

Problem Set 5  
**CSE 599S - Lattices**  
 Winter 2023

**Exercise 2.1 (20pts)**

Let  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  be a full-rank lattice with LLL-reduced basis  $\mathbf{B} \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and Gram Schmidt orthogonalization  $\mathbf{b}_1^*, \dots, \mathbf{b}_n^*$ . We abbreviate  $\mu_{i,j} = \frac{\langle \mathbf{b}_j, \mathbf{b}_i^* \rangle}{\|\mathbf{b}_i^*\|_2^2}$ . First, we fix an arbitrary  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$  with  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ .

- (i) Prove that  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 = \sum_{k=1}^n \|\mathbf{b}_k^*\|_2^2 \cdot \left( y_k + \sum_{j>k} \mu_{k,j} y_j \right)^2$
- (ii) Prove that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  one has  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2^2 \geq 2^{-k} \|\mathbf{b}_k\|_2^2 \cdot \max\{|y_k| - \frac{1}{2} \sum_{j>k} |y_j|, 0\}^2$ .

Now fix a  $\mathbf{x} \in \Lambda \setminus \{\mathbf{0}\}$  with  $\|\mathbf{x}\|_2 = \lambda_1(\Lambda)$  and let  $\mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n$  be so that  $\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{y}$ .

- (iii) Prove that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  one has  $|y_k| \leq \max\{2^{(k+2)/2}, \sum_{j>k} |y_j|\}$ .
- (iv) Prove that for all  $k \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  one has  $|y_k| \leq 2^{3n-k}$ .

**Remark.** This exercise proves that all shortest vectors in a lattice  $\Lambda \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$  are contained in the set  $S = \{\mathbf{B}\mathbf{y} \mid \mathbf{y} \in \mathbb{Z}^n \text{ and } \|\mathbf{y}\|_\infty \leq 2^{3n}\}$  if  $\mathbf{B}$  is an LLL-reduced basis.