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Number-Theory

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#### Integers and Congruences

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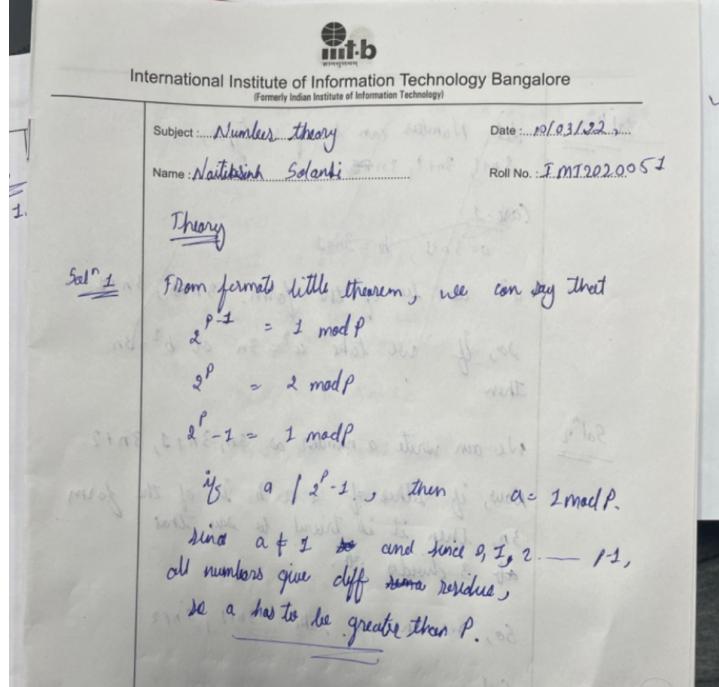
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Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. Prove using Fermat's Little Theorem that every prime divisor of  $2^p - 1$  is greater than  $p$ .

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If  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$  where  $a, b, c$  are positive integers then show that 3 divides  $ab$ .

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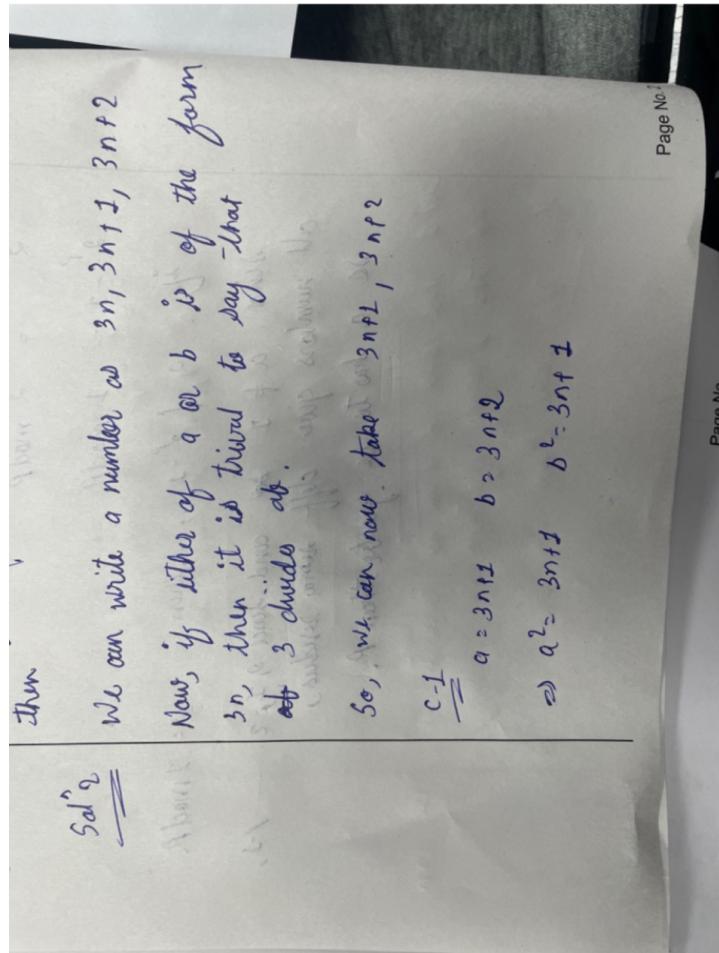
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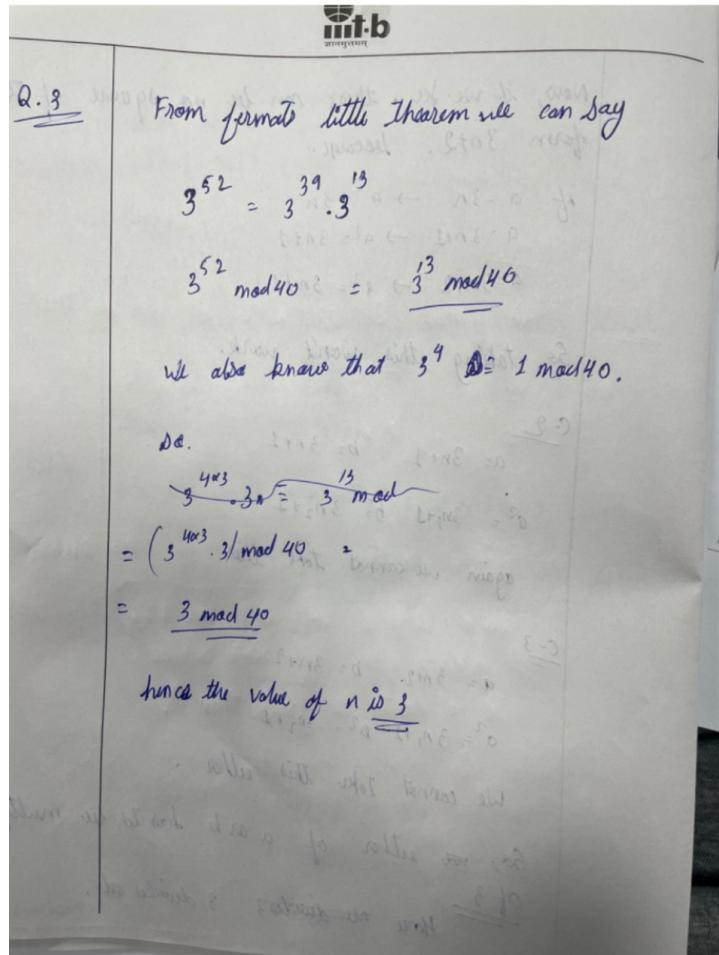
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[Hide Answer](#)Find a value of n in  $3^{52} \equiv n \pmod{40}$ .

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It follows from the Chinese Remainder Theorem that there is an isomorphism

$$\phi : \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{20\mathbb{Z}} \rightarrow \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{4\mathbb{Z}} \times \frac{\mathbb{Z}}{5\mathbb{Z}}$$

In this case what is  $\phi^{-1}(1,3)$ ?

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Let  $p$  and  $q$  be distinct odd primes then  $p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$ .

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Find all solutions of the congruence  $57X \equiv 87 \pmod{105}$ .

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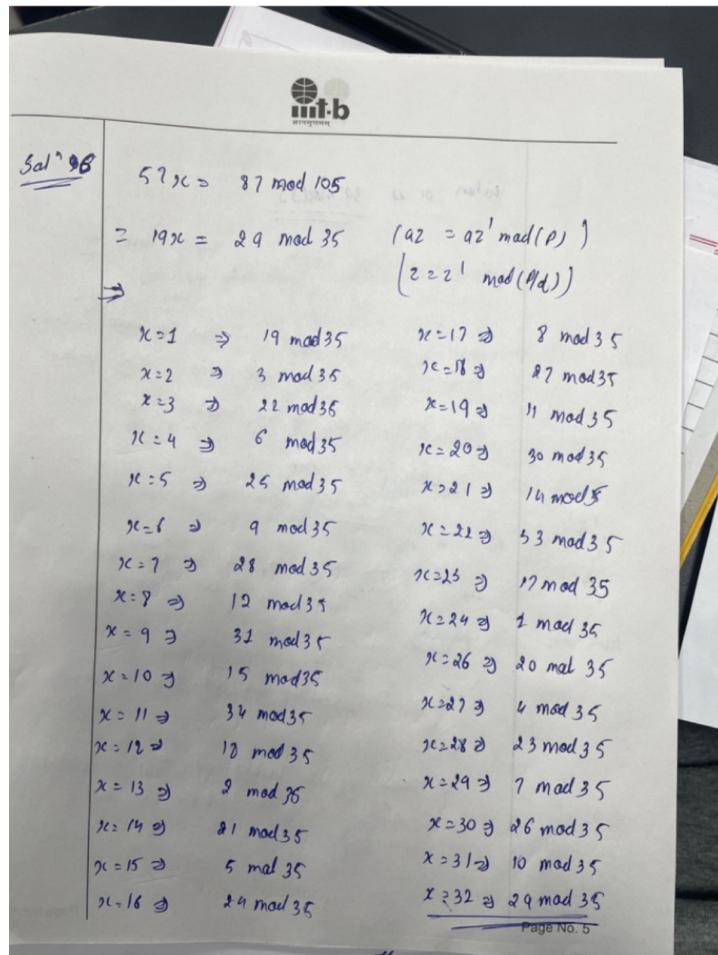
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Show that the following algorithm (known as the *Repeated Squaring Algorithm*) correctly computes  $a^n$  for any two positive integers  $a, n$ . Assume that  $n \equiv (b_{l-1}, b_{l-2}, \dots, b_0)$  is the binary representation of  $n$  where  $b_0$  is the least significant bit. Note that  $l = \text{len}(n)$ . What is its

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1: Initialize p ← 1, m ← a, i ← 0
2: repeat
3:   if  $b_i == 1$  then
4:     p ← p * m
5:   end if
6:   m ←  $m^2$ , i ← i + 1
7: until i == l
8: return p
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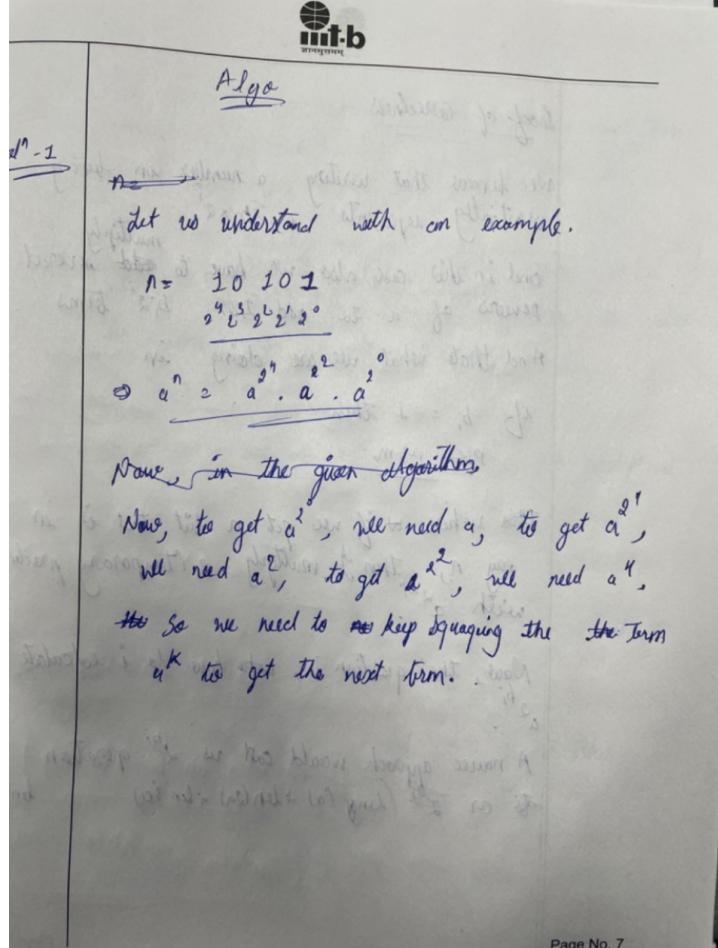
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running time complexity in terms of  $l$  and  $\text{len}(a)$ , where  $\text{len}(a)$  is the size of the representation (binary or otherwise) of  $a$ ?

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About the complexity, the loop iterates for  $\text{len}(n)$  times. With every 1 in " $n$ ", the magnitude of  $p$  becomes close to  $a^n$ . The cost of multiplication is  $O(\text{len}(a^n)^2)$ . In total,  $O(l * \text{len}(a^n)^2)$ .

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**Application 1 of the Result of the Repeated Squaring Algorithm:** Pseudo-random numbers are often generated using an algorithm called a *linear congruential generator*. In this we choose a relatively large modulus  $M$  (with unknown factorization), a multiplier  $a$ , a constant  $c$  and seed value  $X_0$ . Successive pseudo-random numbers are generated using the recurrence

$$X_n = a \cdot X_{n-1} + c \pmod{M}$$

Give an algorithm to compute  $X_n$  in time polynomial in  $\text{len}(n), \text{len}(M)$  assuming that  $0 < a, c < M$ .

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The image shows a handwritten derivation for calculating  $x_n$  from a recurrence relation. It starts with the recurrence  $x_n = a \cdot x_{n-1} + c$ . By substituting  $x_{n-1} = a \cdot x_{n-2} + c$  into the first equation, we get  $x_n = a^2 \cdot x_{n-2} + ac + c$ . This pattern continues, leading to  $x_n = a^n \cdot x_0 + \underbrace{c + ac + a^2c + \dots + a^{n-1}c}_{\text{some terms}}$ . The derivation then notes that since we also need to calculate  $a^n$ , we can use the squaring algorithm. It concludes by stating that the same kind of thing will be.

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Consider the following algorithm ( $\text{len}(n)$  denotes the size of the representation – not necessarily binary – of  $n$ ):

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1: Initialize

$$k \leftarrow \left\lfloor \frac{\text{len}(n) - 1}{2} \right\rfloor, \quad m \leftarrow 2^k$$

2: for  $i = (k - 1)$  downto 0 do

3:   if  $(m + 2^i)^2 \leq n$  then

4:      $m \leftarrow m + 2^i$

5:   end if

6: end for

7: return  $m$

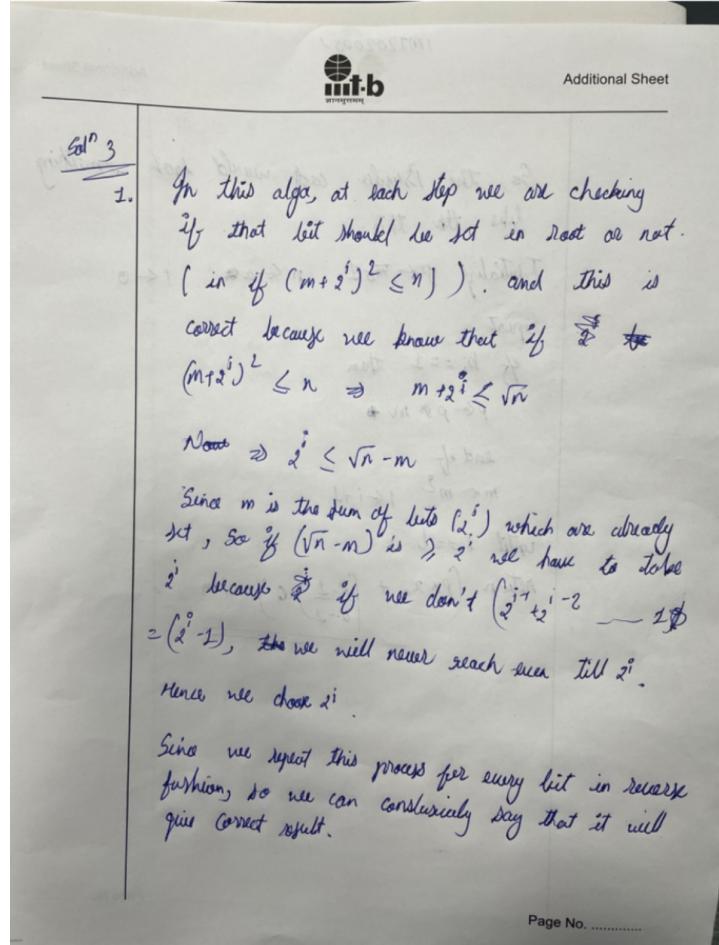
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1. Show that this algorithm correctly computes  $\lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$ . Hint: Think of the bit representation of  $m$  even though our internal representation may not be binary!!
2. Show how this algorithm can be implemented in time  $O(\text{len}(n)^2)$ . Can this be improved if we assume that we are working with a binary representation?
3. Extend this algorithm to compute  $\lfloor n^{1/e} \rfloor$ , assuming  $n \geq 2^e$ . What will its running time complexity be?

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