

→ Primality And Factoring

→ Primality test

1) Primality test is a criterion for a number n that is prime. In ~~an~~ n 'passes' a primality test, then it may be prime. If it passes whole lot of primality test, then it is very likely to be prime. On the other hand, if n fails any single test, then it is definitely composite.

→ But it leaves us with very difficult problems: i.e., finding prime factor of n .

→ In general it is much more time-consuming to factor a large number once it is known to be composite (by it fails test) than it is to find a prime number of same order of magnitude [Only a statement]

1.7 Pseudo prime

→ let n be a large odd integer, and suppose that you want to determine whether or not n is prime.

The simplest primality test is 'trial division'.

→ This means that you take an odd integer m and see whether or not it divides n . If $m \neq 1$, n and $m|n$, then n is composite; otherwise n passes the primality test "trial division by m ".

- As m runs through the odd numbers starting with 3, if n passes all of trial division tests, then it becomes more and more likely that n is prime.
- We know for sure that n is prime, when m reaches \sqrt{n} .

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⇒ Acc. to Fermat Little Theorem,
if n is prime then for any b such that $\gcd(b, n) = 1$ one has,

$$b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

→ Definition → If n is an odd composite number and b is an integer such that $\gcd(n, b) = 1$ and (1) holds, then n is called Pseudoprime to the base b .

Ex → $n = 91$

base, $b = 3$

$$\hookrightarrow 3^{90} \equiv 1 \pmod{91}$$

↳ $n = 91$ is Pseudoprime to base 3

but if $b = 2$

$$\hookrightarrow 2^{90} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{91}$$

↳ it is not Pseudoprime to base 2.

⇒ Euler Pseudoprime

→ let n be an odd integer and let $\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)$ denote the Jacobi Symbol.

Now if n is prime then,

$$b^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

for any integer b .

⇒ If n is an odd composite number and b is an integer such that $\gcd(n, b) = 1$, and (2) holds, then n is called the Euler Pseudo prime to base b .

⇒ ~~V.I.T~~ If n is an Euler pseudoprime to base b , then it is a pseudoprime to base b .

To prove ~~this~~ this, we have to show that if (2) holds and then (1) holds.

And this can be done by simply squaring both sides of congruence (2).

Ex \rightarrow Converse of above statement is not true.
Suppose $n = 91$ and we know that it is
Pseudoprime to base $b = 3$, However,

for Euler Pseudoprime, ^{we get} $3^{45} \equiv 27 \pmod{91}$

So (2) doesn't hold for $n = 91$ & $b = 3$.

→ Solovay-Strassen Primality test:

→ Suppose n is the odd integer, we would like to know whether n is prime or composite.

→ Choose k integers $0 < b < n$ at random.

→ For each b first compute both sides of

$$b^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

It takes

$O(\log^3 n)$ time

(using repeated
squaring method)

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→ If 2 sides are congruent, then n is composite and test stops.

→ Else move to next b , If (2) holds for all k random choices of b , then probability that n is composite despite passing all tests is at most $(1/2^k)$.

→ Thus, Solovay-Strassen test is a probabilistic
Algorithm, which leads to the conclusion that
 n is 'composite' or to conclusion that it is
probably 'prime'.

Ex - $n = 221$ whether n is prime or not?

→ We write $= \frac{(n-1)}{2} = 110$

• We randomly select an b ($1 < b < n$):
Now we compute,

• $b^{(n-1)/2} \mod n = 47^{110} \mod 221$
 $= -1 \mod 221$

• $\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \mod n = -1 \mod 221$

→ Result → Either 221 is prime or b is Euler liar for 221 .

→ We take ~~$b=2$~~ $b=2$,

• $b^{(n-1)/2} \mod n = 2^{110} \mod 221$
 $= 30 \mod 221$

• $\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \mod n = \left(\frac{2}{221}\right) \mod n$
 $= -1 \mod 221$

Hence we can see that 221 is composite

→ Strong Pseudo Prime

→ Another type of Primality test, which is in one respect better than Solovay - Strassen test [based on Euler Pseudoprime]

→ Suppose n is a ^{large} +ve odd integer, & $b \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$
suppose n is pseudo prime to base b
i.e., $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

→ The idea behind strong Pseudoprime criterion is that, if we successively "extract square roots" of Congruence i.e., if we raise b to the

$((n-1)/2)^{\text{th}}$, $((n-1)/4)^{\text{th}}$, ..., $((n-1)/2^s)^{\text{th}}$ powers [where $t \in \mathbb{Z} = \frac{(n-1)}{2^s}$ is odd]

then the first residue class we get other than ± 1 must be -1 if n is prime, because ± 1 are the ~~the~~ only square roots of 1 modulo a prime number.

→ In practice, we set $n-1 = 2^s t$ with $t = \text{odd}$,
then compute $b^t \bmod n$ then ~~com~~ squaring
to get $b^{2t} \bmod n$, then squaring again... etc.
until we get 1 as residue, if we get
-1 before it, then it is prime else, composite.

⇒ let n be an odd composite number, and
write $(n-1) = 2^s t$ with $t = \text{odd}$, let $b \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^*$
if n and b satisfy the condⁿ either $b^t \equiv 1 \bmod n$
or
there exists q , $0 \leq q < s$, such that $b^{2^q t} \equiv -1 \bmod n$
then n is called strong pseudoprime to base b .

⇒ Miller-Rabin Primality test:-

- Suppose $n \Rightarrow$ large +ve odd integer, whether it is prime or composite.
- We write $(n-1) = 2^s t$ with t odd and choose a random integer b , $0 < b < n$. First
- First we compute $b^t \bmod n$,
 - if we get $\pm 1 \rightarrow$ it passes test (3) and moves to next b .
 - Else, we square $(b^t \bmod n)$ then square that $\bmod n$, and so on, until we get -1 .
 - if (we get -1) $\rightarrow n$ passes the test,
 - else if (we never reach -1)
 - $\rightarrow n$ fails the test, and n is composite.