

Lucas' Turn!

## Fast primality tests for special cases

Fact: If  $p$  is prime, then there is an  $a$  with  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  but  $a^k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  for any  $k < p-1$ . [ $a$  = "primitive root of unity"]

Pf: Need:

Fact: (Lagrange's Thm) If  $f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$  is a poly  
w/ integer coeffs and  $p$  is prime, then the eqn  
 $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at most  $n$  solutions  $s_i \pmod{p}$  ( $n \geq 1, a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ )

Pf: Induction on  $n$ .

$$n=1 \quad ax+b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$ax \equiv -b \pmod{p} \quad a\bar{a} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad x \equiv (-b)\bar{a} \pmod{p}$$

If  $n > 1$  and  $f(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  then

$$f(x) = (x-c)g(x) + r \quad \text{or}$$

degree of  $g(x) \leq n-1$  Thus

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$f(c) = 0 \cdot g(c) + r \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies r \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{So}$$

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \iff (x-c)g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \iff$$

$$x-c \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{or} \quad g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{at most } n-1 \text{ solutions!}$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$x \equiv c \pmod{p}$$

$\implies$  at most  $n$  solutions.

If  $p$  is prime and  $d|p-1$  then

$x^d - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has exactly  $d$  solutions.

$\mathbb{Z}$  pf  $x^{p-1} - 1 = (x^d - 1)q(x)$

degree  $q(x) = (p-1) - d$

$(x^d)^e - 1$

$\Rightarrow$  has  $\leq (p-1) - d$  solutions

has  $p-1$  solutions

$\Rightarrow x^d - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at least  $d$  solutions

$\Rightarrow$  exactly  $d$ .

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~~$\sum_{d|p-1} d = p-1$~~

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Proof:

$x^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  has exactly  $d$  solutions. So if we write  $p-1 = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$   $p_1 < \cdots < p_k$  prime then

$x^{p_1^{n_1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  has more solutions than  $x^{(p_1^{n_1}-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Pick one,  $a_1$  so  $a_1^{p_1^{n_1}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  but  $a_1^{p_1^{n_1-1}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Set  $a = a_1 \cdots a_k$ . Then  $\text{ord}_p(a_1) = p_1^{n_1}$

$$a^{p-1} = (a_1 \cdots a_k)^{p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}} = (a_1^{p_1^{n_1}})^{\text{rest}_1} (a_2^{p_2^{n_2}})^{\text{rest}_2} \cdots = 1 \cdots 1 = 1$$

But  $\nmid$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{p_1}} = 1 \cdots (a_1^{(p_1^{n_1-1})}) \cdots 1 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$\nmid p_1^{n_1} \mid$  —

So  $a$  is a primitive root!

[ The first prime  $p$  of the form  $326n^2+3$  for which  $\text{ord}_p(326) \neq p-1$  has  $p \geq 10^7$

Fact: There are actually  $\phi(p-1)$  (noncongruent) primitive roots mod  $p$ . [we will need to understand  $\phi(n)$  a lot better to see why...]

For example (think of numbers  $n$  for which  $n-1$  is easy to factor!)

$$n = 2^k + 1.$$

Note:  $n$  prime  $\implies k = 2^r$  some  $r$

b/c if  $k = 2^r d$   $d$  odd,  $d \geq 3$  then

$$\begin{aligned} 2^k + 1 &= (2^{2^r})^d + 1 = a^d + 1 \quad d \text{ odd } \geq 3 \\ &= (a+1)(a^{d-1} - a^{d-2} + \dots - a + 1) \quad \text{b/c } (-1)^d + 1 = 0 \text{ \& } (x+1) \text{ divides } x^d + 1. \end{aligned}$$

A prime of the form  $p = 2^{(2^r)} + 1$  is called a Fermat prime

Fermat claimed these were prime for all  $r \geq 1$ , but he was wrong:

$$641 \mid 2^{(2^5)} + 1$$

(Euler)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf: } 2^{32} + 1 &= 2^4 \cdot 2^{28} + 1 = 16 \cdot 2^{28} + 1 = (641 - 625) \cdot 2^{28} + 1 \\ &= 641 \cdot 2^{28} - 5^4 \cdot 2^{28} + 1 = 641 \cdot 2^{28} - (5 \cdot 2^7)^4 + 1 \\ &= 641 \cdot 2^{28} - (640)^4 + 1 \\ &= 641 \cdot 2^{28} - ((640)^4 - 1^4) \\ &= 641 \cdot 2^{28} - ((640)^2 - 1)((640)^2 + 1) \\ &= 641 \cdot 2^{28} - 641 \cdot 639 \cdot ((640)^2 + 1) \\ &= 641(2^{28} - 639 \cdot ((640)^2 + 1)) \end{aligned}$$