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Given $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in (0, 1), \varepsilon > 0$, integer $Q > 0$, find $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, q \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 < q \leq Q$ st.

$$\left| \alpha_i - \frac{p_i}{q} \right| \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{q}.$$

Thm (Dirichlet) $Q \geq \frac{1}{\varepsilon^n}$ suffices.

Hard to find!

$$B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & & & & \alpha_1 \\ & 1 & & & \alpha_2 \\ & & 1 & & \vdots \\ & 0 & & 1 & \alpha_n \\ & & & & \varepsilon/Q \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathcal{L}(B)$$

$$u \in \mathcal{L}(B) : u = Bz \quad p \in \mathbb{Z}^{n+1}.$$

If $u \neq 0, \|u\|_\infty \leq \varepsilon$, then $p_{n+1} \neq 0$. Assume $p_{n+1} < 0$.
and $q = -p_{n+1}$

$$\text{Then } |u_i| = |p_i - \alpha_i q| \leq \varepsilon \quad i=1 \dots n.$$

$$|u_{n+1}| = \frac{\varepsilon}{n} q \leq \varepsilon.$$

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By Minkowski's theorem, $\exists u \neq 0$ st. $\|u\|_\infty \leq (\det(L))^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$

(Soon!) $= \left(\frac{\varepsilon}{Q}\right)^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$

$$\text{for } Q \geq \varepsilon^{-n} \leq \varepsilon. \quad \checkmark$$

If we approximate shortest nonzero u to within α then

$$\|u\|_\infty \leq \alpha (\det(L))^{\frac{1}{n+1}}$$

$$Q = \alpha^{n+1} \cdot \varepsilon^{-n} \Rightarrow \leq \varepsilon.$$

Even an exponential approximation is useful!

Lattice in \mathbb{R}^n $b = \{b_1, \dots, b_m\}$ $m \leq n$.

$$L(b) = \{ \lambda_i b_i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Any set of vectors closed under subtraction and discrete ($\exists \delta > 0, \forall x, y \in L, \|x - y\| \geq \delta$).

$\lambda_1(L)$ = shortest nonzero vector in L .

Then $\forall L, \exists u \in L$ st. $\|u\|_\infty \leq (\det(L))^{\frac{1}{n}}$.

Thm. $\forall \mathcal{L}, \exists u \in \mathcal{L}$ st. $\|u\|_\infty \leq (\det(\mathcal{L}))^{1/n}$.

Note \mathcal{L} can have many bases, but all have same determinant.

$$\mathcal{L}(B) = \mathcal{L}(\bar{B}) \Leftrightarrow B = U \bar{B}$$

unimodular U .

$$\det(B) = \det(\bar{B}).$$

Pf. Let $Q = \{x : \|x\|_\infty \leq \frac{1}{2}\}$

Assume $\det(\mathcal{L}) = 1$ by scaling. Consider $b + Q$,
 $b \in \mathcal{L}$.

$\text{Vol}(Q) = 1$. So $\exists b_1, b_2$

$$Q + b_1 \cap Q + b_2 \neq \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow \|b_1 - b_2\|_\infty \leq 1. \quad b_1 - b_2 \in \mathcal{L}.$$

NP-hard to find such a short vector!

More generally, symmetric convex body K . ($K = -K$).
 $\exists V_0$ st. $\text{Vol}(K) \geq V_0 \Rightarrow K$ contains a nonzero integer point?

$$\lambda_1(K) = \inf t : tK \text{ contains a nonzero } b \in \mathcal{L}.$$

$$\lambda_1(K) = \text{length}$$

\vdots

$\lambda_i(K) : \text{---}$ is linearly ind. points in \mathbb{Z} .

Thm (Minkowski). $\forall \mathbb{Z}$, \forall symmetric K ,

$$(1) \quad \lambda_1(K)^m \leq 2^m \frac{\det(\mathbb{Z})}{\text{Vol}(K)}.$$

$$(2) \quad \lambda_1(K) \lambda_2(K) \dots \lambda_m(K) \leq 2^m \frac{\det(\mathbb{Z})}{\text{Vol}(K)}.$$

Pf. (1). Suppose $\frac{1}{2}tK$ has volume 1.
t s.t.

$$\exists y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{Z} : \frac{1}{2}tK + y_1 \cap \frac{1}{2}tK + y_2 \neq \emptyset$$

$$y = y_1 - y_2 \quad \frac{1}{2}tK \cap (\frac{1}{2}tK + y) \ni w$$

$$w \in \frac{1}{2}tK \Rightarrow -w \in \frac{1}{2}tK$$

$$w - y \in \frac{1}{2}tK \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}(-w + w - y) \in \frac{1}{2}tK$$

$$-\frac{y}{2} \in \frac{1}{2}tK$$

$$\text{Vol}(\tfrac{1}{2}tK) = \frac{t^m}{2^m} \text{Vol}(K) \geq 1 \Rightarrow y \in tK.$$

$$t \geq 2 \text{Vol}(K)^{-1/m}$$

$$Z = Z(b_1 \dots b_m)$$

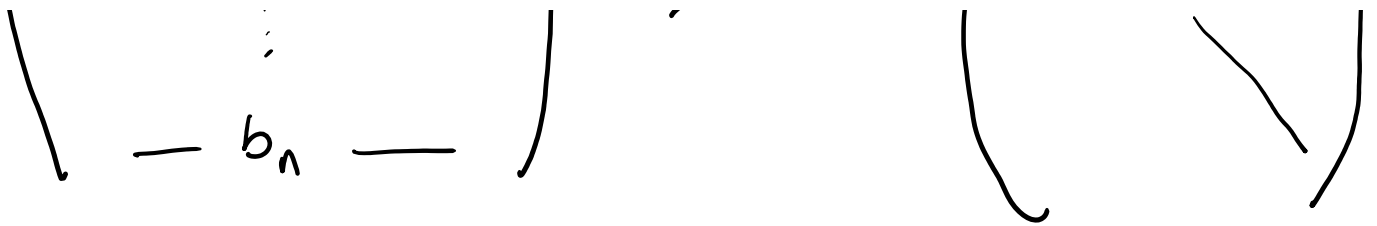
dual lattice $Z^* = \{y \mid y \in \text{Span}(Z) \text{ and } y \cdot x \in \mathbb{Z} \}$

$$B^{-1} \text{ is a basis of } Z^*.$$

Co1. $\Delta_1(Z) \Delta_1(Z^*) \leq n.$

Finding Δ_1 is NP-hard
 but certifying $\Delta_1(Z)$ to within a factor of n
 is in $NP \cap \text{co-NP}$!

$$\begin{pmatrix} -b_1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & \end{pmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{Gram-Schmidt}} \begin{pmatrix} b_{11} & 0 & \dots & 0 \\ b_{21} & b_{22} & \dots & \\ & & \ddots & \\ & & & \end{pmatrix}$$



$$b_1^* = b_1$$

$$b_i^* = b_i \perp \text{ to } \{b_1 \dots b_{i-1}\}$$

$$= b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\langle b_i, b_j \rangle}{\|b_j\|^2} \cdot b_j = b_i - \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \frac{\langle b_i, b_j^* \rangle}{\|b_j^*\|^2} b_j^*$$

$$b_{ii} = \|b_i^*\|$$

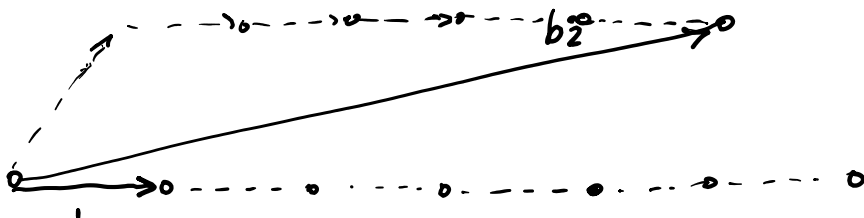
$$\det(B) = \|b_1^*\| \dots \|b_n^*\|$$

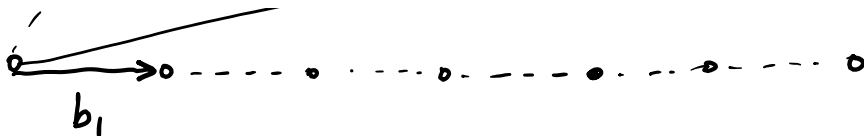
$$\text{orthogonality defect} = \frac{\|b_1\| \dots \|b_n\|}{\det(B)}$$

"Small" ortho. defect \Rightarrow "short" vectors in basis.

How to find a good (\approx "short") basis?

$n=2$ (Gauss)





$$\|b_1\| \leq \|b_2\|$$

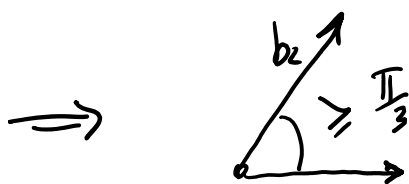
$$\hat{b}_2 \leftarrow b_2 - m b_1 \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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$$m = \text{integer closest to } \frac{\langle b_2, b_1 \rangle}{\|b_1\|^2}$$

If  $\|\hat{b}_2\| \geq \|b_1\|$  stop; else swap  $b_1, b_2$  and repeat.

Note: after this step, component of  $b_2$  along  $b_1$   $\leq \frac{1}{2} \|b_1\|$ . (else not shortest).



Termination: stop if  $\|\hat{b}_2\| \geq (1-\epsilon)\|b_1\|$ .

So  $O(\log \|b\|)$  iterations for  $\epsilon$  constant

Perpser basis:  $b_i - b_i^* \in \left\{ \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \alpha_j b_j^* : -\frac{1}{2} \leq \alpha_j \leq \frac{1}{2} \right\}$

Can convert any basis into a perpser basis by row reduction.

## Lovász basis reduction.

Find basis  $B$  s.t. it is proper and  
 $\forall i \quad \|b_{i+1}^*\| \geq \frac{1}{2} \|b_i^*\|.$

Thm. For an  $L$ -reduced basis, (1)  $\|b_i\| \leq 2^n \Delta_i(Z)$   
(2)  $\frac{\|b_1\| \dots \|b_n\|}{\det(Z)} \leq 2^{n^2}.$

Pf. (1)  $\|b_j^*\| \geq 2^{i-j} \|b_i^*\|, j \geq i$   
 $\forall v \in Z \quad v = \sum \lambda_i b_i^* \quad \|v\| \geq |\lambda| \|b_i^*\| \geq \|b_i^*\| \geq 2^{1-n} \|b_1^*\|$   
 $\lambda \neq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \|b_1\| = \|b_1^*\| \leq 2^{n-1} \|v\| \quad \forall v \in Z.$

$$(2) \frac{\|b_1\| \dots \|b_n\|}{\|b_1^*\| \dots \|b_n^*\|}$$

$$\left( \begin{aligned} \|b_i\| &\leq \|b_i^*\| + \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{i-1} \|b_j^*\| \leq \|b_i^*\| \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} (2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{i-2})\right) \\ &\leq 2^{i-1} \|b_i^*\| \\ &\leq \prod_{i=1}^n 2^{i-1} = 2^{\frac{n(n-1)}{2}}. \end{aligned} \right)$$



Algorithm:

$$V_0 = \{0\}$$

$$V_i = \text{Span} \{b_1, \dots, b_i\}$$

$$\text{If } \exists i \text{ s.t. } \|b_{i+1}^*\| < \frac{1}{2} \|b_i^*\| \quad (a/V \text{ is proj of } a \perp \text{ to } V)$$

$$\text{Let } x = b_i / \|b_i\| \quad y = b_{i+1} / \|b_{i+1}\|$$

Apply Gauss to get  $u, v$  with  $1 - \varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

$$\begin{pmatrix} u \\ v \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} \quad U \text{ is unimodular.}$$

$$\text{and } \begin{pmatrix} \hat{b}_i \\ \hat{b}_{i+1} \end{pmatrix} = U \begin{pmatrix} b_i \\ b_{i+1} \end{pmatrix}$$

Repeat till  $\|b_{i+1}^*\| \geq \frac{1}{2} \|b_i^*\| \quad \forall i$ .

Then make proper.

Upon termination  $\longrightarrow$  L-reduced.

How many iterations?!

By Gauss with  $1 - \varepsilon = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

$$\|v\| \geq \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \|u\| \Rightarrow \text{Component of } v \perp u$$

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Since component of  $v$  along  $u \leq \frac{1}{2} \|u\|$ .

$$\geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|u\|.$$

So for  $b_1^*, b_2^* \dots b_i^*, b_{i+1}^*, \dots b_n^*$   
 $\hat{b}_i^*, \hat{b}_{i+1}^*, \dots b_n^*$

$$\|v\| = \|\hat{b}_{i+1}^*\| \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|\hat{b}_i^*\| = \|u\|.$$

$$\|b_i^*\| \|b_{i+1}^*\| = \|\hat{b}_i^*\| \|\hat{b}_{i+1}^*\| \quad \text{and} \quad \|b_{i+1}^*\| < \frac{1}{2} \|b_i^*\|$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \|b_i^*\|^2 \geq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \|\hat{b}_i^*\|^2 \Rightarrow \|\hat{b}_i^*\| \leq \frac{1}{2^{1/4}} \|b_i^*\|.$$

So consider the potential

$$\prod_i \|b_i^*\|^{n-i}$$

drops by  $2^{1/4}$  in each iteration!

$$\Rightarrow \# \text{ iterations} = O(n^2 \log \langle b \rangle).$$

