

Problem 6: Miller — Rabin revisited

If n is prime, then we have $\varphi(n) = n - 1 \Rightarrow \varphi(n) = 2^k 3^l m$
and $a^{\varphi(n)} = 1 \pmod n$

$$\begin{aligned} a^{2^k 3^l m} &= 1 \pmod n \\ \Rightarrow a^{2^k 3^l m} - 1 &= 0 \pmod n \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

Let $d = 3^l m$,

Based on Miller - Rabin primality test, we expand the left side of equation (1)

$$\begin{aligned} &a^{2^k d} - 1 \\ &= (a^{2^{k-1} d} - 1)(a^{2^{k-1} d} + 1) \\ &= (a^{2^{k-2} d} - 1)(a^{2^{k-2} d} + 1)(a^{2^{k-1} d} + 1) \\ &= (a^{2^{k-k} d} - 1)(a^{2^{k-k} d} + 1) \dots (a^{2^{k-2} d} + 1)(a^{2^{k-1} d} + 1) \\ &= (a^d - 1) \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (a^{2^i d} + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

We have $a^d - 1 = a^{3^l m} - 1$.

Base on $(a^3 - b^3) = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ we expand

$$\begin{aligned} &a^{3^l m} - 1 \\ &= (a^{3^{l-1} m} - 1)(a^{2 \cdot 3^{l-1} m} + a^{3^{l-1} m} + 1) \\ &= (a^{3^{l-2} m} - 1)(a^{2 \cdot 3^{l-2} m} + a^{3^{l-2} m} + 1)(a^{2 \cdot 3^{l-1} m} + a^{3^{l-1} m} + 1) \\ &= (a^{3^{l-l} m} - 1)(a^{2 \cdot 3^{l-l} m} + a^{3^{l-l} m} + 1) \dots (a^{2 \cdot 3^{l-1} m} + a^{3^{l-1} m} + 1) \\ &= (a^m - 1) \prod_{j=0}^{l-1} (a^{2 \cdot 3^j m} + a^{3^j m} + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

From (2) and (3), we extend (1) into:

$$\begin{aligned} &a^{2^k 3^l m} - 1 = 0 \pmod n \\ \Rightarrow &(a^m - 1) \prod_{j=0}^{l-1} (a^{2 \cdot 3^j m} + a^{3^j m} + 1) \prod_{i=0}^{k-1} (a^{2^i d} + 1) = 0 \pmod n \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

If (1) is TRUE then one of the factors in (4) must $= 0 \pmod n$.

From the algorithm:

Part 2: Check if $(a^m - 1) = 0 \pmod n$

Part 3: Check if $(a^{2 \cdot 3^j m} + a^{3^j m} + 1) = 0 \pmod n \forall j \in [0, l - 1]$

Part 4: Check if $(a^{2^i d} + 1) = 0 \pmod n \forall i \in [0, k - 1]$

Therefore, if n is prime then the algorithm will stop at the factor that $= 0 \pmod n$