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# Math For CP - Intermediate

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# Goal

To understand:

- Importance of Primes
  - Basic Hashing
  - Irregular Nature
- Primality Testing
  - Brute Force Method
  - SQRT Method
- Prime Factorisation
  - Trial Division Method



# Importance Of Primes

Have you seen questions which ask to print **answer modulo 1e9+7** ?

- ✓ • What is so special about  $1e9+7$  ?
- ✓ • What is this helping us with ?
- ✓ • Can we use some other number than this ?



# Importance Of Primes

**1e9+7** is visibly -

- ✓ A very large number
- ✓ Prime in nature

Let us understand importance of primes with this.

**Hashing** - It is a fundamental technique in CP that is used to **efficiently manipulate and process large amounts of data**. Basically, this helps us to **control overflow**, and maintain answers within a specific range, defined by modulo M, i.e. [ 0 , M - 1 ].

codeforces

you

ans % M

val



# Importance Of Primes

Example:

Let's say you calculate your answer to a problem is 123456, but the platform asks you to print answer modulo 103

$$\Rightarrow \underline{123456} \% \underline{103} = \underline{62}$$

*Hashing  
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This means that 123456 has been mapped to a value of 62 and now, 62 will be treated as the right answer. This phenomenon is called Hashing.  
( Link attached at the end of slides )

a

$$\underline{123456} \div 103 = 62$$

$\overline{\overline{}} h_1$

b

$$\times \underline{123559} \div 103 = 62$$

$\overline{\overline{}} h_2$

codeforces

$\overline{\overline{}}$

$a \% M$

$b \% M$

}

what is the probability that their hash values collide ?

$$a \div M = [0 \text{ to } M-1]$$


M numbers

$a \% M$

0

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$M - 1$

$$\frac{1}{M}$$

$b \% M$

0

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$M - 1$

$\downarrow P = 1/M \uparrow \rightarrow$  large value  $\rightarrow$   
 $\downarrow$  then  
prob. of collision should  
be as low  
collision  
is  
avoided

$$1/10^9 \approx 10^{-9}$$

$$\checkmark a \% M = \checkmark h_1$$

$$\checkmark b \% M = \checkmark h_2$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \% = b \\ h_1 \% = h_2 \end{array} \right\} \checkmark$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \% = b \\ \text{but, } h_1 \% = h_2 \end{array} \right\} \text{ collision clash}$$



# Importance Of Primes

**Example:**

Answer maps to a range of [ 0 , 102 ], due to modulo 103. Can we get the same result again?

$$\Rightarrow \underline{123559 \% 103 = 62}$$

Interesting. Seems wrong, or to be specific, this seems like a clash of answers. **How do we avoid this?**



# Importance Of Primes

If we increase the value of M, our said range of mapping also increases.

Therefore, M should be a **large number**.

1e9+7 fits well now, since it gives us a huge range of numbers our answer can be mapped to from [ 0 , 1e9+6 ].



# Importance Of Primes

But, why a prime?

Observe the first 10 primes.

**2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 27 ... ?**

Can you just guess the **11th prime?** Is there some visible pattern. **NO.**



# Importance Of Primes

## Conclusion?

- Primes are highly irregular in nature. They do not follow any series of rules.
- Lower chances of clash, since answers being **multiples of large prime numbers is a very low possibility. Example - 1e9+7**

$$M = 1e^{9+7}$$

$$\underline{a \mid c^{9+7} \quad \therefore M = O^{h_1}}$$

$$\underline{b \quad 2 \times (1e^{9+7}) \quad \therefore M = O^{h_2}}$$



# Importance Of Primes

Now that we understand the true nature of M here, can more numbers fit our case? **YES.**

- 1e9+9 and 1e9+11
- 998244353

Overall, **large prime numbers are the most common choice for M.**

1e9+7



# Primality Testing

A primality test is an algorithm for determining whether **a number is prime or composite.**

There are many algorithms for primality testing such as:

- ✓ • Brute Force Method
- ✓ • SQRT Method
- ✓ • Using Sieve (Precomputation)

**NOTE:** Sieve is not covered in this level. ( [Link attached at the end of slides](#) )



# Brute Force Method

```
1  bool is_prime(int n) ←  
2  {  
3      for (int i = 2; i < n; i++) ]  
4          if (n % i == 0)  
5              return false;  
6      return n > 1; —  
7 }
```

$$TC = O(n)$$

$$SC = O(1)$$

$N$  = composite

$$N = A \times B \quad \begin{matrix} \downarrow & \downarrow \\ \text{pairs} \end{matrix}$$

$$A > \sqrt{N} \times B \geq \sqrt{N}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} A > \sqrt{N} \\ B \geq \sqrt{N} \end{array} \right\} \text{NO} \quad \begin{matrix} A \times B > N \\ \hline \hline \end{matrix}$$

$$N = A \times B$$

↓

$$6 = 2 \times 3$$

↓

$$A = a < \sqrt{N}$$

$$B = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

$$B = \frac{N}{a}$$

$\rightarrow \text{for} ( \ i = 2 \leq \sqrt{N} )$

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}



# SQRT Method

If a number  $N$  is not a prime, then it must be possible to factor into two values  $A$  and  $B$  such that  $A * B = N$

If  $A > \sqrt{N}$  and  $B > \sqrt{N}$ , then

$A * B > N$  ( impossible )

Therefore, if the number is not a prime, it must have at least one factor less than or equal to the square root of the number.

# SQRT Method

$\text{sqrt}(n)$



```
1 bool is_prime(int n)
2 {
3     for (int i = 2; i * i <= n; i++)
4         if (n % i == 0)
5             return false;
6     return n > 1;
7 }
```

$$TC = O(\text{sqrt}(n))$$

$$SC = O(1)$$



# Quiz

Find all divisors of a number.

**Example:**

$N = 20$ , Divisors = { 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20 }

**Hint:** Extend SQRT Method here.

# Quiz

$\bar{3} \times \bar{3}$

perfect sq = 9



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1 for (int i = 1; i * i <= n; i++)  
2 {  
3     if (n % i == 0)  
4     {  
5         if (i != n / i)  
6             cout << i << " " << n / i << endl;  
7         else  
8             cout << i << endl;  
9     }  
10 }
```

A

$i$  = factor

B

$n/i$  = factor

TC =  $O(\sqrt{n})$

SC =  $O(1)$





# Prime Factorisation

$$\begin{array}{r} \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 3 \\ \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times \cancel{2} \times 3 \\ \hline 24 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \mid 24 \\ 2 \mid 12 \\ 2 \mid 6 \\ 3 \mid 3 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

Prime Factorization is finding all the prime factors of a given number.

There are multiple ways to factor primes, such as:

- Trial Division Method
- Using Sieve (Precomputation)

**NOTE:** Sieve is not covered in this level. ([Link attached at the end of slides](#))



# Trial Division Method

Trial division is the most basic method of prime factorization.

We will use the fact that the smallest divisor of any number N is prime, and it will be less than  $\sqrt{N}$ .

This comes from our previous discussion on **SQRT Method**.

comp  $\sqsubset$   $\sqsubset$  prime

$$N = A \times B$$

$\hookrightarrow$   $C \times D$  <sup>con..-</sup> prime



EXF

$\hookrightarrow \rightarrow \rightarrow$    

$N$ 's smallest divisor is  
a prime  $< \sqrt{N}$



# Trial Division Method

$$N = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_n^{a_n}$$

$p_1$      $p_2$      $p_3$      $p_n$

where,  $p_1, p_2, p_3 \dots p_n$  are prime numbers

and,  $a_1, a_2, a_3 \dots a_n$  are powers of those prime numbers

We will iterate through the range  $[ 2, \sqrt{N} ]$  to find  $p_1$  first, then  $p_2$  and so on.



# Trial Division Method

```
1  vector<int> factor(int n)
2  {
3      vector<int> facts; →
4      for (long long d = 2; d * d <= n; d++)
5      {
6          while (n % d == 0) ←
7          {
8              facts.push_back(d); ←
9              n /= d; ←
10         }
11     } ←
12     if (n > 1) ←
13     {
14         facts.push_back(n); ←
15     }
16     return facts; ←
17 }
```

$$N = 24$$

$$d = 2$$

Best TC  $\approx O(\log_2 N)$

Worst TC / TC  $\approx O(\sqrt{N})$



$$N = 2^5 \times 3^3 \times 5^1 \dots$$

$$= 2^{a_1} \times 3^{a_2} \times 5^{a_3} \dots$$

$$\overline{TC} = \underline{a_1} + \underline{a_2} + \underline{a_3} + \dots$$

$a_i$  is relatively larger for most  $N$

$$N \approx 2^{a_1}$$

$$\log_2 N \approx a_1$$

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$$\cancel{N_2} > \cancel{N_s}$$

$$n = \frac{52}{2} = 2 \times 2 \times 13 \quad \text{prime}$$

2 to 7

$52/2 \rightarrow 26/2 \rightarrow 13$  Break  
for →

$$\underline{n = 2^4} \quad = \underline{\equiv} 2^3 \times 3^1$$

$$\underline{2^4}$$

$$2 \rightarrow 24/2 \rightarrow 12/2 \rightarrow 6/2 \rightarrow 3$$



# Important Links

- Computations Modulo P:  
✓ [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OPohCQqi\\_E](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-OPohCQqi_E)
- ✓ Primality Test: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primality\\_test](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Primality_test)
- ✓ Sieve: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve\\_of\\_Eratosthenes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sieve_of_Eratosthenes)

