

# RSA XI

LLL, Coppersmith/Howgrave-Graham, and stereotyped messages

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- ▶ LLL outputs  $d$  vectors which are shorter and more orthogonal. Each vector is an integer linear combination of the inputs.
- ▶ LLL uses many elements from Gram-Schmidt orthogonalization:
  - ▶ for  $j = 1$  to  $d$
  - ▶ for  $i = 1$  to  $j - 1$
  - ▶ 
$$\mu_{ij} = \frac{\langle v_i^*, v_j \rangle}{\langle v_i^*, v_i^* \rangle}$$
  - ▶ 
$$v_j^* = v_j - \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} \mu_{ij} v_i^*$$
- ▶ Note that the  $\mu_{ij}$  are not integers, so not permitted as coefficients.
- ▶  $d$  vectors are LLL reduced for parameter  $0.25 < \delta < 1$  if
  - ▶  $|\mu_{ij}| \leq 0.5$  for all  $1 \leq j < i \leq d$ ,
  - ▶  $(\delta - \mu_{i-1,i}^2) \|v_{i-1}^*\|^2 \leq \|v_i^*\|^2$ .
- ▶ This guarantees  $\|v_1\| \leq (2/\sqrt{4\delta - 1})^{(d-1)/2} \det(M)^{1/d}$ , where  $\det(M)$  is the determinant of the matrix.

# LLL algorithm (from Cohen, GTM 138, transposed)

Input:  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d\}$ ,  $0.25 < \delta < 1$

Output: LLL reduced matrix with parameter  $\delta$

1.  $k \leftarrow 2$ ,  $k_{\max} \leftarrow 1$ ,  $v_1^* \leftarrow v_1$ ,  $V_1 = \langle v_1, v_1 \rangle$
2. if  $k \leq k_{\max}$  go to step 3  
else  $k_{\max} \leftarrow k$ ,  $v_k^* \leftarrow v_k$ , for  $j = 1$  to  $k - 1$ 
  - ▶ put  $\mu_{jk} \leftarrow \langle v_j^*, v_k \rangle / V_j$  and  $v_k^* \leftarrow v_k^* - \mu_{jk} v_j^*$ $V_k = \langle v_k, v_k \rangle$
3. Execute RED( $k, k - 1$ ). If  $(\delta - \mu_{i-1,i}^2) V_{k-1} > V_k$  execute SWAP( $k$ ) and  $k \leftarrow \max\{2, k - 1\}$ ; else for  $j = k - 2$  down to 1 execute RED( $k, j$ ) and  $k \leftarrow k + 1$ .
4. If  $k \leq d$  go to step 2; else output basis  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_d\}$ .
  - ▶ RED( $k, j$ ): If  $|\mu_{jk}| \leq 0.5$  return; else  $q \leftarrow \lfloor \mu_{jk} \rfloor$ ,  $v_k \leftarrow v_k - qv_j$ ,  $\mu_{jk} \leftarrow \mu_{jk} - q$ , for  $i = 1$  to  $j - 1$  put  $\mu_{ik} \leftarrow \mu_{ik} - q\mu_{ij}$  and return.
  - ▶ SWAP( $k$ ): Swap  $v_k$  and  $v_{k-1}$ . If  $k > 2$  for  $j = 1$  to  $k - 2$  swap  $\mu_{jk}$  and  $\mu_{jk-1}$  and update all variables to match (see p.88 in Cohen)

For a nice visualization with animation see pages 61–66 of

<http://thijs.com/docs/lec1.pdf>. (This might need Acroread.)

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Then  $2(X^3 n)^{1/3} \leq p/\sqrt{3}$  for  $X < n^{1/6}/\sqrt{12}$  if  $p \approx q$ .

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'cryptology'
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