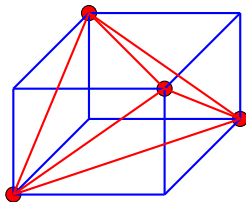
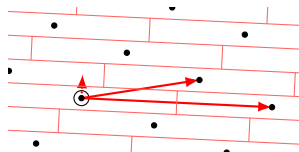
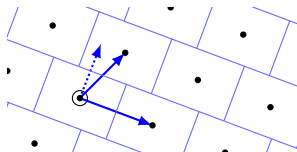


An Algorithmic Reduction Theory for Binary Codes: LLL and more

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A very good reference to learn about lattices

`https:`

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Lattices

Lattice: $\mathcal{L} \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ discrete subgroup
equipped with Euclidean metric $\|\cdot\|$.

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Basis of \mathcal{L} (*full-rank* lattice): $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (b_1, \dots, b_n)$ such that,

1. Linearly independent (over \mathbb{R}),
2. Span \mathcal{L} over \mathbb{Z} ,

$$\mathcal{L} = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(B) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n \lambda_i b_i : \lambda_i \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$

$$\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{x \in \mathcal{L} \setminus \{0\}} \|x\|$$

Aim of reduction: find good bases!

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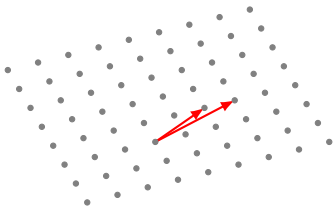
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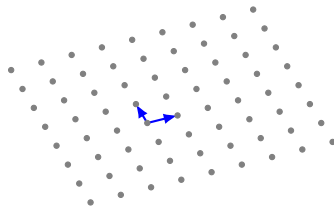
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Good Versus Bad



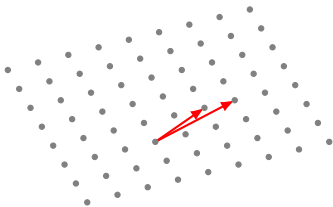
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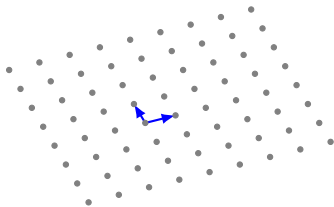
Good Basis

1. Why the basis is good or not?
2. How to obtain a good basis?

Good Versus Bad



Bad Basis



Good Basis

1. Why the basis is good or not?
 - Invariants of a basis, Babai Algorithm...
2. How to get a good basis?
 - Lagrange reduction, LLL algorithm...

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An Invariant

B and B' are bases of the same lattices *if and only if*,

$$\exists U \in GL_n(\mathbb{Z}) \quad : \quad B' = UB.$$

$\det(\mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} |\det(BB^T)|$ is an invariant of \mathcal{L} !

Gram-Schmidt Ortholpo. (GSO)

b_1, \dots, b_n basis of \mathcal{L} .



- $b_1^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b_1$
- Projection orthogonal to $\text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(b_1^*, \dots, b_{i-1}^*)$,

$$b_i^* \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_i(b_i) \quad \text{where} \quad \pi_i(b_i) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} b_i - \sum_{j < i} \frac{\langle b_i, b_j^* \rangle}{\|b_j^*\|^2} b_j^*$$

(b_1^*, \dots, b_n^*) is not a basis of \mathcal{L} ... but:

$$\det(\mathcal{L}) = \prod_i \|b_i^*\| \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathcal{L}) = \text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(b_1^*, \dots, b_n^*).$$

Decrease First Length Vector

$$\det(\mathcal{L}) = \|\mathbf{b}_1\| \times \|\mathbf{b}_2^*\| \times \cdots \times \|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|$$

$$\|\mathbf{b}_2^*\| \times \cdots \times \|\mathbf{b}_n^*\| \nearrow \rightsquigarrow \|\mathbf{b}_1\| \searrow$$

→ Increase $\|\mathbf{b}_2^*\|, \dots, \|\mathbf{b}_n^*\|$ to find a short lattice point!

Admittedly, but...

Quality of a basis \iff What can we do **algorithmically** with it?

Tiling of the Space

$$\mathcal{P}(B^*) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \sum_i \lambda_i b_i^* : \lambda_i \in [0, 1/2) \right\} \quad (\text{Babai's Fundamental Domain})$$

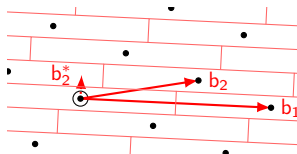
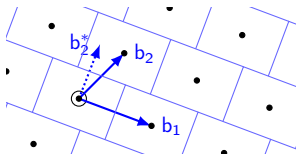
$\mathcal{P}(B^*)$ tiles the space according to \mathcal{L}

1. \mathcal{L} -packing,

$$\forall x, y \in \mathcal{L}, \quad (x + \mathcal{P}(B^*)) \cap (y + \mathcal{P}(B^*)) = \emptyset$$

2. \mathcal{L} -covering,

$$\mathcal{L} + \mathcal{P}(B^*) = \mathbb{R}^n$$



And?

→ Babai Algorithm!

Babai Algorithm

Algorithm 1: Babai Nearest Plan algorithm

Input : B basis of \mathcal{L} and $y \in \mathbb{R}^n$ (word to “decode”)

Output: $e \in \mathcal{P}(B^*)$ and $x \in \mathcal{L} : y = x + e$.

$e := y$

$x := 0$

for $i = n$ **down to** 1 **do**

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} k := \left\lfloor \frac{\langle e, b_i^* \rangle}{\|b_i^*\|} \right\rfloor \\ e := e - kb_i \\ x := x + kb_i \end{array} \right]$$

“If $i < j$ then $e \leftarrow e - kb_i$ doesn't modify $\langle e, b_j^* \rangle$ ”

Balance GSO's lengths

$$y \xrightarrow{\text{Babai}(B)} (x, e) : y = x + e, x \in \mathcal{L} \text{ and } e \in \mathcal{P}(B^*)$$

$$\mathcal{P}(B^*) = \left\{ \sum_i \lambda_i b_i^* : \lambda_i \in (-1/2, 1/2) \right\}$$

$\|e\|$ small: minimize $1/4 \sum_i \|b_i^*\|^2$ with constraint $\prod_i \|b_i^*\| = \det(\mathcal{L})$

→ Balance the lengths $\|b_1^*\| \approx \dots \approx \|b_n^*\|$

Aim of LLL: Balance the $\|b_i^*\|$'s

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Aim of LLL

Balance GSO lengths $\|b_i^*\|$'s

→ Let us start with lattices of dimension 2

Wristwatch lemma

Theorem (Wristwatch lemma)

Let \mathcal{L} be a lattice of dimension 2. It exists a basis (b_1, b_2) such that:

- b_1 is a shortest vector of \mathcal{L} ,
- $|\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle| \leq 1/2 \|b_1\|^2$ (will be useful for Hermite constant).

→ Proof of this theorem by an algorithm!

Lagrange Reduction.

Lagrange Reduction

Algorithm 2: Lagrange reduction algorithm

Input : A basis $(b_1; b_2)$ of a lattice

Output: A basis $(b_1; b_2)$ as in the Wristwatch lemma.

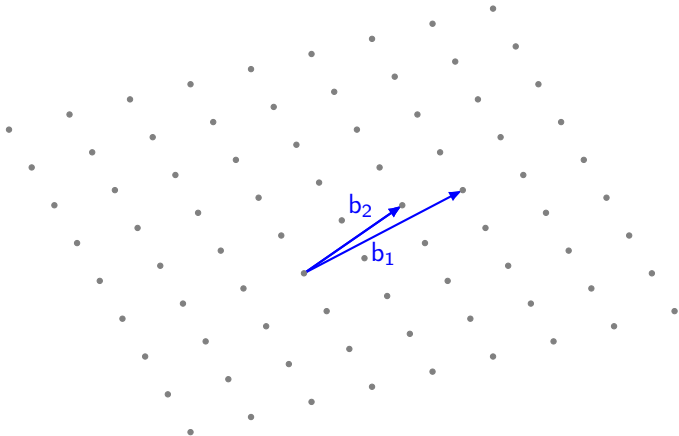
repeat

 | Swap $b_1 \leftrightarrow b_2$
 | $k \leftarrow \left\lfloor \frac{\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle}{\|b_1\|^2} \right\rfloor$
 | $b_2 \leftarrow b_2 - kb_1$

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

Algorithm **terminates** after $O\left(\log_2 \frac{\|b_1\|}{\sqrt{\det \mathcal{L}}}\right)$ steps!

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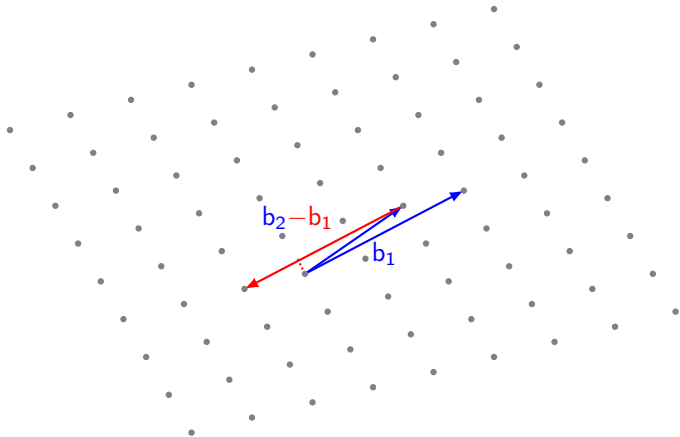
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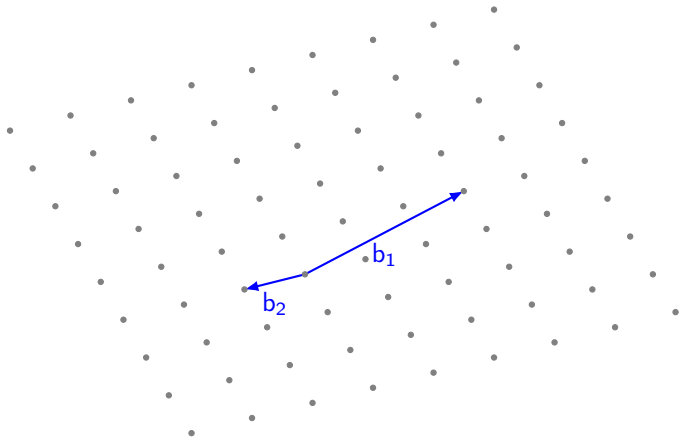
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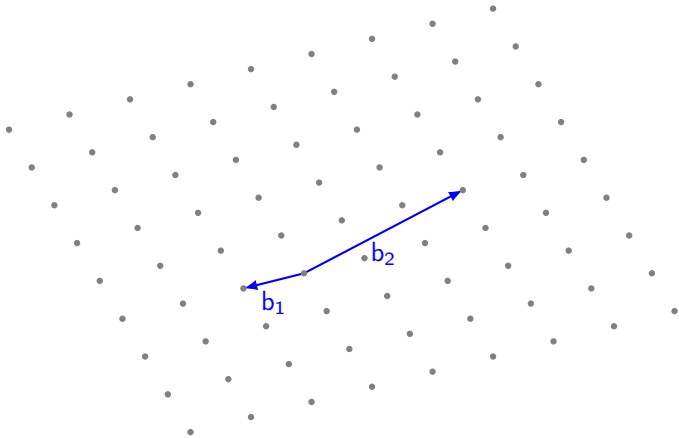
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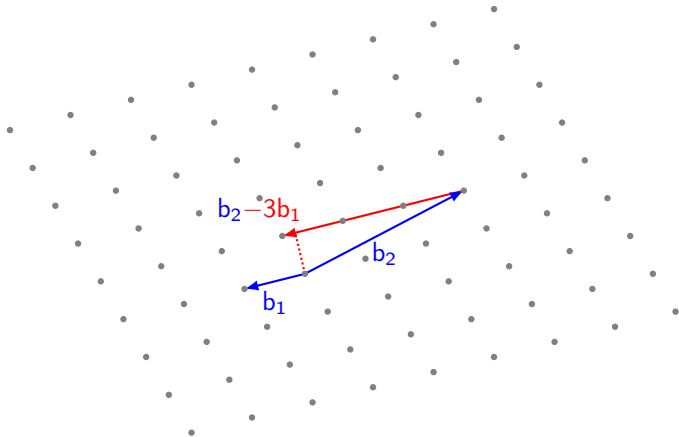
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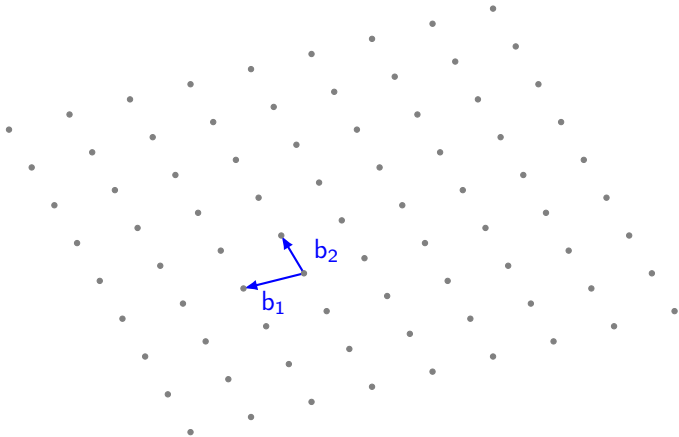
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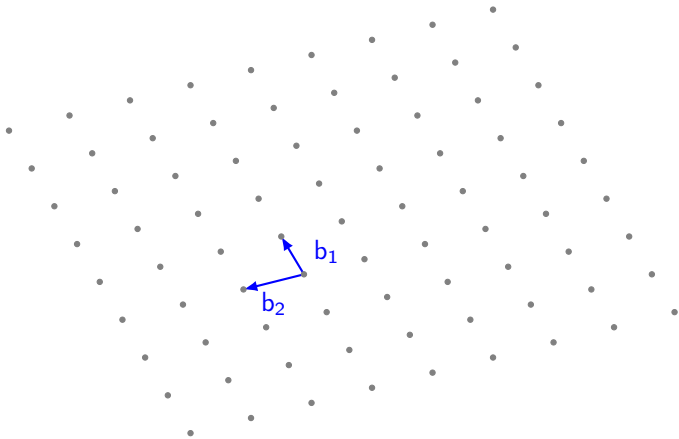
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Hermite constant

Definition (Hermite constant)

The Hermite constant γ_n is the supremum of over n -dimensional lattices \mathcal{L}_n :

$$\gamma_n \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sup_{\mathcal{L}_n} \gamma(\mathcal{L}) \quad \text{where} \quad \gamma(\mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \frac{\lambda_1(\mathcal{L})^2}{\det(\mathcal{L})^{n/2}}.$$

For lattices of dimension 2 the Hermite constant is:

$$\gamma_2 = \sqrt{4/3}$$

→ To obtain this: Lagrange reduction!

(Algorithmic proof of γ_2)

Proof of $\gamma_2 = \sqrt{4/3}$

- $\gamma_2 \leq \sqrt{4/3}$: Let (b_1, b_2) Lagrange reduced:

b_1 is a shortest vector of \mathcal{L} and $|\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle| \leq 1/2$

Rotating/scaling: $b_1 = (0, 1)$ and $b_2 = (\alpha, \beta)$:

$$\lambda_1(\mathcal{L})/\det \mathcal{L} = 1/|\alpha|$$

But $\alpha^2 \geq 3/4$ and then $\gamma_2^2 \leq 4/3$,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} |\langle b_1, b_2 \rangle| \leq 1/2 \iff |\beta| \leq 1/2 \\ \|b_1\| \leq \|b_2\| \iff 1 \leq \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 1 \leq \alpha^2 + \beta^2 \leq \alpha^2 + 1/4.$$

- $\gamma_2 \geq \sqrt{4/3}$: Take $b_1 = (0, 1)$ and $b_2 = (\sqrt{3/4}, 1/2)$.

LLL Reduced

$$\pi_i = \pi(\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{i-1})^\perp$$

A basis B is LLL-reduced if $(\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i), \pi_i(\mathbf{b}_{i+1}))$ is Lagrange-Reduced for all $i < n$.

→ Enables to balance the profile, *i.e.*: $(\|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|)_i \dots$

$$\|\mathbf{b}_i^*\| \leq \gamma_2 \times \|\mathbf{b}_{i+1}^*\| = \sqrt{4/3} \times \|\mathbf{b}_{i+1}^*\|$$

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Proof.

Let $\mathcal{L}_i \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \text{Span}_{\mathbb{Z}}(\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i), \pi_i(\mathbf{b}_{i+1}))$:

$$\frac{\lambda_1(\mathcal{L}_i)^2}{\det(\mathcal{L}_i)} = \frac{\|\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i)\|^2}{\|\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i)\| \times \|\text{Proj}_{\perp \pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i)}(\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_{i+1}))\|} = \frac{\|\pi_i(\mathbf{b}_i)\|}{\|\pi_{i+1}(\mathbf{b}_{i+1})\|} \leq \sqrt{4/3}.$$



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While $\exists i$ s.t. $(\pi_{b_i}, \pi_i(b_{i+1}))$ is not Lagrange-reduced, Lagrange reduce it...

- Correctness: by definition,
- Termination in poly-time: no details here, need an ε -relaxation,

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Binary Linear Code: $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{F}_2^n$ subspace
equipped with Hamming metric $|\cdot|$.

Basis of \mathcal{C} (dimension k code): $B \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} (b_1, \dots, b_k)$ such that,

1. Linearly independent,
2. Span \mathcal{C} over \mathbb{F}_2 ,

$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{C}(B) \quad \text{where} \quad \mathcal{C}(B) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \left\{ \sum_{i=1}^n m_i b_i : m_i \in \mathbb{F}_2 \right\}.$$

$$d_{\min}(\mathcal{L}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \min_{c \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \{0\}} |c|$$

Once again, aim of reduction: find good bases!

Systematic Form

$$\mathbf{B} = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} \mathbf{A} & \begin{matrix} 1 & & \\ & \ddots & \\ & & 1 \end{matrix} \end{array} \right)$$

$\overleftarrow{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \overrightarrow{\hspace{2cm}}$
 $n-k \quad k$

Basis in systematic form is used for:

- Generic decoding, *information set decoding*,
- Finding short codewords, $|b_i| \approx \frac{n-k}{2}$ when B random.

→ Can we find better bases in poly-time?
LLL approach?

An LLL Approach for Codes

Use the standard inner product over \mathbb{F}_2^n ?

Bad idea...

- No information about the weight...

$$\langle x, y \rangle = 0 \not\Rightarrow |x + y| = |x| + |y|.$$

- Invariant associated to it?

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Bitstring Notation

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$,

$$x \wedge y = (x_i \wedge y_i)_i \quad \text{and} \quad x \vee y = (x_i \vee y_i)_i$$

Example:

$$\left. \begin{array}{c} \boxed{10101} \\ \wedge \\ \boxed{00110} \end{array} \right\} = \boxed{00100} \quad \left| \quad \left. \begin{array}{c} \boxed{10101} \\ \vee \\ \boxed{00110} \end{array} \right\} = \boxed{10111}$$

Notation

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Support

Let $x \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$, its support is defined as:

$$\text{Supp}(x) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket : x_i \neq 0\}.$$

Orthopodality

Fundamental Remark:

$$|x + y| = |x| + |y| - 2|x \wedge y|.$$

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Orthopodality

Two vectors $x, y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$ are said orthopodal:

$$x \perp y \stackrel{\text{def}}{\iff} x \wedge y = 0.$$

$$x \perp y \Rightarrow |x| + |y|$$

Orthopodal Projection

$$\pi_y^\perp : x \mapsto x \wedge \bar{y}.$$

$\pi_y^\perp(x)$ only keeps coordinates of x in $\text{Supp}(x) \setminus \text{Supp}(y)$
($\text{Supp}(x) = \{i : x_i \neq 0\}$).

Gram-Schmidt Orthopodalization(I)

For lattices:

$$\pi_i^\perp \text{ orthogonal projection to } (\text{Span}_{\mathbb{R}}(\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{i-1}))^\perp$$

For Codes:

$$\pi_i^\perp : x \mapsto x \wedge \overline{(\mathbf{b}_1 \vee \dots \vee \mathbf{b}_{i-1})}$$

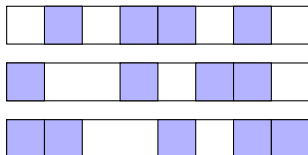
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Gram-Schmidt Orthogonalization(II)

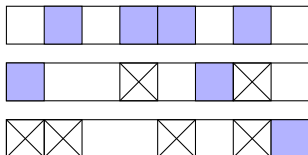
- $\mathbf{b}_1^+ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \mathbf{b}_1$
- Projection orthogonal to $\text{Sup}(\mathbf{b}_1, \dots, \mathbf{b}_{i-1})$,

$$\mathbf{b}_i^+ \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_i^\perp(\mathbf{b}_i) \quad \text{where} \quad \pi_i^\perp(\mathbf{b}_i) = \mathbf{b}_i \wedge \overline{(\mathbf{b}_1 \vee \dots \vee \mathbf{b}_{i-1})}$$

An example:



$\mathbf{b}_1, \mathbf{b}_2, \mathbf{b}_3$



$\mathbf{b}_1^+, \mathbf{b}_2^+, \mathbf{b}_3^+$

$$\pi_i^\perp(\mathbf{x}) = \mathbf{x} + \sum_{j < i} \mathbf{x} \wedge \mathbf{b}_j^+$$

Epipodal Matrix

Epipodal Matrix

$B = (b_1, \dots, b_k)$ be a basis. Its epipodal matrix is defined as

$$B^+ = (b_1^+, \dots, b_k^+)$$

b_{i+1}^+ support increment from $\mathcal{C}(b_1, \dots, b_{i-1})$ to $\mathcal{C}(b_1, \dots, b_i)$

An Invariant

(b_1^+, \dots, b_k^+) is not a basis of \mathcal{C} , but...

$$\sum_i |b_i^+| = \#\text{Supp}(\mathcal{C})$$

where $\text{Supp}(\mathcal{C}) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{i \in \llbracket 1, n \rrbracket, \exists c \in \mathcal{C}, c_i \neq 0\}$.

→ Increase $|b_2^+|, \dots, |b_n^+|$ to find a short codeword!

Admittedly, but once again...

Quality of a basis \iff What can we do **algorithmically** with it?

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$$\text{If } |y \wedge b_i^+| \geq \frac{|b_i^+|}{2}, \text{ then } |(y+b_i) \wedge b_i^+| \leq \frac{|b_i^+|}{2}$$

Babai Fundamental Domain

$\mathcal{F}(B^+)$ tiles the space

1. $\mathcal{F}(B^+)$ is \mathcal{C} -packing:

$$\forall c \in \mathcal{C} \setminus \{0\}, \quad (c + \mathcal{F}(B^+)) \cap \mathcal{F}(B^+) = \emptyset,$$

2. $\mathcal{F}(B^+)$ is \mathcal{C} -covering:

$$\mathcal{C} + \mathcal{F}(B^+) = \mathbb{F}_2^n.$$

Babai Algorithm for Codes:

$$y \xrightarrow{\text{Babai}(B)} (c, e) : y = c + e, c \in \mathcal{C} \text{ and } e \in \mathcal{F}(B^+)$$

Babai Algorithm

Input : A basis $B = (b_1; \dots; b_k) \in \mathbb{F}_2^{k \times n}$ and a target $y \in \mathbb{F}_2^n$

Output: $e \in \mathcal{F}(B^+)$ such that $e + y \in \mathcal{C}(B)$

$e \leftarrow y$

for $i = k$ **down to** 1 **do**

if $|e \wedge b_i^+| + TB_{b_i^+}(e) > |b_i^+|/2$ **then**
 $e \leftarrow e + b_i$

return e

“If $i < j$ then $e \leftarrow e + b_i$ doesn't modify $e \wedge b_j^+$ ”

An Example

$$B = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ * & \backslash \\ & 1 \end{array} \right) \quad \Bigg| \quad B^+ = \left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & \backslash \\ & 1 \end{array} \right)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_n^+ = (0, \dots, 0, 0, 1)$$

$$\mathbf{b}_{n-1}^+ = (0, \dots, 0, 1, 0)$$

⋮

We have,

$$\forall i \in \llbracket 2, k \rrbracket, \quad |\mathbf{b}_i^+| = 1.$$

We add \mathbf{b}_i ($i > 2$) to \mathbf{y} if and only if,

$$|\mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{b}_i^+| > |\mathbf{b}_i^+|/2 \iff |\mathbf{y} \wedge \mathbf{b}_i^+| > 1/2 \iff y_i = 1.$$

→ Prange Algorithm!

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Previous Example:

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More generally, we can prove that Babai will be the **more efficient** if:

$$|b_1^+| \approx \dots \approx |b_k^+|$$

→ The aim of LLL (as for Lattices)

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Codes of Dimension 2

What is the best “balanced” basis for a code of dimension 2?

Lemma (Lagrange Reduced Basis)

For any code \mathcal{C} of dimension 2, there exists a basis (b_1, b_2) such that:

$$|b_1| = d_{\min}(\mathcal{C}) \quad \text{and} \quad |b_1 \wedge b_2| \leq \frac{1}{2}|b_1|$$

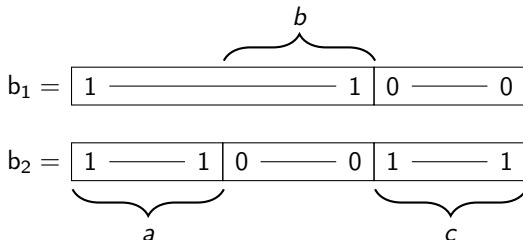
1. We cannot hope better **in the worst case**

$$\mathcal{C} = \mathcal{C}((110), (011))$$

2. We have:

$$|b_1| \leq 2 \times |b_2^+|$$

The Proof



First:

$$a \text{ and } b > \frac{1}{2}(a + b) : \textit{impossible}$$

therefore,

$$(|b_1 \wedge b_2| = a \quad \text{or} \quad |b_1 \wedge (b_1 + b_2)| = b) \leq \frac{1}{2}(a + b) = \frac{1}{2}|b_1|.$$

Now, $d_{\min}(\mathcal{C}) = a + b \leq a + c$ and $\leq b + c$. Therefore,

$$|b_2^+| = 2c \geq a + b = |b_1|.$$

In the Random Case

$$\begin{array}{l} b_1 = \boxed{1 \text{ --- } 1 \mid 0 \text{ --- } 0} \\ b_2 = \boxed{1 \text{ --- } 1 \mid 0 \text{ --- } 0 \mid 1 \text{ --- } 1} \end{array}$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_b$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{4em}}_a$ $\underbrace{\hspace{4em}}_c$

For a random code: $a \approx b \approx c$. Therefore,

$$2|b_2^+| \approx |b_1|$$

LLL Reduced

B is said LLL-reduced if $(\pi_i(b_i), \pi_i(b_{i+1}))$ is LLL-reduced

Two guarantees:

$$|b_i^+| \leq 2|b_{i+1}^+| \quad \text{and} \quad |b_i^+| \geq 1.$$

Bound on code:

$$n = \sum_{i=1}^k |b_i^+| \geq \sum_i \left\lceil \frac{|b_1|}{2^i} \right\rceil$$

Therefore,

$$\rightarrow |b_1| - \frac{\lceil \log_2(b_1) \rceil}{2} \leq \frac{n-k}{2} + 1$$

First vector of LLL-reduced of weight $\approx (n-k)/2$ in the worst case.

LLL Algorithm

While $\exists i$ s.t. $(\pi_{b_i}, \pi_i(b_{i+1}))$ is not Lagrange-reduced, Lagrange reduce it...

- Correctness: by definition,
- Termination in poly-time: no details here, same argument as the original LLL

→ It shows the existence of LLL-reduced bases...

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Shape of LLL-reduced Bases

We typically expect $|b_1| = \frac{n-k}{2}$ and $|b_i^+| = \left\lceil \frac{|b_1|}{2^i} \right\rceil$, therefore:

$$|b_i^+| = \Omega(1) \text{ for } i = O(\log_2(n)).$$

$$B^+ = \left(\begin{array}{c|ccc} \frac{A^+}{0} & & & \\ \hline & 1 & & \\ & & \diagdown & \\ & & & 1 \end{array} \right) \begin{array}{l} \updownarrow \log(n) \\ \\ \\ \updownarrow k - \log(n) \end{array}$$

Babai
Prange

A basis of a dimension $\log(n)$ -code, we cannot hope typically:

1. to get codewords of weight $\leq (1 - \varepsilon) \frac{n-k}{2}$,
2. to improve Prange's algorithm by more than a polynomial factor.

Griesmer's Bound

LLL produces (in poly-time) a basis B of \mathcal{C} verifying:

$$n \geq \sum_{i=1}^k \left\lceil \frac{|b_1|}{2^i} \right\rceil$$

But $|b_1| \geq d_{\min}(\mathcal{C}) \dots$

$$\rightarrow n \geq \sum_i \left\lceil \frac{d_{\min}(\mathcal{C})}{2^i} \right\rceil \quad (\text{Griesmer Bound!})$$

- LLL \rightarrow algorithmic proof of Griesmer,
- Systematic form \rightarrow proves Singleton ($d \leq n - k + 1$)

Griesmer Reduced Bases

How works the proof of Griesmer?

→ With **existential arguments**:

Lemma

Let \mathcal{C} be an $[n, k]$ -code and $c \in \mathcal{C}$ with $|c| = d_{\min}(\mathcal{C})$. Then $\mathcal{C}' \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \pi_c^\perp(\mathcal{C}) = \mathcal{C} \wedge \bar{c}$ satisfies:

1. $|\mathcal{C}'| = n - d_{\min}(\mathcal{C})$ and its dimension is $k - 1$,
2. $d_{\min} \mathcal{C}' \geq \lceil d_{\min}(\mathcal{C})/2 \rceil$.

Proof of 2. as Lagrange-reduced basis!

HKZ Bases for Codes

In fact Griesmer proves the existence of bases:

Definition (Griesmer-reduced basis)

A basis B is said Griesmer-reduced if b_i^+ is a shortest non-zero codeword of the projected subcode $\pi_i(\mathcal{C}(b_i; \dots; b_k))$ for all $i \in \llbracket 1, k \rrbracket$.

→ Direct analogue HKZ-bases for lattice bases!

Conclusion, what Else?

In the paper:

- Study of the Babai's fundamental domain $\mathcal{F}(B)$,
- An hybrid Babai + Lee-Brickell algorithm,
- Implementations and experiments.

Open questions:

- Duality,
- More bounds (generalized Hamming weight...)
- More algorithms (BKZ,...)
- ...

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Thank You!