \mathcal{O}^\vee/q\mathcal{O}^\vee$ . Note that since  $\psi$  is invertible,  $\psi(\mathbf{z} \bmod q\mathcal{I})$  is almost uniform over  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O} = \mathcal{O}_q$ .

Moreover, if we sample  $\mathbf{e}$  as in  $\text{GDP}_{\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee, g}$  where  $g = \alpha q / (\sqrt{2}r)$ , the distribution of  $\left( \frac{1}{q} \mathbf{C}_z \mathbf{V}^{-1} \mathbf{e} + \mathbf{e}' \right)$  will be exactly  $\mathcal{Y}_\alpha$ , as in [PRS17, Lemma 6.8]. Then we complete the proof by applying the standard technique to randomize the secret as in [Reg10, Lemma 3.2]

The following lemma is an extension of an important technical lemma from [LPR10, Lemma 2.15], which is informally referred to as the *ideal clearing lemma*, and is the key to extending Regev's LWE-hardness [Reg10] to the Ring-LWE setting. Our proof of the lemma is quite different from the proof in [LPR10] as it extends to non dedekind-domains and hence cannot use the standard prime ideal factorization and ideal invertibility guaranteed for dedekind domains.

**Lemma 5.7. Ideal Clearing Lemma for Order  $\mathcal{O}$ .** *For any positive integer  $q$  co-prime to  $m = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{O}]$ , given a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$  for  $\mathcal{O}$  and a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$  for ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and a generator  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{I}$  for the principal ideal  $\mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$ ,*

- (i) *There's an efficiently computable  $\mathcal{O}$ -module isomorphism  $\psi : \mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I} \rightarrow \mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$ ,*
- (ii) *There's an efficiently invertible  $\mathcal{O}$ -module isomorphism  $\phi : \mathcal{I}^\vee/q\mathcal{I}^\vee \rightarrow \mathcal{O}^\vee/q\mathcal{O}^\vee$ ,*
- (iii) *such that, for any  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{I}/q\mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee/q\mathcal{I}^\vee$ , their polynomial product satisfies*

$$\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} \equiv \psi(\mathbf{z}) * \phi(\mathbf{x}) \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee}$$

*Proof.* We have that  $\mathbf{g}$  is a generator of  $\mathcal{I}$  modulo  $q\mathcal{I}$ . In other words, as ideals,  $\mathcal{I} = (\mathbf{g}) + q\mathcal{I}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{I}$ . Thus, by lemma 2.9,

$$\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O}) = \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) \cdot \mathbf{D}, \tag{2}$$

where  $\mathbf{D}$  is an integer matrix, which is easily computed from  $\mathbf{g}$ ,  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$  and  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ .

We also have that every column of  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$  is generated by  $\mathbf{C}_g \bmod q\mathcal{I}$ , or mod  $q\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$ . Thus,

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) = \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O}) \mathbf{U} + q \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) \mathbf{T} \tag{3}$$

for some integer, matrices  $\mathbf{U}$  and  $\mathbf{T}$ . Equivalently,

$$\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) \cdot (\mathbf{I} - q\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O}) \mathbf{U}, \tag{4}$$

or, since  $\mathbf{C}_g$  is full-ranked, we have

$$(\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O}))^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}) \cdot (\mathbf{I} - q\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{U} \tag{5}$$

We next show that  $\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{U} = I \pmod{q}$ . Note, from (2) and observing that  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$  is full-ranked,  $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1} \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})$ . Multiplying the above equation on the left by  $\mathbf{D}$ , we get  $(I - q\mathbf{T}) = \mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{U}$ , and hence

$$\mathbf{D} \cdot \mathbf{U} = I \pmod{q}, \quad (6)$$

which allows us to compute  $\mathbf{U} \pmod{q}$ . Now, consider the following two mappings for claims (i)-(iii). For any  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$ , define

$$\psi(\mathbf{z}) = \mathbf{a} = \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}} \quad (7)$$

$$\phi(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{g} * \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \quad (8)$$

For any  $\mathbf{z}$  in  $\mathcal{I}$ , and  $\mathbf{a} = \psi(\mathbf{z})$  we have  $\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{a} \equiv \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z}$ , which by (3) is same as  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})(I - q\mathbf{T})\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} = \mathbf{z} \pmod{q\mathcal{I}}$ . So,  $\psi$  is an invertible map. It is also surjective since  $\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{a}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}$  for any  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{O}$ . Since,  $\psi^{-1}$  is easily seen to be a  $\mathcal{O}$ -module homomorphism,  $\psi$  is an  $\mathcal{O}$ -module isomorphism. Further, we already showed how to compute  $\mathbf{U} \pmod{q}$  efficiently, this proves (i).

For (ii), we first note that by proposition 2.12 and using (2),

$$\mathbf{g} * \mathbf{x} = (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \cdot \mathbf{C}_g \cdot \mathbf{x} \quad (9)$$

$$= (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{C}_g^\top \cdot (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \cdot \mathbf{x} \quad (10)$$

$$= (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})^{-\top} \mathbf{D}^\top \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^\top (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \cdot \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee}, \quad (11)$$

where the last equality follows by noting that  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})^{-\top}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$  (see lemma 2.10).

Thus, by lemma 2.10,  $\phi(\mathbf{x})$  is inverted by  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})^\top (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})$  to  $\mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{I}^\vee}$ . Further, for any  $\mathbf{s} \in \mathcal{O}^\vee$ ,  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top} \mathbf{U}^\top \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})^\top (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \mathbf{s}$  lies in  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  by the aforementioned basis. Thus,  $\phi$  is an invertible and surjective  $\mathcal{O}$ -module homomorphism, that is also efficiently invertible, thus proving (ii).

Now, we move on to prove (iii). For some  $\mathbf{t}_0 \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathbf{t}_1 \in \mathcal{O}^\vee$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \psi(\mathbf{z}) * \phi(\mathbf{x}) \\ &= (\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} - q \cdot \mathbf{t}_0) * (\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{t}_1) \\ &= \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{t}_0 * \mathbf{g} * \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{t}_1 + q^2 \cdot \mathbf{t}_0 * \mathbf{t}_1 \\ &\equiv \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \end{aligned} \quad (12)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv \mathbf{C}_g^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})(I - q \cdot \mathbf{T})\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{C}_g^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})\mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} * \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{C}_x \mathbf{C}_g^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})\mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} - q \cdot \mathbf{x} * \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})\mathbf{T}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \\ &\equiv \mathbf{z} * \mathbf{x} \pmod{q\mathcal{O}^\vee} \end{aligned} \quad (13)$$

where (12) follows by noting that  $\mathbf{t}_0 * \mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{I}$  and  $\mathbf{x} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$  and then employing lemma 2.11. Similarly,  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{O})\mathbf{U}\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-1}\mathbf{z}$  is in  $\mathcal{O}$ . Also, for the last equation (13), we use lemma 2.11.

**Remark.** When comparing with [LPR10], note that they obtain a  $t \in \mathcal{I}$  such that  $t \cdot \mathcal{I}^{-1}$  is co-prime to ideal  $(q)$ . In other words,  $t \cdot \mathcal{I}^{-1} + (q) = (1)$ . Multiplying both sides by the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , we get,  $(t) + q\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{I}$ , which is same as saying that  $t$  is the generator of  $\mathcal{I} \bmod q\mathcal{I}$ . In other words [LPR10] implicitly shows that  $\mathcal{I}$  is principal mod  $q\mathcal{I}$ , but this is well-known for Dedekind domains. As mentioned earlier, our case is more difficult, yet we manage to prove it.

## 6 Example Polynomial Rings and non-Bigenic Ideals

In the introduction we considered a slight twist of the cyclotomic polynomial  $X^{256} + 1$  which is used in the recently announced NIST post-quantum cryptography encryption algorithm CRYSTALS-Kyber [BDK<sup>+</sup>21]. Cyclotomic polynomials, especially of degree power-of-two, are further preferred as these allow very efficient number-theory transforms (NTT), thus enabling efficient polynomial multiplication. But, it is also well-known that arithmetic modulo "twisted-cyclotomic" irreducible polynomials, say  $X^{256} - a$ , and modulo  $q$  such that  $a$  has a 256-th root in  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ , also enjoy efficient NTT by just pre-multiplying the coefficient vector of a polynomial by the diagonal matrix consisting of powers of  $a^{1/256}$ . In other words, the Vandermonde matrix of  $X^{256} - a$  (modulo  $q$ ) is the product of Vandermonde matrix of  $X^{256} - 1$  and the above diagonal matrix.

In the Introduction, we had set  $a = -2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$  for three reasons. First, by Eisenstein criterion, this make  $f(X)$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Second, using Dedekind index theorem, we showed that  $\mathcal{R}$  is strict sub-ring of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  in this case. Finally, it can be checked by a computer that  $a = -2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$  is a 256-th residue in the field  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  with  $q = 3329$  as in [BDK<sup>+</sup>21]. Interestingly, the Kyber proposal chose the prime  $q$  to be the smallest prime such that order of  $q$  is one modulo 256 and  $q$ -RLWE allows for setting up an encryption scheme with non-negligible probability decryption failure. Unfortunately, order of this  $q$  is two modulo 512, and hence the 512-th primitive roots of unity only exist in a degree two extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_q$ . Note, one needs 512-th primitive roots of unity for NTT modulo  $X^{256} + 1$ . This causes a slightly expensive NTT computation depending on whether there is enough parallel processing power available or not. Surprisingly, with  $X^{256} + 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 13$ , after the initial diagonal-matrix transform, we only need 256-th primitive roots, and hence our number field setting potentially allows a more efficient polynomial multiplication modulo  $q$  than the cyclotomic number field.

We next turn our attention to the error-distribution implied by the hardness reduction on the RLWE samples, especially in the (polynomial) coefficient setting and not the canonical-embedding setting, as we want to make sure that the RLWE errors do not overwhelm the payload. However, the error distribution implied for the coefficient setting, while non-spherical, is actually smaller than the spherical-distribution for the cyclotomic setting. This follows from two facts:

1. Theorem 5.1 which shows that the error-distribution  $\mathcal{T}_\alpha$  is independent of the number-field, and the hardness-reduction only restricts the scaling  $\alpha$  and the variance  $\gamma$  of the underlying hard problem  $\mathcal{R}$ -DGS $_\gamma$  in ideal lattice  $\mathcal{I}$  by  $\gamma \geq \sqrt{2n}/\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee)$ , as long as  $\alpha < \sqrt{\log n/n}$ ,

2. The translation of the error distribution from the canonical embedding back to the ring is composition of two transformations: an isometric transformation following by the inverse of the diagonal transformation. The latter has the  $j$ -th diagonal entry  $a^{-j/256}$ , which is a real number less than and equal to one, with equality only for  $j = 0$ .

Thus the question boils down to whether  $\mathcal{R}\text{-DGS}_\gamma$  is easier in  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^{256} - a)$  or  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^{256} + 1)$ . In this work we have focused on showing that the former ring being a non-Dedekind domain has less algebraic structure. However, when disregarding the issue of algebraic structure, the ideal lattices in different  $\mathbf{K}$  can potentially have different complexity, and this is a well-known open problem to relate ideal lattices of different number fields. We ran some preliminary tests on resistance of ideal-lattice-SVP problem to the LLL algorithm [LLL82], and found no significant difference in the above two rings. However, more rigorous experimentation and analysis is warranted, and we hope more researchers take up this challenge.

## 6.1 Non-bigenic ideals

An ideal will be called *bigenic* if it can be generated by two or less elements of the ring. When  $\mathcal{R}$  is a strict subring of  $\mathcal{O}_bK$ , it is well known that in such a case  $\mathcal{R}$  is not a Dedekind domain, and indeed all prime ideals of  $\mathcal{R}$  that are not co-prime to the so-called *conductor ideal* of  $\mathcal{R}$  are not invertible (see e.g. Theorem 6.1 in [Cona]). Another well-known property of Dedekind domains is that all its ideals are bigenic. However, it is not an easy task to show that some ideal of non-Dedekind-domain  $\mathcal{R}$  is not bigenic. Although, examples exist of non-bigenic ideals in strict subrings (of rank  $n$ ) of  $\mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K}$  [Cona, Remark 2.3], these subrings are not the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R}$ , and moreover these non-bigenic ideals have a diagonal Hermite normal form  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, and in any case these example ideals are as it ideals of the larger ring  $\mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K}$ . We will show below a non-trivial ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$  that requires a minimum of three generators.

This example is inspired by [Conc, Example 4.16]. Consider the irreducible (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) polynomial  $f(X) = X^5 - 2^4 \cdot 3$ , and the corresponding number field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ . Consider  $\beta = X^4/8$  as an element of  $\mathbf{K}$ . Its easy to check that  $\beta^5 - 2 \cdot 3^4 = 0$ , and hence  $\beta \in \mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K}$ . This also shows that  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$  is not same as  $\mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K}$ , and hence is not integrally closed and consequently not a Dedekind domain. We now have an easy example of a non-bigenic ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$ .

**Proposition 6.1.** *The ideal  $\mathcal{I} = (8, 2X + 4, X^2 + 4)$  of  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^5 - 48)$  has the following properties*

- (i)  $\mathcal{I}$  is not bigenic,
- (ii) no rational scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$  is a bigenic ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$ ,
- (iii) no rational scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_\mathbf{K}$ ,
- (iv) the HNF of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$  is not diagonal.
- (v)  $\mathcal{I}$  is product of two bigenic ideals, namely  $\mathcal{I} = (4, X + 2) \cdot (2, X)$ .

For a proof of the proposition, see Appendix A. Properties (i) and (v) imply that bigenic ideals of  $\mathcal{R}$  above do not form a multiplicative group. This is in contrast to principal ideals that do form a multiplicative group which is the basis of definition of ideal class groups [FT91]. It is worth remarking that  $(4, X + 2)$  is not a prime ideal as it is contained in  $(2, X + 2)$  and it is well-known that all non-zero prime ideals (of any order of a number field) are maximal [Cond, Sec. 8].

## 7 Discussion of General Orders

It's important to note that an ideal of an order is always a (fractional) ideal of any sub-order. On the other hand as we saw in lemma 6.1 an ideal in an order may not be a (fractional or scaled) ideal in a larger order. Thus, given a bound on the determinant of a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of orders of a number field, the order that is minimal w.r.t. the sub-ring (partial-) ordering has arguably the (maximally-) richest class of ideals. Thus, ideally speaking one would like to setup a cryptosystem using Order-LWE defined w.r.t. such an order. Unfortunately, multiplication of polynomials modulo  $q\mathcal{O}$ , for arbitrary  $\mathcal{O}$ , becomes a tricky issue and further research is required to see if such orders have efficient multiplications like FFT-based methods. As an illustration, consider the following  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis of (polynomials) the cyclotomic field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(x^4 + 1)$ :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

The  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of the above columns (polynomials) can be seen to be a ring, and hence the above is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of an order  $\mathcal{O}$  in  $\mathbf{K}$  – e.g. note,  $4x^2 * 2x^3 = -8x \bmod (x^4 + 1)$  which is in the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of above matrix. Similarly, the dual  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$ , is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -generated by the inverse of the above matrix (by lemma 2.10). Further note that for any  $q$ ,  $\mathcal{O}/q\mathcal{O}$  is  $\mathbb{Z}_q$  generated by the same above matrix, and similarly for the dual. Thus the first component  $\mathbf{a}$  of the Order-LWE sample (see Definition 5.2) can be represented by randomly choosing a vector in  $Z_q$ . However, multiplication of two such elements  $\mathbf{a}_1$  and  $\mathbf{a}_2$  is not directly obtained by polynomial multiplication of  $\mathbf{a}_1 * \mathbf{a}_2$  (modulo  $f(X), q$ ), e.g. the constant term needs an adjustment.

In view of this, polynomial rings considered in section 6 in non-Galois number fields seem to offer the best security-implementation trade-off. However, general orders not only offer potentially richer class of ideals but can also be based in cyclotomic fields. Thus, further research is warranted with regards to “minimal” orders that maintain some form of FFT-like polynomial multiplication and small representation as well.

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## A Full Proofs of Lemmas

- Lemma A.1.** (i) *Every non-trivial ring has at least one maximal ideal.*  
(ii) *A maximal ideal is always a prime ideal.*  
(iii) *The quotient ring  $R/\mathfrak{a}$  is a field iff  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a maximal ideal.*  
(iv) *For ideals  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$ , their sum  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b}$  is the set of all  $x + y$  where  $x \in \mathfrak{a}$  and  $y \in \mathfrak{b}$ . It is the smallest ideal containing  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$ .*  
(v) *Thus, a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  is co-prime to every ideal that is not a subset of  $\mathfrak{m}$ .*  
(vi) *If  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are not co-prime, then there exists a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  such that  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b} \subseteq \mathfrak{m}$ .*  
(vii) *If  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are co-prime, then  $\mathfrak{a} \cap \mathfrak{b} = \mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ .*  
(viii) *If a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  contains product of two ideal  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ , then at least one of  $\mathfrak{a}$  or  $\mathfrak{b}$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}$ .*  
(ix) *If an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to two ideals, say  $\mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{c}$ , then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}$ .*  
(x) *If for some positive integer  $r$ , and  $a \in R$ ,  $a^r$  is contained in a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ , then  $a$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}$  (by definition of prime ideal).*  
(xi) *This easily generalizes to the fact that if for some positive integer  $r$ , and ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $\mathfrak{a}^r$  is contained in a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ , then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}$ .*  
(xii) *If ideals  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are co-prime, then for any positive integers  $r, s$ , their powers  $\mathfrak{a}^r$  and  $\mathfrak{b}^s$  are also co-prime.*  
(xiii) *If a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  contains product of powers of distinct maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{n}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{n}_k$ , then  $\mathfrak{m}$  must be one of  $\mathfrak{n}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{n}_k$ .*  
(xiv) *For any ring  $R$ , and any maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{a} = (a_1, a_2)$  of  $R$ , let  $x \in R$  be such that  $x$  is not in  $\mathfrak{a}$ . Then for any positive integers  $r, s$ ,  $x$  is invertible modulo  $(a_1^r, a_2^s)$ .*

*Proof.* Proof of ((viii)). If a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$  contains product of two ideal  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$ , then at least one of  $\mathfrak{a}$  or  $\mathfrak{b}$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}$ . If neither of  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{p}$ , then there are elements  $a \in \mathfrak{a}$  and  $b \in \mathfrak{b}$ , that are not in  $\mathfrak{p}$ . Yet,  $a * b$ , being in  $\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}$  is in  $\mathfrak{p}$ , contradicting the fact that  $\mathfrak{p}$  is prime.

Proof of ((ix)). If an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to two ideals, say  $\mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{c}$ , then  $\mathfrak{a}$  is co-prime to  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}$ . For if not, then  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}$  is contained in a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{b}\mathfrak{c}$  is also contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . By previous item, one of  $\mathfrak{b}$  or  $\mathfrak{c}$ , w.l.o.g.  $\mathfrak{b}$ , is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{a}$  is also contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ , this implies that  $\mathfrak{a} + \mathfrak{b}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ , contradicting the fact that  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are co-prime.

Proof of ((xii)). If ideals  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are co-prime, then for any positive integers  $r, s$ , their powers  $\mathfrak{a}^r$  and  $\mathfrak{b}^s$  are also co-prime: if  $\mathfrak{a}^r$  and  $\mathfrak{b}^s$  are not co-prime then there is a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  containing  $\mathfrak{a}^r + \mathfrak{b}^s$ , and hence also  $\mathfrak{a}^r$  and  $\mathfrak{b}^s$  individually. Since  $\mathfrak{m}$  is also prime,  $\mathfrak{m}$  contains both  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  and hence also their sum, contradicting the fact that  $\mathfrak{a}$  and  $\mathfrak{b}$  are co-prime.

Proof of ((xiii)). If a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$  contains product of powers of distinct maximal ideals  $\mathfrak{n}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{n}_k$ , then  $\mathfrak{m}$  must be one of  $\mathfrak{n}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{n}_k$ . Say,  $\prod_i \mathfrak{n}_i^{r_i}$  is contained in  $\mathfrak{m}$ . Suppose  $\mathfrak{m}$  is not the same as one of  $\mathfrak{n}_1, \dots, \mathfrak{n}_k$ . Then,  $\mathfrak{m}$  is co-prime to each of  $\mathfrak{n}_i$ , and hence also to their powers  $\mathfrak{n}_i^{r_i}$ , which are also pair-wise co-prime. Thus, one of  $\mathfrak{n}_i^{r_i}$  is in  $\mathfrak{m}$  (by item (viii)), and hence maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{n}_i$  is itself in maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{m}$ , an absurdity.

Proof of ((xiv)). This can be proved easily in multiple ways, but we prefer an argument used in Prop. 2.5 in [LLL82].

Clearly, for  $r = 1$  and  $s = 1$ , the claim holds, i.e.  $x$  is invertible modulo the maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$ , as  $R/\mathfrak{a}$  is a field. Thus,

$$\mu x = 1 - (\nu_1 a_1 + \nu_2 a_2),$$

for some  $\mu, \nu_1, \nu_2$ . If  $\nu_2$  is zero, then  $x$  is invertible modulo  $(a_1)$  and hence also modulo any power of  $(a_1)$ , and we are done. Similarly, for  $\nu_1$  being zero. Else,

$$\mu x + \nu_1 a_1 = 1 - \nu_2 a_2,$$

Multiplying both sides by  $1 + \nu_2 a_2 + \dots + (\nu_2 a_2)^{s-1}$ , we get

$$\mu' x + \nu_1' a_1 = 1 - \nu_2^s a_2^s,$$

for some  $\mu'$  and  $\nu_1'$ . Rewriting this as

$$\mu' x + \nu_2^s a_2^s = 1 - \nu_1' a_1,$$

and multiplying both sides by  $1 + \nu_1' a_1 + \dots + (\nu_1' a_1)^{r-1}$ , the claim follows.

The proof of the following lemma is similar to proof of [Cona, Theorem 3.6].

**Lemma 2.4 (repeated)** An ideal  $\mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  that is relatively prime to principal ideal  $m\mathcal{O}$  is a product of prime ideals of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Proof.* If  $\mathfrak{b}$  is prime, we are done. Otherwise let  $\mathfrak{p} \supset \mathfrak{b}$  for a maximal ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ . We have  $\mathfrak{p} + (m) \supset \mathfrak{b} + (m) = \mathcal{O}$ , and hence  $\mathfrak{p}$  is relatively prime to  $(m)$ . Thus,  $\mathfrak{p}$  cannot contain  $(m)$ , and hence by Theorem 2.3,  $\mathfrak{p}$  is invertible. Let  $\mathfrak{b}' = \mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{b}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{p} = \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathfrak{p}^{-1}\mathfrak{b} \subset \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{b}' = \mathfrak{b}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{b} \neq \mathfrak{p}$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}' \neq (1)$ . Since  $\mathfrak{p}\mathfrak{b}' \subset \mathfrak{b}'$  and the inclusion is strict (if not then for all  $k \geq 0$  we have  $\mathfrak{b}' = \mathfrak{p}^k \mathfrak{b}' \subset \mathfrak{p}^k$ , which is a contradiction for large  $k$  since  $[\mathcal{O} : \mathfrak{p}^k]$  gets large with  $k$  while  $[\mathcal{O} : \mathfrak{b}']$  is finite),  $\mathfrak{b}'$  as a smaller index in  $\mathcal{O}$  than  $\mathfrak{b}$ . Since  $\mathfrak{b}' \supset \mathfrak{b}$  and  $\mathfrak{b} + (m) = \mathcal{O}$ , we have  $\mathfrak{b}' + (m) = \mathcal{O}$ . So, by induction on the index of  $\mathfrak{b}'$ ,  $\mathfrak{b}'$  is a product of prime ideals. And hence  $\mathfrak{b}$  itself is a product of prime ideals.

**Proposition 6.1 (repeated)** The ideal  $\mathcal{I} = (8, 2X + 4, X^2 + 4)$  of  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^5 - 48)$  has the following properties

- (i)  $\mathcal{I}$  is not bigenic,
- (ii) no rational scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$  is a bigenic ideal of  $\mathcal{R}$ ,
- (iii) no rational scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ,
- (iv) the HNF  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$  is not diagonal.
- (v)  $\mathcal{I}$  is product of two bigenic ideals, namely  $\mathcal{I} = (4, X + 2) \cdot (2, X)$ .

*Proof.* We focus on proving (i), as the rest will follow easily.

Now, assume to the contrary that this ideal is bigenic and generated by  $L_0 = (\ell_1, \ell_2)$ , and as ideals of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(X^5 - 48)$ ,  $L_0 = \mathcal{I}$ . Both  $\ell_1$  and  $\ell_2$  must be in the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ , which is depicted below by concatenating

the circulant matrices of  $8, 2X + 4$  and  $X^2 + 4$ . We also compute its Hermite normal form (HNF) <sup>10</sup>.

$$\text{HNF} \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 & 0 & 48 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 96 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 48 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 2 & 4 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 8 & 4 & 4 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

From the HNF it is clear that  $\ell_1$  can be written as  $a_1X^4 + b_1X^3 + c_1(X^2 + 4) + d_1(2X + 4) + e_1 \cdot 8$  and similarly,  $\ell_2$  can be written as  $a_2X^4 + b_2X^3 + c_2(X^2 + 4) + d_2(2X + 4) + e_2 \cdot 8$ , where all of  $a_1, \dots, e_1, a_2, \dots, e_2$  are in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Next, note that it suffices to prove that  $L1 = (\ell_1, \ell_2, X^5, 48)$  as ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  does not contain all three of  $8, 2X + 4$ , and  $X^2 + 4$ . We will instead prove something stronger that  $L2 = (\ell_1, \ell_2, X^4, 16)$  as ideal of  $\mathbb{Z}[X]$  does not contain all three of  $8, 2X + 4$ , and  $X^2 + 4$ .

Further, since we have included  $X^4$  in  $L2$ , we can now assume w.l.o.g. that  $a_1$  and  $a_2$  are zero. Further, using Euclidean algorithm, w.l.o.g. assume that  $c_2$  is zero. Thus,  $\ell_1 = b_1X^3 + c_1(X^2 + 4) + d_1(2X + 4) + e_1 \cdot 8$ , and  $\ell_2 = b_2X^3 + d_2(2X + 4) + e_2 \cdot 8$ . Further, since  $16$  is included in  $L2$ ,  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  can just be restricted to  $\{0, 1\}$ .

Now, since  $L2$  must generate  $x^2 + 4$ , and given that  $b_1, \dots, e_1, b_2, \dots, e_2$  are just integers, it is clear that  $c_1 = 1 \pmod{16}$ . Also, it is clear that both  $e_1$  and  $e_2$  cannot be zero, for otherwise  $8$  cannot be generated. Since  $c_1$  is non-zero, to generate  $2x + 4$ , modulo  $16$ , one can only use  $\ell_2$  (and not use  $\ell_1$ ), and hence  $d_2 = 1 \pmod{16}$ , and  $b_2, e_2 = 0 \pmod{16}$ , which as argued above just means that  $e_2 = 0$ , and hence  $e_1 = 1$ . But, this means  $X^2 + 4$  cannot be generated from  $L2$ . That completes the proof of (i)

We now go on to prove (ii)-(iv). We have already shown above that the HNF of the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  is not diagonal, so that proves (iv). Since, the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  contains  $X^2 + 4$ , any rational scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$  that keeps it as a subset of  $\mathcal{R}$  must be an integer scaling. However, the above proof of non-bigenic nature of  $\mathcal{I}$  easily extends to any integer scaling of  $\mathcal{I}$ .

For (iii), we first show that  $\mathcal{I}$  by itself (i.e. without any scaling) is not an ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ . Recall,  $\beta = x^4/8$  is in  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ . We just show that  $(2X + 4) \cdot \beta$  is not in  $\mathcal{I}$ , and hence  $\mathcal{I}$  is not closed under multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ . To begin with, note that  $(X^2 + 4)(X^2 - 4) = (X^4 - 16)$  is in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . Using this, we have  $(2X + 4) \cdot \beta = X^5/4 + X^4/2 = 12 + X^4/2 = 12 + 8 \pmod{\mathcal{I}}$  which is same as  $4 \pmod{8}$ . Since  $4$  is not in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  (of  $\mathcal{R}$ ), this completes the proof.

Next, consider the set  $\frac{p}{q} \cdot \mathcal{I}$ , for co-prime integers  $p, q$ . Again, we just show that  $\frac{p}{q}(2X + 4) \cdot \beta$  is not in  $\frac{p}{q} \cdot \mathcal{I}$ . But this is same as checking that  $(2X + 4) \cdot \beta$  is not in  $\mathcal{I}$ , since  $\mathcal{R}$  is an integer domain.

<sup>10</sup> This has/can be computed by hand, but has also been confirmed by a number theory software.

To prove (v), note that  $(4, X+2) \cdot (2, X) = (8, 2(X+2), 4X, X(X+2))$ . This is easily seen to be same as  $(8, 2(X+2), 4(X+2), X^2 + 2(X+2) - 4 + 8)$ , and hence is same as  $(8, 2(X+2), X^2 + 4) = \mathcal{I}$ .

## B Characterization of Dual Ideals

**Lemma 2.10 (repeated)** For an ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$  with basis  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$

- i) the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -span of  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top}$ ,
- ii) the matrix  $\det(\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})) \cdot \det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V}) \cdot (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top}$  is an integer matrix,
- iii) the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ .

*Proof.* For part (i), since the dual  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is the pre-image (under  $\mathbf{V}$ ) of the complex conjugate of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$ , and the latter has  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis  $\mathbf{V}^{-H} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-H}$ , the matrix  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})^{-\top}$  forms a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis for  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ .

For part (ii), we only need to show that  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})$  is integer, since  $\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})$  is always an integer matrix for  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathcal{O}$ . Consider its entry  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})_{i,j} = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k^{i+j}$ . We argue that the power sums of roots,  $p_t = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} z_k^t$ , is an integer for  $0 \leq t \leq 2n$ . Note that the coefficients of  $f(X) = \prod_{t=0}^{n-1} (X - z_t) = \sum_{t=0}^n e_t X^t$  are elementary symmetric polynomials  $e_t = e_t(z_0, \dots, z_{n-1})$  in the roots of  $f(X)$ . Starting from  $p_0 = n$  and  $p_1 = e_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by Newton's identity, every power sum  $p_t$  is an integer linear combination of  $\{p_0, \dots, p_{t-1}\}$  and  $\{e_0, \dots, e_{\min(t,n)}\}$ .

Now we prove (iii). We need to show that for every  $\mathbf{g} \in \mathcal{O}$  and  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$ ,  $\mathbf{g} * \mathbf{a}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ , i.e. for all  $\mathbf{b} \in \mathcal{I}$ ,  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{g} * \mathbf{a} * \mathbf{b})$  is integer. By commutativity of polynomial multiplication, this is same as requiring that  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{g} * \mathbf{b})$  is integer. But  $\mathbf{c} = \mathbf{g} * \mathbf{b}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}$ , as it is an ideal, and hence  $\text{Tr}(\mathbf{a} * \mathbf{c})$  is an integer as  $\mathbf{a}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  and  $\mathbf{c}$  is in  $\mathcal{I}$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is closed under multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}$ . Now, again by commutativity, for every  $\mathbf{d} \in \mathcal{O}$ ,  $\mathbf{d} \mathcal{I}^\vee$  is also closed under multiplication by  $\mathcal{O}$ . Thus (iii) follows from (i) and (ii).

Let  $f(X) = \sum_{i=0}^n f_i \cdot X^i$  with  $f_n = 1$ . Take its derivative  $f'(X) = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (i+1) \cdot f_{i+1} \cdot X^i$ . First, notice that  $f'(X)$  is invertible in  $\mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$ .

**Proposition B.1.** *Given  $f(X)$  with all distinct roots, its derivative  $f'(X)$  shares no common root with  $f(X)$ .*

The proof of the above proposition is standard. When  $f(X)$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , it is known that  $f(X)$  has distinct roots over the complex numbers.

We now show that, the dual  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$  has the circulant matrix of the inverse of  $f'(X)$  as a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis, and since  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$  is also a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ , it can also be seen as the fractional ideal<sup>11</sup> generated by the inverse of  $f'(X)$ . More precisely,

<sup>11</sup> It is well known [Conc] that the dual  $\mathcal{O}_K^\vee$  of the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_K$  of a number field  $K$  is *not* always generated by the inverse of  $f'(X)$ .

the basis matrix  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1}$  is same as  $\mathbf{C}_{f'}^{-1} \mathbf{M}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is the following  $n$ -by- $n$  unimodular matrix:

$$\mathbf{M} = \begin{bmatrix} f_1 & f_2 & \cdots & f_n \\ f_2 & \ddots & f_n & 0 \\ \vdots & f_n & \ddots & \vdots \\ f_n & 0 & \cdots & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

i.e. where  $M_{i,j} = f_{i+j+1}$  if  $i+j < n$  and  $M_{i,j} = 0$  otherwise.

**Lemma B.2.**  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_{f'}^{-1} \mathbf{M}$ .

*Proof.* It suffices to show that  $\mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} = \mathbf{C}_{f'}$ . This is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{V} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{V}^{-1} &= \mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}_{f'} \mathbf{V}^{-1} \\ \mathbf{V} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}^\top &= \mathbf{D}_{f'}. \end{aligned}$$

Here  $\mathbf{D}_{f'}$  is a diagonal matrix with  $(\mathbf{D}_{f'})_{i,i} = f'(z_i)$  where  $z_i$ 's are (complex) roots of  $f(X)$ . Next we verify that

$$(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}^\top)_{i,j} = \sum_{s=0}^{n-1} \sum_{t=0}^{n-s-1} f_{s+t+1} \cdot z_i^s \cdot z_j^t = \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} f_{p+1} \cdot \left( \sum_{s=0}^p z_i^s z_j^{p-s} \right)$$

If  $i = j$ , we have

$$(\mathbf{V} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}^\top)_{i,i} = \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} f_{p+1} \cdot \sum_{s=0}^p z_i^p = \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} f_{p+1} \cdot (p+1) \cdot z_i^p = f'(z_i).$$

Otherwise when  $i \neq j$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbf{V} \mathbf{M} \mathbf{V}^\top)_{i,j} &= \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} f_{p+1} \cdot \left( \sum_{s=0}^p z_i^s z_j^{p-s} \right) = \sum_{p=0}^{n-1} f_{p+1} \cdot \left( \frac{z_i^{p+1} - z_j^{p+1}}{z_i - z_j} \right) \\ &= \frac{f(z_i) - f_0 - f(z_j) + f_0}{z_i - z_j} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

**Corollary B.3.** For monic  $f(X)$ ,  $\Delta_f = |\det(\mathbf{C}_{f'})|$ .

Moreover, this particular matrix  $\mathbf{M}$  also has an interesting property, that it symmetricizes every circulant matrices by right multiplication:

**Proposition B.4.** For  $g(X) \in \mathcal{R}_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric.

*Proof.* Recall that the circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}_g$  is diagonalized by similarity transformation of the Vandermonde matrix  $\mathbf{V}$  of  $f(X)$ :  $\mathbf{D}_g = \mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{V}^{-1}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{C}_{f'} \times \mathbf{C}_{f'}^{-1} \mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{C}_{f'} \times \mathbf{C}_g \times \mathbf{C}_{f'}^{-1} \mathbf{M} = \mathbf{C}_{f'} \times \mathbf{C}_g \times (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} = \mathbf{C}_{f'} (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \times \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V} \mathbf{C}_g (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} = \mathbf{M} \times \mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{D}_g \mathbf{V}^{-\top} = \mathbf{M} \mathbf{C}_g^\top$ .

We claim that  $\mathbf{C}_g \mathbf{M}$  is symmetric since  $\mathbf{M}$  is symmetric.

**Lemma 2.13 (repeated)** For any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , where  $f(X)$  is irreducible and of degree  $n$ ,

$$\sqrt{n} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{1/n} \leq \lambda_1(\mathcal{I}) \leq \sqrt{n} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{1/n} \cdot \sqrt{\Delta_f^{1/n}}$$

*Proof.* The upper bound follows as usual by Minkowski bound and definition of  $\Delta_f$ . The lower bound is proved similarly to the proof of a similar lemma for  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  [PR07]. In more detail, any  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{I}$  can be viewed as a polynomial  $w(X)$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) with circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}_w$ . Moreover, every column of  $\mathbf{C}_w$  can be viewed as a polynomial that is in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{C}_w$  can be generated from the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}$  as  $\mathbf{C}_w = \mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I})\mathbf{M}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is an integer  $n \times n$  matrix. Now,  $\det(\mathbf{C}_w)$  is same as  $\det(\mathbf{D}_w)$  where  $\mathbf{D}_w$  is the diagonal matrix with diagonal the vector  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w}$  (see equation (1)). Since, by above,  $\det(\mathbf{C}_w) \geq \det(\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}))$ , we have that  $\prod_i (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i \geq \det(\mathbf{B}(\mathcal{I}))$ .

Now,  $\|\mathbf{w}\|$  is same as  $\sum_i |(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i|^2$ , which by arithmetic mean being no less than the geometric mean implies that

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \geq n \left( \prod_i |(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i|^2 \right)^{1/n},$$

and combining with the previous inequality, the lower bound follows.

We now give a counterpart of [PRS17, Lemma 6.9], which capitalizes on the fact that the norm of an ideal is same as the determinant of any of its  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis.

**Lemma B.5.** For any ideal  $\mathcal{I}$  of  $\mathcal{O}$ , and  $\mathbf{r} \in G$ , where

$$c := \left( \prod_{i=1}^n r_i \right)^{1/n} \cdot (\det(\mathcal{I}) \cdot \Delta_f)^{-1/n} \geq 1,$$

we have  $\mathbf{r} \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$  for  $\epsilon = \exp(-c^2 n)$ .

*Proof.* Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be  $\text{diag}(\mathbf{r})$ , and  $\mathcal{L}_r = \mathbf{R}^{-1} \cdot \mathbf{V} \cdot \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})$ , so that  $\mathcal{L}_r^\vee = \mathbf{R} \cdot (\mathbf{V} \cdot \mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))^\vee$ . Since, the dual ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is the pre-image (under embedding  $\mathbf{V}$ ) of the conjugate of  $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I})^\vee$ , any non-zero  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathcal{L}_r^\vee$  has the form  $\mathbf{R} \cdot \text{conj}(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})$ , for  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$ .

*Claim:* for  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$ ,  $\prod_i (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i \geq \Delta_f^{-1} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{-1}$ .

*Proof of Claim:* We proved in lemma 2.10 that  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  is a fractional ideal of  $\mathcal{O}$ . that is  $\mathbb{Z}$ -spanned by  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathcal{I}^{-T}$ . Thus, any  $\mathbf{w} \in \mathcal{I}^\vee$  can be viewed as a polynomial  $w(X)$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) with circulant matrix  $\mathbf{C}_w$ . Moreover, every column of  $\mathbf{C}_w$  can be viewed as a polynomial that is in the ideal  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$ . Thus,  $\mathbf{C}_w$  can be generated from the  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathcal{I}^\vee$  as  $\mathbf{C}_w = (\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \mathcal{I}^{-T} \mathbf{M}$ , where  $\mathbf{M}$  is an integer  $n \times n$  matrix. Now,  $\det(\mathbf{C}_w)$  is same as  $\det(\mathbf{D}_w)$  where  $\mathbf{D}_w$  is the diagonal matrix with diagonal the vector  $\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w}$  (see equation (1)). Since, by above,  $\det(\mathbf{C}_w) \geq \det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{-1}$ , we have that  $\prod_i (\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i \geq \det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1} \cdot \det(\mathcal{I})^{-1}$ . Since  $\det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})$  is exactly  $\Delta_f$ , the claim follows,



Thus, for any  $\mathbf{w}$  in  $\mathcal{L}_r^\vee$ ,  $\|\mathbf{w}\|$  is same as  $\sum_i r_i^2 \cdot |(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i|^2$ , which by arithmetic mean being no less than the geometric mean implies that

$$\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \geq n \left( \prod_i r_i^2 \cdot |(\mathbf{V}\mathbf{w})_i|^2 \right)^{1/n},$$

which from the above claim and the hypothesis of the lemma implies that  $\|\mathbf{w}\|^2 \geq c^2 n$ , so that  $\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}_r^\vee) \geq c\sqrt{n}$ . Lemma 2.7 then implies that  $1 \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}_r)$ , or equivalently  $\mathbf{r} \geq \eta_\epsilon(\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{I}))$ .

*Remark.* Note that  $\det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})$  is exactly  $\Delta_f$ , and for special case  $\mathcal{I} = \mathcal{O}^\vee$ , we know that it is generated by  $(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1}$  and hence  $\det(\mathcal{I}) = \det(\mathbf{V}^\top \mathbf{V})^{-1}$ . Consequently,  $\det(\mathcal{O}^\vee) \cdot \Delta_f = 1$ , and  $c = (\prod_{i=1}^n r_i)^{1/n}$ . Since, the above lemma is used in proof of lemma 5.4, applied to arbitrary ideals in  $\mathcal{O}$ , the determinant of (any basis) of these ideals is an integer and hence larger than  $\det(\mathcal{I})$ . Thus,  $c$  will only be smaller than the  $c$  for the case of  $\mathcal{O}^\vee$ , and hence a smaller  $\epsilon$  is obtained.

## C Introduction to Dedekind Domains

A **Dedekind domain** is a non-trivial integral domain in which every non-zero fractional ideal is invertible. An ideal is called proper if it not same as  $(0)$  or  $(1)$ . A major theorem of Dedekind domain states that every proper ideal of a Dedekind domain can be uniquely (upto re-ordering) factored as a product of proper prime ideals (see e.g. [FT91] or [Cla84]). Further, every proper prime ideal is a maximal ideal.

Let  $R$  be a subring of a ring  $R'$ . An element  $x \in R'$  is said to be **integral** over  $R$  if it satisfies a monic polynomial equation, where the polynomial has coefficients in  $R$ . The **ring of integers**, denoted  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field  $\mathbf{K}$  are elements of  $\mathbf{K}$  that are integral over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . It is well-known that the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a number field is a Dedekind domain (see e.g. [FT91]).

For a prime number  $p$ , if an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  contains the ideal  $(p)$  (of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ), we say that  $\mathfrak{a}$  lies above  $p$ . Another well-known property of Dedekind domains is that every prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  lies above some prime  $p$ . An alternative equivalent definition of Dedekind domain is that it is an integrally-closed Noetherian domain in which every nonzero prime ideal is maximal.

For any ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of the Dedekind domain  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ , the (absolute) **norm** of  $\mathfrak{a}$ ,  $N(\mathfrak{a})$ , is defined to be  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathfrak{a}]$ , i.e. the cardinality of the residue class ring  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}/\mathfrak{a}$ . We state the following facts as a lemma (see any text on algebraic number theory for proofs, for instance [FT91])

- Lemma C.1.** (i) Let  $\mathfrak{p}$  denote a non-zero prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  and let  $r$  be a positive integer. Then, we have an isomorphism of additive groups:  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}/\mathfrak{p} \cong \mathfrak{p}^r/\mathfrak{p}^{r+1}$  (see II.1.16 of [FT91]).  
(ii) For a prime ideal  $\mathfrak{p}$ ,  $N(\mathfrak{p}^r) = (N(\mathfrak{p}))^r$ .

- (iii) For any two non-zero ideals  $\mathfrak{a}, \mathfrak{b}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$ ,  $N(\mathfrak{a}\mathfrak{b}) = N(\mathfrak{a})N(\mathfrak{b})$ .
- (iv) If  $\mathfrak{a}$  is a prime ideal of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  lying above prime  $p$ , then  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}/\mathfrak{a}$  is a field extension of finite field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  of some finite degree  $e$ . Further,  $N(\mathfrak{a}) = p^e$ . (see (II.1.37) of [FT91]).
- (v) The norm of a principal ideal  $(a)$ ,  $N((a))$ , is same as the (absolute value of) field norm of  $a$ , i.e.  $N_{\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}/\mathbb{Q}}(a)$ . (see (II.1.38) of [FT91], and see section 2.4 for definition of field norm).
- (vi) The discriminant of any monic irreducible polynomial  $f(X)$ ,  $\Delta_f$ , divides  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]^2$ , where  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(f(X))$  and  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(f(X))$  (see (II.1.39) of [FT91]).
- (vii) The norm of an ideal  $\mathfrak{a}$  of  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  is same as the (absolute value of) determinant of any  $\mathbb{Z}$ -basis of  $\mathfrak{a}$ . (see (II.1.39) of [FT91]).

## D Introduction to Ring of Integers of Cyclotomic Fields

In this section, we restrict ourselves to cyclotomic fields, i.e. where  $f(X)$  is a cyclotomic polynomial. Recall, a complex number  $\zeta$  is a primitive  $m$ -th root of unity, if its order is exactly  $m$ . The  $m$ -th **cyclotomic polynomial** is defined by

$$\Phi_m(X) = \prod (X - \zeta)$$

where the product runs over the different primitive  $m$ -th roots of unity  $\zeta$ . Since, such primitive roots lie in a splitting extension field  $E$  (over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ) of  $X^m - 1$ , the primitive roots are exactly the generators of the cyclic group of order  $m$ ; thus degree of  $\Phi_m(X)$  is exactly the Euler totient function  $\phi(m)$ . It is well-known that cyclotomic polynomials are irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[X]$ . The cyclotomic field  $\mathbb{Q}[X]/(\Phi_m(X))$  will be denoted by  $\mathbb{Q}[m]$ .

We have the following well-known identities.

$$\begin{aligned} X^m - 1 &= \prod_{d|m} \Phi_d(X) \\ \Phi_m(X) &= \prod_{d|m} (X^d - 1)^{\mu(m/d)} \\ \Phi_{p^r}(X) &= \frac{X^{p^r} - 1}{X^{p^{r-1}} - 1} = \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} X^{ip^{r-1}} \end{aligned}$$

where  $\mu(\cdot)$  is the mobius function,  $p$  is a prime, and  $r \geq 1$ . It follows that  $\Phi_m(X)$  is always a polynomial over the base field  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

We also have the following lemma, whose proof can be found in any text in algebraic number theory, for instance (VI. 1.14) of [FT91].

**Lemma D.1.** *If  $m = m_1 m_2$  with  $(m_1, m_2) = 1$ , then  $\mathbb{Q}[m]$  is the compositum of arithmetically disjoint fields, i.e.*

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q}[m] &\cong \mathbb{Q}[m_1] \otimes_{\mathbb{Q}} \mathbb{Q}[m_2] \\ \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}[m]} &\cong \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}[m_1]} \otimes_{\mathbb{Z}} \mathcal{O}_{\mathbb{Q}[m_2]} \end{aligned}$$

It is well-known that the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of a cyclotomic field is same as the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[X]/(\Phi_m(X))$ . Below, we give an easy proof of this fact using Dedekind index theorem. This polynomial ring will also be referred to as the  $m$ -th **cyclotomic ring**. Recall, in section 2, we defined the discriminant of a separable polynomial  $f(X)$  to be the square of the determinant of the vandermonde matrix of  $f(X)$ . When  $f(X)$  is a cyclotomic polynomial, the discriminant of the polynomial is also called the **discriminant** of the cyclotomic field and denoted  $\Delta_{\mathbf{K}}$  (as also the discriminant of the ring of integers, or the cyclotomic ring).

**Theorem D.2.** *For any  $m$ , the ring of integers  $\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}}$  of the cyclotomic field  $\mathbf{K} = \mathbb{Q}[X]/(\Phi_m(X))$  is same as the polynomial ring  $\mathcal{R} = \mathbb{Z}[X]/(\Phi_m(X))$ . Thus,  $\mathcal{R}$  is a Dedekind domain.*

*Proof.* By lemma D.1, we are reduced to proving the theorem for  $m$  that are prime powers, i.e.  $m = q^r$ , for some prime  $q$  and positive integer  $r$ . It is well known<sup>12</sup> that a prime  $p$  divides  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]$  only if  $p^2$  is a factor of  $\Delta_{\Phi_m(X)}$ . By corollary B.3, the discriminant of a monic separable  $f(X)$  is same as the determinant of the circulant matrix of  $f'(X)$ . Further, since the similarity transform given by the vandermonde matrix of  $f(X)$ , transforms the circulant matrix of any  $g(X)$  to a diagonal matrix with entries  $g(\zeta_i)$ , where  $\zeta_i$  are the roots of  $f(X)$ , one can show that  $\Delta_{f_1} \Delta_{f_2}$  divides the discriminant of  $f_1(X)f_2(X)$ . Thus, discriminant of  $\Phi_m(X)$  divides the discriminant of  $X^m - 1$ . For  $m = p^r$ , the discriminant of  $X^m - 1$  is easily seen to be (upto sign) a power of  $p$ . Thus,  $\Delta_{\Phi_m(X)}$  can only be divisible by prime  $p$ . This further implies that only prime  $p$ , if any, can divide  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]$ .

By Dedekind index theorem 2.5, for any prime  $p$ ,  $p$  does not divide  $[\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]$  iff  $p$  is Dedekind-special for  $\Phi_m(X)$ . Thus, we just need to check that prime  $p$  coming from  $m = p^r$  is Dedekind-special for  $\Phi_m(X)$ . Since modulo  $p$ , the power- $p$  map is a Frobenius map, we have that  $\Phi_{p^r}(X) = \Phi_p(X)^{p^{r-1}} \pmod{p}$ . Next, note that  $\Phi_p(X) = (X - 1)^{p-1} \pmod{p}$ , by first noting that  $X^p - 1 = (X - 1)^p \pmod{p}$ . Thus,  $\Phi_{p^r}(X) = (X - 1)^{\phi(p^r)}$ . To test the Dedekind-special property, write  $\Phi_{p^r}(X) = (X - 1)^{\phi(p^r)} + p * t(X)$ . Evaluating both sides at  $X = 1$ , we note that  $\Phi_{p^r}(X)|_{X=1} = p$ , and hence  $t(1) = 1 \pmod{p}$ . Thus  $t(X)$  is not divisible by  $(X - 1)$  modulo  $p$ , and hence  $p$  is Dedekind special for  $\Phi_{p^r}(X)$ .

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<sup>12</sup>  $\Delta_f = [\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}} : \mathcal{R}]^2 \cdot \text{disc}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}})$ , and  $\text{disc}(\mathcal{O}_{\mathbf{K}})$  is an integer.