Learning with Error and GSW's Homomorphic Encryption

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Intuition of LWE

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- Check using the oracle. Try another *k* until the guess is correct.



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- Pick (q, B, N) accordingly

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