# Variations on the Knapsack Generator 

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| $\boldsymbol{\delta}=\left(\delta_{0}, \ldots, \delta_{m-1}\right)$ | $v_{i}=2^{\ell} s_{i}+\delta_{i},\|\boldsymbol{\delta}\|_{\infty} \leq 2^{\ell}$ |

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Full Attack(s):
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End If
End For

## Norms

- If $\mathbf{v}=\left(v_{0}, \ldots v_{n-1}\right),\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\infty}=\max _{i \in\{0, \ldots, n-1\}}\left|v_{i}\right|$
- If $M$ is a matrix, $\|M\|_{\infty}=\max _{\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\infty}=1}\|\mathbf{v} M\|_{\infty}$

Hence

$$
\|\mathbf{v} M\|_{\infty} \leq\|\mathbf{v}\|_{\infty}\|M\|_{\infty}
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Goal : Construct small $\hat{T}$ such that $\|\delta \hat{T}\|_{\infty}<M$

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$$
x=(-2,1.1)
$$

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\begin{gathered}
M=\left(\begin{array}{ll}
1 & 3 \\
2 & 4
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