

Jet list decoding

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## Interpolation

Fix coprime  $p_1, \dots, p_n \in \mathbf{Z}_{>0}$ .

Remainder reprn of  $t \in \mathbf{Z}$ :

$$\text{ev } t = (t \bmod p_1, \dots, t \bmod p_n).$$

Chinese remainder theorem:

ev  $t$  determines  $t \bmod N$

where  $N = p_1 \cdots p_n$ .

Very fast computation:

If  $0 \leq t < N$  then

$$\frac{t}{N} = \left( \sum_i \frac{t q_i \bmod p_i}{p_i} \right) \bmod 1$$

where  $q_i = (N/p_i)^{-1} \bmod p_i$ .

# Decoding

Fix  $H < N$ . Assume  $0 \leq t < H$ .

Remainder repn is redundant.

Given any vector  $v \approx \text{ev } t$   
can reconstruct  $t$ .

Traditional definition of “ $\approx$ ”:

$$\prod_{i: v_i \neq (\text{ev } t)_i} p_i \leq \sqrt{N/H}.$$

Surprisingly fast  $v \mapsto t$  methods.

Proof that  $v$  determines  $t$ :

if  $v \approx \text{ev } u$  and  $v \approx \text{ev } t$  then

$$\prod_{i: (\text{ev } u)_i \neq (\text{ev } t)_i} p_i \leq N/H \text{ so}$$

$$\prod_{i: (\text{ev } u)_i = (\text{ev } t)_i} p_i \geq H \text{ but}$$

$$\prod_{i: (\text{ev } u)_i = (\text{ev } t)_i} p_i \text{ divides } t - u.$$

## List decoding

What if we know  $|v - ev t| \leq W$   
where  $W$  is *above*  $\sqrt{N/H}$ ?

Traditional answer: Give up.

No guarantee that  $t$  is unique.

Modern answer:

$W$  determines a *list*  
of possibilities for  $t$ .

How quickly can we compute list?

How does speed degrade with  $W$ ?

1957 Elias, 1958 Wozencraft:

bounds on list size,

but no fast algorithms.

# Reed–Solomon decoding

Fix prime power  $q$ ,

distinct  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}_q$ .

Remainder reprn of  $t \in \mathbf{F}_q[x]$ :

$\text{ev } t = (t(a_1), \dots, t(a_n))$ .

Given any vector  $v \approx \text{ev } t$

can reconstruct  $t$ ,

assuming  $\deg t < h$ .

Traditional “ $\approx$ ”:

$$\#\{i : v_i \neq (\text{ev } t)_i\} \leq (n - h)/2.$$

List decoding:

compute list of possibilities for  $t$

given larger bound on  $|v - \text{ev } t|$ .

## Jets

The algebra of 1-jets over  $\mathbf{R}$  is the quotient ring  $\mathbf{R}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ .

Analogous to the set of complex numbers  $\mathbf{C} = \mathbf{R}[i]/(i^2 + 1)$ , but  $\epsilon^2 = 0$  while  $i^2 = -1$ .

Multiplication of jets:

$$(a + b\epsilon)(c + d\epsilon) = ac + (ad + bc)\epsilon.$$

Typical construction of a jet:

differentiable  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  induces

$$\text{jet } f(x + \epsilon) = f(x) + f'(x)\epsilon$$

for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ .

$$\text{e.g. } \sin(x + \epsilon) = \sin x + (\cos x)\epsilon.$$

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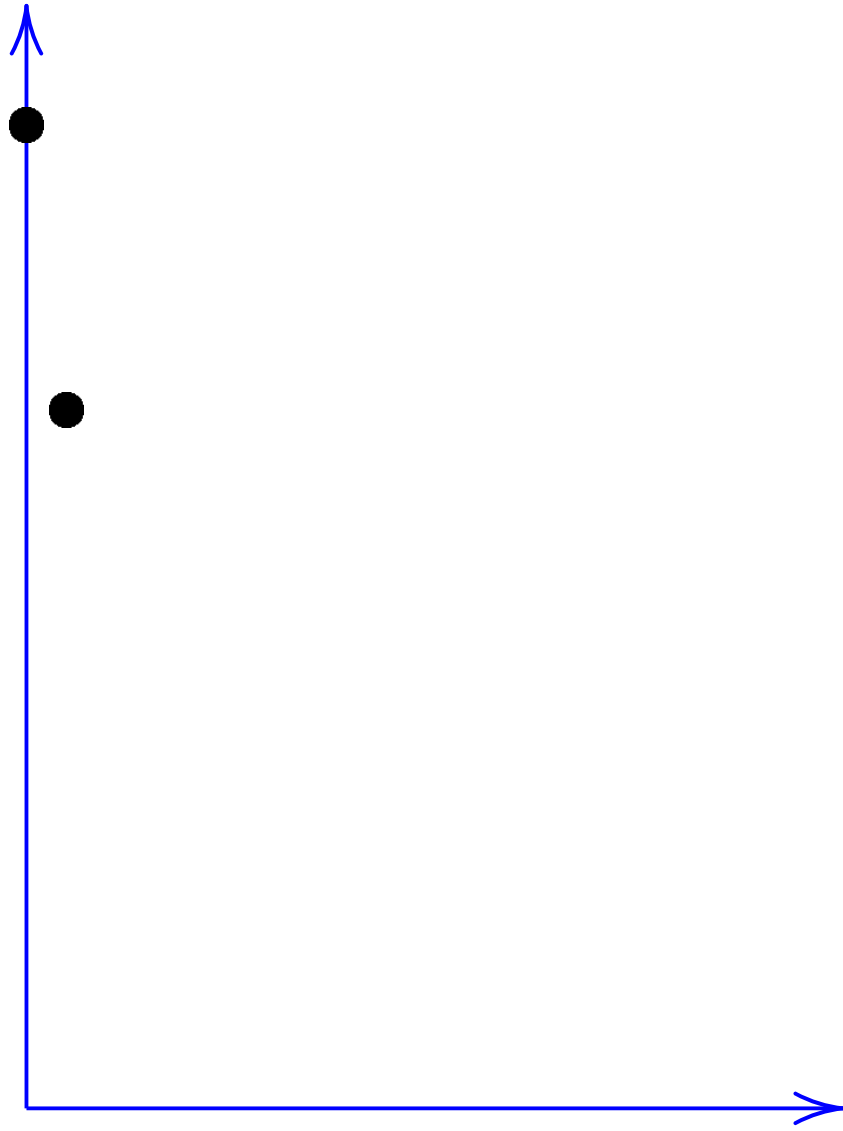
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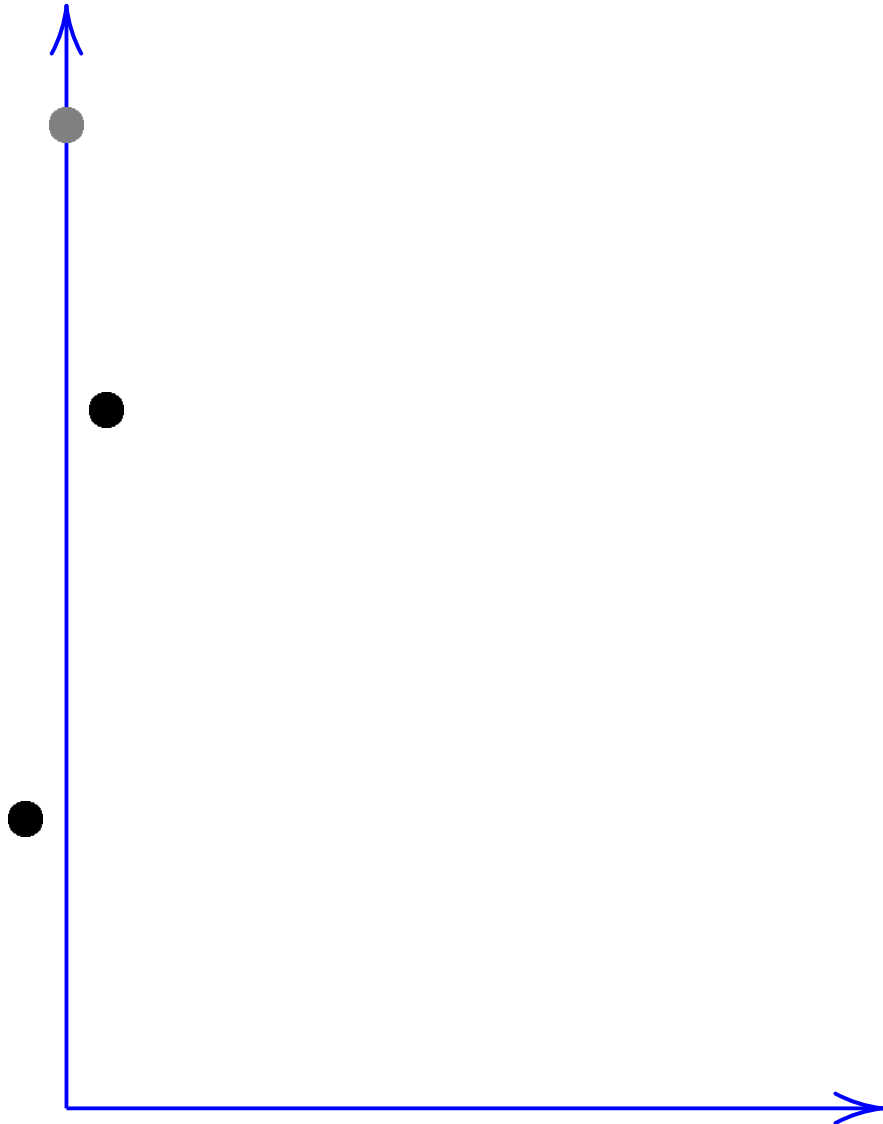
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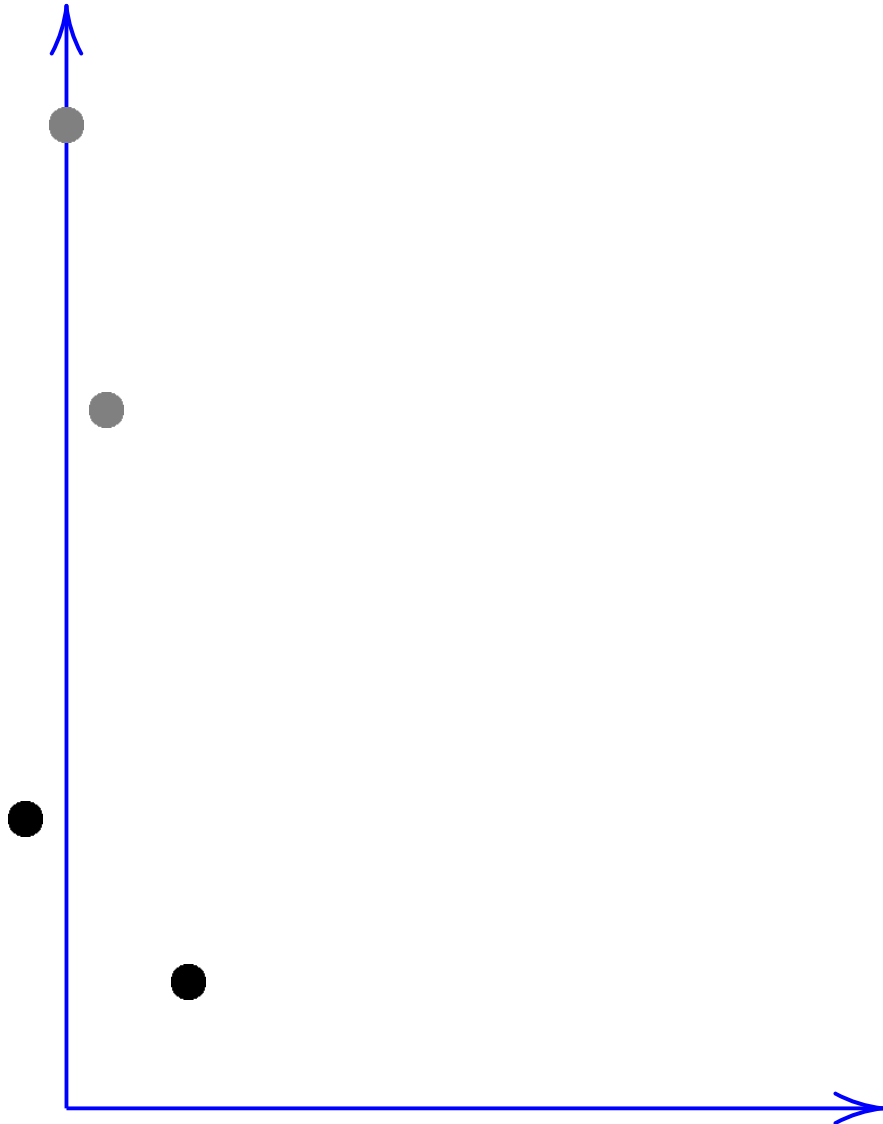
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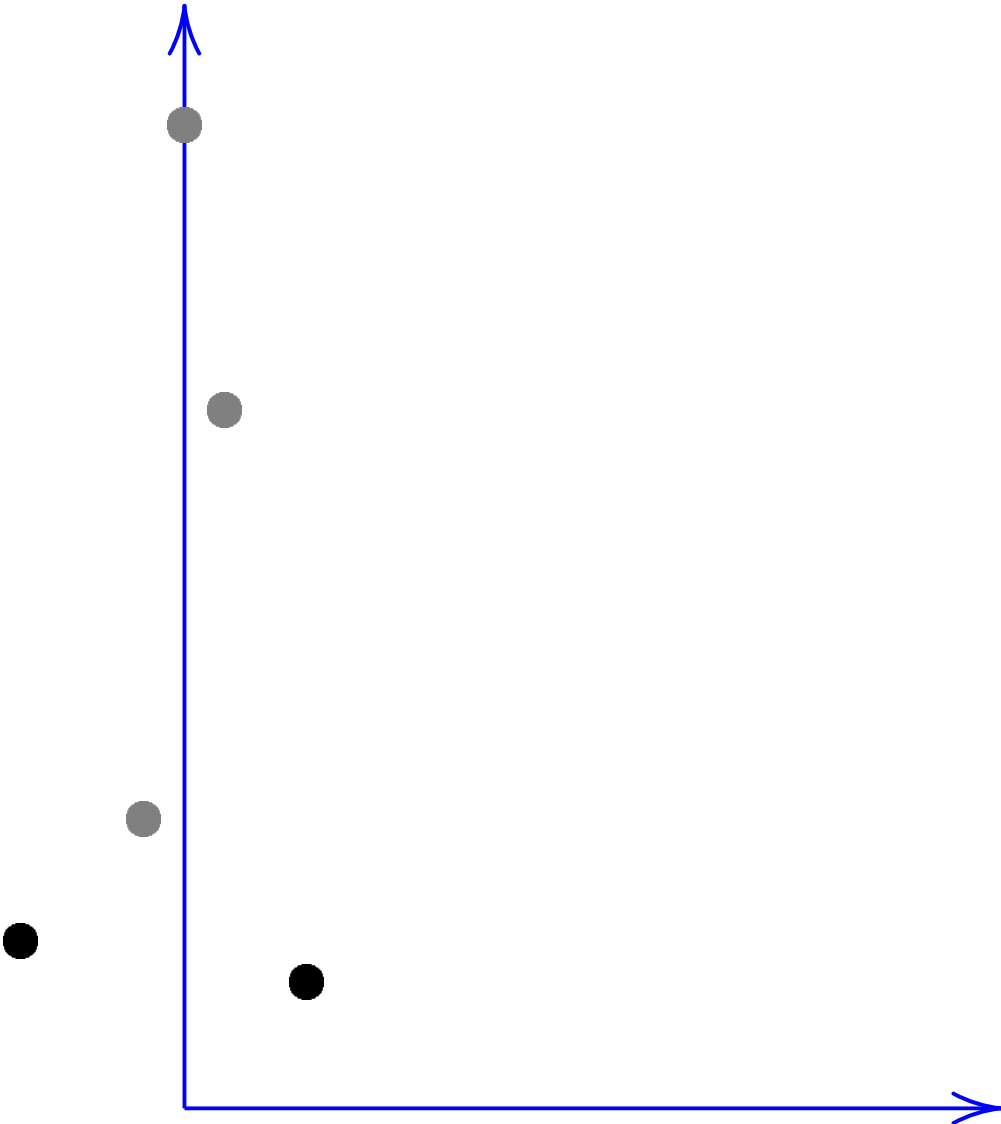
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$$(0, 0), (3, 3), (-3, -3).$$

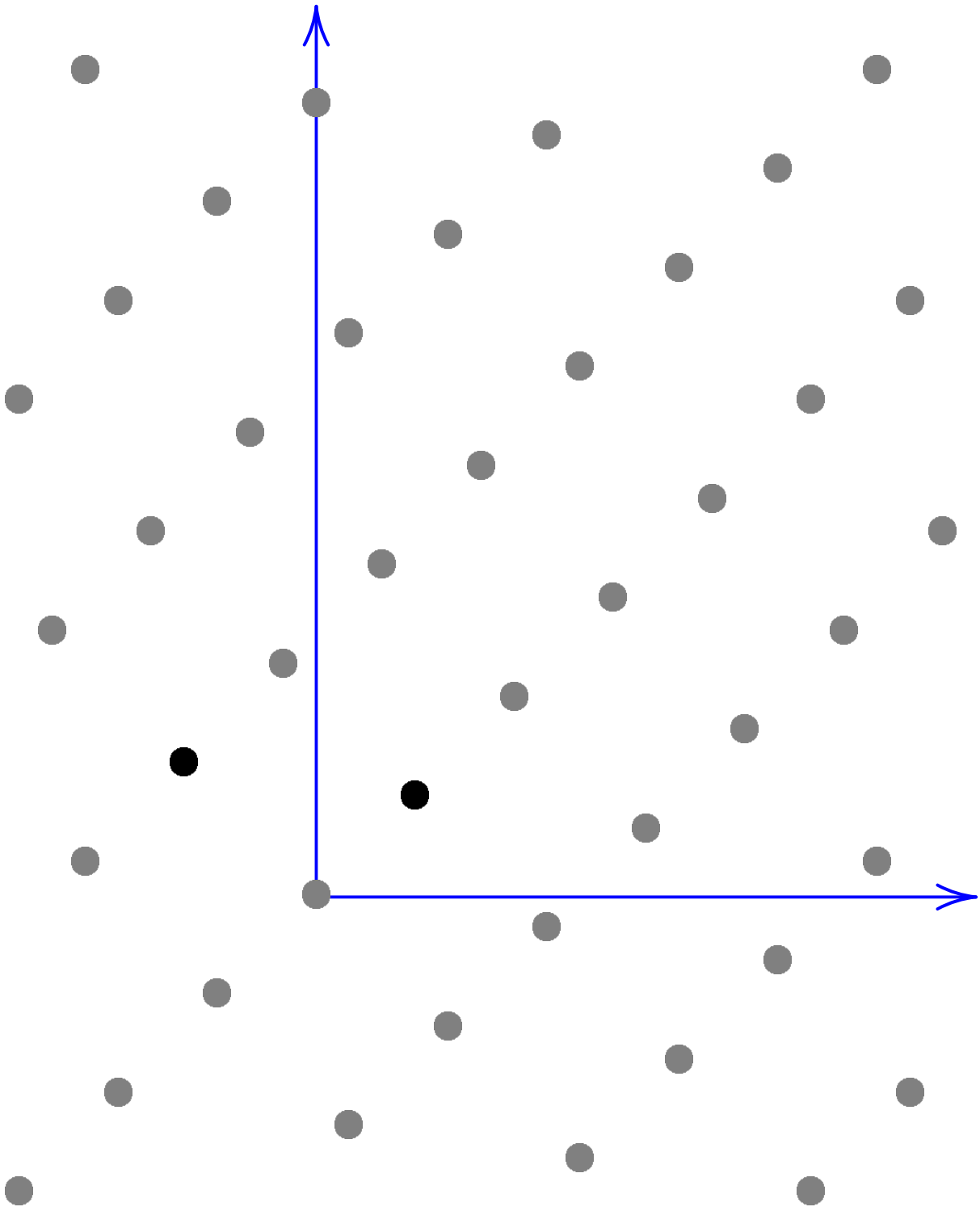












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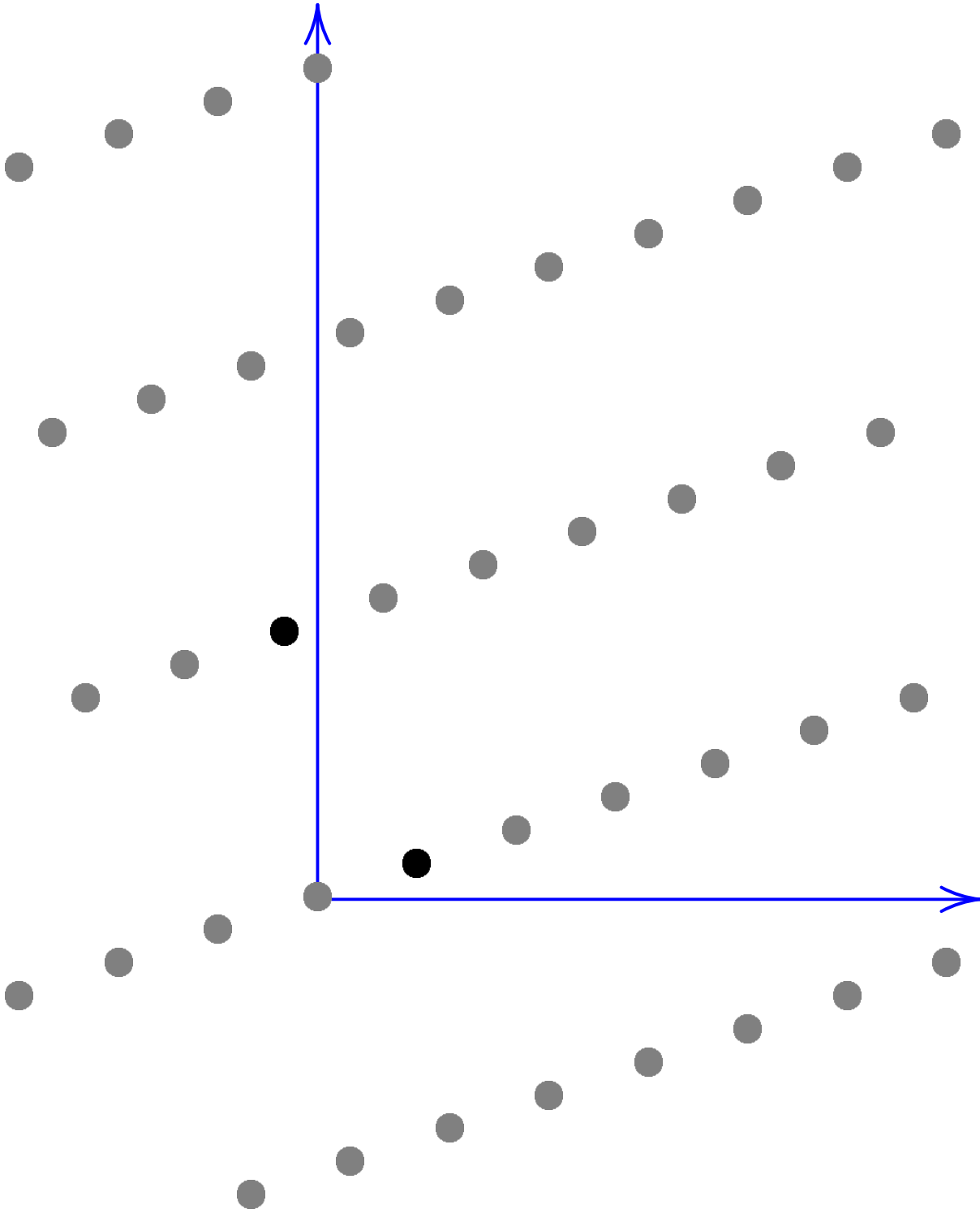
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 $(0, 0)$ ,  $(3, 1)$ ,  $(-3, -1)$ .



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$(111, 1)$ : shortest nonzero vector.

$(10, 1110)$ : shortest  
independent vector.

Degree of  $(q, r) \in \mathbf{F}_2[x] \times \mathbf{F}_2[x]$   
is defined as  $\max\{\deg q, \deg r\}$ .

Can use other metrics,  
or equivalently rescale  $L$ .

e.g. Define  $L \subseteq \mathbf{F}_2[\sqrt{x}] \times \mathbf{F}_2[\sqrt{x}]$   
as  $(0, r_0\sqrt{x})R + (1, r_1\sqrt{x})R$ .

Successive generators for  $L$ :

$(0, 101000\sqrt{x})$ , degree 5.5.

$(1, 10011\sqrt{x})$ , degree 4.5.

$(10, 1110\sqrt{x})$ , degree 3.5.

$(111, 1\sqrt{x})$ , degree 2.

Warning: Sometimes  
shortest independent vector is  
*after* shortest nonzero vector.

e.g. Define

$$r_0 = 101000, r_1 = 10111,$$

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$$(10, 110\sqrt{x}), \text{ degree } 2.5.$$

$$(1101, 11\sqrt{x}), \text{ degree } 3.$$

For any  $r_0, r_1 \in R = \mathbf{F}_q[x]$   
with  $\deg r_0 > \deg r_1$ :

Euclid/Stevin computation:

Define  $r_2 = r_0 \bmod r_1$ ,

$r_3 = r_1 \bmod r_2$ , etc.

Extended:  $q_0 = 0$ ;  $q_1 = 1$ ;

$q_{i+2} = q_i - \lfloor r_i / r_{i+1} \rfloor q_{i+1}$ .

Then  $q_i r_1 \equiv r_i \pmod{r_0}$ .

Lattice view: Have

$$(0, r_0 \sqrt{x})R + (1, r_1 \sqrt{x})R = \\ (q_i, r_i \sqrt{x})R + (q_{i+1}, r_{i+1} \sqrt{x})R.$$

Can continue until  $r_{i+1} = 0$ .

$\gcd\{r_0, r_1\} = r_i / \text{leadcoeff } r_i$ .

Reducing lattice basis for  $L$   
is a “half gcd” computation,  
stopping halfway to the gcd.

$\deg r_i$  decreases;  $\deg q_i$  increases;  
 $\deg q_{i+1} + \deg r_i = \deg r_0$ .

Say  $j$  is minimal with  
 $\deg r_j \sqrt{x} \leq (\deg r_0)/2$ .

Then  $\deg q_j \leq (\deg r_0)/2$  so  
 $\deg(q_j, r_j \sqrt{x}) \leq (\deg r_0)/2$ .

Shortest nonzero vector.

$(q_{j+\epsilon}, r_{j+\epsilon} \sqrt{x})$  has degree  
 $\deg r_0 \sqrt{x} - \deg(q_j, r_j \sqrt{x})$   
for some  $\epsilon \in \{-1, 1\}$ .

Shortest independent vector.



Proof of “shortest” :

Take any  $(q, r\sqrt{x})$  in lattice.

$$(q, r\sqrt{x}) = u(q_j, r_j\sqrt{x}) + v(q_{j+\epsilon}, r_{j+\epsilon}\sqrt{x})$$

for some  $u, v \in R$ .

$$q_j r_{j+\epsilon} - q_{j+\epsilon} r_j = \pm r_0$$

$$\text{so } v = \pm(rq_j - qr_j)/r_0$$

$$\text{and } u = \pm(qr_{j+\epsilon} - r_{j+\epsilon}q)/r_0.$$

If  $\deg(q, r\sqrt{x})$

$$< \deg(q_{j+\epsilon}, r_{j+\epsilon}\sqrt{x})$$

then  $\deg v < 0$  so  $v = 0$ ;

i.e., any vector in lattice

shorter than  $(q_{j+\epsilon}, r_{j+\epsilon}\sqrt{x})$

is a multiple of  $(q_j, r_j\sqrt{x})$ .

## Higher-rank lattices

If  $M \in \mathbf{F}_q[x]^{\ell \times \ell}$  has  $\det M \neq 0$   
then the columns of  $M$  have  
a nonzero linear combination  $Q$   
with  $\deg Q \leq (\deg \det M) / \ell$ .

Can compute  $Q$  with  
similar speed to matrix mult.

(2003 Giorgi–Jeannerod–Villard  
+ small fix from 2011 Bernstein)

$M \in \mathbf{Z}^{\ell \times \ell}$ : loosen bound on  $Q$ .

(1982 Lenstra–Lenstra–Lovasz:  
polynomial time; ...;

2011 Novocin–Stehlé–Villard:  
almost as fast as  $\mathbf{F}_q[x]$  case)

## Divisors in intervals

Classic problem: Find all divisors of  $N$  in  $[A - H, A + H]$ , given positive integers  $N, A, H$  with  $A > H$ .

Reformulation: In  $\mathbf{Q}[y]$  define  $g = Hy$  and  $f = (A + Hy)/N$ .

Want all  $r \in \mathbf{Q}$  with  $|r| \leq 1$ ,  $g(r) \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $\text{numerator}(f(r)) = 1$ .

Classic solution for many cases:

Find small nonzero polynomial

$$\varphi \in \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}f + \mathbf{Z}fg \subset \mathbf{Q}[y].$$

For each rational root  $r$  of  $\varphi$ ,

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$$1, f(r), f(r)g(r) \in ((A+Hr)/N)\mathbf{Z}$$

so  $\varphi(r) \in ((A + Hr)/N)\mathbf{Z}$ .

But  $(A + Hr)/N > 6H/N^{2/3}$

so  $\varphi(r)$  must be 0.

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Much better approach: Define  $g = Hy$  and  $f = (UA + Hg)/N$ , assuming  $U \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $UB - 1 \in N\mathbf{Z}$ . If  $Hr \in \mathbf{Z}$  and  $A + BHr$  divides  $N$  then  $f(r) \in ((A + BHr)/N)\mathbf{Z}$ .

## Linear combinations as divisors

Further generalization: Find all divisors  $As + Bt$  of  $N$  with

$$1 \leq s \leq J; |t| \leq H; \gcd\{s, t\} = 1.$$

Generalization of classic solution:

Define  $g = (H/J)y$ ;  $U$  as before;

$$f = (UA + (H/J)y)/N.$$

As before find small nonzero

$$\varphi \in \mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}f + \mathbf{Z}fg.$$

Write each rational root of  $\varphi$  as

$$Jt/Hs \text{ with } \gcd\{s, t\} = 1, s > 0.$$

Check whether  $As + Bt$  divides  $N$

$$\text{with } s \leq J \text{ and } |t| \leq H.$$

Understanding this solution  
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and  $r = Jt/Hs$  then  $|s^2\varphi(r)| =$   
 $|\varphi_0 s^2 + \varphi_1 stJ/H + \varphi_2 t^2 J^2/H^2|$   
 $\leq 3(2H/JN^{2/3})J^2 = 6HJ/N^{2/3}.$

If also  $As + Bt$  divides  $N$

then  $sf(r) = (UAs + t)/N \in$   
 $((As + Bt)/N)\mathbf{Z}$  and  $sg(r) \in \mathbf{Z}$   
so  $s^2\varphi(r) \in ((As + Bt)/N)\mathbf{Z}.$

1984 Lenstra:  $A + Bt$  algorithm,  
for proving primality.

1986 Rivest–Shamir:  $A + t$ ,  
for attacking constrained RSA.

Many subsequent generalizations.

2003 Bernstein: projective view,  
but only affine applications.

Projective applications:

2007 Wu, 2008 Bernstein

(including this  $As + Bt$  algorithm),

2009 Castagnos–Joux–  
Laguillaumie–Nguyen.

## Higher multiplicities

Generalization of  $A + t$  algorithm:

Choose a multiplicity  $k$   
and a lattice dimension  $\ell$ .

Find small nonzero  $\varphi \in$

$$\mathbf{Z} + \mathbf{Z}f + \mathbf{Z}f^2 + \cdots + \mathbf{Z}f^k \\ + \mathbf{Z}f^k g + \mathbf{Z}f^k g^2 + \cdots + \mathbf{Z}f^k g^{\ell-k-1}.$$

det =

$$(H/N)^{\ell(\ell-1)/2} N^{(\ell-k)(\ell-k-1)/2}$$

so  $|\varphi| \leq$

$$\cdots (H/N)^{(\ell-1)/2} N^{(\ell-k)(\ell-k-1)/2\ell}.$$

But  $\varphi(r) \in (\text{divisor}/N)^k \mathbf{Z}$ .

Optimize: large  $\ell$  with  $k \approx \theta \ell$

if  $A - H = N^\theta$ .

$\#\{t \text{ possibilities searched}\} \approx N^{\theta^2}$ .

Same for  $A + Bt$  etc.

1996 Coppersmith:

$A + t$  with multiplicities;  $N^{\theta^2}$ ;

various generalizations.

But algorithm was slower:

identified lattice via dual.

1997 Howgrave-Graham:

this algorithm; skip dualization;

simply write down  $f^k$  etc.

## The gcd tweak

Minor tweak: Find all  $A + t$  with  $|t| \leq H$  and  $\gcd\{A + t, N\} \geq N^\theta$ .

These  $t$ 's include previous  $t$ 's:

if  $A + t$  divides  $N$  and  $A + t \geq N^\theta$   
then  $\gcd\{A + t, N\} \geq N^\theta$ .

Solution: Compute the same  $\varphi$   
from the same lattice as before.

For each rational root  $r$  of  $\varphi$ ,  
check  $\gcd\{A + Hr, N\} \geq N^\theta$ .

1997 Sudan:

$\mathbf{F}_q[x]$  instead of  $\mathbf{Z}$ ,

$$N = (x - a_1) \cdots (x - a_n),$$

multiplicity 1, dual algorithm,  
for list decoding.

1999 Guruswami–Sudan:

same with high multiplicity.

1999 Goldreich–Ron–Sudan:

$\mathbf{Z}$ , multiplicity 1, dual.

2000 Boneh:

$\mathbf{Z}$ , high multiplicity.



“The GS decoder” :

Reconstruct  $t \in \mathbf{F}_q[x]$  given

$(t(a_1), \dots, t(a_n)) + \text{errors};$

distinct  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}_q;$

$\# \text{errors} < (1 - \theta)n;$

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nonzero  $\beta_1, \dots, \beta_n \in \mathbf{F}_q;$

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## Higher-degree polynomials

$$\gcd\{N, p(t)\} \geq N^\theta:$$

$\#\{t \text{ possibilities searched}\}$

$$\approx N^{\theta^2/d} \text{ if } p \text{ monic, } \deg p = d.$$

1988 Håstad:  $\theta = 1, k = 1$ .

1989 Vallée–Girault–Toffin:

$$\theta = 1, k = 1, \text{ dual.}$$

1996 Coppersmith:

$$\theta = 1, \text{ high multiplicity, dual.}$$

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## Gaussian divisors in intervals

New (?) problem: Find all

$$t \in \{-H, \dots, -1, 0, 1, \dots, H\}$$

with  $A_0 + t + A_1 i$  dividing  $N_0 + N_1 i$   
in  $\mathbf{Z}[i]/(i^2 + 1)$ ; assume  $A_0 > H$ .

One approach: Take norms.

$$(A_0 + t)^2 + A_1^2 \text{ divides } N_0^2 + N_1^2.$$

Use standard degree-2 algorithm.

$$\text{Works for } H \approx (N_0^2 + N_1^2)^{\theta^2/2}$$

$$\text{if } (A_0 - H)^2 + A_1^2 = (N_0^2 + N_1^2)^{\theta}.$$

Worse: Find divisor of  $N_0^2 + N_1^2$   
in  $[(A_0 - H)^2 + A_1^2, (A_0 + H)^2 + A_1^2]$ ,  
using degree-1 algorithm.

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Also divides  $N_0^2 + N_1^2$ .

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 $\geq (N_0^2 + N_1^2)^\theta$ .

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## Jet divisors

Easily generalize:

$A_0s + B_0t$ , other algebras, etc.

My main interest today:

the 1-jet algebra  $\mathbf{Z}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ .

To search for small  $(s, t) \in \mathbf{Z} \times \mathbf{Z}$   
with  $(A_0 + A_1\epsilon)s + (B_0 + B_1\epsilon)t$   
dividing  $N_0 + N_1\epsilon$  in  $\mathbf{Z}[\epsilon]/\epsilon^2$ : use  
 $\gcd\{\Delta, N_0^2\} \geq (N_0^2)^\theta$  where  $\Delta =$   
 $(A_0N_1 - A_1N_0)s + (B_0N_1 - B_1N_0)t$ .

$\#\{(s, t) \text{ searched}\} \approx (N_0^2)^\theta$ ,

assuming  $\gcd\{N_0, B_0N_1\} = 1$ .

Searching for  $A_0s + B_0t$  dividing  
 $N_0$  would search only  $N_0^\theta$ .

## Classical binary Goppa codes

Fix integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $m \geq 1$ ;

distinct  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{F}_{2^m}$ ;

monic  $g \in \mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x]$

with  $g(a_1) \cdots g(a_n) \neq 0$ .

The code: Define  $\Gamma \subseteq \mathbf{F}_2^n$

as set of  $(c_1, \dots, c_n)$  with

$\sum_i c_i / (x - a_i) = 0$  in  $\mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x]/g$ .

$\min\{|c| : c \in \Gamma - \{0\}\} \geq \deg g + 1$ ;

$\lg \#\Gamma \geq n - m \deg g$ .

Better bounds in the BCH case

$g = x^k$  and in many other cases.

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$$\text{so } E/D = r_j/q_j. \text{ Done!}$$

Euclid decoding: 1975 Sugiyama–Kasahara–Hirasawa–Namekawa.

## List decoding for these codes

What if  $|e| > (\deg g)/2$ ?

Find shortest nonzero  $(D_0, E_0\sqrt{x})$   
and independent  $(D_1, E_1\sqrt{x})$  in  
 $(0, g\sqrt{x})\mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x] + (1, s\sqrt{x})\mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x]$ ,  
with degrees  $(\deg g)/2 - \delta$   
and  $(\deg g)/2 + 1/2 + \delta$   
for some  $\delta \in \{0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, \dots\}$ .

Know that  $(D, E\sqrt{x}) =$   
 $u(D_0, E_0\sqrt{x}) + v(D_1, E_1\sqrt{x});$   
 $v = \pm(ED_0 - DE_0)/g \in \mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x],$   
 $u = \pm(DE_1 - ED_1)/g \in \mathbf{F}_{2^m}[x],$   
 $\deg v \leq |e| - (\deg g)/2 - 1/2 - \delta,$   
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This is exactly the “linear combinations as divisors” problem! Solve with lattices.

Reach same  $|e|$  as GS, but much smaller  $k$ .

(2007 Wu: dual of essentially this algorithm; see 2008 Bernstein for coprimality)

## Jet list decoding

Recall  $D = \prod_{i:e_i \neq 0} (x - a_i)$   
and  $E = \sum_i D e_i / (x - a_i)$ .

$$e_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

$$\text{so } E = \sum_i D / (x - a_i) = D'.$$

One consequence:

$$\Gamma_2(g) = \Gamma_2(g^2) \text{ if } g \text{ is squarefree.}$$

This doubles  $\deg g$ , drastically  
increasing  $\#$  errors decoded.

But  $\Gamma_2(g^2)$  decoders vary  
in effectiveness and efficiency.

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Yes! Jet list decoding.

Works for arbitrary  $\Gamma_2(g)$ .

Notation:  $N, D, E, \dots$  as before.

$D$  divides  $N$  so the jet

$$D(x + \epsilon) = D + \epsilon D' = D + \epsilon E$$

divides  $N(x + \epsilon) = N + \epsilon N'$ .

$$D + \epsilon E =$$

$$u(D_0 + \epsilon E_0) + v(D_1 + \epsilon E_1).$$

Apply the jet-divisors idea:

find large  $\gcd\{N'D - NE, N^2\}$ .

2007 Wu reaches same  $|e|$

in one special case, BCH. Jet list

decoding is faster, more general.

Generalize  $\mathbf{F}_2$  to  $\mathbf{F}_q$ : use

$$\gcd\{(N'D)^{q-1} - (NE)^{q-1}, N^q\}.$$