

# FINDING SMALL ROOTS OF POLYNOMIAL EQUATIONS USING LLL

Recall that using  $\varepsilon = 1/4$ , given as input a basis of an integer lattice  $L$  of rank  $d$ , the LLL algorithm outputs in polynomial time a non-zero vector  $\vec{u} \in L$  such that  $\|\vec{u}\| \leq 2^{(d-1)/4} \text{vol}(L)^{1/d}$ .

## 1. Coppersmith's Theorem.

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Let  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a monic polynomial of degree  $\delta$  : the coefficient of its  $x^\delta$  monomial is 1. Let  $N$  be a positive integer, whose factorization is unknown. We say that  $Q(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is  $(N, P)$ -good if for every integer  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $P(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$ , we have  $Q(x_0) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $Q(x) = \sum_{i=0}^d q_i x^i \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ , we define  $\|Q\| = (\sum_{i=0}^d q_i^2)^{1/2}$ . Let  $X > 0$ .

1. Assume that  $Q(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is  $(N, P)$ -good and that  $\|Q(xX)\| < 1/\sqrt{n+1}$  where  $n$  is the degree of  $Q$ . Show that if  $P(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$  and  $|x_0| \leq X$ , then  $Q(x_0) = 0$ .
2. For any integers  $u, v \geq 0$ , define  $Q_{u,v}(x) = x^u(P(x)/N)^v$ . Show that any integral linear combinations of polynomials  $Q_{u,v}(x)$  is  $(N, P)$ -good.
3. Given as input  $N$  and  $P(x)$ , show that one can find in polynomial time a non-zero  $(N, P)$ -good polynomial  $Q(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  such that  $Q(x)$  is an integral linear combination of  $Q_{0,0}(x), Q_{1,0}(x), \dots, Q_{\delta-1,0}(x), Q_{0,1}(x)$  and

$$\|Q(xX)\| \leq 2^{\delta/4} X^{\delta/2} N^{-1/(\delta+1)}.$$

4. Deduce Håstad's theorem : one can find in polynomial time all the integers  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $|x_0| \leq N^{2/(\delta(\delta+1))}$  and  $P(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$ .
5. Using the polynomials  $Q_{u,v}(x)$  where  $0 \leq u \leq \delta - 1$  and  $0 \leq v \leq h$  for some well-chosen integer  $h$ , show Coppersmith's theorem : one can find in polynomial time all the integers  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $|x_0| \leq N^{1/\delta}$  and  $P(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{N}$ .
6. What can we do if  $P(x)$  is not monic ?
7. If we want to find all roots  $x_0$  such that  $|x_0| \leq C \times N^{1/\delta}$  for some  $C > 1$ , what can we do ?

## 2. The GCD generalization.

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We take the same notation. Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $0 < \alpha \leq 1$ . We want to find all  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(P(x_0), N) \geq N^\alpha$ .

1. Consider an integral linear combination  $Q(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  of the  $h\delta$  polynomials  $Q_{u,v}(x)$  where  $0 \leq u \leq \delta - 1$  and  $0 \leq v \leq h$  for some well-chosen integer  $h$ . Show that if  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $\gcd(P(x_0), N) \geq N^\alpha$  then the rational  $Q(x_0)$  has a denominator  $\leq N^{(1-\alpha)h}$ .
2. Deduce that one can find in polynomial time all the integers  $x_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(P(x_0), N) \geq N^\alpha$  and  $|x_0| \leq N^{\alpha^2/\delta}$ .