

# Number Theory

Gauss - "Math is the queen of the Sciences and Number Theory is the queen of Math"

Prime Numbers - Integers 2 or greater that are only divisible by 1 and itself.

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic - All integers have a unique prime factorization

$$175 = 5^2 \times 7^1$$

- ① Slow prime test  $\rightarrow$  trial div until  $\sqrt{n}$ .
  - ② Prime factorization
- $\downarrow$   
must be included

Question: Is  $n$  prime?

$$n = 143$$

Trial Division

$$143 \% 2 = 1 \quad (\text{not divis by } 2)$$

$$143 \% 3 = 2 \quad (= = 3)$$

$$143 \% 4 = 3 \quad (= = 4, \text{ can skip in computer, we usually run it})$$

$\vdots$

$$143 \% 11 = 0 \quad \checkmark \text{ TA DA! } \boxed{143 = 11 \times 13}$$

If not prime,

$$xy = n$$

$$\sqrt{n} \sqrt{n} = n$$

If  $x > \sqrt{n}$  and  $y > \sqrt{n}$ ,  $xy \neq n$ .

If  $x, y$  exist  
either  $x \leq \sqrt{n}$  or  $y \leq \sqrt{n}$

Prime fact

$$\begin{aligned}
 1008 &= 8 \times \cancel{126} = 2^3 \times \cancel{126} \\
 &= 2^3 \times 2 \times 63 \\
 &= 2^3 \times 2 \times 7 \times 3^2 \\
 &= \boxed{2^4 \times 3^2 \times 7}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2008 &= 8 \times 251 \\
 &= 2^3 \times 251
 \end{aligned}$$

Each # can be written as

$$\prod_{p_i \in \text{Primes}} p_i^{a_i}$$

How many integers in between 1 and n share no common factor with n? (LATER)

Fermat's Thm: if  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ ,  $p \in \text{Prime}$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

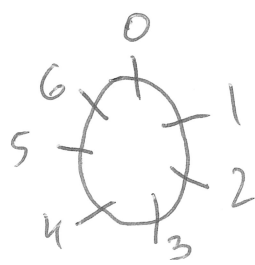
Start with  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$

Create new set  $T = \{a, 2a, 3a, \dots, a(p-1)\}$  mult each value by a

$\gcd(a, p) = 1$   
 $p = \text{prime}$

Values in set T are equivalent values in set S mod p.

$p=7$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$i=4$	4	8	12	16	20	24
	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓
	4	1	5	2	6	3



To prove formally.

Proof by contradiction assume  $T$  is not equiv  $S \pmod{p}$ .

Then since no item in  $T$  is  $\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  we must have 2 items equiv to each other mod  $p$ :

$$\{a, 2a, 3a, \dots, a(p-1)\}$$

$$a_i \equiv a_j \pmod{p}$$

$$a_i - a_j \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$a(i-j) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid (a(i-j))$$

$$\Rightarrow \cancel{p \mid a} \text{ or } \cancel{p \mid (i-j)}$$

Since  $\gcd(p, a) = 1$

$$1 \leq i-j \leq p-1$$

This contradicts  $p \mid (i-j)$  so this is also not possible

$$0 \leq i, j < p$$

$$i \neq j$$

$$p > i > j \geq 0$$

$a \mid b$  - "b is divisible by a", there exists an integer  $c$  such that  $b = ac$ .

Sets  $S, T$  equivalent mod  $p$ :

$$\underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} a \cdot i}_{\text{product of everything in } T} \equiv \underbrace{\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i}_{\text{product of everything in } S} \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-1} \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-1} \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i - \prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{p-1} i (a^{p-1} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$(p-1)! (a^{p-1} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies p \mid (p-1)! (a^{p-1} - 1)$$

$$\implies \cancel{p \mid (p-1)!} \text{ or } p \mid (a^{p-1} - 1)$$

No  $p$  doesn't divide evenly into any of the terms

must be true!

$$a^{p-1} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$4^0$	$4^1$	$4^2$	$4^3$	$4^4$	$4^5$	$4^6$	$4^7$
1	4	2	1	4	2	1	4

$3^0$	$3^1$	$3^2$	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$	$3^6$	$3^7$
1	3	2	6	4	5	1	

for each integer base from 1 to  $p-1$ , the cycle length of the mod exp divides evenly into  $p-1$ .

Since 3 cycles through all non-zero remainders, we call it a generator or primitive roots.

How do I test this?

Calculate  $49^{302} \pmod{101}$

What is the remainder when  $49^{302}$  is divided by 101?

101 is prime,  $\gcd(49, 101) = 1$ , thus by

Fermat's Thm,  $49^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{101}$

$$\begin{aligned} 49^{302} &= 49^{300} \times 49^2 \\ &= (49^{100})^3 \times (2401) \\ &\equiv 1^3 \times 78 \pmod{101} \\ &\equiv \boxed{78} \pmod{101}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 23R78 \\ 101 \overline{)2401} \\ \underline{202} \\ 381 \\ \underline{-303} \\ 78 \end{array}$$

for some  $n$ , if  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

and  $a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ , I have proof  
 $n$  is composite.

Note: if  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  that doesn't  
prove  $n$  is prime.

Miller-Rabin Primality Test