



Chapter 8

More Number Theory

Prime Numbers

- Prime numbers only have divisors of 1 and itself
 - They cannot be written as a product of other numbers
- Prime numbers are central to number theory
- Any integer $a > 1$ can be factored in a unique way as

$$a = p_1^{a_1} * p_2^{a_2} * \dots * p_t^{a_t}$$

where $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_t$ are prime numbers and where each a_i is a positive integer

- This is known as the fundamental theorem of arithmetic

Table 8.1

Primes Under 2000

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Fermat's Theorem

- States the following:
 - If p is prime and a is a positive integer not divisible by p then

$$a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$$

- Sometimes referred to as Fermat's Little Theorem
- An alternate form is:
 - If p is prime and a is a positive integer then

$$a^p = a \pmod{p}$$

- Plays an important role in public-key cryptography

Table 8.2

Some Values of Euler's Totient Function $\phi(n)$

n	$\phi(n)$
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	4
6	2
7	6
8	4
9	6
10	4

n	$\phi(n)$
11	10
12	4
13	12
14	6
15	8
16	8
17	16
18	6
19	18
20	8

n	$\phi(n)$
21	12
22	10
23	22
24	8
25	20
26	12
27	18
28	12
29	28
30	8

Euler's Theorem

- States that for every a and n that are relatively prime:

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- An alternative form is:

$$a^{\phi(n)+1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

- Plays an important role in public-key cryptography

Miller-Rabin Algorithm

- Typically used to test a large number for primality
- Algorithm is:

TEST (n)

1.

- Find integers k, q , with $k > 0$, q odd, so that $(n - 1) = 2^k q$;

2.

- Select a random integer a , $1 < a < n - 1$;

3.

- **if** $a^q \bmod n = 1$ **then** return (“inconclusive”);

4.

- **for** $j = 0$ **to** $k - 1$ **do**

5.

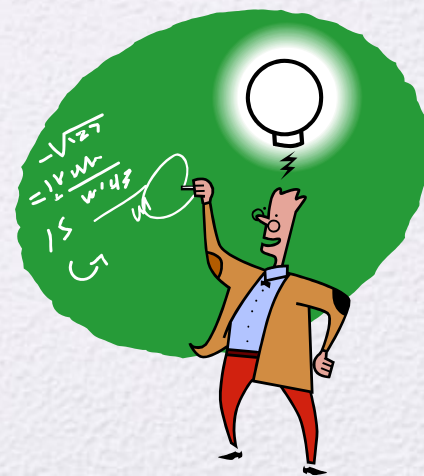
- **if** $(a^{2^j q} \bmod n = n - 1)$ **then** return (“inconclusive”);

6.

- return (“composite”);

Deterministic Primality Algorithm

- Prior to 2002 there was no known method of efficiently proving the primality of very large numbers
- All of the algorithms in use produced a probabilistic result
- In 2002 Agrawal, Kayal, and Saxena developed an algorithm that efficiently determines whether a given large number is prime
 - Known as the AKS algorithm
 - Does not appear to be as efficient as the Miller-Rabin algorithm



Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

- Believed to have been discovered by the Chinese mathematician Sun-Tsu in around 100 A.D.
- One of the most useful results of number theory
- Says it is possible to reconstruct integers in a certain range from their residues modulo a set of pairwise relatively prime moduli
- Can be stated in several ways

Provides a way to manipulate (potentially very large) numbers mod M in terms of tuples of smaller numbers

- This can be useful when M is 150 digits or more
- However, it is necessary to know beforehand the factorization of M



Powers of Integers, Modulo 19

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