

Almost Improving Quantum Lattice Sieving

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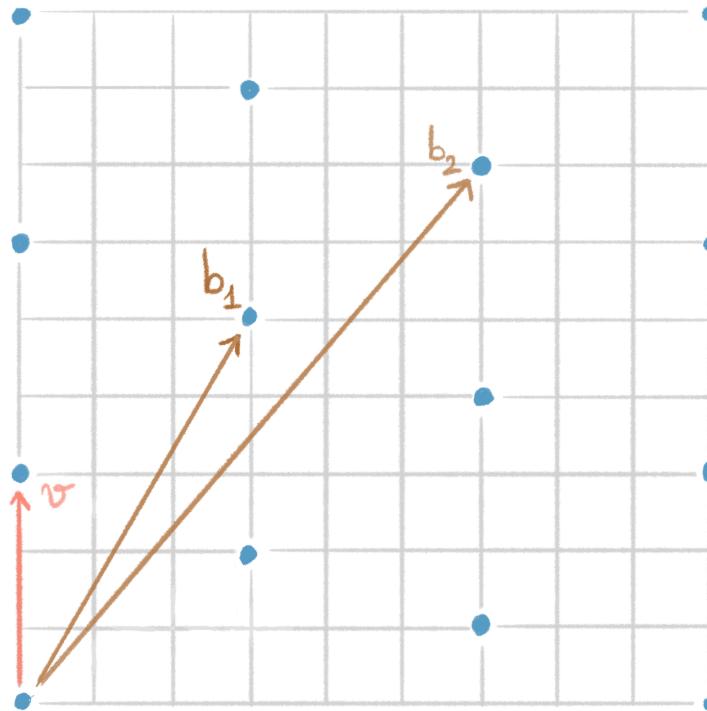
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Introduction

Lattices, Shortest Vector Problem

A Lattice is $\mathcal{L} = \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^d s_i \mathbf{b}_i : s_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ where $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_d$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^d .



Shortest Vector Problem (SVP)

Given a basis of \mathcal{L} , find a non zero shortest vector.

Motivation to solve SVP

Post-Quantum Cryptography

- NP-hard problem, believed to be quantum-resistant.
- Other problems like LWE, SIS, NTRU are derived from SVP.
- Cryptosystems based on them: Kyber, Dilithium, Falcon.

→ The security on these cryptosystems directly relies on the complexity of solving SVP.

Sieving approach

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Generate a list L of vectors and combine them to reduce their length.

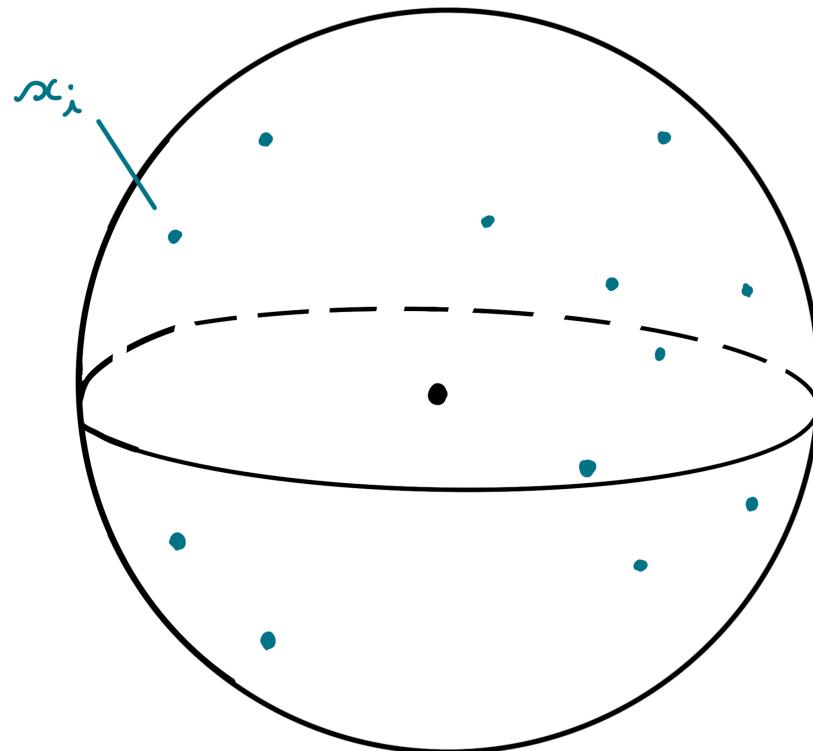
Let \mathcal{A} be an algorithm that, starting from a list L_0 of unit vectors, constructs a list L_1 of vectors of norm $\gamma < 1$.

1. $L_0 = L$ with $\|x\| = 1, \forall x \in L_0$
2. $L_1 = \mathcal{A}(L_0)$ with $\|x\| = \gamma, \forall x \in L_1$
3. \vdots
4. $L_k = \mathcal{A}(L_{k-1})$ with $\|x\| = \gamma^k, \forall x \in L_k$

Given a list L of vectors, preprocess L such that one can efficiently find pairs of vectors close to each other.

Locality Sensitive Filtering

Sieving Algorithm, Filters

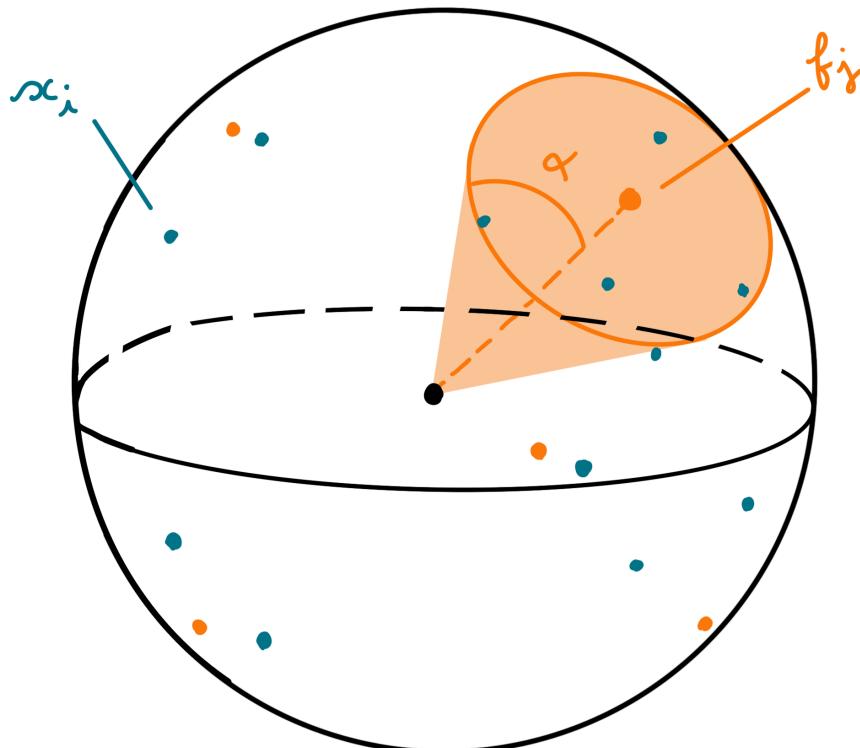


Hypothesis

Let $x_i \in \mathcal{L}$,

$$x_i \xleftarrow{\$} \mathbb{S}^d$$

Sieving Algorithm, Filters



Let $x, x' \in \mathcal{L}$,

$$\|x - x'\| \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow \theta(x, x') \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Filters, buckets

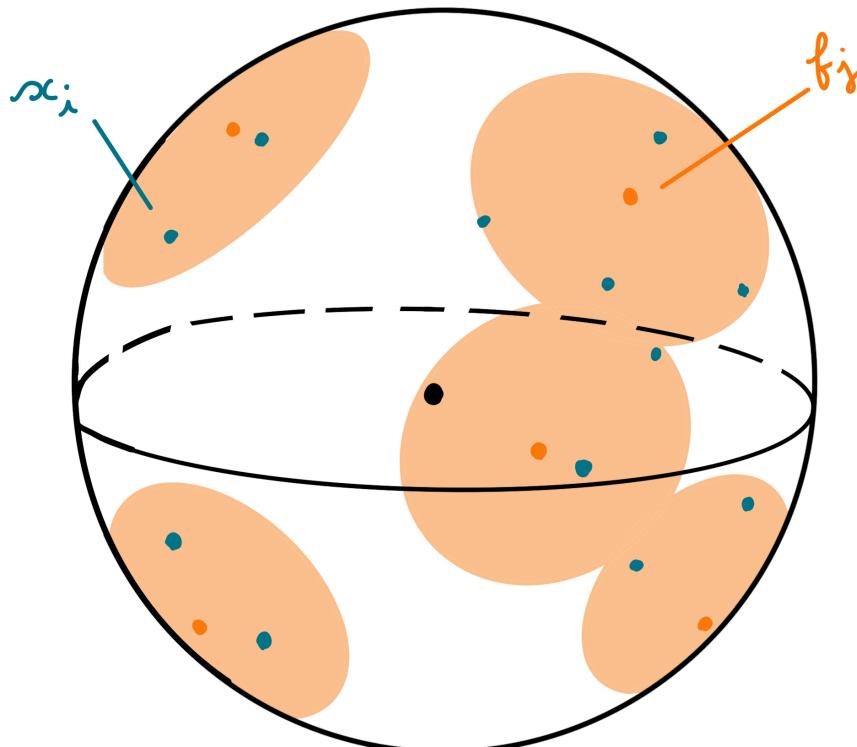
Let $f_j \in \mathbb{S}^d$ be a filter. We define the α -hypercone,

$$\mathcal{H}_{\alpha, f_j} = \{x \in \mathbb{S}^d : \theta(f_j, x) \leq \alpha\}.$$

The bucket $B_\alpha(f_j)$ is defined by

$$B_\alpha(f_j) = \mathcal{H}_{\alpha, f_j} \cap \mathcal{L}.$$

Sieving Algorithm, Filters



1. **Sample** filters $\{f_i\}_i$ and initialize the buckets.
2. **Fill** the buckets $B_\alpha(f_j)$ with the lattice vectors.
3. **Find** the solution among each buckets.
4. **Repeat** steps 1, 2, and 3 until you find enough solutions.

Time Complexity

$$N_{\text{REP}}(N_{\text{INIT}} + N_{\text{FindSol}})$$

Quantum Random Walk

Basis of Quantum Computing

Grover's Search

Let L a list of size N and a function $f : L \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, there exists a quantum algorithm which finds $x \in L$ such that $f(x) = 1$ using $O(\sqrt{N})$ evaluations of the function.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{x \in L} |x\rangle$$

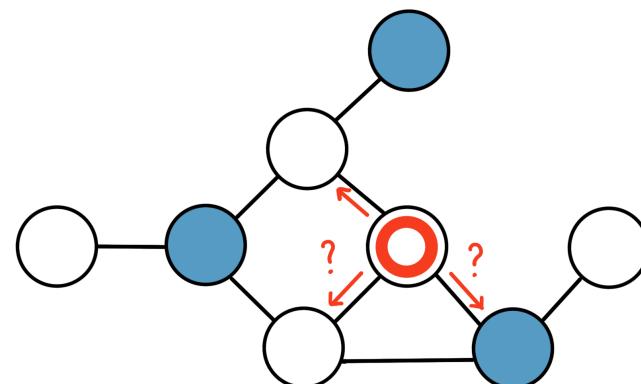
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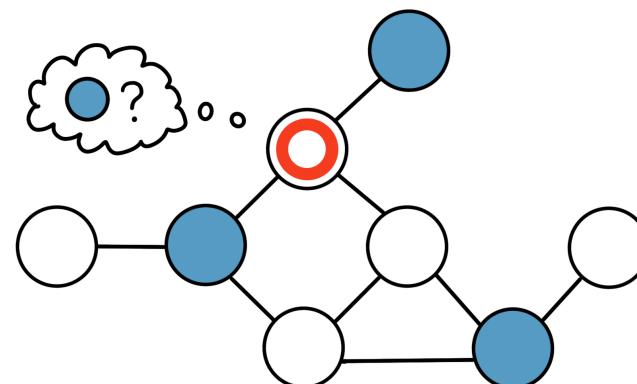
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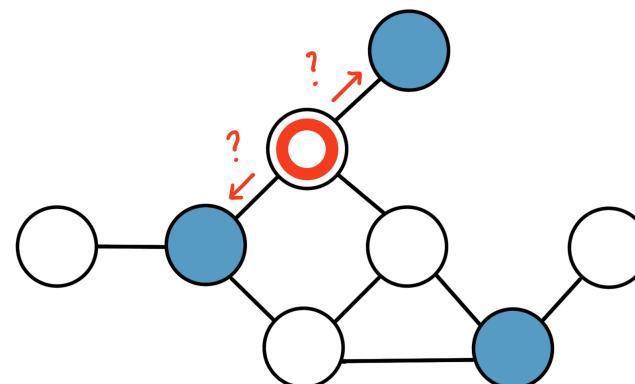
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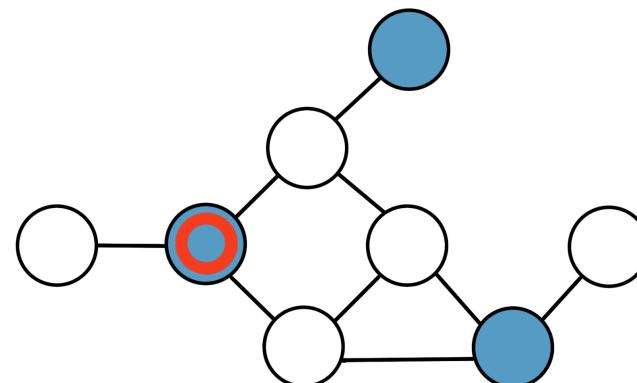
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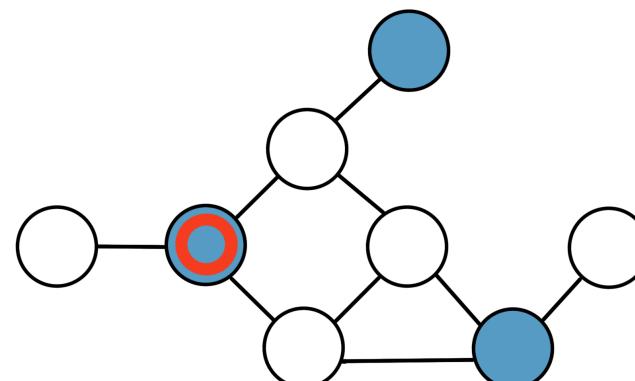
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Johnson Graph

$$B_\alpha = \{y_1, \dots, y_n\}, \text{ fix } r < n,$$

The graph $J(n, r)$:

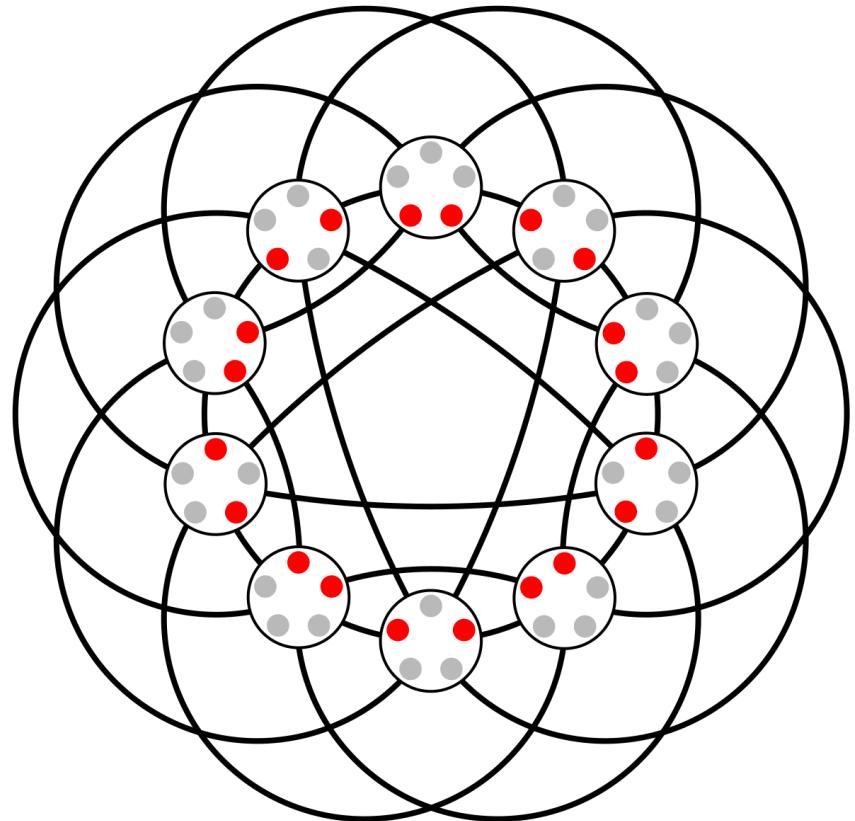
- Nodes are **subsets of r vectors** among B_α (with $r \ll n$), and data stuff

$$v = (\mathcal{L}^v, D(v), b^v).$$

- Two nodes v, w are connected if there exists y_{old} and y_{new} such that

$$\mathcal{L}^w = (\mathcal{L}^v \setminus \{y_{\text{old}}\}) \cup \{y_{\text{new}}\}.$$

- v is marked if there exists a neighboring pair in \mathcal{L}^v



Example : $J(5, 2)$

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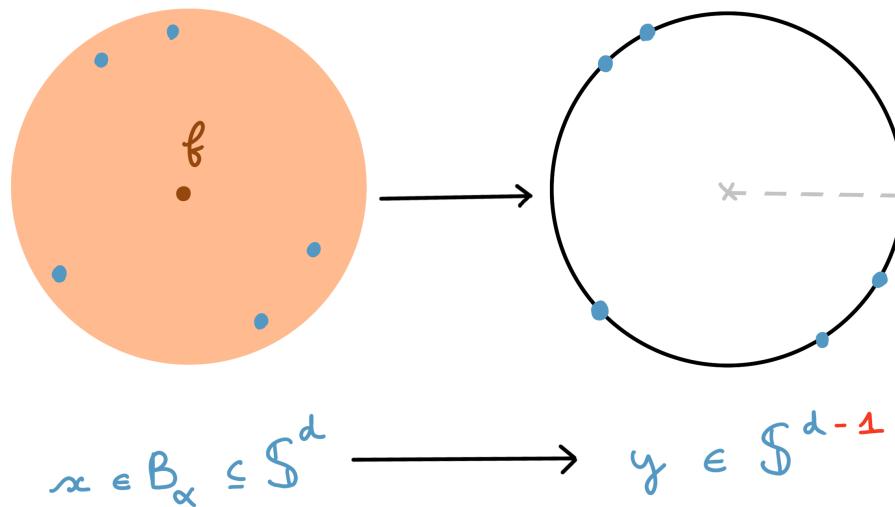
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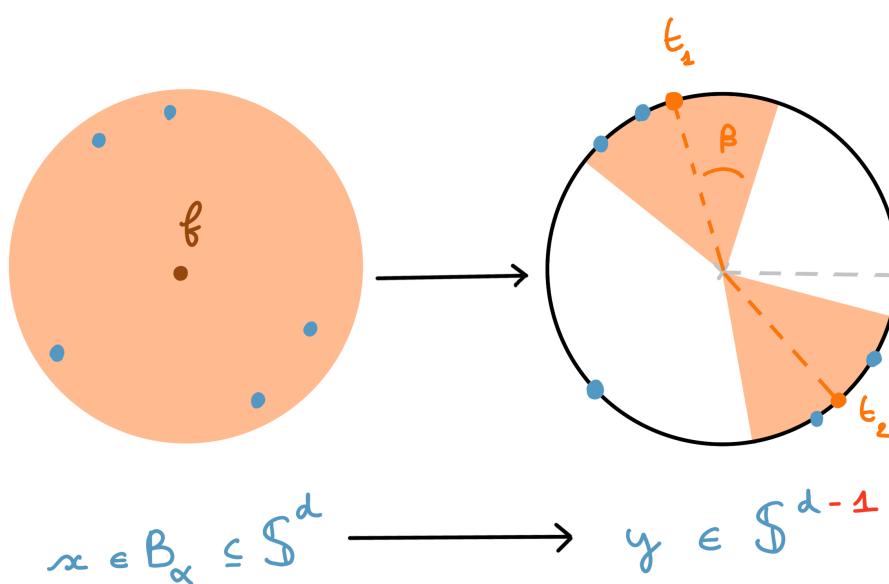


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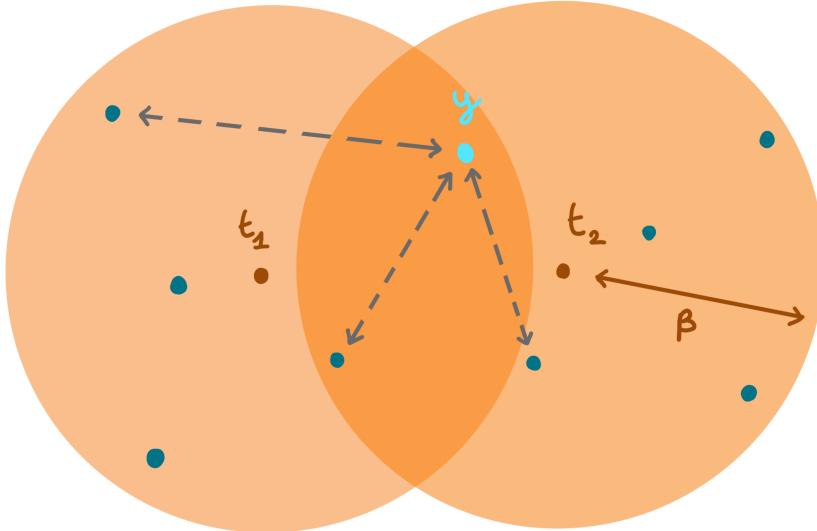


Sample $t_1, \dots, t_r \in \mathcal{F}$ filters

$$B_\beta^v(t_j) = \mathcal{H}_{\beta, t_j} \cap L^v$$

$$D(v) = \{B_\beta^v(t_1), \dots, B_\beta^v(t_r)\}$$

Update phase



UPDATE_PHASE(y, v):

- 1 Compute $K_\beta = \mathcal{H}_{\beta, y} \cap \mathcal{F}$
- 2 For $t_i \in K_\beta$:
- 3 update(y) in $B_\beta^v(t_i)$
- 4 For $y_i \neq y$ in $\cup_{t_i \in K_\beta} B_\beta^v(t_i)$:
- 5 If (y_i, y) is a neighboring pair:
- 6 update the last register
- 7 Return the new vertex

[ChaillouxLoyer21]

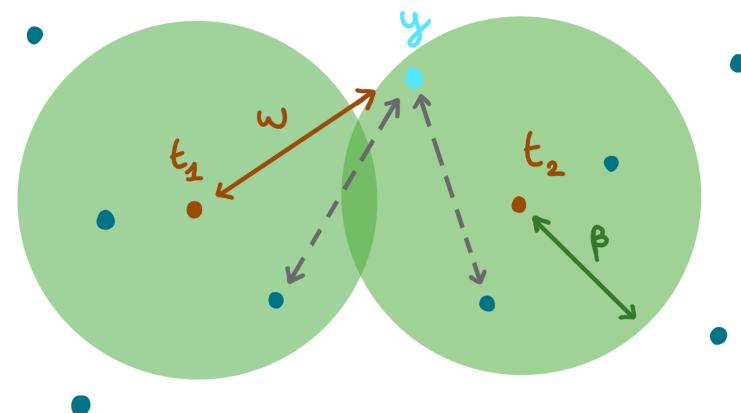
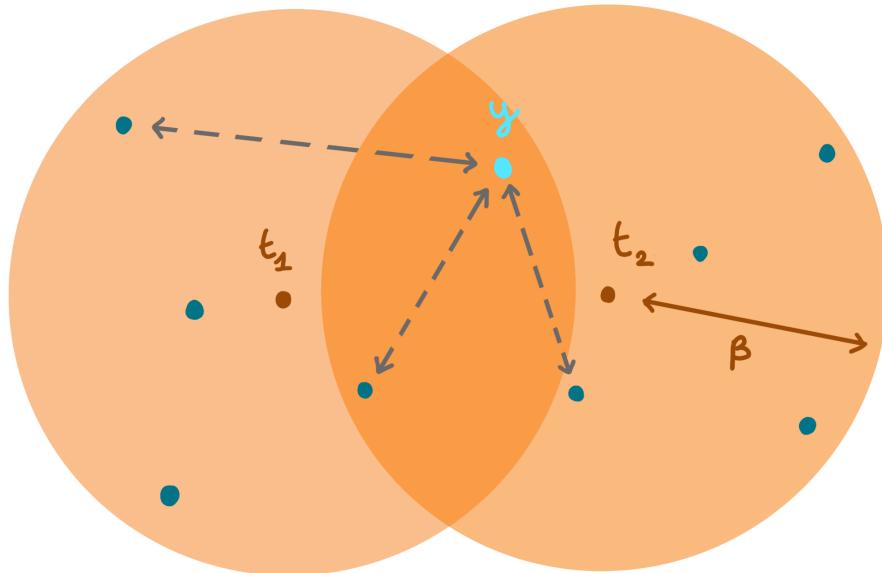
Do it twice in order to remove y_{old} and add y_{new} .

Current Complexity :

$$T_{\text{update}} = 2 \cdot \left(|K_\beta| + |K_\beta| + \sqrt{|K_\beta| \cdot |B_\beta|} \right)$$

Improvement

How to improve the update phase ?



- Bigger β -buckets
- y compared with y_i in β -close filters

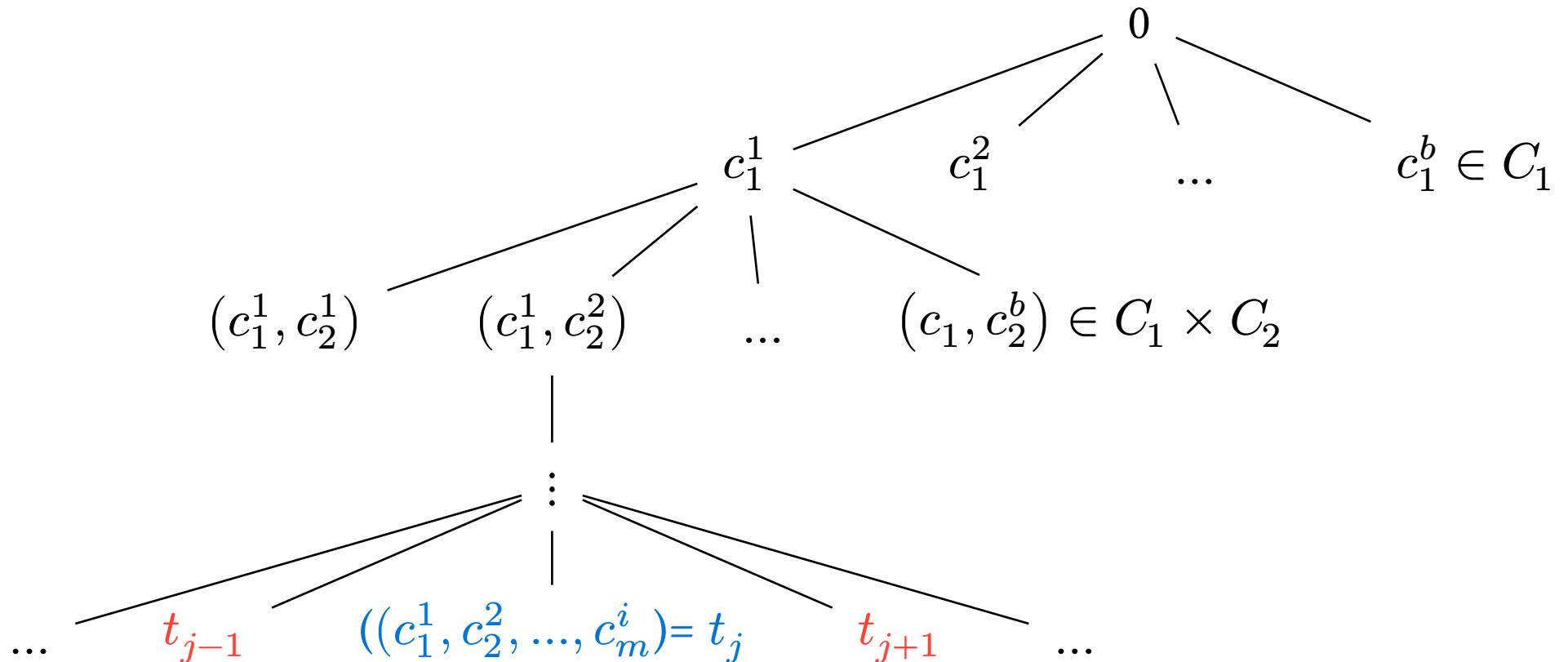
- Smaller β -buckets
- y compared with y_i in ω -close filters

↗ less time to fill the buckets

Tree Structure on RPC

Random Product codes : $\mathcal{F} = C_1 \times \dots \times C_m$, where $|C_i| = b$.

For $t \in \mathcal{C}_2$, we can write $t = (c_1, \dots, c_m)$ with $c_i \in C_i$.



■ ω -close filters - ■ not ω -close filters

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$$\sum_{\substack{t_i \text{ } \omega \text{ -close}}} |t_i\rangle \rightarrow \sum_{t_i \text{ } \omega \text{ -close}} \sum_{y_j \in B_\beta(t_i)} |t_i, y_j^i\rangle$$

1. Construct the list K_ω of t_i 's ω -close to y ,
2. Do a Grover's search on the list $\cup_{t \in K_\omega} B_\beta(t)$.

Time: $|K_\omega| + \sqrt{|K_\omega| \cdot |B_\beta|}$

1. **Preprocess** the ω -close filter sampler,
2. Do a Grover's search on the above quantum state.

Time: $N^{o(1)} + \sqrt{|K_\omega| \cdot |B_\beta|}$

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$$T_{\text{LSF}} = N^{c-\zeta} \left(N + N^{1-c} \max\{N^\zeta, 1\} \left(N^{c_1 + \rho_0} + \frac{1}{\max(N^{c_1} \sqrt{\mathcal{V}_d(\theta_\alpha^*)})} \left(N^{\max\{\rho_0, \frac{\rho_0 + c_3}{2}\} + \frac{c_1}{2}} \right) \right) \right)$$

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[BCSS23]	0.2563	0
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