Accelerating lattice reduction algorithms with floating-point arithmetic

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- If size-reduction is non-trivial, repeat it (iterative refinement).
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Using MAGMA V2.16:

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>     B[i][1]:=RandomBits(beta);
> end for;
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unexpected behaviour -> exit

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Setting precision at 53 bits.

Entering fpLLL:

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A hierarchy of variants (slightly outdated)

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