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- with k draws the probability not to draw a prime number k times tends to

$$p(n, k) = \left(\frac{n - \pi(n)}{n}\right)^k = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\ln n}\right)^k$$

$k = \ln n$:

$$p(n, \ln n) = \left(1 - \frac{1}{\ln n}\right)^{\ln n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\ln n}\right)^{\ln n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^x = 1/e$$

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- line 4 returns *true*: apply lemma 34
- for all $i \in [0 : t]$

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by induction i . Trivial for $i = 0$. Induction step

$$\begin{aligned} x_i &= x_{i-1}^2 \bmod n \\ &= (a^{u \cdot 2^{i-1}})^2 \bmod n \quad (\text{induction hypothesis}) \\ &= a^{u \cdot 2 \cdot 2^{i-1}} \bmod n \\ &= a^{u \cdot 2^i} \bmod n \end{aligned}$$

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recall: **Lemma 19.** *Let $d = \gcd(a, n)$. Then*

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- $1 \in B \rightarrow B \neq \emptyset$
- B closed under \cdot_n , hence subgroup
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- $x \notin B \rightarrow$ subgroup is proper

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Using corollaries of Chinese remainder theorem

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[CLRS]: choose $s = 50$