



DISCRETE MATHEMATICS FOR COMPUTER SCIENCE

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- Let $b > 1$ be an integer. Then if n is a positive integer, it can be expressed **uniquely in the form**
$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b + a_0,$$
 where k is nonnegative, a_i 's are nonnegative integers less than b . The representation of n is called *the base- b expansion of n* and is denoted by $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$.



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To construct the base- b expansion of an integer n ,

- Divide n by b to obtain $\textcolor{blue}{n = bq_0 + a_0}$, with $0 \leq a_0 < b$
- The remainder a_0 is the rightmost digit in the base- b expansion of n . Then divide q_0 by b to get $\textcolor{blue}{q_0 = bq_1 + a_1}$ with $0 \leq a_1 < b$
- a_1 is the second digit from the right. Continue by successively dividing the quotients by b until **the quotient is 0**



Algorithm: Constructing Base- b Expansions

```
procedure base  $b$  expansion( $n, b$ : positive integers with  $b > 1$ )  
 $q := n$   
 $k := 0$   
while ( $q \neq 0$ )  
     $a_k := q \bmod b$   
     $q := q \operatorname{div} b$   
     $k := k + 1$   
return( $a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ ) { ( $a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0$ ) $_b$  is base  $b$  expansion of  $n$ }
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$$12345 = 8 \cdot 1543 + 1$$

$$1543 = 8 \cdot 192 + 7$$

$$192 = 8 \cdot 24 + 0$$

$$24 = 8 \cdot 3 + 0$$

$$3 = 8 \cdot 0 + 3$$



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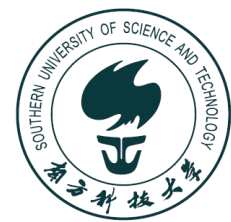
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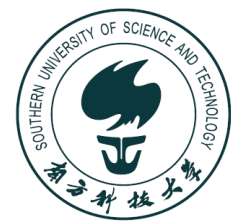
Proof.

◇ if n is composite, then it has a positive integer factor a such that $1 < a < n$ by definition. This means that $n = ab$, where b is an integer greater than 1.

◇ assume that $a > \sqrt{n}$ and $b > \sqrt{n}$. Then $ab > n$, contradiction. So either $a \leq \sqrt{n}$ or $b \leq \sqrt{n}$.

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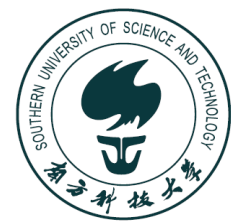


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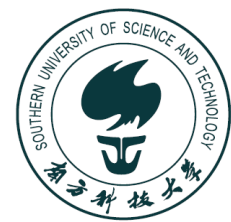
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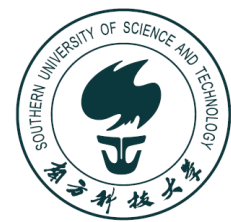


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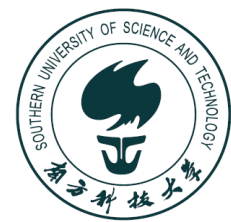
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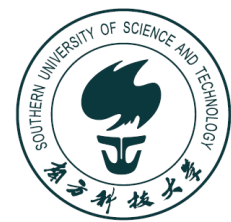
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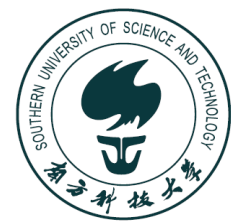


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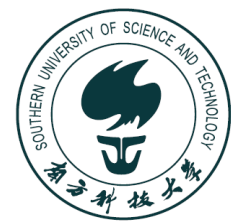
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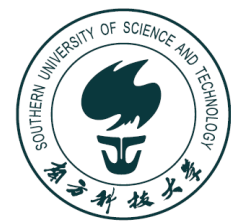
Proof. (by contradiction) Suppose that the positive integer n can be written as a product of primes in two distinct ways:

$$n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s \text{ and } n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_t$$

Remove all common primes from the factorizations to get

$$p_{i_1} p_{i_2} \cdots p_{i_u} = q_{j_1} q_{j_2} \cdots q_{j_v}$$

It then follows that p_{i_1} divides q_{j_k} for some k , **contradicting** the assumption that p_{i_1} and q_{j_k} are distinct primes.



Next Lecture

- number theory II, cryptography, ...

