

Computing Generator in Cyclotomic Integer Rings

A subfield algorithm for the Principal Ideal Problem in $L_{|\Delta_{\mathbb{K}}|}(\frac{1}{2})$
and application to the cryptanalysis of a FHE scheme

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Campbell, Groves, and Sheperd (2014) found a solution in polynomial time for the second point for power-of-two cyclotomic fields.

Cramer, Ducas, Peikert, and Regev (2016) provided a proof and an extension to prime-power cyclotomic fields.

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Our goal: Recover the secret key from the public key.

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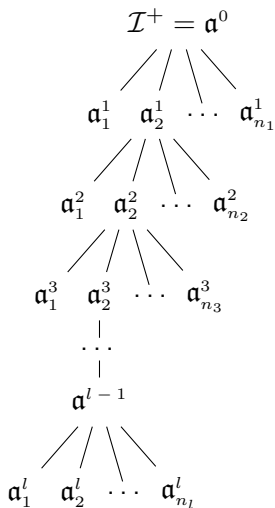
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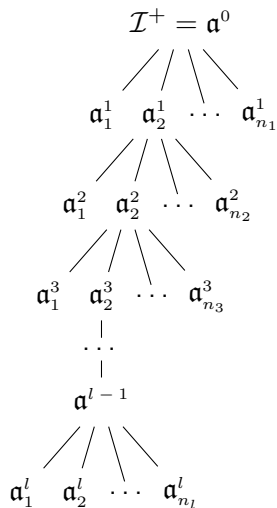
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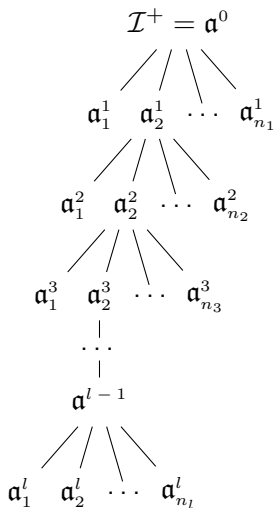
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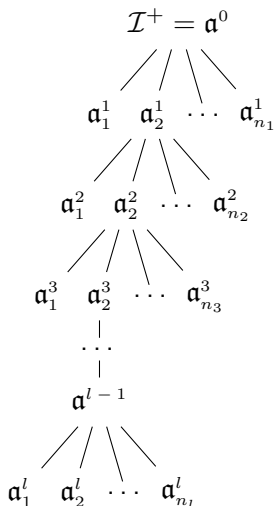
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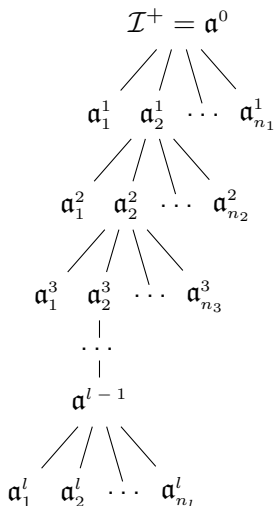


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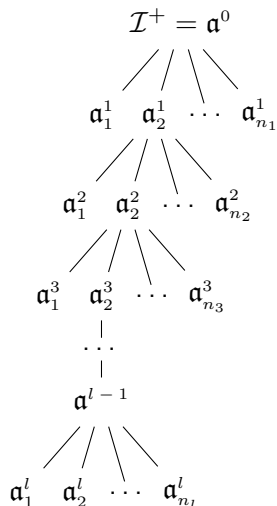


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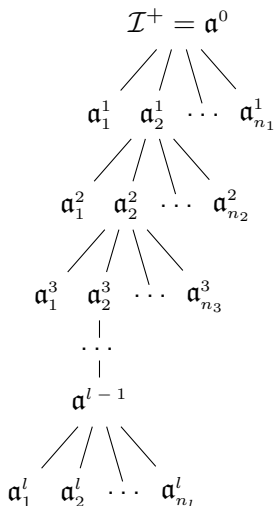
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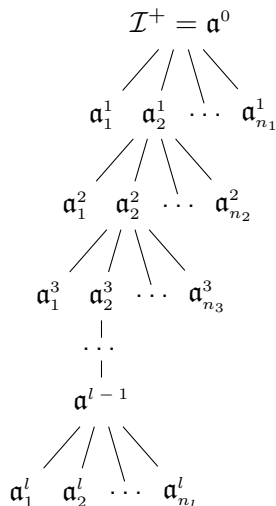
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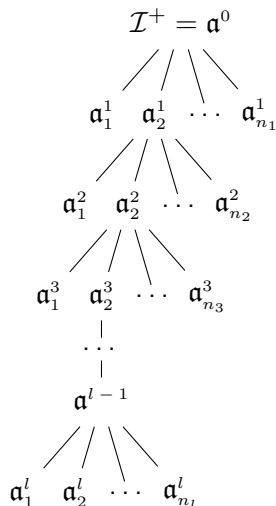
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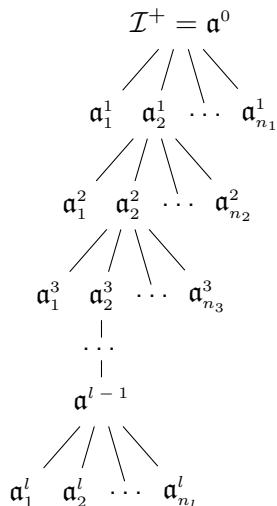
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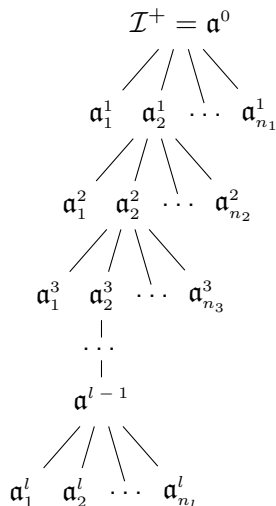
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Thank you