

# Deterministic Primality Testing

Last time

Randomized test.

Based on the characterization

$$(x+1)^n \equiv x^n + 1 \pmod{n} \quad \text{iff} \\ (\Rightarrow \text{in } \mathbb{Z}[x]) \\ n \text{ is prime.}$$

Randomized test:

Test this identity mod  
random polynomials  $E(x)$ .  
of moderate degree.  
 $d \approx \text{polylog } n$

Analysis: If the test passed  
for many  $E$ , then

working mod  $p$  for some  $p|n$ ,

we get many many irreducibles

$$\approx p^d \gg n.$$

of degree  $d$  st.  $E(x) \mid (x+1)^n - x^n - 1$   
in  $\underline{\mathbb{F}_p[x]}$ .

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^n - x^n - 1 = 0 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{F}_p[x].$$

Claim If  $n$  is not a prime power,  
then  $(x+1)^n - x^n - 1 \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$

Proof If  $p^l \mid n$ , divide it out.

$$(x+1)^{p^l \cdot a} = x^{p^l \cdot a} + 1^{p^l} \quad \text{in } \mathbb{F}_p[x]$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+1)^a \equiv x^a + 1 \quad \text{in } \mathbb{F}_p[x].$$

If  $p \nmid a$ , Then apply binomial theorem.

$$\binom{a}{1} \neq 0 \pmod{p}.$$

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Agrawal - Kayal - Saxena Primality Test

Input  $n$ .

1. If  $n$  is a perfect power  
REJECT

2.  $R = \text{polylog}(n) (= O(\log^5 n))$

$A = \text{polylog}(n) (= O(\log^6 n))$

2.5 If any  $r \leq R$  divides  $n$ , REJECT.

3.

Test if

$$(X+a)^n \equiv X^n + a \pmod{n, X^n-1}$$

for all  $\underline{a} \in \{1, 2, \dots, A\}$   
 $\underline{r} \in \{1, 2, \dots, R\}$ .

4 If not REJECT, else ACCEPT

Easy: If  $n$  is prime, alg ACCEPTs.

Suppose  $n$  is not a prime power.

~~and~~ and the algorithm ACCEPTS.  
Went to get a contradiction.

We know that for all  $a \in [A]$ ,  
 $r \in [R]$


$$(X+a)^n \equiv X^n + a \pmod{\underline{n}, X^n - 1}$$

Fix a particular  $r \in R$ , TBD.

Let  $p$  be a prime dividing  $n$ ,  
(Which  $p$  is TBD)  $\underbrace{p \mid r}$

Then we know that:

$$(X+a)^n \equiv X^n + a \pmod{p, X^n - 1}$$

$$(X+a)^n \equiv X^n + a \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_p[X]/(X^n - 1)$$


For all  $\underline{\omega}$ , an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of 1 in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ ,

$(\omega+a)^n = \omega^n + a$

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In  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ , how do the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of 1 look?

In which extension of  $\mathbb{F}_p$  do they lie?

$$(X^n - 1) = \prod_{i=1}^l h_i(X)$$

What are degrees of the  $h_i(X)$ ?

If  $\alpha \in \overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$ , then the smallest  $i$  s.t.  $\alpha^{p^i} = \alpha$  is the

degree of the minimal poly of  $\alpha$  over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

$$= [\mathbb{F}_p(\alpha) : \mathbb{F}_p].$$

The  $n$ th roots of 1 in  $\overline{\mathbb{F}_p}$  are exactly  $n$  in number, and are a cyclic group.

Take a generator  $\omega_0$  of this cyclic group  $\{1, \omega_0, \omega_0^2, \dots, \omega_0^{n-1}\}$  is all the  $n$ th roots of 1.

$$\omega_0, \omega_0^p, \omega_0^{p^2}, \dots, \omega_0^{p^l}, \dots$$

which is the smallest  $l$  s.t.

$$\omega_0^p = \omega_0 \quad ?$$

Ans: smallest  $l$  s.t.  $p^l \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .  
= Order of  $p \pmod{n}$ .

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If  $u = \text{ord}(p) \pmod{n}$ , then  
all  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of 1 lie in  
 $\mathbb{F}_{p^u}$ .

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Intuition: want  $u$  to be large  
so that the identity  
 $(x+a)^n = x^n + a$   
is tested at substitutions of  
 $x$  that are in very high degree  
extensions over  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .

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Pick  $n \leq R$  s.t.  $\text{ord}(n) \bmod r$   
 is  $\geq \log^2 n$ .

Claim There exists such an  $r$ .

Proof Want  $n$  s.t.

$$n \not\equiv 1 \pmod{r}$$

$$n^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{r}$$

$$n^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$$

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$$n^{\log^2 n} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{r}.$$

Want  $n$  that is relatively prime  
 to  $(n-1)(n^2-1) \dots (n^{\log^2 n} - 1)$

$$\approx n^{\log^3 n} \approx 2^{\log^4 n}$$

Fun fact  $\prod q \geq e^{\log^5 n}$



$$\begin{array}{l} \text{primes} \\ 2 \leq \log^5 n \end{array}$$

So there is an  $\pi$ .

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Fix this  $\pi$ .

Let  $H_n = \{ \pi\text{th roots of } 1 \text{ in } \overline{\mathbb{F}_p} \}$

Definition

Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$

$m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Then we say that  $f$  and  $m$

commute if for all  $\omega \in H_n$

$$f(\omega)^m = f(\omega^m)$$

Fact 1

From hypothesis,  $\forall a \in A$ ,

$\chi + a$  and  $n$  commute.

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Fun fact 2: Any  $f(x) \in \mathbb{F}_p[x]$   
and  $p$  commute.

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Fact 3

If  $f_1(x)$  and  $m$  commute  
and  $f_2(x)$  and  $m$  commute

then:  $f_1 \circ f_2(x)$  and  $m$  commute

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Proof

Fix any  $w \in H_n$ .

$$(f_1 \circ f_2(w))^m = (f_1(w))^m \cdot (f_2(w))^m$$

$$= f_1(w^m) \cdot f_2(w^m)$$

(c.f.) (m)

$$= (\tau_1 \tau_2) (\omega)$$

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### Fact 4

If  $f(x)$  and  $m_1$  commute  
and  $f(x)$  and  $m_2$  commute  
then  $f(x)$  and  $m_1 \cdot m_2$  commute.

Proof Fix any  $\omega \in H_n$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(\omega^{m_1 m_2}) &= f((\omega^{m_1})^{m_2}) \\ &= f(\omega^{m_1})^{m_2} \quad (\text{since } \omega^{m_1} \in H_n) \\ &= (f(\omega))^{m_1 m_2} \end{aligned}$$

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We know: every  $f(x)$  from:

$$\{x+a : a \in [A]\}$$

and every  $m$  from

$$\{n, p\}$$

commute.

$$S = \left\{ \prod_{i=1}^k (x+a_i) : \text{each } a_i \in [A] \right\}$$

$$T = \left\{ n^i p^j : i, j \geq 0 \right\}$$

Then by Facts 3, 4,

any  $f(x)$  in  $S$  commutes

with any  $m$  in  $T$ .

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$$\overline{T} = T \pmod{r}.$$

$$\text{let } t = |\overline{T}|.$$

Claim: There are 2 numbers

$$m_1, m_2 \leq \underbrace{n^{2\sqrt{t}}}_{\text{small}}$$

s.t.  $\forall f(x) \in \mathcal{S}$  and all

$$\omega \in H_n,$$

$$f(\omega)^{m_1} = f(\omega)^{m_2}.$$

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Proof

$$\left\{ n^i p^j : 0 \leq i \leq \sqrt{t}, 0 \leq j \leq \sqrt{t} \right\}$$

there are  $\underbrace{> t}_{\nearrow}$  elements in this.

THIS IS WHERE

$n \neq p^l$  is used.

So some two  $m_1, m_2$  are identical

mod  $n$ .

For  $m_1, m_2$ ,  $\omega^{m_1} = \omega^{m_2}$  for all  $\omega \in H_n$ .

So  $\forall f(x) \in S$ ,

$$f(\omega)^{m_1} = f(\omega^{m_1}) =$$

$$f(\omega^{m_2}) = (f(\omega))^{m_2}$$

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$$\text{So } \omega = \left\{ f(\omega) : \begin{array}{l} f(x) \in S \\ \omega \in H_n \end{array} \right\}$$

has all elements being  
 $(m_1 - m_2)^{\text{th}}$  roots of 1.

Next time:  $|W| \gg n^{2\sqrt{\epsilon}}$ .

