

## Primes &amp; Crypto

## Primality testing

prime numbers are frequent

 $\pi(x) = \# \text{ of primes from } 1 \text{ to } x$ 

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\ln x} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x/\ln x} \rightarrow 1$$

 $\rightarrow$  need prime testing to find random primes $\rightarrow$  fraction of primes in  $1$  to  $10^{250}$ 

$$\frac{10^{250}}{250 \ln 10} \approx \frac{10^{250}}{490}$$

~~10<sup>250</sup> / 490~~, also throw out  
multiples of 5, 3 early

$$\left( \frac{1}{640} \right)$$

## Find a (random) prime approach

$\rightarrow$  Pick a random # from 1 to  $10^{250}$   
 TEST if prime

yes  $\rightarrow$  return prime (big, most #s  $> 10^{240}$ )  
 else repeat

## Baseline

test if prime upto  $\sqrt{n}$ 

not prime  $\Leftrightarrow \exists$  a prime factor  $\leq \sqrt{n}$   
 (prime factorization)

! exponential in # of digits, bits (representation size)

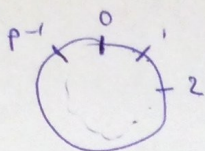
$$\sqrt{10^{250}} = 10^{125}$$

we want  $O(\log n)$  alg, based of # of digits/bits  
 $\uparrow$   
 # bits



$\text{mod } p$  : remainder when divided by  $p$

$x = y \text{ mod } p$  : remainder of  $x$  is equal to remainder of  $y$  after dividing by  $p$ .



multiplicative inverse:  $a \neq 0 \text{ mod } p$ , then  $\exists a^{-1}$ , s.t.  $a a^{-1} = 1 \text{ mod } p$

ex:  $5^{-1} \text{ mod } 7 = 3$ ,  $4^{-1} \text{ mod } 7 = 2$ ,  $6^{-1} \text{ mod } 7 = 6$

Fermat's little theorem

$$a^{p-1} = 1 \text{ mod } p$$

for  $p$  prime,  $1 \leq a < p$

Proof (part 1)

Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$   
 $aS = \{a1, a2, \dots, a(p-1)\}$

Prove  $aS = S \text{ mod } p$   
by contradiction, pick two elts in  $aS$ ,  
suppose  $a_i = a_j \text{ mod } p$

ex:  $p=7, a=3$   
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

$\downarrow \cdot a$   
 $\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\}$

$\downarrow \text{mod } p$   
 $\{3, 6, 2, 5, 1, 4\} \checkmark$

multiply by a multiplicative inverse  $a^{-1}$

since  $a_i = a_j \text{ mod } p$  and  $a^{-1} = a^{-1} \text{ mod } p$

$$\Rightarrow a a^{-1} i = a a^{-1} j \text{ mod } p \text{ (modular arithmetic)}$$

$$\Rightarrow i = j \text{ mod } p$$

$\Rightarrow$  contradiction

the only way to have two elements in  $aS$  s.t.

$$a_i = a_j \text{ mod } p$$

is to multiply  $i$  and  $j$  by  $a$ , where

$$i = j \text{ mod } p$$

BUT, there are not two elements in  $S$

$\Rightarrow$  all elts in  $aS$

$$a_i \neq a_j \text{ mod } p$$

and there  $p-1$  such elts

and none is  $0 \text{ mod } p$  ( $p$  is not in any operation)  
 $\hookrightarrow$  is not a factor in prime factorization of any elts

$$\Rightarrow aS = S \text{ mod } p$$



### Proof (part 2)

(3)

$\prod_{x \in S} x = \prod_{y \in S} y \pmod p$  since  $S$  and  $aS$  are the same products of their elts are the same mod  $p$

$$(p-1)! = a^{p-1} (p-1)! \pmod p$$

by modular arithmetic

$$(p-1)! = a^{p-1} (p-1)! \pmod p$$

no factor  $p$

$\Rightarrow \neq 0 \pmod p$

$\Rightarrow$  has a multiplicative inverse

multiply by inverse (modular arith.)

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

### Fermat test

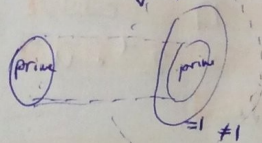
### Fermat little theorem

- given  $p > 2$
- compute  $2^{p-1} \pmod p$

$$p \text{ prime } \Rightarrow a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod p$$

only forward direction

$= 1 \rightarrow$  prime  $\times$  NO  
 $\neq 1 \rightarrow$  composite  $\checkmark$  YES



Potential fix?  $\rightarrow$  NO

try different  $a$ 's

$$3^{p-1} \\ 5^{p-1}$$

### Carmichael #'s (n)

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

$\forall a$  where  $a, n$  do not share a factor

$\rightarrow$  infinitely many Carmichael #'s

$$\text{e.g. } 2^{340} = 1 \pmod p$$

341 not prime

$\rightarrow$  2-pseudoprime for Fermat's test



# Rabin - Miller Primality test

mod prime (p)

① — no non-trivial root of 1

mod composite (n)

② — there are

e.g.  $n=15$

$$4^2 = 16 = 1 \pmod{15}$$

multiply with itself to get 1 mod n

$$\textcircled{1} \quad x^2 = 1 \pmod{p}$$

by mod. arithmetic

$$(x+1)(x-1) = 0 \pmod{p}$$

for  $0 \pmod{p}$ ,

$$x+1 = 0 \pmod{p}$$

or

$$x-1 = 0 \pmod{p}$$

by mod. arithmetic.

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \pmod{p} \text{ or }$$

$$x = -1 \pmod{p}$$

trivial roots

$$\textcircled{2} \quad x^2 = 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$(x+1)(x-1) = 0 \pmod{n}$$

factor of 3      factor of 5      for  $n=15$

or vice versa

$\Rightarrow$  non-trivial roots

on Fermat little theorem, and exploit the root property

Test  $n$  (odd)

$$n-1 = 2^t \cdot u \quad \leftarrow \text{odd part}$$

compute

$$\begin{matrix} a^u \\ \downarrow \\ a^{2u} \\ \downarrow \\ a^{4u} \\ \vdots \end{matrix}$$

rep. squaring  $O(\log n)$

$$a^{2^{t-1}u} = \begin{cases} \neq -1 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{n} & \Rightarrow \text{Composite, non trivial root of } 1 \text{ found} \\ 1 \pmod{n} & \text{keep going} \\ -1 \pmod{n} & \text{DONE, cannot continue taking roots} \end{cases}$$

$$a^{2^t u} = a^{n-1}$$

if  $a^{n-1} \neq 1 \pmod{n}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  composite by FLT

if  $a^{n-1} = 1 \pmod{n}$ , look at previous term, square root



Alg. candidate  
witness that n is composite (5)

choose a randomly,  $1 < a < n$

run Rabin-Miller

if n is composite

→ return with prob.  $\geq 3/4$  (LT Number theory)  
(a is witness)

else

→ with  $< 1/4$  prob, pass, repeat.

~~if pass 50 times~~

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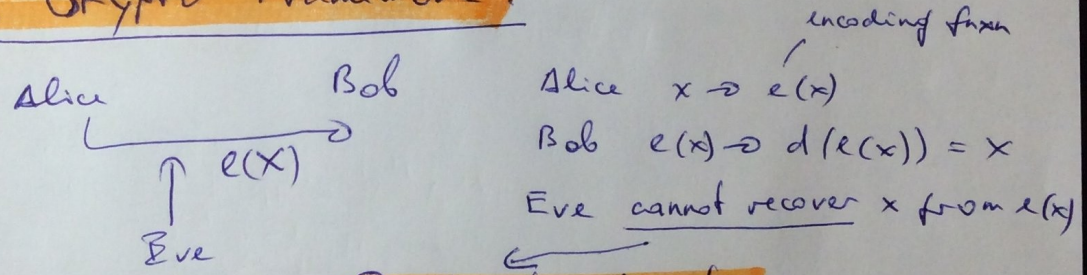
return prime with False positive rate  $< 2^{-100}$

$O(\log n)$

no problem with Carmichael #s

there is a de-randomized alg. now, but randomized is efficient

## Gen. Crypto Framework.



e.g. one-time pad

Alice, Bob share a random string  $r$

Alice:  $x \rightarrow e(x) = x \oplus r$

Bob:  $e(x) \rightarrow d(e(x)) =$

$= e(x) \oplus r$

$= (x \oplus r) \oplus r = x$

0 1 1 0	⊕	in
0 1 0 1		$e(x)$ each
0 0 1 1	⊕	bit is equally
0 1 0 1		likely to be
0 1 1 0		0 or 1 → no info

① information theoretic

$\Pr(x \text{ was the message} \mid e(x) \text{ crossed wire})$

$= \Pr(x \text{ was the message})$

→  $e(x)$  does not change info

② RSA, computational.

from  $e(x)$ ,  $x$  cannot be computed in

$\leq 2^{50}$  ops

with prob.  $1 - 2^{-100}$



problems with one-pad

$$e(x) = x \oplus r$$

reuse

$$e(y) = y \oplus r$$

$$e(x) \oplus e(y) = x \oplus r \oplus y \oplus r = x \oplus y$$

reuse the random string leaks info

↳ can only use once