

**Exercise 1** The purpose of this exercise is to support the claim made in Lecture 3 Section 2, namely that not knowing  $\lambda_1(L)$  does not significantly affect the difficulty of solving SVP, at least when using the enumeration algorithm that we have considered. The formal statement takes the form of a reduction. Namely, we are given an algorithm  $\mathcal{A}(r)$  as an oracle that solves SVP only when  $r \geq \lambda_1(L)$ , otherwise it returns an error symbol  $\perp$ . This algorithm is assumed to run in time at most  $t(r) = a + b \cdot r^n$  for some positive constants  $a, b$ . We also assume that a lower-bound on  $\lambda_1(L)$ , and we denote it as  $r_0$ . We then construct the following algorithm which has oracle access to  $\mathcal{A}$ .

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**Algorithm 1:** Solving SVP when  $\lambda_1(L)$  is unknown.

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**Input** : An oracle  $\mathcal{A}$  as given above, a lower-bound  $r_0$  on  $\lambda_1(L)$ .

**Output:** A shortest non-zero vector of  $L$ .

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 $r \leftarrow r_0$ 
for  $i = 0$  to  $\infty$  do
     $\mathbf{v} = \mathcal{A}(r)$ 
    if  $\mathbf{v} \neq \perp$  then
        return  $\mathbf{v}$ 
    end
     $r \leftarrow r \cdot (1 + 1/n)$ 
end

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You can verify that the algorithm is correct when it terminates.

- i) Determine the number of loop iterations of  $i$  after which the algorithm terminates.
- ii) Prove that its running time is bounded by  $\left\lceil \frac{\log(\lambda_1^{(2)}(L)/r_0)}{\log(1+1/n)} \right\rceil a + e^2 \cdot (n+1) \cdot b \cdot \lambda_1^{(2)}(L)^n$ .
- iii) Given a *rational* basis  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{Q}^{n \times n}$  as input, what is the smallest positive integer  $f$  such that  $f \cdot L \subset \mathbb{Z}^n$ ? Prove that  $\log f$  is polynomial in the bitsize of  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- iv) Show that  $1/f \leq \lambda_1^{(2)}(L)$ . (Hint: What is  $\lambda_1^{(2)}(\mathbb{Z}^n)$ ?)
- v) Also argue that  $\log \lambda_1^{(2)}(L)$  is polynomial in the bitsize of  $\mathbf{B}$ .
- vi) At which step is our argument specific to the Euclidean norm? Is it also valid for any  $\ell_p$  norm?
- vii) How would you adjust the above analysis to arbitrary norm? (Hint: Recall that in finite dimensional vector spaces, “all norms are equivalent”. What does that mean formally?)

**Exercise 2** The purpose of this exercise is to establish an alternative lower bound on the complexity of solving SVP in the Euclidean norm using FinckePohstEnum when  $\mathbf{t} = 0$ . This bound involves the minimal distance  $\lambda_1(L)$  rather than the covering radius  $\mu(L)$ .

- i) Prove that for any lattice  $L$  of dimension  $n$ ,  $|r\mathfrak{B} \cap L| \leq \left(1 + \frac{2r}{\lambda_1(L)}\right)^n$ .
- ii) Prove that for any lattice  $L$  with basis  $\mathbf{B}$ ,  $\lambda_1(L) \geq \min_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|_2$  (Hint: Consider the tiling  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbf{B}^*)$ , and argue that it would not be packing otherwise.)
- iii) Prove that the enumeration tree at level  $i$  contains at most  $\left(1 + \frac{2r}{\min_{j \geq i} \|\mathbf{b}_j^*\|}\right)^i$  points.

- iv) Describe an algorithm that, given a basis  $\mathbf{B}$  of  $L$ , solves ExactSVP in time at most  $\left(1 + \frac{2\lambda_1(L)}{\min_i \|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|_2}\right)^n$ , up to some polynomial factor. (Hint: You don't have to re-write it all down. You can and should express it as a combination of algorithms described in the lecture notes and this exercise sheet.)

**Exercise 3** As hinted in the course, there is also a depth-first version of Fincke-Pohst enumeration that is preferable as it does not require to store a large set of intermediate solutions in the enumeration tree. It is given as Algorithm 2. Note that the recursion is reversed compared to the breadth-first version: at each level of the recursion, we are considering the sublattice generated by  $\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{n-1}$ , rather than the projected lattice  $\pi_{\mathbf{b}_1}(L)$ . Prove the correctness of Algorithm 2.

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**Algorithm 2:** DepthFirstFinckePohst( $\mathbf{B}, r, \mathbf{t}$ ): Depth-First Fincke-Pohst Enumeration Algorithm

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**Input** : A basis  $\mathbf{B} = (\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n) \in \mathbb{Q}^{n \times n}$  of a full rank lattice  $\Lambda$ , a target  $\mathbf{t}$ , and a radius  $r \geq 0$ .

**Output:** The closest point  $\mathbf{c}$  to  $\mathbf{t}$  in  $L \cap (\mathbf{t} + r\mathcal{B}_2)$  if such a point exists.

$a \leftarrow \langle \mathbf{t}, \mathbf{b}_n^* \rangle / \|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|$

$Z \leftarrow \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (a - z\|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|)^2 \leq r^2\};$

**if**  $n = 1$  **then**

**return**  $\arg \min_{\mathbf{v} \in \mathbb{Z} \cdot \mathbf{b}_n} \|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{t}\|$  ; *// Returns error symbol  $\perp$  if the set is empty.*

**end**

$\mathbf{c} \leftarrow \perp$

$\mathbf{B}' \leftarrow (\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{n-1})$

$\pi \leftarrow \pi_{\mathbf{B}'};$

*// Orthogonal projection onto, not "orthogonally to"*

**for**  $z \in Z$  **do**

$\mathbf{v} \leftarrow z\mathbf{b}_n + \text{DepthFirstFinckePohst}(\mathbf{B}', \sqrt{r^2 - (a - z\|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|)^2}, \pi(\mathbf{t} - z\mathbf{b}_n))$

**if**  $\mathbf{c} = \perp$  **or**  $\|\mathbf{v} - \mathbf{t}\| < \|\mathbf{c} - \mathbf{t}\|$  **then**

$\mathbf{c} \leftarrow \mathbf{v}$

**end**

**end**

**return**  $\mathbf{c}$

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**Exercise 4** Your long time friend, currently studying chemistry, is using mass spectrometry to measure the average mass of some molecules. From context, he knows a list of atoms plausibly present in the molecule, and from the periodic table of elements, he knows the masses  $(m_i)_{i \in n} > 0$  of all these atoms. Therefore, he can measure a total mass  $M = \sum_{i=1}^n z_i m_i + e$  for some non-negative integers  $z_i$  and some measurement error  $e$  guaranteed to be in some known interval  $e \in [-\varepsilon, \varepsilon]$ . And he desperately wants to determine the solution(s)  $\mathbf{z} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ .

- i) Consider the lattice  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , and construct a bounded convex set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}^n$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}^n \cap S$  contains the desired solutions. (Hint: Your friend just gave you  $n + 2$  linear inequalities.)
- ii) Show that  $S$  is included in a Euclidean ball of radius  $(M + \varepsilon) / \min_i m_i$ . (Hint:  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 \leq \|\mathbf{x}\|_1$ .)
- iii) Propose an algorithm that given  $M, \varepsilon, (m_i)_{i=1}^n$  determines the set of possible solution(s).

*To be continued in future exercise sheets. Spoiler: the algorithm in Exercise 4 is terribly slow.*