

# Q1

## (1)

The probability formula will be proved by induction. The base case is trivial: an empty set is always linearly independent, so the probability of drawing a linearly independent empty set is exactly 1.

For the induction, assume that  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t-1} \in \mathbb{F}_q^n$  are linearly independent, then consider the probability of drawing a  $t$ -th vector uniformly from  $\mathbb{F}_q^n$  such that it is not in the linear span of the previous  $t-1$  vectors:  $\mathbf{a}_t \notin \text{Span}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t-1})$ .

There are a total of  $q^n$  possible values for  $\mathbf{a}_t$  to draw from. On the other hand, there are a total of  $q^{t-1}$  possible combinations of coefficients (including all zeros) for  $t-1$  vectors. Since  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}$  are linearly independent, each unique combination of coefficients corresponds to a unique element in the linear span. Thus, there are a total of  $q^n - q^{t-1}$  possible values that are outside the linear span of  $\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}$ , and the probability of uniformly drawing a  $\mathbf{a}_t$  that's outside the linear span is  $1 - \frac{q^{t-1}}{q^n}$ .

In other words:

$$P(\mathbf{a}_t \notin \text{Span}(\mathbf{a}_1, \mathbf{a}_2, \dots, \mathbf{a}_{t-1}) \mid \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i=1}^{t-1} \text{ is linearly independent}) = 1 - q^{t-1-n}$$

From here, we can recursively compute the probability of drawing  $m$  linearly independent vectors:

$$\begin{aligned} & P(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i=1}^m \text{ is linearly independent}) \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} P(\mathbf{a}_{j+1} \notin \text{Span}(\{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i=1}^j) \mid \{\mathbf{a}_i\}_{i=1}^j \text{ is linearly independent}) \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (1 - q^{(j+1)-1-n}) \\ &= \prod_{j=0}^{m-1} (1 - q^{j-n}) \end{aligned}$$

## (2)

Notice from the probability formula above:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - q^{i-n}) &= (1 - q^{-n}) \cdot \prod_{i=1}^{n-1} (1 - q^{i-n}) \\ &= (1 - q^{-n}) \cdot \prod_{i=0}^{n-2} (1 - q^{i-(n-1)}) \end{aligned}$$

The product in the R.H.S. is the probability of drawing  $n-1$  linearly independent vectors from  $\mathbf{Z}_q^{n-1}$ . Since  $1 - q^{-n} < 1$  for all  $q, n > 0$ , the value of this probability strictly decreases as  $n$  increases. Therefore, we can bound the probability from below by setting  $n$  to the maximal value 1024:

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} (1 - q^{i-n}) &\geq \prod_{i=0}^{1023} (1 - q^{i-1024}) \\ &= (1 - q^{-1024})(1 - q^{-1023}) \dots (1 - q^{-1}) \geq (1 - q^{-1})^{1024} \\ &= (1 - 3329^{-1})^{1024} \\ &\approx 0.735175 > \frac{2}{3} \end{aligned}$$

**(3)**

For Kyber-512, the parameters are defined with  $n = 256, q = 3329$ . Plugging them into the formula:

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from sympy import Rational
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if __name__ == "__main__":  
    q = 3329  
    n = 256  
    prod = 1  
    for i in range(n):  
        prod *= 1 - Rational(q) ** (i - n)  
    print(f"Prob is {prod.evalf()}")
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The result is 0.999699519257883