

# H.W. Lenstra Jr. (Lattices)

1) A lattice is a discrete subgroup of a Euclidean vector space.

2) A subgroup  $L$  of  $\mathbb{R}^m$  is a lattice  $\Leftrightarrow$  there are  $n$  linearly independent vectors  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n \in \mathbb{R}^m$  with  $x \in L$  if and only if  $x = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} b_i$  and  $q(x) \leq q$  is finite for  $x \neq 0$ .

rank  $r_k(L)$  is  $n$ .

abstract:  $L$  lattice = Abelian group

$\varphi: L \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   
 $\varphi(x+y) + \varphi(x-y) = 2\varphi(x) + 2\varphi(y)$

3) Examples of lattices

(a)  $K$  be an algebraic number field and  $L \subset K$  a finitely generated additive subgroup

eg  $\mathbb{Z}_K = \text{integers of } K$

$$q(x) = \sum_{\sigma} |\sigma x|^2$$

$\sigma$  field embeddings  $K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

Not easy to know a basis!

(b) Elliptic curve over  $\mathbb{Q}$   $L = E(\mathbb{Q})/E(\mathbb{Q})_{\text{tors}}$

(c)  $K$  be an algebraic number field,  $\mu$  the group of roots of unity in  $K$ , and  $L = \mathbb{Z}^k / \mu$

$$\Rightarrow L \text{ is a lattice with } q(\bar{v}) = \sum_{\sigma} (\log |\sigma v|)^2$$

$\sigma$  ranging over field embeddings

How to specify a lattice to a computer?  $K \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$

Method 1 give a real (rational)

$n \times n$  matrix  $B$  of rank  $n$ .

The lattice  $L$  spanned by columns!

$$q(x) = \sum x_i^2 \quad \text{for } x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$$

and elements of  $L$  are represented as elements of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  (or  $\mathbb{Q}^n$ )

## Method 2

Give a real (rational) positive definite symmetric  $n \times n$  matrix  $A$ .

$$\Rightarrow L = \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ with } q(x) = x^T A x.$$

CONVERSION: Given  $B$  (method 1)

$$\text{take } A = B^T B.$$

NOW Given  $A$  how to find  $B$ ?

Thm:  $\exists$  a polynomial time alg. Given  $A$  finds a rational  $m \times n$  matrix  $B$  with  $A = B^T B$ .

Question: Can one also achieve  $m \leq n+3$  even for  $n=1$ ?

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS:

- 1) Given  $L$ , find  $x \in L$   $x \neq 0$  with  $q(x)$  smallest possible. THE homogeneous approximation problem
- 2) Given  $L \subseteq E$ ,  $x \in E$  find  $y \in L$  with  $\langle x-y, x-y \rangle$  smallest possible. THE inhomogeneous approximation

## Applications

1)  $L = \mathbb{Z}^2$ ,  $q(x, y) = (N(x - \alpha y))^2 + (y/N)^2$   $\alpha \in [0, 1]$   $N$  large  
A "small" non-zero vector in  $L$  gives a good rational approximation  $x/y$  to  $\alpha$ .

Similarly can be used to give simultaneous approximations

$x_1/y, x_2/y, \dots, x_k/y$  to  $k$  given real numbers  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k$

2) Let  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$  are they linearly dependent over the rationals?

$$\text{Use } L = \mathbb{Z}^n \quad q(x) = \sum x_i^2 + (N \cdot \sum x_i \alpha_i)^2$$

for  $x = (x_i)_{i=1}^n$  with  $N$  large.

3) Given Lattice  $L \subset E$  with  
 $\text{rk}(L) = \dim E$  find  $x \in E$  with  
 $L \subset (Rx)^\perp + \mathbb{Z}x$   
 and  $\langle x, x \rangle$  largest possible.

Distribute points in lattice in sequence of parallel "planes"

Useful in IP! ← (Why?)

Define  $L^*$  dual of  $L = \{ x \in E : \langle x, L \rangle \subset \mathbb{Z} \}$   
 $(L^*)^* = L$

If  $E = \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $L$  spanned by the columns of non-singular matrix  $B \Rightarrow L^*$  is spanned by the columns of  $B^{-T}$

NOTE: Let  $x \in E, x \neq 0$ . Put  $x' = x / \langle x, x \rangle$

then

$$Rx' = Rx$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle = \frac{1}{\langle x', x \rangle}$$

$$(Rx')^\perp = (Rx)^\perp$$

$$\langle x', x \rangle = 1$$

$$(Rx)^\perp + \mathbb{Z}x = \{ y \in E : \langle x', y \rangle \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

It follows that one has  
 $L \subset (Rx)^\perp + \mathbb{Z}x \Leftrightarrow x' \in L^*$

My problem of finding  $x$  with  $L \subset (Rx)^\perp + \mathbb{Z}x$  and  $\langle x, x \rangle$  largest possible amounts to the homogeneous approximation for  $L^*$

Definition: The determinant of a lattice

$$L = \sum_{i=1}^n \mathbb{Z} b_i \subset E$$

$$d(L) = \sqrt{\det(\langle b_i, b_j \rangle)^{n-1}}$$

equivalently

$$1) d(L) = \text{vol}(E/L) \text{ if } \dim E = n$$

$$\bullet \# \{x \in L, q(x) \leq r\} \sim \frac{r^{n/2} \cdot \pi^{n/2} / (n/2)!}{d(L)}$$

for  $r \rightarrow \infty$

Thm (Minkowski) Each non-zero lattice  $L$  contains a non-zero element  $x$  with

$$q(x) \leq (r_K L) \cdot d(L)^{2/r_K L}$$

proof: Let  $L \subset \mathbb{R}^n$   $n = r_K L$

$\lambda = \min \{q(x) : x \in L, x \neq 0\}$  and  $C \subset \mathbb{R}^n$   
an open  $n$ -cube of diameter  $\sqrt{\lambda}$ .

$$\text{VOL}(C) \leq \text{VOL}(E/L) = d(L)$$

Corollary: If  $L \subset E$  is a lattice with  $\dim E = r_{KL} > 0 \Rightarrow$

$$\exists x \in E \quad x \neq 0 \text{ with } L \subset (\mathbb{R}x)^\perp + \mathbb{Z}x \text{ and}$$

$$\langle x, x \rangle \geq (r_{KL})^{-1} \cdot d(L)^{2/r_{KL}}$$

proof Apply Minkowski's theorem to  $L^*$   
and use that  $d(L^*) = d(L)^{-1}$

Def. Any subgroup of a lattice has lattice structure we called it a SUBLATTICE  
We say  $K \subset L$  is a pure sublattice if  $\frac{L}{K}$  has no element of finite order  
 $K = (\mathbb{R}K) \cap L$

Quotient lattices: Let  $L \subset E$  be lattice  $K \subset L$  a pure sublattice

$\Rightarrow L/K$  embeds by projection in  $(\mathbb{R} \cdot K)^\perp$   
and it becomes a lattice

$$\text{For } \bar{x} = x + K \in L/K$$

$\langle \bar{x}, \bar{x} \rangle$  is the minimum of all  
 $\langle y, y \rangle \quad y \in x + (\mathbb{R} \cdot K)$

One has

$$d(L) = d(K) \cdot d(L/K)$$

## Flags

A flag  $F$  of a lattice  $L$  of rank  $n$  is a series

$$0 = F_0 \subset F_1 \subset \dots \subset F_n = L$$

of pure sublattices of  $L$  with  $\text{rk } F_i = i$

## Observation

If  $L = \sum \mathbb{Z}b_j$  then  $F_i = \sum_{j \leq i} \mathbb{Z}b_j$  yields a flag, and every flag is obtained in this way. Specify a basis to specify flag.

It is often desirable to require that the unique elements

$$b_i^* \in (R \cdot F_{i-1})^\perp \cap (b_i + R \cdot F_{i-1}) \text{ satisfy}$$

$$b_i - b_i^* \in \sum_{j < i} \left[ -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right] (b_j^*)$$

Def. Size of a flag  $F = (F_i)_{i=0}^n$  is

$$s(F) = \prod_{i=0}^n d(F_i)$$

Theorem. Let  $L$  be a lattice and  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $L$  has only finitely many flags with  $s(F) \leq r$

Exercise. (hint use Minkowski's theorem.)

Def The successive distances

$l_1(F), l_2(F), \dots, l_n(F)$   
of a flag are defined by

$$l_i(F) = d(F_i / F_{i-1})$$

If  $F_i = \sum_{j < i} \mathbb{R} b_j$  then  $l_i(F) =$  the distance  
of  $b_i$  to  $\sum_{j < i} \mathbb{R} b_j$   
which  $= \langle b_i^*, b_i^* \rangle^{1/2}$

One has

$$d(L) = \prod_{i=1}^n l_i(F)$$

$$s_i(F) = \prod_{j=1}^i l_j(F)^{n+1-j}$$

A good flag,  $s_i(F)$  is small and the sequence  
of  $l_1(F), \dots, l_n(F)$  does not decrease too  
steeply.

Thm Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$   $c \geq 1$  and let  $F$  be a flag with

$$l_n(F)^2 \leq c l_{n+1}(F)^2$$

for  $0 < a < n$ , and  $F_i = \sum b_j$

$$\Rightarrow q(b_i) \leq c^{(n-1)/2} \cdot d(L)^{2/n}$$

$$\Rightarrow q(b_i) \leq c^{n-1} \cdot q(x)$$

for all  $x \in L$   $x \neq 0$

$b_i$  is an  
"approximation"  
to the solution  
of the  
homogeneous  
approximation

It also helps to 'approximate' a solution to inhomogeneous problems.

Thm. Let  $c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $c \geq 1$  and  $F = (F_i)$  flag

$$\text{with } l_n(F)^2 \leq c \cdot l_{n+1}(F)^2$$

and let  $L = \sum_{j \in \mathbb{Z}^n} \mathbb{Z} b_j$  and  $b_i^* \in (R \cdot F_{i-1})^\perp$   
( $b_i + R \cdot F_{i-1}$ )

$\Rightarrow$  For each  $x \in \mathbb{R}^n \exists$  a unique  $y \in L$

$$x - y \in \sum_i (-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}] \cdot b_i^*$$

$$\langle x - y, x - y \rangle \leq \frac{c^{n-1}}{c-1} \cdot \langle x - z, x - z \rangle$$

for all  $z \in L$

Q.E.D.

Thm. Any lattice has a flag with

$$l_{i+1}(F)^2 \leq \frac{4}{3} l_i(F)^2$$

$$\text{for } 0 < i < n = \text{rk } L$$

This statement is wrong when  $\frac{4}{3}$  is replaced by any smaller constant.



Lemma: If a flag  $F$  has

$$v_{j+1}(F)^2 < \frac{3}{4} \cdot v_j(F)^2$$

(Lemma)  $\Rightarrow$  one can find a flag  $F'$   
 $S(F') < S(F)$

Existence:  $F' = (F'_i)_{i=1}^n$  can be chosen so that

$$F'_i = F_i \text{ for } i \neq j$$

Reduction:  $L$  by  $F_{j+1}/F_{j-1}$  reduces to case  $\text{rk} L = 2$

The guts!

Def:  $L$  lattice  $\text{rk} L = n$ . The reduction graph

$\Gamma$  of  $L$  has sets of flags of  $L$  as vertices

Transition from  $F = (F_i)_{i=0}^n$  to  $F' = (F'_i)_{i=0}^n$

$F \rightarrow F'$  with

a)  $F'_i = F_i \quad \forall i \neq j$

b)  $F'_j + F_j = F_{j+1}$

c)  $S(F')$  is minimal given a, b

d)  $S(F') < S(F)$

The length of the arc  $F \rightarrow F'$  is defined  
to be  $\log(S(F)/S(F'))$

Every  $\Gamma$  exhibit an isomorphism  $\Gamma(L) \cong \Gamma(L')$   
on directed graphs that preserves arc lengths

Thm 1  $\exists B = B(n) > 0$  such that any directed  
path  $F \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow F'$  in  $\Gamma(L)$  has at most  
 $B \cdot (1 + \log(S(F)/S(F')))$ .

Starting at any  $F$  one find after "not too  
many steps" a flag  $F'$  with

$$L_i(F')^2 \leq \frac{4}{3} L_{i+1}(F')^2$$

for  $0 < i < n$

Proof One can take  $c_3$   
 $B(n) = \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^{n/12n-1} \leftarrow$  Bad for not  
fixed  $n$  !!

Def 1 For a positive real number  $\ell$

$\Gamma_\ell(L)$  subgraph of  $\Gamma(L)$

delete edges  $\dots$

~~Thomson's algorithm for finding the largest subset of numbers that sum to zero~~

Complexity: For each  $c > \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow \exists$  a polynomial time algorithm that produces a flag that is true

0-1 SUBSET SUM (KNAPSACK)  
Given  $S, a_1, \dots, a_n$  find integers

$$x_i \in \{0, 1\} \text{ such that } \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i = S$$

$x_i \in \{0, 1\} \forall i$

Naive algorithm with  $n 2^{n/2}$

Example Alice publishes  $a_1, \dots, a_n$

Bob sends  $S = \sum x_i a_i \quad x_i = 0, 1$   
transmit  $S$  over a public channel.

Requirement:  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  must have "structure"

Blum-Hellman  $b_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^n \quad b_j > \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} b_i$

$$b_n \approx 2^{2n}$$

random choices  $M, W \quad M > \sum_{i=1}^n b_i \quad (M, W) = 1$

$$\text{and } a_j \equiv b_j w \pmod{M} \quad 0 < a_j < M$$

So, say  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  is permutation  $a'_j$ .

$$\text{Then } c \equiv \sum_{j=1}^n x_j a_j w^{-1} \pmod{M} \quad 0 \leq c < M$$

$$\equiv \sum_{j=1}^n x_j a'_j w^{-1} \pmod{M}$$

$$\equiv \sum x_j b_{\pi(j)} w^{-1} \pmod{M}$$

$$\equiv \sum x_j b_{\pi(j)} \pmod{M}$$

$$\text{Since } M > \sum b_j$$

$$c = \sum x_j b_{\pi(j)}$$

with  $b_1, \dots, b_n$  super increasing.

# Pomerance (Primality)

Mathematica is happy with  
"high probability" primality ---

Thm: Miller - Oestarié - Bach

If  $n$  is an odd composite there is some  $r$ ,  $1 < r < 2 \log^2 n$  such that  $n$  is not a strong pseudoprime base  $r$

↑ Needs Extended Riemann Hypothesis ----

Thm: (Lucas, Pocklington)

Suppose  $F | n-1$ ,  $F > \sqrt{n}$ ,  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$

$\gcd(a^{(n-1)/q} - 1, n) = 1$  for all primes  $q | F$  ← hard part

$\Rightarrow n$  is prime.

Proof: Let  $p$  be a prime factor of  $n$ .

$\Rightarrow a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$

and  $a^{(n-1)/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod p$  for all  $q | F$ .

$\Rightarrow$  order of  $a^{(n-1)/F}$  is  $F$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ .

so  $F | p-1$  in particular  $p > F > \sqrt{n}$

← DONE.

Thm (Hendrik Lenstra)

Suppose  $I, F$  are integers with  $F > \sqrt{n}$

$F | n^I - 1$  suppose  $f, g \in \mathbb{Z}_n[x]$   $\deg f = I$ ,  $f$  monic

(i)  $g^{n^I} \equiv 1 \pmod f$

(ii)  $g^{(n^I-1)/q} \not\equiv 1$  is coprime to  $f$  for every prime  $q | F$ .

(iii) Each of the elementary polynomials in  $g, g^n, \dots, g^{n^{I-1}} \pmod f$  are elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

(iv) Each  $(n^j \pmod p)$  is not a proper factor of  $n$   
 $j = 1, \dots, I-1$

$\Rightarrow n$  is prime