

# Agrawal–Kayal–Saxena Algorithm for

## Testing Primality in Polynomial Time

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### Brief History

- Eratosthenes, 276 BC – 194 BC: the Eratosthenes Sieve
- Pratt '75: in NP
- Miller '76:  $O(\log^4 n)$ -time solvable if the Extended Riemann Hypothesis is true
- Solovay & Strassen '77; Rabin '80: in coRP, still the choice in applications
- Adleman, Pomerance, & Rumely '83: deterministic  $O((\log n)^{\log \log \log n})$ -time
- Goldwasser & Kilian, '86: “Almost all” primes can be proven to be prime in  $O(\log^{12} n)$  time
- Adleman & Huang '87: in RP
- Fellows & Koblitz '92: in UP
- This paper: in P,  $O((\log^{12} n)\text{poly}(\log \log n))$ -time

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### Preliminaries

$n \geq 3$  : odd integer

$Z_n$  : the integer ring modulo  $n$

$Z_n$  is a field if  $n$  is prime

$Z_n^*$  : the multiplicative group modulo  $n$

$Z_n^*$  is a cyclic group if  $n$  is prime.

$\lg n = \log_2 n$  : binary logarithm

$\ln n = \log_e n$  : natural logarithm

$a$  : integer,  $\text{GCD}(n, a) = 1$

$o_n(a)$  : the order of  $a$  modulo  $n$ ,

i.e., the smallest positive integer  $m$  such that

$a^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

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### Preliminaries

**Fermat's (Little) Theorem** Let  $p$  be prime. Then, for all  $a$  relatively prime to  $p$ ,  $a_p(a) | p - 1$ , that is,  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

**Basic Congruence (AKS)** Let  $a$  and  $n$  be relatively prime. Then,  $n$  is prime iff

$$(x - a)^n \equiv (x^n - a) \pmod{n}$$

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## Proof of the AKS congruence

If  $n$  is prime, then by Fermat's Theorem, for all  $a$  relatively prime to  $n$ ,  $a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$ . For all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n-1$ , the coeff. of  $x^i$  in  $(x-a)^n$  is  $(-a)^{n-i} \binom{n}{i}$ , a multiple of  $n$ . Thus

$$(x-a)^n \equiv x^n + (-a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{n}$$

If  $n$  is composite, let  $q$  be a prime such that  $n = q^k s$  and  $q \nmid s$ . Since  $\binom{n}{q} = \frac{q^k s \dots (q^k s - q + 1)}{1 \dots q}$ , then

$$q^k \nmid \binom{n}{q}, \quad \text{GCD}(q, a^{n-q}) = 1$$

so the coeff. of  $x^q$  is nonzero modulo  $n$ .

Congruence follows. ■

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## Proof of Proposition 1

[1] Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_d x^d$

$0 \leq j \leq dp$

The coeff. of  $x^j$  in  $f(x)^p$  is

$$\sum a_0^{i_0} \dots a_d^{i_d} \frac{p!}{i_0! \dots i_d!},$$

where the summation is over

$\{(i_0, \dots, i_d) \mid i_0 \geq 0, \dots, i_d \geq 0 \wedge i_0 + \dots + i_d = p \wedge 1 \cdot i_1 + 2 \cdot i_2 + \dots + d \cdot i_d = j\}$ . Note that

$$\frac{p!}{i_0! \dots i_d!} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{p} & (\exists u)[i_u = p] \\ 0 \pmod{p} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

In the former case  $p|j$ . Thus,

$$f(x)^p \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i \leq d} a_i^p x^{ip} \pmod{p}.$$

Since  $p$  is prime, for all  $i$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq d$ ,  $a_i^p \equiv a_i \pmod{p}$ . So,

$$f(x)^p \equiv \sum_{0 \leq i \leq d} a_i x^{ip} \equiv f(x)^p \pmod{p}.$$

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## Some Results on Polynomials

**Proposition 1**  $p, r$  : distinct primes

1. For all polynomials  $f(x) \in F_p[x]$ ,  $f(x)^p \equiv f(x^p) \pmod{p}$ .
2. Let  $h(x)$  be a factor of  $x^r - 1$ . For all integers  $m$  and  $m'$  such that  $m \equiv m' \pmod{r}$ ,  $x^m \equiv x^{m'} \pmod{h(x)}$ .
3. Over  $F_p$ , the polynomial  $\frac{x^r - 1}{x - 1}$  is the product of degree- $o_r(p)$  irreducible polynomials.

[3]  $p$  and  $r$ : distinct primes  
 $h(x)$ : irreducible factor of  $\frac{x^r-1}{x-1}$  in  $F_p[x]$ .  
Let  $k = \deg(h)$  and  $d = o_r(p)$ .  
We'll show  $d|k$  and  $k|d$ , which imply  $d = k$ .

Since  $h$  is irreducible and  $p$  is prime,  
 $F_p[x]/h(x)$  is a field.  
The size of the field is  $p^k$ .  
Furthermore,  $(F_p[x]/h(x))^*$  is cyclic  
Let  $g(x)$  be a generator of  $(F_p[x]/h(x))^*$ .

*$d$  divides  $k$*

$h(x)|x^r - 1$ , thus  $x^r \equiv 1 \pmod{h(x)}$ , it  
implies that order of  $x$  in  $F_p[x]/h(x)$  divides  $r$ .  
Since  $r$  is prime, the order is actually  $r$ .

Since  $g$  is a generator, the order of  $x$  should  
divide the order of  $g$ , so we have  $r|p^k - 1$ .  
Thus,  $p^k \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ .  
Since  $d = o_r(p)$ , we have  $d|k$ .

*$k$  divides  $d$*

By (1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(x)^p &\equiv g(x^p) \pmod{p}, \\ g(x)^{p^2} &\equiv g(x^p)^p \equiv g(x^{p^2}) \pmod{p}, \\ &\dots \\ g(x)^{p^d} &\equiv g(x^{p^{d-1}})^p \equiv g(x^{p^d}) \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $d = o_r(p)$ ,  $p^d \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ .  
Then, by (2),  $x^{p^d} \equiv x \pmod{h(x)}$ ,  
so  $g(x)^{p^d} \equiv g(x) \pmod{h(x)}$ .  
This implies that  $g(x)^{p^d-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{h(x)}$ .  
The order of  $g(x)$  is  $p^k - 1$ , so  $p^k - 1 | p^d - 1$ .  
Let  $d = ks + z, 0 \leq z < k$ . We have

$$(p^d - 1) = (p^k - 1)(p^{d-k} + p^{d-2k} + \dots + p^z) + p^z - 1$$

so  $z = 0$  and  $k|d$ . ■

**“Useful” Primes**

(This terminology is not used in AKS)

$n \geq 3$  : odd  
 $r$  : odd prime,  $\text{GCD}(n, r) = 1$   
 $r$  is **useful** (in testing  $n$ 's primality),  
if  $r - 1$  has a prime factor  $q$  such that

1.  $q \geq 4\sqrt{r} \ln n$  and
2.  $n^{(r-1)/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ .

If  $r$  is useful, there is only one prime  $q$   
witnessing that  $r$  is useful;  
also,  $q|o_r(n)$  and  $o_r(n)|r - 1$ .

A prime  $r$  is **semi-useful** in testing  $n$ 's  
primality if  $r - 1$  has a prime factor  $q$  such  
that  $q \geq 4\sqrt{r} \ln n$ .

**The Algorithm**

$n_1$  is a constant given later.

- 1: Input an odd integer  $n \geq n_1$
- 2:  $\triangleright$  [Search for a Useful Prime](#)
- 3:  $r \leftarrow 3$
- 4: **while** ( $r < n$ ) **do** {
- 5:     **if**  $\text{GCD}(n, r) \neq 1$  **then** output(“composite”)
- 6:     **if**  $r$  is prime **then** {
- 7:          $q \leftarrow$  the largest prime factor of  $r - 1$
- 8:         **if** ( $q \geq [4\sqrt{r} \ln n]$ ) **and**
- 9:              $n^{(r-1)/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ ) **then break** }
- 10:      $r \leftarrow r + 2$  }
- 11:  $\triangleright$  [Binomial Power Test](#)
- 12: **for**  $a \leftarrow 1$  **to**  $[2\sqrt{r} \lg n]$  **do**
- 13:     **if**  $(x - a)^n \not\equiv x^n - a \pmod{x^r - 1, n}$
- 14:         **then** output(“composite”)
- 15:  $\triangleright$  [Prime Power Test](#)
- 16: **for**  $k \leftarrow 2$  **to**  $[\ln n / \ln 3]$  **do**
- 17:     **if**  $([n^{1/k}])^k = n$  **then** output(“composite”)
- 18: output(“prime”)

**Theorem 1** *The above algorithm works correctly and runs in time polynomial in  $\log n$ .*

**The Proof Strategy**

**GOAL I** The smallest useful prime number is  $O(\log^6 n)$ .

**GOAL II** For all  $n \geq n_1$ , given a useful prime  $r$ , the two tests correctly decide whether  $n$  is a prime.

**GOAL III** The algorithm has a polynomial running time.

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**Proof of Theorem 2**

Let  $c_1$  be any constant  $\geq 4^6 = 4096$ .  
 Let  $c_2$  be any constant such that  $c_3$  defined by  $c_3 = \frac{c_0 c_2}{7} - \frac{4c_1}{3}$  is positive.  
 Let  $c_4 = \frac{c_2}{4\sqrt{c_1}}$ .

Let  $n_1$  be the smallest integer  $m$  such that

- (i)  $c_2 \ln^6 m \geq n_0$ ,
- (ii)  $\ln m \geq c_2$ , and
- (iii)  $(c_4)^2 < \frac{c_3 \ln m}{\ln \ln m}$ .

Then, for all  $n \geq n_1$ , (i)–(iii) hold with  $m = n$ .  
 Let  $I = [c_1 \ln^6 n, c_2 \ln^6 n]$ .

*The Proof Strategy:*

- Bound from below the # of semi-useful primes in  $I$ .
- By counting argument show that one of the semi-useful primes is actually useful.

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Achieving Goal I

**Theorem 2**  $(\exists c_1, c_2, n_1)(\forall n \geq n_1)$   
*The interval  $[c_1 \ln^6 n, c_2 \ln^6 n]$  contains a prime that is useful in testing  $n$ 's primality.*

Two useful lemmas.

**Lemma 1** [Fouvry '85]  $(\exists c_0, n_0)(\forall x \geq n_0)$   
 $|\{p \mid p \leq x \wedge p \text{ is a prime} \wedge p - 1 \text{ has a prime factor} \geq x^{\frac{2}{3}}\}| \geq c_0 x / \ln x$

**Lemma 2** [Apostol '97] For all  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\frac{n}{6 \ln n} \leq \pi(n) \leq \frac{8n}{\ln n},$$

where  $\pi(n)$  is the number of primes  $\leq n$ .

(Apostol '76 gave a better upper bound  $\frac{6n}{\ln n}$ )

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*# of Semi-Useful Primes in  $I \geq ?$*

Since (i) holds, Lemma 1 can be applied.  
 # of primes  $r \leq c_2 \ln^6 n (= x)$  such that  $r - 1$  has a prime factor  $\geq r^{\frac{2}{3}}$  is **at least**

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq c_0 \frac{c_2 \ln^6 n}{\ln(c_2 \ln^6 n)} \\ &= \frac{c_0 c_2 \ln^6 n}{\ln c_2 + 6 \ln \ln n} \end{aligned}$$

By (ii),  $\ln \ln n \geq \ln c_2$ . So, this is at least

$$\geq \frac{c_0 c_2 \ln^6 n}{7 \ln \ln n}.$$

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the # of primes  $r$  such that  $r \leq c_1 \ln^6 n$  is equal to  $\pi(c_1 \ln^6 n)$ .

By Lemma 2, this is

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{8c_1 \ln^6 n}{\ln(c_1 \ln^6 n)} \\ &= \frac{8c_1 \ln^6 n}{\ln c_1 + 6 \ln \ln n} \\ &\leq \frac{8c_1 \ln^6 n}{6 \ln \ln n} = \frac{4c_1 \ln^6 n}{3 \ln \ln n}. \end{aligned}$$

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By combining the two bounds, the # of primes  $r \in I$  such that  $r - 1$  has a prime factor  $\geq r^{\frac{2}{3}}$  is

$$\begin{aligned} &\geq \frac{c_0 c_2 \ln^6 n}{7 \ln \ln n} - \frac{4c_1 \ln^6 n}{3 \ln \ln n} \\ &= \left( \frac{c_0 c_2}{7} - \frac{4c_1}{3} \right) \frac{\ln^6 n}{\ln \ln n} \\ &= \frac{c_3 \ln^6 n}{\ln \ln n}. \end{aligned}$$

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All  $t \in I$  satisfy  $t \geq c_1 \ln^6 n$ .

Since  $c_1 \geq 4^6$ , we have  $t^{\frac{1}{6}} \geq 4 \ln n$ .

For all  $x \geq 0$ ,  $x^{\frac{2}{3}} = x^{\frac{1}{6}} \sqrt{x}$ .

We counted primes  $r \in I$ , for which the largest prime factor  $q$  of  $r - 1$  satisfies

$$q \geq r^{\frac{2}{3}} = r^{\frac{1}{6}} \sqrt{r} \geq 4 \sqrt{r} \ln n.$$

This implies that

**the # of semi-useful primes in  $I$  is**

$$\geq \frac{c_3 \ln^6 n}{\ln \ln n}.$$

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**# of "Useless" Primes  $\leq ?$**

Let  $M = \lfloor c_4 \ln^2 n \rfloor$ . Define

$$\Psi = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq M} (n^i - 1).$$

Then # of odd prime factors of  $\Psi$  is less than

$$\ln \Psi = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq M} \ln(n^i - 1).$$

( $\forall i \geq 1$ ) [ $\ln(n^i - 1) < i \ln n$ ]

( $\forall d \geq 1$ ) [ $\sum_{(1 \leq i \leq d)} i = d(d+1)/2 \leq d^2$ ]

So, the # of odd prime factors of  $\Psi$  is

$$< M^2 \ln n \leq (c_4)^2 \ln^5 n$$

and by (iii)

$$< \frac{c_3 \ln^6 n}{\ln \ln n}.$$

Thus, **there is a semi-useful prime  $r \in I$  such that  $r \nmid \Psi$ .**

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We now claim that such **semi-useful primes are actually useful.**

$r$  : semi-useful prime in  $I$ ,  $r \nmid \Psi$   
 $q$  : the largest prime factor of  $r - 1$   
 $q \geq 4\sqrt{r} \ln n$ .

Assume  $r$  is not useful, i.e.  $q \nmid o_r(n)$ .  
 Since  $r$  is prime,  $o_r(n) \mid r - 1$ .  
 Since  $q$  is prime and  $q \nmid o_r(n)$ ,  $o_r(n) \mid \frac{r-1}{q}$ .  
 Since  $c_1 \ln^6 n \leq r \leq c_2 \ln^6 n$  and  $q \geq 4\sqrt{r} \ln n$ , we have

$$\frac{r-1}{q} \leq \left\lfloor \frac{c_2 \ln^6 n}{4\sqrt{(c_1 \ln^6 n) \ln n}} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{c_2}{4\sqrt{c_1}} \ln^2 n \right\rfloor = \lfloor c_4 \ln^2 n \rfloor = M.$$

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### Achieving Goal II

We need to show the following:

**Theorem 3** *Let  $n \geq n_1$  be a prime. Then  $n$  passes the Binomial Power Test and the Prime Power Test.*

**Theorem 4** *Let  $n \geq n_1$  be an odd composite number. If  $n$  passes through the Binomial Power Test (passes lines 1-14, enters line 15), then  $n$  is a prime power.*

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Now

$$o_r(n) \mid \frac{r-1}{q} \text{ and } \frac{r-1}{q} \leq M$$

imply that  $r$  divides at least one of

$$n-1, n^2-1, \dots, n^M-1,$$

and thus  $r \mid \Psi$ , which is a contradiction.

Hence,  $q \mid o_r(n)$  and so  $r$  is useful.  
 This proves Theorem 2. ■

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### Proof of Theorem 3

$n$  : a prime number  $\geq n_1$   
 $r$  : the useful prime selected by the algorithm  
 $q$  : the witness of  $r$ 's usefulness

$$4\sqrt{r} \ln n \leq q < r < n$$

So, by line (5) of the algorithm, for all  $a$ ,  
 $1 \leq a \leq \lceil 2\sqrt{r} \lg n \rceil$ ,  $\text{GCD}(n, a) = 1$ .

Thus, by the Basic Congruence

$$(x-a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{n}$$

The equivalence still holds if the polynomials are reduced by taking modulo  $x^r - 1$ .

So,  $n$  passes the Binomial Power Test.

Prime  $n$  must pass the Prime Power Test. ■

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### Proof of Theorem 4

$n$  : odd composite number  $\geq n_1$   
 $r$  : the useful prime selected by the algorithm  
 $q$  : the prime witnessing that  $r$  is useful  
 $p_1, \dots, p_t$  : all distinct prime divisors of  $n$

For each  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , since  $\text{GCD}(r, p_i) = 1$ , we can let  $\lambda_i = o_r(p_i)$ .

Define  $\lambda_0 = \text{LCM}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_t)$ .

For all  $i$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq t$ ,  $p_i^{\lambda_0} \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ .

So,  $n^{\lambda_0} \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$ , and thus,  $o_r(n) | \lambda_0$ .

Since  $q$  is prime and  $q | o_r(n)$ ,

$(\exists i : 1 \leq i \leq t) [q | \lambda_i]$ .

Choose any such  $i$  and let  $p = p_i$ .

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### A Cyclic Group of Polynomials

Define  $G$  to be the set of all polynomials in  $(F_p[x]/h(x))^*$  of the form

$$(x-1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x-\ell)^{\alpha_\ell}$$

such that  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell$  are nonnegative integers.

#### Proposition 2

$G$  is a cyclic multiplicative group of order  $\Omega$ , and

$$\Omega > \left( \frac{\ell + d - 1}{\ell} \right)^\ell$$

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### After Line 14

Let  $h(x)$  be an irreducible polynomial in  $F_p[x]$ , such that  $h(x) | \frac{x^r-1}{x-1}$ .

Set  $d = \text{deg}(h)$  and  $\ell = \lceil 2\sqrt{r} \lg n \rceil$ .

By (3) of Proposition 1,  $d = o_r(p)$ .

Suppose  $n$  passes the Binomial Power Test. Then

- $(\forall a : 1 \leq a \leq \ell)$   
 $(x-a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{x^r - 1, n}$ .

Since  $h(x) | x^r - 1$  and  $p | n$ , we have

- $(\forall a : 1 \leq a \leq \ell)$   
 $(x-a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{h(x), p}$ .

$\text{GCD}(n, \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} i) = 1$  and  $r > \ell$  imply that  $p > \ell$ , and thus  $1, \dots, \ell$  are pairwise distinct modulo  $p$ .

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### Proof of Proposition 2

It is known fact that every multiplicative subgroup of a field is cyclic.

$G$  is a subset of the field  $F_p[x]/h(x)$  and is a group (closed under multiplication).

So,  $G$  is a cyclic group.

Let  $g(x)$  be a generator of  $G$ .

$g(x)$  has order  $\Omega$ .

We need to show that  $\Omega > \left( \frac{\ell + d - 1}{\ell} \right)^\ell$ .

Define  $S \subset G$  to be the set of all polynomials in  $(F_p[x]/h(x))^*$  of the form

$$(x-1)^{\alpha_1} \dots (x-\ell)^{\alpha_\ell}$$

such that  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell$  are nonnegative and  $\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_\ell \leq d - 1$ .

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We will claim that distinct sequences  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_\ell$  in the definition lead to different elements of  $S$ . Once the claim is proved, using

$$\frac{x+1}{y+1} < \frac{x}{y} \text{ for } 0 < y < x,$$

we can observe that for  $d > 1$

$$|S| = \binom{\ell + d - 1}{\ell} = \frac{\ell + d - 1}{\ell} \cdot \frac{\ell + d - 2}{\ell - 1} \cdot \frac{\ell + d - 3}{\ell - 2} \cdots \frac{d}{1} > \left(\frac{\ell + d - 1}{\ell}\right)^\ell,$$

which will finish the proof of Proposition 2.

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### Proving the Claim (cont'd)

Then we have

$$\prod_{1 \leq a \leq \ell} (x-a)^{\alpha'_a} \equiv \prod_{1 \leq a \leq \ell} (x-a)^{\beta'_a} \pmod{h(x), p},$$

or,

$$\prod_{1 \leq a \leq \ell} (x-a)^{\alpha'_a} - \prod_{1 \leq a \leq \ell} (x-a)^{\beta'_a} \equiv 0 \pmod{h(x), p}.$$

The roots of LHS : the  $a$ 's such that  $\alpha'_a > 0$ .  
 The roots of RHS : the  $a$ 's such that  $\beta'_a > 0$ .  
 The intersection of the two sets is empty.

If one of them is nonempty, we have a nonzero polynomial of degree  $\leq d - 1$  that is congruent to 0 modulo  $h(x)$ .

That's a contradiction since  $h$  is irreducible.

So, both are empty, i.e.  $\alpha'_1, \dots, \alpha'_\ell, \beta'_1, \dots, \beta'_\ell = 0$ .

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*Proving the Claim.* Let  $v(x) = (x-1)^{\alpha_1} \cdots (x-\ell)^{\alpha_\ell}$  and  $w(x) = (x-1)^{\beta_1} \cdots (x-\ell)^{\beta_\ell}$

be two polynomials in  $S$  such that

$$(*) \quad v(x) \equiv w(x) \pmod{h(x), p}.$$

For each  $a$ ,  $1 \leq a \leq \ell$ , let

- $\gamma_a = \min\{\alpha_a, \beta_a\}$ ,
- $\alpha'_a = \alpha_a - \gamma_a$ , and
- $\beta'_a = \beta_a - \gamma_a$ .

Note that

- $\alpha_a = \beta_a$  implies  $\alpha'_a = \beta'_a = 0$
- $\alpha_a < \beta_a$  implies  $\alpha'_a = 0$
- $\alpha_a > \beta_a$  implies  $\beta'_a = 0$

Since  $F_p[x]/h(x)$  is a field, we can divide (\*) by  $\prod_{1 \leq a \leq \ell} (x-a)^{\gamma_a}$ .

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### Reminder

$$q|d = \deg(h) = o_r(p), \text{ and } o_r(p)|r-1$$

$x^r - 1 \pmod{p}$  factorizes into  $(x-1)$  and  $(r-1)/d$  degree- $d$  irreducible polynomials  $h_s(x)$ ,  $1 \leq s \leq (r-1)/d$ , where  $h(x)$  is one of them:

$$x^r - 1 \equiv (x-1) \prod_{1 \leq s \leq (r-1)/d} h_s(x) \pmod{p}$$

Note also that

$$d \geq q \geq \lceil 4\sqrt{r} \ln n \rceil > \ell = \lceil 2\sqrt{r} \lg n \rceil$$

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### Order of $G$

Observe that since  $d \geq l + 1$  we have  $(\ell + d - 1)/\ell \geq 2$ , and use  $\lg e < 2$  (when changing the base of logarithms).

Thus, by Proposition 2,

$$\Omega = |G| > \left(\frac{\ell + d - 1}{\ell}\right)^\ell \geq 2^\ell \geq (2^{\lg n})^{2\sqrt{r}} \geq n^{2\sqrt{r}}.$$

So, the order of  $g(x)$  in  $(F_p[x]/h(x))^*$  is greater than  $n^{2\sqrt{r}}$ .

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### Hint:

$r$  is very small,  $< c_2 \ln^6 n$   
 $\Omega$  is very large,  $> n^{2\sqrt{r}}$

**Lemma 3** For all  $m_1, m_2 \in I_g$ , if  $m_1 \equiv m_2 \pmod{r}$ , then  $m_1 \equiv m_2 \pmod{\Omega}$ .

### Proof of Lemma 3

Let  $m_1, m_2 \in I_g$ .

Suppose that  $m_1 \equiv m_2 \pmod{r}$ .

Let  $m_2 = m_1 + kr$  for some integer  $k \geq 0$ .

Since  $m_2 \in I_g$ ,

$$g(x)^{m_1+kr} \equiv g(x)^{m_2} \pmod{x^r - 1, p},$$

and thus,  $g(x)^{m_1+kr} \equiv g(x)^{m_2} \pmod{h(x), p}$ .

By (2) of Proposition 1,

$$g(x)^{m_1+kr} \equiv g(x)^{m_1} \pmod{h(x)}, \text{ so}$$

$$g(x)^{m_2} \equiv g(x)^{m_1} \pmod{h(x), p}.$$

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### Set $I_g$

Define

$$I_g = \{m \mid g(x)^m \equiv g(x^m) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}\}.$$

**Fact 1**  $I_g$  is closed under multiplication.

### Proof of the Fact

Assume  $m_1, m_2 \in I_g$ . Then

$$(a) \quad g(x)^{m_1} \equiv g(x^{m_1}) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}$$

$$(b) \quad g(x)^{m_2} \equiv g(x^{m_2}) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}$$

In (b), put  $x^{m_1}$  in place of  $x$ . Then

$$g(x^{m_1})^{m_2} \equiv g(x^{m_1 m_2}) \pmod{x^{m_1 r} - 1, p}.$$

Now, since  $x^r - 1 \mid x^{m_1 r} - 1$

$$g(x^{m_1})^{m_2} \equiv g(x^{m_1 m_2}) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}.$$

OTOH, by (a),

$$g(x)^{m_1 m_2} \equiv g(x^{m_1})^{m_2} \pmod{x^r - 1, p}.$$

$$\text{So, } g(x)^{m_1 m_2} \equiv g(x^{m_1 m_2}) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}. \quad \blacksquare$$

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### Proof of Lemma 3 (cont'd)

Thus, by the latter and since  $m_1, m_2 \in I_g$ ,

$$g(x)^{m_1} \equiv g(x^{m_2}) \equiv$$

$$g(x)^{m_2} \equiv g(x)^{m_1+kr} \equiv$$

$$g(x)^{m_1} g(x)^{kr} \equiv$$

$$g(x)^{m_1} g(x)^{kr} \pmod{h(x), p}$$

This implies  $g(x)^{kr} \equiv 1 \pmod{h(x), p}$ .

Thus,  $\Omega \mid kr$ .

Hence,  $m_1 \equiv m_2 \pmod{\Omega}$ . \blacksquare

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### ***n* and *p* are members of $I_g$**

Our assumption is that  $(\forall a : 1 \leq a \leq \ell)$   
 $[(x - a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{x^r - 1, p}]$ .

$g(x)$  can be represented as a product of factors (with multiplicities) chosen from  $x - 1, x - 2, \dots, x - \ell$ .

Each term  $(x - a)$  of  $g$  satisfies  
 $[(x - a)^n \equiv x^n - a \pmod{x^r - 1, p}]$ .

Hence, any product of terms  $(x - a)$  also does, and thus,

$$g(x)^n \equiv g(x^n) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}.$$

This implies that  $n \in I_g$ .

OTOH, by (1) of Proposition 1,  
 $g(x)^p \equiv g(x^p) \pmod{x^r - 1, p}$ ,  
and thus,  $p \in I_g$ .

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### ***n* must be a prime power**

Since  $\Omega > n^{2\sqrt{r}}$  and  
 $0 \leq (i_1 - i_2), |j_1 - j_2| \leq \lfloor \sqrt{r} \rfloor$ , then

$$n^{(i_1 - i_2)}, p^{|j_2 - j_1|} < n^{\sqrt{r}} < \sqrt{\Omega}.$$

$\Omega |p^d - 1$ , so  $\text{GCD}(\Omega, p) = 1$ , and there exists  
 $p^{-1} \pmod{\Omega}$ . So, if  $j_2 \geq j_1$ ,

$$n^{i_1 - i_2} \equiv p^{j_2 - j_1} \pmod{\Omega},$$

and the congruence is actually an equality

$$n^{i_1 - i_2} = p^{j_2 - j_1}.$$

Note that  $i_1 - i_2 = 0$  iff  $j_2 - j_1 = 0$ ,  
so  $i_1 \neq i_2$ , and we have a prime power

$$n = p^{\frac{j_2 - j_1}{i_1 - i_2}}.$$

If  $j_2 < j_1$ , we obtain a contradiction

$$\Omega > n^{i_1 - i_2} p^{j_1 - j_2} \equiv 1 \pmod{\Omega}.$$

This implies that  $n$  is a prime power,  
and completes the proof of Theorem 4. ■

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### ***n* must be a prime power**

Define  $E = \{n^i p^j \mid 0 \leq i, j \leq \lfloor \sqrt{r} \rfloor\}$ .

By Fact 1,  $I_g$  is closed under multiplication.  
So,  $E \subseteq I_g$ .

Consider exponents  $i_1, j_1, i_2, j_2$  with the range  
as in  $E$ . Since

$$|E| = (1 + \lfloor \sqrt{r} \rfloor)^2 > r,$$

by the pigeon-hole principle we have

$$(\exists (i_1, j_1), (i_2, j_2)) \\ [((i_1 \neq i_2) \vee (j_1 \neq j_2)) \wedge (i_1 \geq i_2) \\ \wedge n^{i_1} p^{j_1} \equiv n^{i_2} p^{j_2} \pmod{r}].$$

Note that  $\text{GCD}(n, r) = 1$ , so  
 $n^{-1} \pmod{r}$  exists, and thus

$$n^{i_1 - i_2} p^{j_1} \equiv p^{j_2} \pmod{r}.$$

By Lemma 3,

$$n^{i_1 - i_2} p^{j_1} \equiv p^{j_2} \pmod{\Omega}.$$

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### Achieving Goal III

#### *Cost of the Search Phase*

(lines 2-10)

$r = O(\log^6 n)$  bounds the number of rounds

If naive primality test for  $r$  and factorization  
of  $r - 1$  methods are used, each makes up to  
 $\sqrt{r} = O(\log^3 n)$  rounds.

GCD (line 5) and exponentiation (line 9) are  
done only once at each round, and are faster  
than naive factoring of  $r - 1$ .

All arithmetic is done on numbers up to  $r$ .

Altogether, one round of the search loop  
requires up to  $O((\log^4 n) \text{poly}(\log r))$  steps, so  
the search phase requires  
 $O((\log^{10} n) \text{poly}(\log \log n))$  steps.

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### Achieving Goal III, cont'd.

#### *Cost of the Binomial Power Test*

(lines 12-14)

In the Binomial Power Test the loop-body is executed  $O(\sqrt{r} \log n)$  times, which is the same as  $O(\log^4 n)$ .

Using Fast Fourier Transform in  $Z_n$ , multiplication of two polynomials having degree  $\leq r$  modulo a polynomial having degree  $r$  can be done in

$O(r \log r \log n) = O((\log^7 n) \text{poly}(\log r))$  steps.

If repeated squaring is used for powering, a single test requires  $O((\log^8 n) \text{poly}(\log r))$  steps.

Thus, the Binomial Power Test requires  $O((\log^{12} n) \text{poly}(\log \log n))$  steps.

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#### *Cost of the Prime Power Test*

(lines 16-17)

Prime Power Test makes  $O(\log n)$  rounds.

If the binary search is used for root finding, then one round of the Prime Power Test requires only  $O(\log^3 n)$  steps.

Prime Power Test runs in time  $O(\log^4 n)$ .

#### *Total Cost*

Total running time is dominated by the Binomial Power Test, and thus is bounded by

$$O((\log^{12} n) \text{poly}(\log \log n)).$$

This completes the proof of Theorem 1.

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