# Integer Relations among Real Numbers 

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(Actually the period of $\frac{51}{361}$ is 342 .)

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## Theorem(Lagrange)

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The best known and most used algorithms at the present time are either algorithms based on lattice basis reduction algorithm by Lenstra, Lenstra, Jr. and Lovász (LLL) or PSLQ algorithm based on ideas of Ferguson, Forcade and Bergman. (Both discovered in 1970-s -1980-s.)

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- $\operatorname{span}\left(\mathbf{b}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_{r}\right)$ is the linear space, spanned on $\mathbf{b}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_{r}$ : $\operatorname{span}\left(\mathbf{b}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_{r}\right)=\left\{\sum_{j=1}^{j=r} a_{j} \mathbf{b}_{j} \mid a_{j} \in \mathbb{R}\right\}$.



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$B=\left[\mathbf{b}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{b}_{n}\right]$ unimodular $(\operatorname{det} B= \pm 1) \Rightarrow \mathbf{c}_{1}, \ldots, \mathbf{c}_{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^{n}$.

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1 & 0 & 0 \\
0 & 1 & 0 \\
0 & -1 & 1
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
3 & 8 & 1 \\
-3 & -7 & -1
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
-2 & 1 & 0 \\
2 & 3 & 1 \\
-1 & -3 & -1
\end{array}\right), \\
& \left.\left(\begin{array}{ccc}
3 & -2 & 0 \\
1 & 2 & 1 \\
-2 & -1 & -1
\end{array}\right),\left(\begin{array}{c}
-1 \\
5 \\
-4
\end{array}\right) \begin{array}{cc}
-8 \\
9 \\
-5
\end{array} \begin{array}{c}
-2 \\
2 \\
-1
\end{array}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

## An Example

Consider $\mathbf{x}=(11,27,31)$.
PSLQ with $\gamma=\sqrt{2}$ for successive iterations $N=0,1,2,3,4$ yields the five matrices:

$$
\begin{aligned}
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It found 2 relations:
$-11+5 \cdot 27-4 \cdot 31=-11+135-124=0$;
$-8 \cdot 11+9 \cdot 27-5 \cdot 31=-88+243-155=0$.

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$$
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$$

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The chaotic iteration $x_{n+1}=r x_{n}\left(1-x_{n}\right)$ ("logistic iteration"):


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$r^{12}-12 r^{11}+48 r^{10}-40 r^{9}-193 r^{8}+392 r^{7}+44 r^{6}+8 r^{5}-$
$977 r^{4}-604 r^{3}+2108 r^{2}+4913=0$.

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