

COMP-547B Homework set #1

Due Thursday October, 8 2020 until 23:59

To be submitted via MyCourse.

A. **THEORY**: Consider an expression of the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c \equiv 0 \pmod{N}.$$

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1. Show that the x 's of the following form are solutions of the above system:

$$x \equiv \left(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}\right)(2a)^{-1} \pmod{N}$$

when $\gcd(2a, N) = 1$ and $b^2 - 4ac$ is a **Quadratic Residue** mod N .
(Here \sqrt{q} is an integer square root of a quadratic residue q mod N .)

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2. Give all the necessary and sufficient conditions for existence of solutions to the above system and for any tuple of parameters (a, b, c, N) specify how many solutions exist ? Be as exhaustive as possible.

B. **THEORY**: Probability

Calculate a best upper bound on the probability that we mistakenly output a composite number instead of a prime after the following two events occurred:

- pick a random m -bit integer N such that $\gcd(N, 210) = 1$
- the procedure Miller–Rabin(N, t) returns 'prime'

[10%]

1) Express your bound as a function of m and t .

(Assume that the prime number theorem is exact.)

$$\frac{\pi(N)m}{N} = \log_2 e$$

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- [10%]** 2) If I want a random **4096**-bit prime p , what t should be used in Miller–Rabin(N, t) to guarantee probability at most $1/2^{50}$ of outputting a composite number?

C. THEORY: Running time

Calculate a best upper bound (in Big O notation) on the *expected* running-time for generating random numbers p and g as described below:

- pick a random m -bit integer q such that $\gcd(q, 210) = 1$ until q is *declared* prime and $p := 2q + 1$ is *declared* an $(m + 1)$ -bit **Sophie-Germain** prime. For simplicity, assume that whenever Miller–Rabin(N, t) is ran on a composite number N , it declares prime with probability exactly 4^{-t} .

- pick a random integer g , $1 \leq g \leq p - 1$, a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_p .

- [10%]** 1) Express your *expected* time bound as a function of m and t . Assume all primality testing is done via Miller–Rabin(N, t) at cost $O(m^3 t)$ time. Assume the probabilities that q and $p := 2q + 1$ be prime are independent.

(Assume that the following statement is exact.

$$\frac{\phi(N) \log \log N}{N} \geq e^{-\gamma} \approx 0.5614594836$$

- [10%]** 2) If I want a random **4096**-bit Sophie-Germain prime p , what t should be used in Miller–Rabin(N, t) to guarantee probability at most $1/2^{50}$ of outputting a number which is not a Sophie-Germain prime p ? You may assume that the probabilities that q and $p := 2q + 1$ be prime to be independent.

(Let $P_{m,t}$ be the correct answer to question B,1). You may use $P_{m,t}$ as part of your current answer. In other words, no need to solve B,1) to solve the current question.)

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- 1) Prove that in Algorithm 13.31 (square root extraction mod a prime) the case where p is 3 mod 4 is not really necessary as the case where p is 1 mod 4 would work as well on numbers p congruent to 3 mod 4 and return $a^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \pmod{p}$.

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[10%] 2) Given $\forall a \in \mathbb{F}_q \setminus \{0\}, a^{q-1} = 1$ and the theorem provided in class:

Let l_1, l_2, \dots, l_k be the prime factors of $q - 1 = l_1 \cdot l_2 \cdots l_k$ and

$$m_1 = \frac{q-1}{l_1}, m_2 = \frac{q-1}{l_2}, \dots, m_k = \frac{q-1}{l_k}.$$

An element g is **primitive** over \mathbb{F}_q if and only if

- $g^{q-1} = 1$
- $g^{m_i} \neq 1$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$.

Prove that if g is a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_q , and n is such that $\gcd(n, q-1) = 1$ then g^n is also a primitive element of \mathbb{F}_q .

E. Small number calculations

Let $N = 262\,915\,409$ be a reasonably small integer and s be your 9-digit student id number. (Show all your calculations)

[5%] 1) Show that exactly one $y \in \{s, -s, 3s, -3s\}$ is a quadratic residue mod N .

[5%] 2) Find all the square roots of y modulo N .

[5%] 3) Show that for any x s.t. $\gcd(x, N) = 1$, we also have that exactly one $y \in \{x, -x, 3x, -3x\}$ is a quadratic residue modulo N .
What is special about 3 and N that makes this work (modulo N)?

[5%] 4) Find a base a such that Miller–Rabin($N, 1$) returns **composite**.