

# HARD LATTICE PROBLEMS

## 1. Lagrange reduction. (★★)

Let  $L$  be a two-rank lattice. A basis  $(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  of  $L$  is *Lagrange-reduced* if  $\|\vec{u}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\|$  and  $|\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle| \leq \|\vec{u}\|^2/2$ . Show that :

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1. If  $(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  is reduced, then  $\|\vec{u}\| = \lambda_1(L) \leq (4/3)^{1/4} \text{vol}(L)^{1/2}$  and  $\|\vec{v}\| = \lambda_2(L)$ .
  2. There exists a reduced basis  $(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  of  $L$ .
  3. There exists a lattice  $L$  such that  $\lambda_1(L) = (4/3)^{1/4} \text{vol}(L)^{1/2}$ .
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## 2. Lagrange's Algorithm. (★★)

In 1773, Lagrange published the following two-dimensional reduction algorithm. Lagrange's reduction algorithm.

**Input:** a basis  $(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$  of a two-rank lattice  $L$ .

**Output:** a Lagrange-reduced basis of  $L$ .

- 1: **if**  $\|\vec{u}\| < \|\vec{v}\|$  **then**
  - 2:   swap  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$
  - 3: **end if**
  - 4: **repeat**
  - 5:    $\vec{r} \leftarrow \vec{u} - q\vec{v}$  where  $q = \left\lfloor \frac{\langle \vec{u}, \vec{v} \rangle}{\|\vec{v}\|^2} \right\rfloor$  and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes an integer closest to  $x$ .
  - 6:    $\vec{u} \leftarrow \vec{v}$
  - 7:    $\vec{v} \leftarrow \vec{r}$
  - 8: **until**  $\|\vec{u}\| \leq \|\vec{v}\|$
  - 9: Output  $(\vec{u}, \vec{v})$ .
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1. Consider Line 5 of Algorithm : show that this choice of  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$  minimizes  $\|\vec{u} - q\vec{v}\|$ .
  2. Show that Lagrange's algorithm terminates, i.e. that the repeat/until loop is not infinite, and that the output basis is Lagrange-reduced.
  3. Consider the integer  $q$  of Step 5. Show that :
    - if  $q = 0$ , then this must be the last iteration of the loop.
    - if  $|q| = 1$ , then this must be either the first or last iteration of the loop.
  4. Show that the number  $\tau$  of iterations of the repeat/until loop is bounded by :  $\tau = O(1 + \log B - \log \lambda_1(L))$  where  $B$  denotes the maximal Euclidean norm of the input basis vectors  $\vec{u}$  and  $\vec{v}$ .
  5. Show that when  $L \subseteq \mathbb{Z}^n$ , the bit-complexity of Lagrange's algorithm is polynomial in  $\log B$ .
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### 3. CVP is NP-hard.

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Given integers  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  and a target  $t$ , the NP-complete subset sum problem asks if there exist  $x_1, \dots, x_n \in \{0, 1\}$  s.t.  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i a_i$ .

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1. Let  $L$  be the set of all  $(z_1, \dots, z_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^n z_i a_i = 0$ . Show that  $L$  is a lattice of  $\mathbb{Z}^n$ , of rank  $n - 1$ . What is the volume of  $L$ ?
  2. Let  $d$  be the gcd of  $a_1, \dots, a_n$ . Show that if  $d$  does not divide  $t$ , then the subset sum has no solution. Otherwise, show that one can compute in polynomial time  $(y_1, \dots, y_n) \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  such that  $t = \sum_{i=1}^n y_i a_i$ .
  3. Given a CVP-oracle for  $L$ , show that one can decide the subset sum problem in polynomial time. This shows that CVP is NP-hard.
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### 4. SIS and LWE Lattices.

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Let  $G$  be a finite Abelian group : we view  $G$  as  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module, so that the notation  $ng$  for  $(n, g) \in \mathbb{Z} \times G$  is defined. Let  $g_1, \dots, g_m \in G$ . Show that :

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1. The set  $L$  of  $(x_1, \dots, x_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$  such that  $\sum_{i=1}^m x_i g_i = 0$  in  $G$  is a lattice in  $\mathbb{Z}^m$ .
  2. The rank of  $L$  is  $m$ .
  3. The volume of  $L$  divides the order of  $G$ .
  4. The dual lattice of  $L$  is the lattice  $\Lambda$  defined as the set of all  $(y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$  such that there exists a morphism  $s : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$  satisfying  $s(g_i) = y_i \bmod 1$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq m$ . Such a map  $s$  is called an additive character of  $G$ .
  5. The set of additive characters of  $G$  is an additive group, isomorphic to  $G$ .
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