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$$2^{n/4} \det(L)^{1/(n+1)} = \epsilon$$

and

$$|b_1| \leq \epsilon.$$

Since $b_1 \in \mathcal{L}$, we can write

$$b_1 = (p_1 - q\alpha_1, p_2 - q\alpha_2, \dots, p_n - q\alpha_n, q\eta)^T$$

with $p_1, \dots, p_n, q \in \mathbf{Z}$. Hence

$$|p_i - q\alpha_i| \leq \epsilon \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq n \quad \text{and} \quad |q| \leq 2^{n(n+1)/4} \epsilon^{-n}.$$

From $\epsilon < 1$ and $b_1 \neq 0$ we deduce $q \neq 0$. Replacing b_1 by $-b_1$ if necessary we may assume $q > 0$.

Dirichlet's theorems on simultaneous approximation

Let $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$ be real numbers and $Q > 1$ an integer.

(i) There exists integers p_1, \dots, p_n, q with

$$1 \leq q < Q \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha_i q - p_i| \leq \frac{1}{Q^{1/n}}.$$

(ii) There exists integers q_1, \dots, q_n, p with

$$1 \leq \max\{|q_1|, \dots, |q_n|\} < Q \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha_1 q_1 + \dots + \alpha_n q_n - p| \leq \frac{1}{Q^n}.$$

The proofs are easy applications of Dirichlet Box Principle (see Chap. II of Schmidt LN 785).

Connection with SVP - (i)

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Define $\eta = \epsilon/Q$. Consider the \mathcal{L} be the lattice of rank $n + 1$ spanned by the columns vectors v_1, \dots, v_{n+1} of the $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & \cdots & 0 & -\alpha_1 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & 1 & -\alpha_n \\ 0 & \cdots & 0 & \eta \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $v = p_1v_1 + \cdots + p_nv_n + qv_{n+1}$ is an element of \mathcal{L} which satisfies $0 < \max\{|v_1|, \dots, |v_{n+1}|\} < \epsilon$, then we have

$$1 \leq q < Q \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha_i q - p_i| \leq \epsilon.$$

The determinant of \mathcal{L} is η . From Minkowski's first Theorem, we deduce that there exists such a vector with $\epsilon^{n+1} = 2^{n+1}\eta$. With $\eta = \epsilon/Q$ we obtain $\epsilon^n = 2^{n+1}/Q$

Connection with SVP - (ii)

Let $\epsilon > 0$. Define $\eta = \epsilon/Q$. Consider the \mathcal{L} be the lattice of rank $n + 1$ spanned by the columns vectors v_1, \dots, v_{n+1} of the $(n + 1) \times (n + 1)$ matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} \eta & \cdots & 0 & 0 \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \cdots & \eta & 0 \\ \alpha_1 & \cdots & \alpha_n & -1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

If $v = q_1 v_1 + \cdots + q_n v_n + p v_{n+1}$ is an element of \mathcal{L} which satisfies $0 < \max\{|v_1|, \dots, |v_{n+1}|\} < \epsilon$, then we have

$$1 \leq q_i < \epsilon/\eta = Q \quad \text{and} \quad |\alpha_1 q_1 + \cdots + \alpha_n q_n - p| < \epsilon.$$

The determinant of \mathcal{L} is $-\eta^n$. From Minkowski's first Theorem, we deduce that there exists such a vector with $\epsilon^{n+1} = 2^{n+1} \eta^n$. With $\eta = \epsilon/Q$ we obtain $\epsilon \leq 2^{n+1}/Q^n$.