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# Fermat's and AKS Primality test

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# Basics on Prime number

- A **prime number** (or a prime) is a natural number greater than 1 that is not a product of two smaller natural numbers.
- A natural number greater than 1 that is not prime is called a **composite number**.
- For example,
  - 5 is prime because the only ways of writing it as a product,  $1 \times 5$  or  $5 \times 1$ , involve 5 itself.
  - 4 is composite because it is a product ( $2 \times 2$ ) in which both numbers are smaller than 4.
- The first 25 prime numbers (all the prime numbers less than 100) are: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97
- Primes are used in several routines in information technology,
  - such as public-key cryptography, which relies on the difficulty of factoring large numbers into their prime factors.

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# Probabilistic Fermat Primality Test

# Fermat primality test

- aka Fermat's little theorem
- Fermat's little theorem is the basis for the Fermat primality test and is one of the fundamental results of elementary number theory.
- The theorem is named after Pierre de Fermat, who stated it in 1640. It is called the "little theorem" to distinguish it from Fermat's Last Theorem.
- We can pick random integers  $a$  not divisible by  $p$  and see whether the equality holds. If the equality does not hold for value of  $a$ , then  $p$  is composite. This congruence is unlikely to hold for random  $a$  if  $p$  is composite.

$$1 < a < p - 1$$

- If the congruency  $\cong$  does hold for one or more values of  $a$ , then we say that  $p$  is **probably prime**.

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

# Fermat primality test

- For large  $p$ , the exhaustive search is hard for primality test, thus use Fermat primality test
- If  $p$  is a prime number,  
then for any integer  $a$ , the number  $a^p - a$  is an integer multiple of  $p$ .
- In the notation of modular arithmetic, this is expressed as  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ 
  - if  $a = 2$  and  $p = 7$ ,  
then  $2^7 = 128 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow 128 - 2 = 126 = 7 \times 18$  is multiple of 7.
- To test whether  $p$  is prime,
  - if  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is not divisible by  $p$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
  - this means, if  $a$  is not divisible by  $p$ ,  $a^{p-1} - 1$  is an integer multiple of  $p$
  - if  $a = 2$  and  $p = 7$ ,  
then  $2^{7-1} = 2^6 = 64 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow 64 - 1 = 63 = 7 \times 9$  is multiple of 7.

# Fermat primality test

- Any  $a$  such that when  $n$  is composite is known as a Fermat liar. In this case  $n$  is called Fermat pseudoprime to base  $a$ .
- Suppose we wish to determine whether  $n = 221$  is prime. Randomly pick  $1 < a < 220$ , say  $a = 38$ .

$$a^{n-1} = 38^{220} \equiv 1 \pmod{221}$$

- Either 221 is prime, or 38 is a Fermat liar, so we take another  $a$ , say 24:

$$a^{n-1} = 24^{220} \equiv 81 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{221}$$

- So 221 is composite and 38 was indeed Fermat liar. Furthermore, 24 is Fermat witness for the compositeness of 221.

# Fermat primality test to AKS algorithm

- Many primality tests are known that work only for numbers with certain properties.
- For example,
  - the Lucas–Lehmer test works only for Mersenne numbers (a Mersenne prime is prime number that is one less than a power of two), the prime numbers of form  $M_p = 2^p - 1$  for some prime  $p$
  - while Pépin's test can be applied to Fermat numbers  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$
- AKS algorithm is a generalization to polynomials of Fermat's little theorem.
- The AKS algorithm can be used to verify the primality of any given number.

PRIMES is in P  
(A hope for NP problems in P)



# PRIMES is in P

- In 2002, it was shown that the problem of determining if a number is prime is in P.
- AKS (Agrawal–Kayal–Saxena) primality test,
  - famous research of IIT Kanpur, and
  - authors received the 2006 Gödel Prize and the 2006 Fulkerson Prize
- AKS primality test:
  - “an unconditional deterministic polynomial-time algorithm that determines whether an input number is prime or composite”

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# PRIMES is in P

- The key idea is to find the coefficient of  $x^i$  in  $((x + a)^n - (x^n + a))$ 
  - if all coefficients are multiple of  $n$ , then  $n$  is prime
  - else composite number
- We work out it for  $a = -1$ .
  - What are the coefficient of  $x^i$  in  $((x - 1)^n - (x^n - 1))$ ?

Input: integer  $n > 1$ .

1. If  $(n = a^b \text{ for } a \in \mathcal{N} \text{ and } b > 1)$ , output COMPOSITE.
2. Find the smallest  $r$  such that  $\phi_r(n) > \log^2 n$ .
3. If  $1 < (a, n) < n$  for some  $a \leq r$ , output COMPOSITE.
4. If  $n \leq r$ , output PRIME.<sup>1</sup>
5. For  $a = 1$  to  $\lfloor \sqrt{\phi(r)} \log n \rfloor$  do
  - if  $((X + a)^n \not\equiv X^n + a \pmod{X^r - 1, n})$ , output COMPOSITE;
6. Output PRIME;

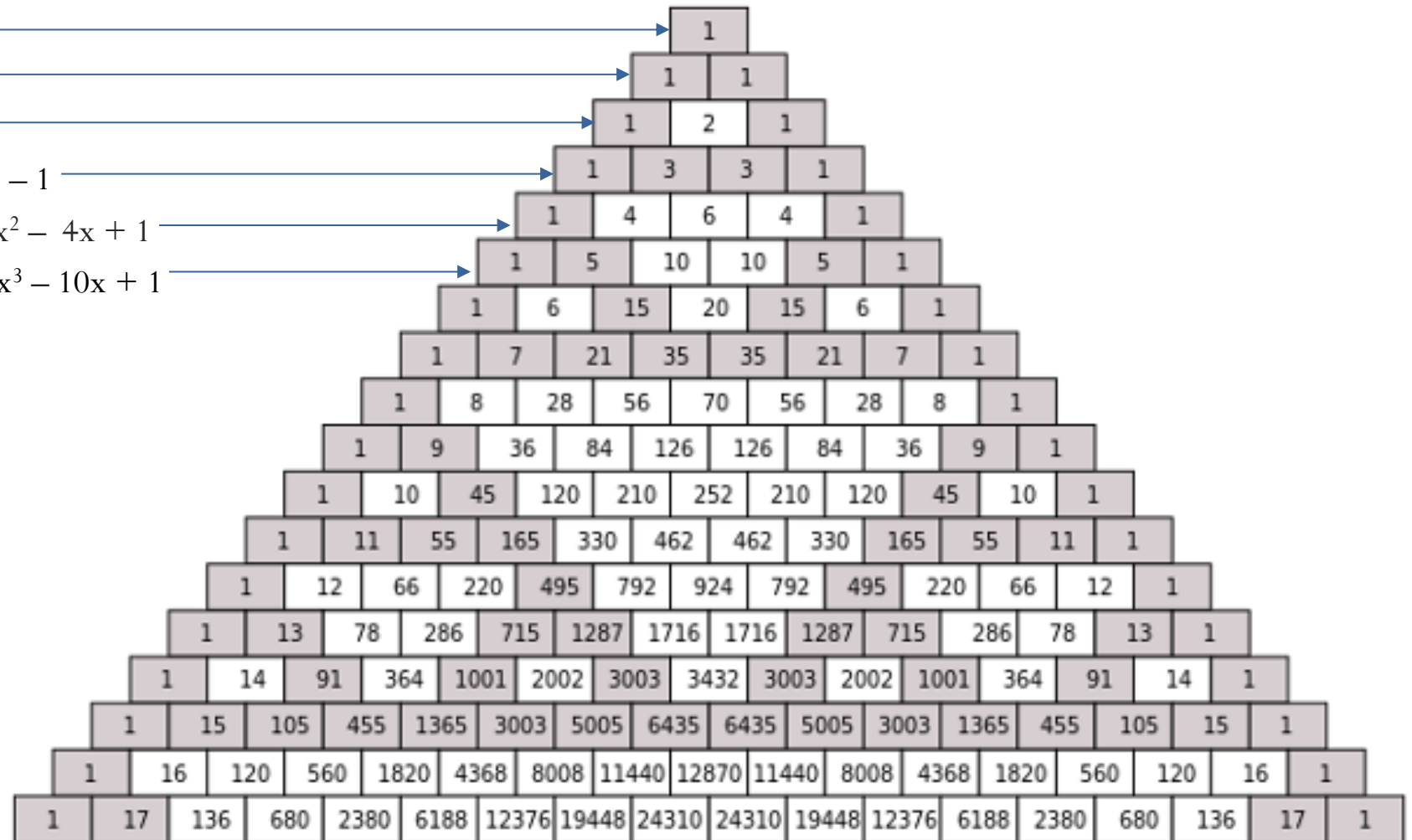
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# Pascal Triangle

- Coefficients of  $(x - 1)^n$

- $(x - 1)^0 = 1$
- $(x - 1)^1 = x - 1$
- $(x - 1)^2 = x^2 - 2x + 1$
- $(x - 1)^3 = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1$
- $(x - 1)^4 = x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x + 1$
- $(x - 1)^5 = x^5 - 5x^4 + 10x^3 - 10x^2 + 5x - 1$
- and so on...



# Pascal triangle trace back to Piṅgala

- The formal theory of Sanskrit meters formulated by Piṅgala in the 2<sup>nd</sup> century B.C.E. Halāyudha's construction of Pascal's triangle traces to Piṅgala.
- Piṅgala's calculation of the binomial coefficients, use of repeated partial sums of sequences and the formula for summing a geometric series became an integral part of Indian mathematics.
- Around 300 Sutras, proposed “**Meru Prastara**” now known as Pascal Triangle
- Meru means pyramid, Prastara means spreading “Pyramid Spreading”
- Pascal triangle construction can be traced to back to Piṅgala
- Pascal triangle is fixed 2D structure, **Meru Prastara** is generalized N-D structure

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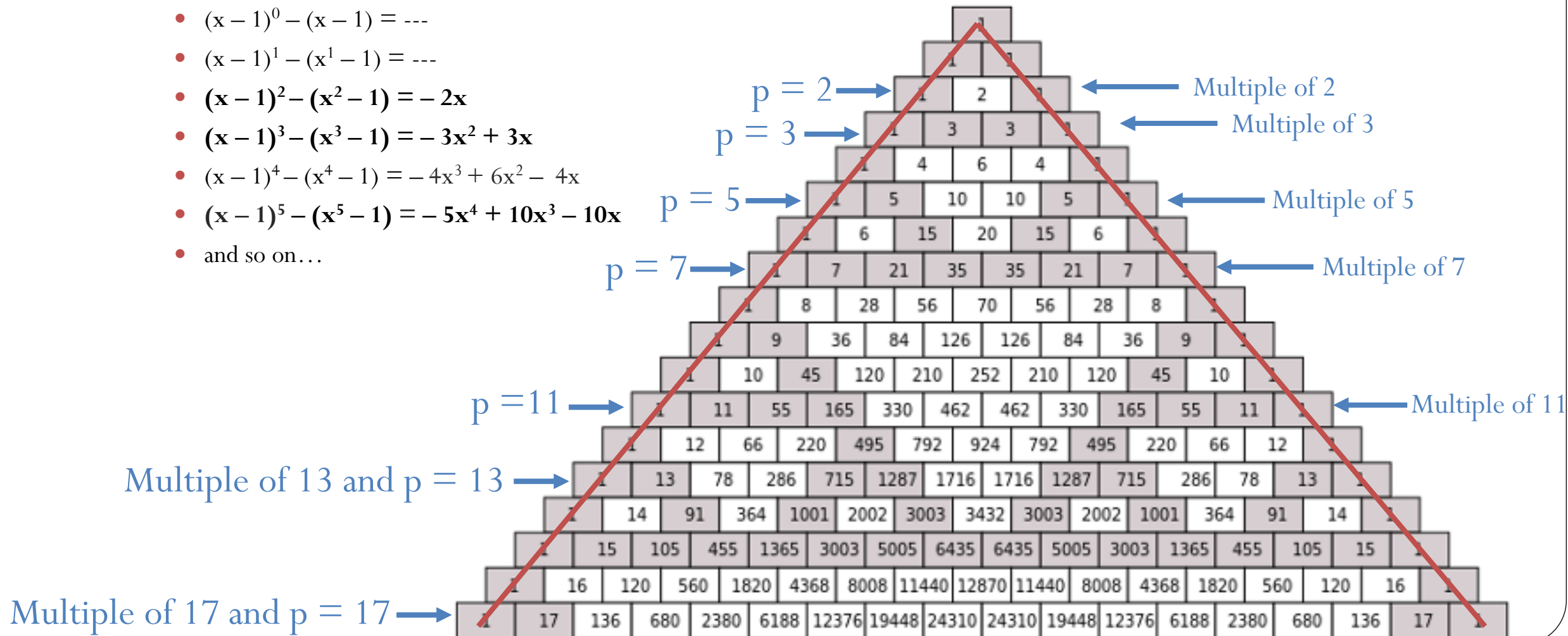
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# Prime and Pascals Triangle (Meru Prastara)

- Coefficients of  $(x - 1)^n - (x^n - 1)$

- $(x - 1)^0 - (x - 1) = \dots$
- $(x - 1)^1 - (x^1 - 1) = \dots$
- $(x - 1)^2 - (x^2 - 1) = -2x$
- $(x - 1)^3 - (x^3 - 1) = -3x^2 + 3x$
- $(x - 1)^4 - (x^4 - 1) = -4x^3 + 6x^2 - 4x$
- $(x - 1)^5 - (x^5 - 1) = -5x^4 + 10x^3 - 10x^2 + 5x$
- and so on...



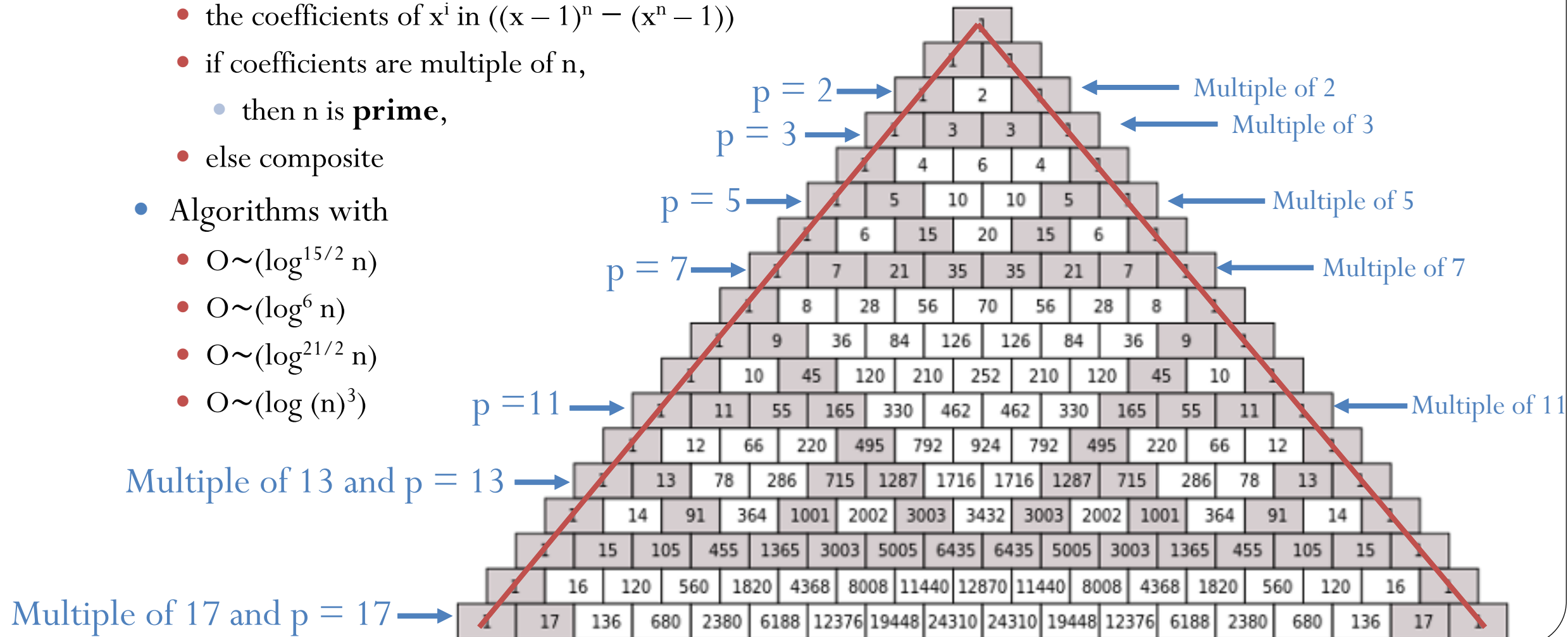
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- It is possible to write a polynomial time algorithm to find

- the coefficients of  $x^i$  in  $((x - 1)^n - (x^n - 1))$
- if coefficients are multiple of  $n$ ,
  - then  $n$  is **prime**,
- else composite

- Algorithms with

- $O(\log^{15/2} n)$
- $O(\log^6 n)$
- $O(\log^{21/2} n)$
- $O(\log(n)^3)$



# More on Prime number

- Fast methods for primality test are available for Mersenne numbers  $M_p = 2^p - 1$ .
- As of December 2018, the largest known prime number is a Mersenne prime with 24,862,048 decimal digits.
- In 1975, Vaughan Pratt showed that there existed a certificate for primality that was checkable in polynomial time, and thus that PRIMES was in NP.
- It was long suspected but not proven that primality could be solved in polynomial time.
- AKS primality test finally settled this long-standing question and placed PRIMES in P

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# Millennium Problems



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- The Millennium Prize Problems are seven problems in mathematics that were stated by the Clay Mathematics Institute on May 24, 2000.
- One of 7 Millennium Problems for which Clay Math Institute awards \$1,000,000 i.e., US\$1 million prize
- One-million dollar (\*) question:  $P = NP$  ?
- almost all researchers think  $P \neq NP$

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# Millennium Problems

- [Yang–Mills and Mass Gap](#)
- [Riemann Hypothesis](#)
- [P vs NP Problem](#): If it is easy to check that a solution to a problem is correct, is it also easy to solve the problem? This is the essence of the P vs NP question. Typical of the NP problems is that of the Hamiltonian Path Problem: given  $N$  cities to visit, how can one do this without visiting a city twice? If you give me a solution, I can easily check that it is correct. But I cannot so easily find a solution.
- [Navier–Stokes Equation](#)
- [Hodge Conjecture](#)
- [Poincaré Conjecture](#)
- [Birch and Swinnerton-Dyer Conjecture](#)

# Millennium Problems

- To date, the only Millennium Prize problem to have been solved is the Poincaré conjecture,
- A century passed between its formulation in 1904 by Henri Poincaré and its solution by Grigoriy Perelman, announced in preprints posted on ArXiv.org in 2002 and 2003.
- Grigoriy Perelman is the Russian mathematician.
- He declined the prize money.
- Perelman was selected to receive the Fields Medal for his solution, but he declined the award.

<https://www.claymath.org/millennium-problems/poincar%C3%A9-conjecture>

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