

# Primality Test Proof

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*Proof.* We aim to prove that for an odd integer  $n > 3$  such that  $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ , and  $D$  being the least integer greater than 1 which does not divide  $n-1$ , if the congruence  $2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor} + 1 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{\lfloor \frac{k}{D} \rfloor} \pmod{n}$  holds, then  $n$  is prime or  $\text{GCD}(a(n) - 1, n)$  is a non-trivial factor of  $n$ , where  $a(n) = 2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor}$ .

**Step 1: Proof that  $2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ :**

Given  $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ , by the properties of the order of an integer modulo  $n$ , the smallest  $k$  such that  $2^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  must be  $k = n-1$  or a divisor of  $n-1$ .

Since  $\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor$  is strictly less than  $n-1$  and  $D$  does not divide  $n-1$ , it follows that  $2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor}$  can't be equivalent to  $1 \pmod{n}$ .

**Step 2: Proof for GCD statement:**

We have the congruence equation  $2^{\lfloor \frac{n-1}{D} \rfloor} + 1 = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 2^{\lfloor \frac{k}{D} \rfloor} \pmod{n}$ .

The binomial theorem states  $(1 + a(n))^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a(n)^k$  modulo  $n$ .

Comparing this with our original congruence equation, we see they are consistent, and hence,  $a(n) + 1 = (1 + a(n))^n$  modulo  $n$  holds.

If  $n$  is prime, this is a consequence of Fermat's Little Theorem, hence  $n$  must be prime.

If  $n$  is not prime, then we must have that  $\text{GCD}(a(n) - 1, n)$  is a nontrivial factor of  $n$ . This follows from the property that for any integer  $a$  and  $n$ , if  $a$  and  $n$  are not coprime, then  $a^k - 1$  shares a nontrivial factor with  $n$  for some  $k$ . The floor division by  $D$  in the definition of  $a(n)$  ensures that we consider a smaller exponent than  $n-1$ , helping us identify nontrivial factors.

Therefore, if the initial congruence holds,  $n$  is either prime or  $\text{GCD}(a(n) - 1, n)$  is a non-trivial factor of  $n$ .  $\square$