

# LLL Algorithm

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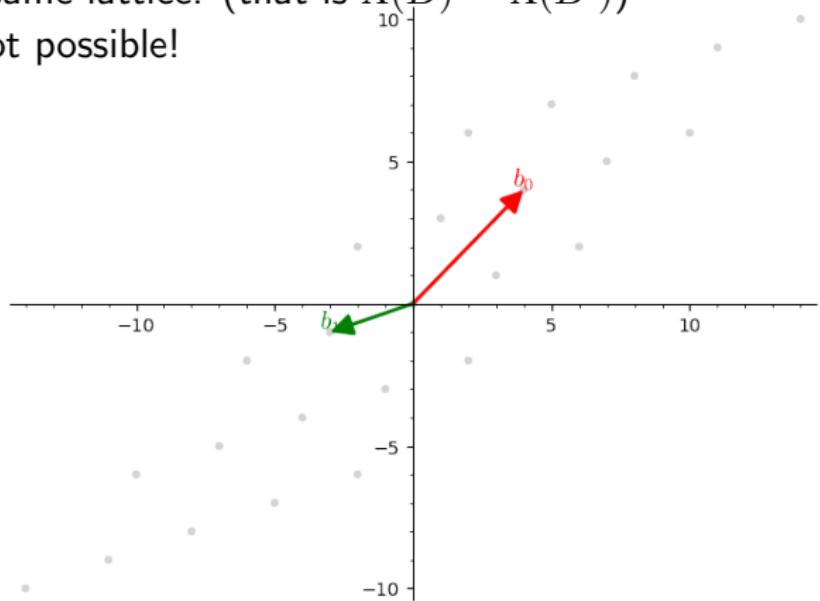
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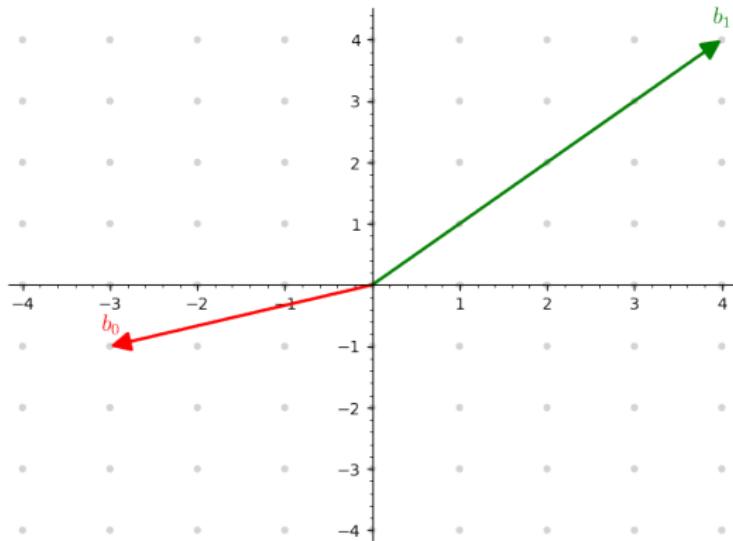
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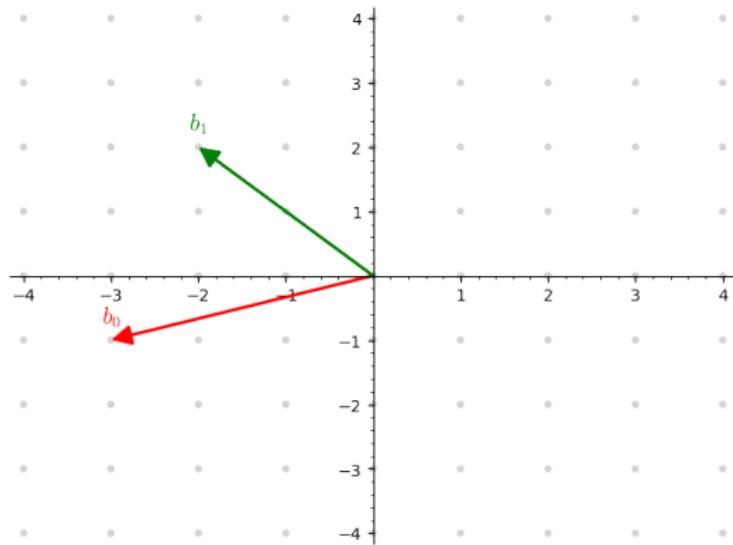
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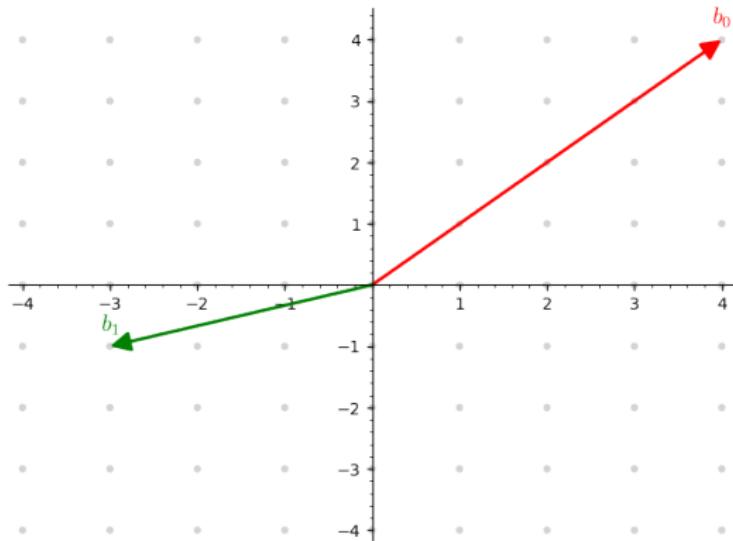
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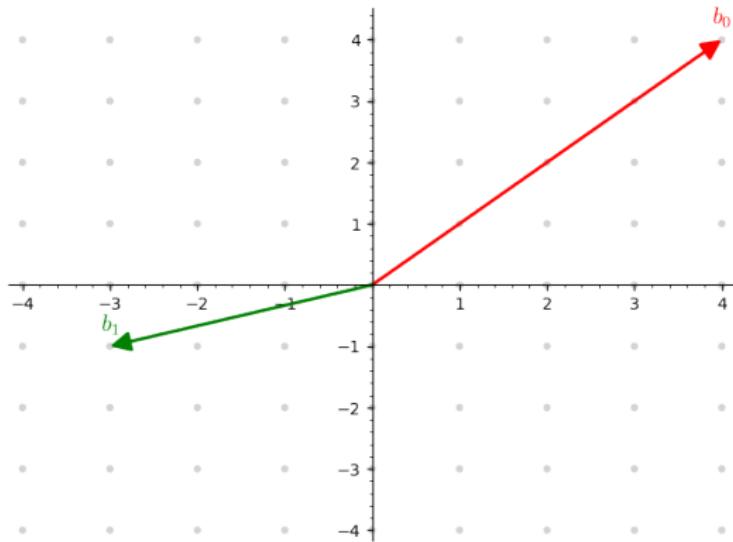
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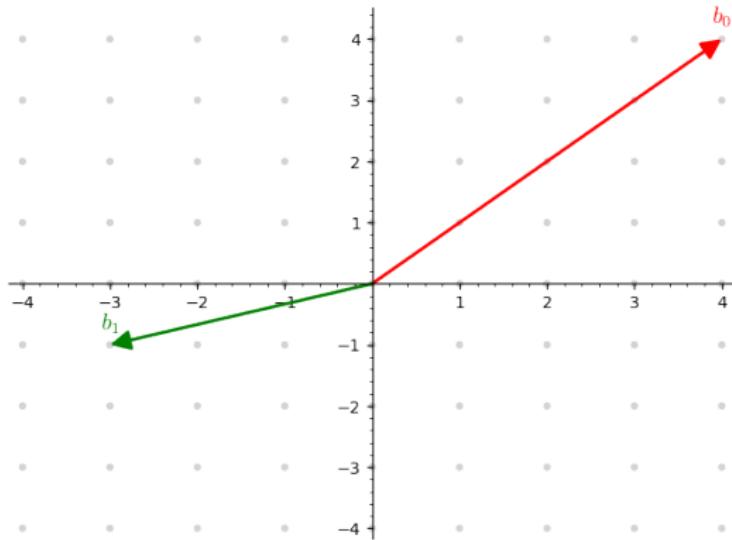
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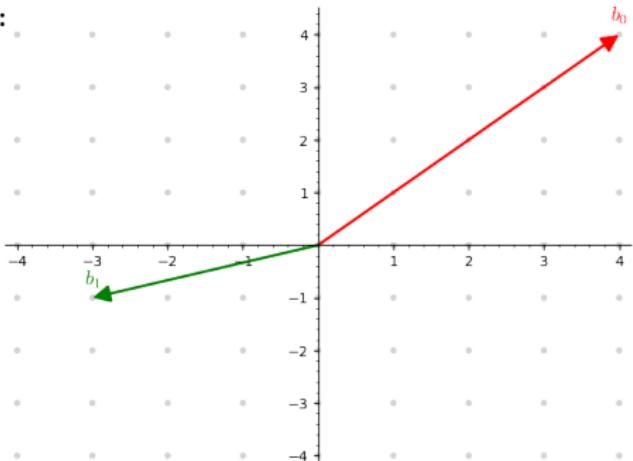


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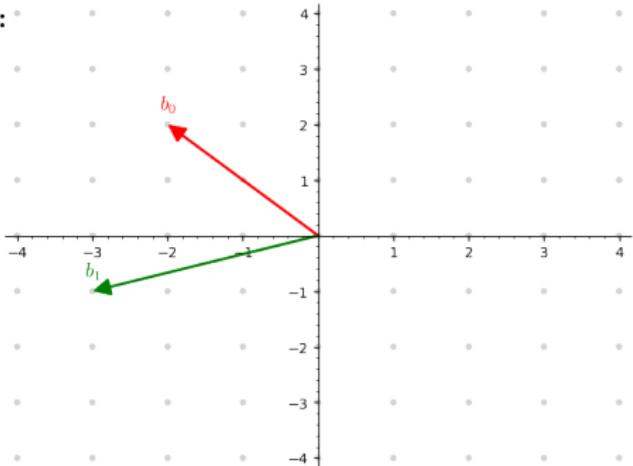
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Let  $\theta$  denote the angle between  $b'_0$  and  $b'_1$ . Then, since

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\langle b'_0, b'_1 \rangle}{\|b'_0\| \|b'_1\|} = \frac{\langle b'_0, b'_1 \rangle}{\langle b'_0, b'_0 \rangle} \cdot \frac{\|b'_0\|}{\|b'_1\|}$$

we get that

$$|\cos(\theta)| \leq \left| \frac{\langle b'_0, b'_1 \rangle}{\langle b'_0, b'_0 \rangle} \right| \cdot \frac{\|b'_0\|}{\|b'_1\|} \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence,

$$60^\circ \leq \theta \leq 120^\circ$$

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Notice that in the subbasis  $\{b'_i, b'_{i+1}, \dots, b'_n\}$

$$b'_i = b_i^* \text{ and } b_{i+1} = b_{i+1}^* + \mu_{i+1,i} b_i^*$$

Giving us

$$\begin{aligned}\|b'_i\|^2 \leq \|b'_{i+1}\|^2 &\iff \|b_i^*\|^2 \leq \|b_{i+1}^* + \mu_{i+1,i} b_i^*\|^2 \\ &= \|b_{i+1}^*\|^2 + \mu_{i+1,i}^2 \|b_i^*\|^2 \\ \therefore \|b'_i\| \leq \|b'_{i+1}\| &\iff (1 - \mu_{i+1,i}^2) \|b_i^*\|^2 \leq \|b_{i+1}^*\|^2\end{aligned}$$

# Hermite's Algorithm

```
1 def hermite(L: Matrix) -> Matrix:
2     n = L.nrows()
3     Q,_ = L.gram_schmidt()
4     def proj(i, j):
5         return (L[i] * Q[j]) / Q[j].norm()^2
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7     k = 1
8     while k < n:
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# Volume of a Parellelepiped

**Question:** How can we find the volume of a  $k$ -parallelepiped whose vectors live in  $n$ -dimensional space?

**Notation:**  $V(\cdot)$  is the function that does this, which takes as input matrix  $B = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_k \end{bmatrix}$

If we orthogonalize our vectors, Gram-Schmidt gaurantees volume would not change. After orthogonalization, our  $k$ -parallelepiped is simply a  $k$ -rectangle, whose volume we can compute!

$$V(B) = \prod_{i=1}^k \|b_i^*\|$$

Alternatively, if  $k = n$ , we also know the formula  $V(B) = |\det(B)|$   
A similar formula exists for  $k \leq n$  as well.

$$V(B) = \sqrt{\det(B^T B)}$$

# Our Loss Function

Recall that each subbasis  $B_k = \begin{bmatrix} b_0 & b_1 & \cdots & b_k \end{bmatrix}$  is lattice reduced.

We define our loss function as

$$S(B) := \prod_{k=1}^n V(B_k) = \prod_{k=1}^n \prod_{i=1}^k \|b_i^*\|$$

Note:  $S(\cdot)$  is always a positive integer

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Open Problem: Proving Hermite's algorithm is polynomially bound  
If we fix the dimension, then we do know it is polynomially bound!

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When  $\delta < 1$ , we are gauranteed LLL is polynomially bound!

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Let  $\lambda(B)$  denote the shortest vector in  $\Lambda(B)$

## Lemma

There exists  $b_i^* \in B^*$  such that  $\|b_i^*\| \leq \|\lambda(B)\|$

## Proof.

Since  $\lambda(B)$  is generated by  $B$ ,  $\lambda(B) = \sum_{i=1}^n c_i b_i$  where  $c_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

Let  $m \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  be the largest integer such that  $c_m \neq 0$ . Thus,

$$\lambda(B) = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i b_i = \sum_{i=1}^m c_i \sum_{j=1}^i \mu_{i,j} b_j^* = c_m b_m^* + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \alpha_j b_j^*$$

Thus,

$$\|\lambda(B)\|^2 = c_m^2 \|b_m^*\|^2 + \sum_{j=1}^{m-1} \|\alpha_j b_j^*\|^2 \geq c_m^2 \|b_m^*\|^2$$

Since  $c_m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have  $\|\lambda(B)\|^2 \geq c_m^2 \|b_m^*\|^2 \geq \|b_m^*\|^2$

Hence,  $\|b_m^*\| \leq \|\lambda(B)\|$

□

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## Theorem

$$\|b'_0\| \leq \left(\frac{4}{4\delta - 1}\right)^{n/2} \|\lambda(B)\|$$

## Proof.

Due to the ordering condition, we know

$$\|b'_0\|^2 = \|b_0^*\|^2 \leq \frac{\|b_1^*\|^2}{\delta - \mu_{1,0}^2} \leq \cdots \leq \frac{\|b_i^*\|^2}{\prod_{k=1}^i (\delta - \mu_{k,k-1}^2)}$$

Since  $1 \leq \frac{1}{\delta - \mu_{k,k-1}^2} \leq \frac{1}{\delta - (\frac{1}{2})^2} = \frac{4}{4\delta - 1}$ ,

$$\|b'_0\|^2 \leq \frac{\|b_i^*\|^2}{\prod_{k=1}^n (\delta - \mu_{k,k-1}^2)} \leq \left(\frac{4}{4\delta - 1}\right)^n \|b_i^*\|^2 \quad \forall i \in \{1, \dots, n\}$$

Hence, by the previous lemma,  $\|b'_0\| \leq \left(\frac{4}{4\delta - 1}\right)^{n/2} \|\lambda(B)\|$

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Generously used facts, examples, and code from:

- *Factoring Polynomials with Rational Coefficients* by Arjen Lenstra, Hendrik Lenstra and László Lovász
- *LLL Algorithm for Lattice Basis Reduction* by Alex Kalbach, Ted Chinburg
- *The optimal LLL algorithm is still polynomial in fixed dimension* by Ali Akhavi
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Thank you for listening to me ramble.