

The state of the art in polynomial factorization

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Outline:

The Basic Algorithmic Problem:

Given $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$ find a complete irreducible factorization,
 $g_1 \cdots g_k = f$ in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ (as quickly as possible).

My Personal Research Objective:

Prove near-sharp complexity bounds for highly practical (useful and optimized) algorithms.

The Historical Gap in Polynomial Factoring

The best algorithm in theory vs. in practice:

Year	Best Provable Bound	Best Probable Bound
1969	Zassenhaus	Zassenhaus
1982	LLL	Zassenhaus
2002	LLL	van Hoeij
2004	LLL	Belabas
2010	Hoeij/Novocin	Hart/Hoeij/Novocin
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Now we'll explore the behavior (in theory and in practice) of Hart/Hoeij/Novocin.

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An Example

- Let $f = x^4 - 11$ and $p = 5$.
- A bound (Landau-Mignotte) on the coefficients of any factors of f is 12.05.
- $f = x^4 - 11 \equiv (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)(x + 4) \pmod{5}$
- Using Hensel Lifting we find
$$f \equiv (x + 16)(x + 12)(x + 13)(x + 9) \equiv (x - 9)(x + 12)(x - 12)(x + 9) \pmod{5^2}.$$
- Could brute force combinations, such as:
$$(x - 9) \cdot (x + 9) \equiv x^2 - 6 \pmod{25},$$
but the GCD of $x^2 - 6$ and f performed in $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ is 1.
- After testing certain combinations we would determine that f is irreducible.

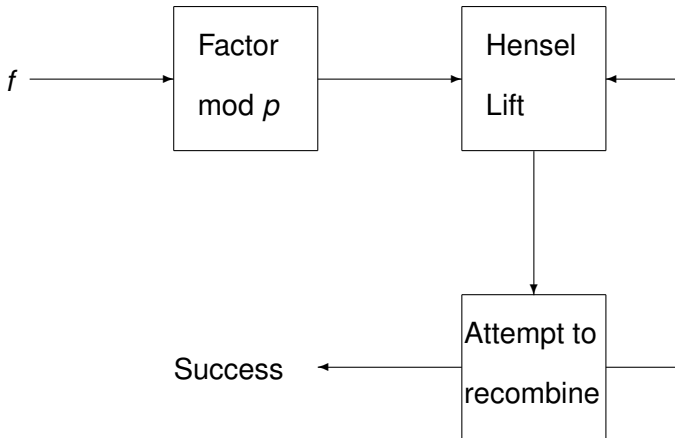
Behavior/Cost of the parts

- Let f have degree N and $\|f\|_{\infty} \leq 2^H$.
- Factoring modulo p costs $\mathcal{O}(N^2 + N \log p)$ CPU ops
- Hensel Lifting to precision a is $\mathcal{O}(\mathcal{M}(N)\mathcal{M}(a \cdot \log p) \cdot \log r)$.
- Checking a 0–1 vector is cheap, in worst-case, $\mathcal{O}(N^2 + NH)$.
- There are 2^r such 0–1 vectors.
- We call the process of finding 0–1 vectors, **recombination**.
- Zassenhaus uses brute force, modern approaches (since van Hoeij) use LLL.
- The behavior of LLL and recombination is practical but mysterious.

Our first philosophical dilemma

- Treat ‘modern’ recombination as a black box.
- It accepts a p -adic factorization of f with precision a .
- It returns either the complete factorization of f over \mathbb{Z} or it gives up.
- There are some (obscure) worst-case polynomials when recombination dominates Hensel lifting (as it does in theory).
- The average polynomials tend to be dominated by Hensel lifting in practice.
- So what should we use for the first precision?
- Aim too low then recombination might fail.
- Aim too high Hensel lifting could dominate running times.

The Hensel Picture



Before opening the box

Practical Design Goal

In practice we would like to always minimize the cost of Hensel lifting.

Theoretical Design Goal

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Balanced Design Goal

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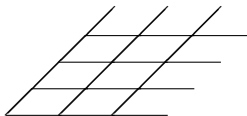
Opening the recombination box

At the heart of our modern recombination technique is an application of **the LLL algorithm**.

LLL is a somewhat mysterious algorithm with many useful applications (cryptography, number theory, integer programming, Diophantine approximations, relation finding, Table Maker's Dilemma).

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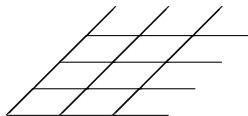
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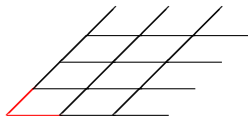
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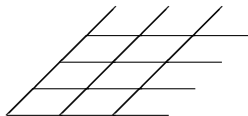
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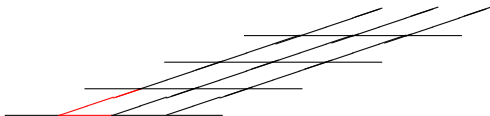
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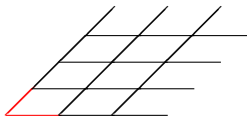
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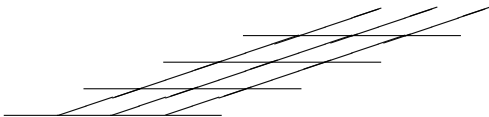
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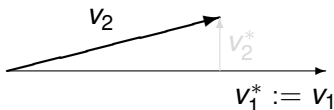
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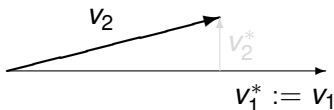


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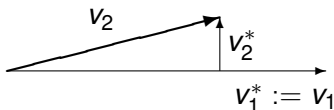


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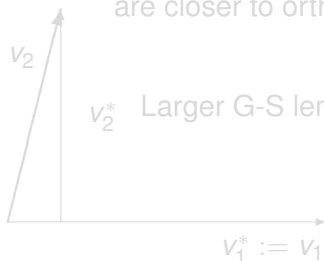
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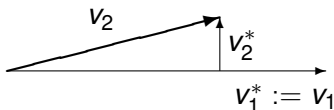


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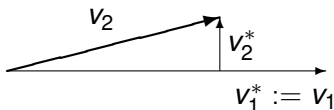


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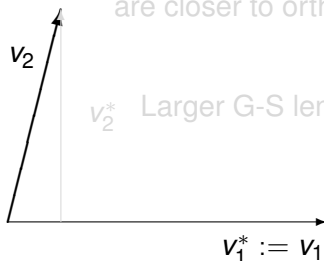
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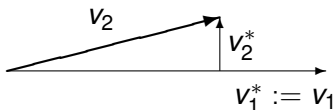


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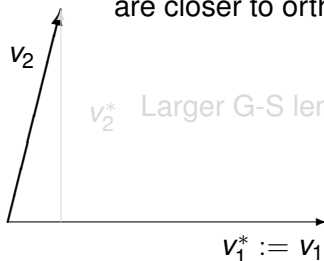
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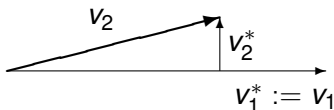


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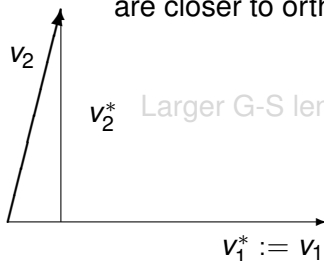
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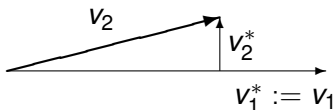


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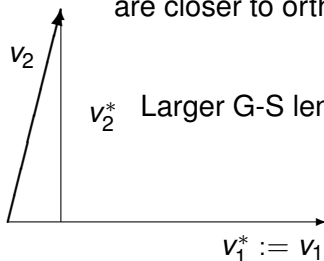
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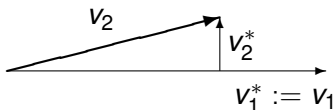


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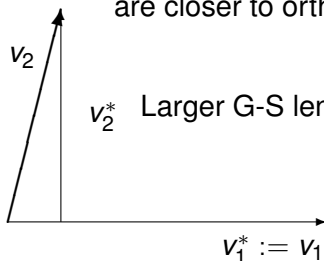
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- The absolute value of any root of f cannot exceed $\sqrt[4]{11} \approx 1.82116$.
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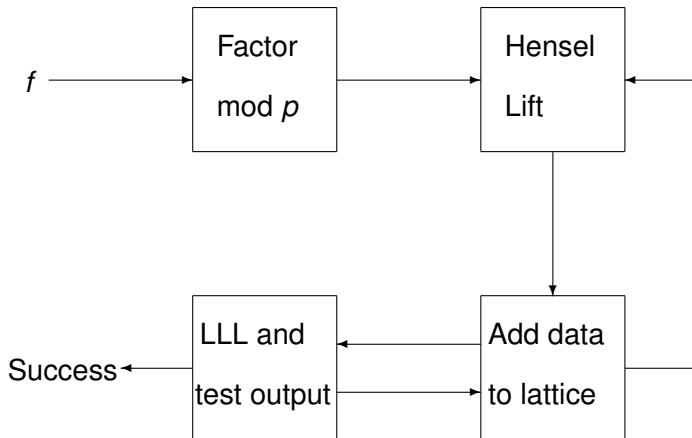
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B-reducing the following $r \times r$ matrix uses less than $\mathcal{O}(r^2(r+B))$ LLL switches. No matter how large the entries are!

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We call a basis, b_1, \dots, b_s a **B-reduced basis** if:

- b_1, \dots, b_s form a reduced basis.
- $\|b_s^*\|^2 \leq B$.

B-reducing the following $r \times r$ matrix uses less than $\mathcal{O}(r^2(r+B))$ LLL switches. No matter how large the entries are!

$$\begin{pmatrix} & & & D \\ & & & * \\ 1 & & & \vdots \\ & \ddots & & 1 \\ & & & * \end{pmatrix}$$

B-reduction, cont.

Gradual B-reduce:

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Being Practical

My goal

To get the best complexity for the most practical algorithm we must show that early attempts at recombination do not hurt the complexity.

The tools:

- LLL never alters $AD := \prod \|b_i^*\|$
- We are searching for very small vectors
- A B-reduced basis must have vectors with bounded norm
- We can control the size of our new data (with gradual feeding)
- This allows us to know that progress is being made with each LLL call.

Nearing the end

LLL costs

We can now prove a complexity of $\mathcal{O}(r^7)$ for the total cost of LLL. (Using fast arithmetic this is $\mathcal{O}(r^6 \log r)$).

Other costs

The cost of Hensel lifting can be bounded* by $\mathcal{O}(N^4 \cdot (N + H)^2)$. (Using fast arithmetic this drops to $\mathcal{O}(N^2(N + H))$). We have introduced some matrix multiplications with the new technique adding a cost of $\mathcal{O}(r^3 N^2(N + H))$ (fast: $\mathcal{O}(r^2 N^2(N + H))$).

Showing Practicality

We must show that the algorithm is practical. This can only be done with an implementation of the algorithm as it was proved.

Some timings

Poly	r	NTL	H-bnd	FLINT	H-bnd
P1	60	.248	29^{311}	.136	89^{33}
P2	20	.376	11^{437}	.144	$11^{22/44}$
P3	28	1.036	11^{629}	.320	$11^{31/62}$
P4	42	1.956	13^{745}	1.452	$7^{80/160}$
P5	32	.088	19^{51}	.036	23^{26}
P6	48	.276	19^{152}	.160	$23^{38/76}$
P7	76	1.136	37^{78}	.900	19^{74}
P8	54	3.428	13^{324}	1.700	11^{84}
M12_5	72	12.429	13^{1171}	4.156	11^{180}
M12_6	84	21.697	13^{1555}	7.780	$13^{190/380}$
S7	64	.340	29^{78}	.336	47^{41}
T1	30	3.848	7^{495}	1.180	7^{40}
T2	32	3.18	7^{200}	1.216	7^{43}

Thank You

Thank you for your time!