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TEST LOGO

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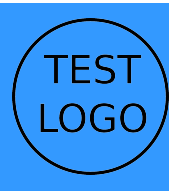

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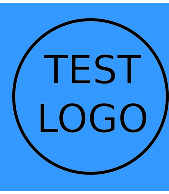

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2. Let q be the product of the first p numbers.
3. Then $q + 1$ is not divisible by any of them.
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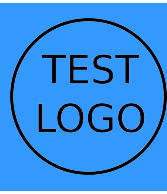
Itemize Test



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