



Chapter 11

Quadratic Residues

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11.1 QR and NQR

Def: If $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the integer a is a quadratic residues of m if $(a, m) = 1$ and $x^2 = a \pmod{m}$ has a solution . If $x^2 = a \pmod{m}$ has no solution , we say a is a quadratic nonresidue of m .

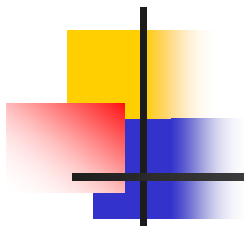
Remark : The set of all quadratic residues of m is demoted by QR_m and the test of all quadratic nonresidue of m is denoted by NOR_m .

Ex : Let $m = 11$

$$1^2 = 10^2 = 1 \pmod{11} , 2^2 = 9^2 = 4 , 3^2 = 8^2 = 9 ,$$

$$4^2 = 7^2 = 5 , 5^2 = 6^2 = 3 ,$$

$$\therefore QR_{11} = \{ 1, 3, 4, 5, 9 \} , NOR_{11} = \{ 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 \}$$

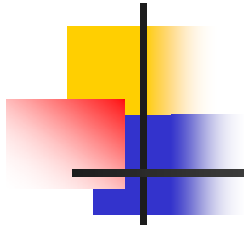


Problem : Given m and a , how can we determine that $a \in QR_m$ or $a \in NQR_m$?

Lemma : Let p be odd prime and $p \nmid a$, then $x^2 = a \pmod{p}$ (1) has either no solutions or exactly two incongruent solutions modulo p .

Proof :

(a) If (1) had a solution , then there are two solutions .
If x_0 is a solution of (1) , then $-x_0$ is a second incongruent solution . $\because (-x_0)^2 = (x_0)^2 = a$ and $x_0 \not\equiv -x_0 \pmod{p}$



(b) There are no more than two incongruent solutions. Assume that x_0 and x_1 are both solutions of $x^2 = a \pmod{p}$, then

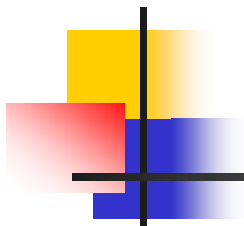
$$x_0^2 = x_1^2 = a \pmod{p}$$

$$\rightarrow x_0^2 - x_1^2 = (x_0 - x_1)(x_0 + x_1) = 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\rightarrow p \mid (x_0 + x_1) \text{ or } p \mid (x_0 - x_1)$$

$$\rightarrow x_1 = -x_0 \pmod{p} \text{ or } x_1 = x_0 \pmod{p}$$

\therefore If (1) has a solution, there are exactly two incongruent solutions.



Thm : If p is an odd prime m ,

then $| QR_p | = | NQR_p | = (p-1)/2$

Proof : we compute $1^2, 2^2, \dots, (p-1)^2 \pmod p$, there are $p-1$ squares to consider and each $x^2 = a \pmod p$, has either zero or two solutions $\therefore | QR_p | = (p-1)/2$.

Def : Legendre symbol

Let p be an odd prime and $p \nmid a$ ($a \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$).

The Legendre symbol is defined by

$$\left(\frac{a}{p} \right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \in QR_p \\ -1 & \text{if } a \in NQR_p \end{cases}$$



Problem : Given a and p , how to compute $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ (or Does $a \in QR_p$?)

Thm : Euler's criterion

Let p be an odd prime and let a be a positive integer not divisible by p . Then

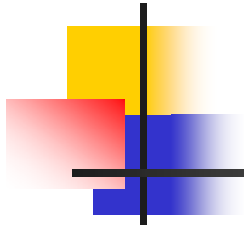
$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

Proof :

1. If $a \in QR_p$, then $\exists x$, $\exists x^2 = a \pmod{p}$.

$$\therefore a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (x^2)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = x^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$$

Hence , if $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1$, then $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$.

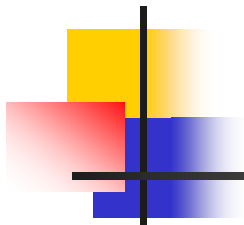


2. If $a \in NQR_p$, $x^2 = a \pmod p$ has no solution .
However , for each i , $1 \leq i \leq p-1$, \exists a unique integer j , $1 \leq j \leq p-1$, $\exists ij = a \pmod p$ and $i \neq j$. We group the integers $1, 2, \dots, p-1$ into $(p-1)/2$ pairs each with product a . Multiplying these pairs together ,

$$(p-1)! = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod p$$

$$(p-1)! = -1 \pmod p \text{ (Wilson's theorem)}$$

$$\therefore a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod p, \text{ if } a \in NQR_p.$$



Thm : let p be an odd prime and $a \neq 0 \pmod{p}$, $b \neq 0 \pmod{p}$. Then

1. If $a = b \pmod{p}$, then $(a/p) = (b/p)$
2. $(a/p)(b/p) = (ab/p)$
3. $(a^2/p) = 1$

Proof :

$$1. \left(\frac{a}{p} \right) \left(\frac{b}{p} \right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} b^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (ab)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{ab}{p} \right) \pmod{p}$$

$$2. \left(\frac{a^2}{p} \right) = \left(\frac{a}{p} \right) \left(\frac{a}{p} \right) = 1$$



Remark : property (2) can be restated as

$$QR \cdot QR = QR$$

$$NQR \cdot QR = NQR$$

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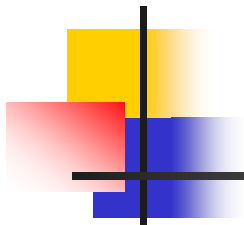
THM : If p is an odd prime , then

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1, p \equiv -1 \pmod{4} (= 3 \pmod{4}) \end{cases}$$

Proof : If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $p = 4k + 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$,

thus

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (-1)^{2k} = 1$$



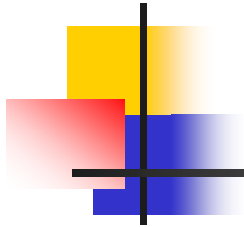
If $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$, then $p = 4k+3$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, thus

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (-1)^{2k+1} = -1$$

Thm : Gauss' Lemma

Let p be an odd prime and a an integer with $(a, p) = 1$.

If s is the number of least positive residues of the integers $a, 2a, 3a, \dots, ((p-1)/2)a$ that are greater than $p/2$, then $[a/p] = (-1)^s$

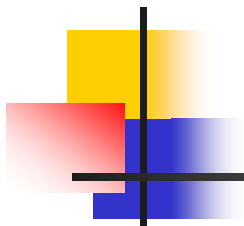


Ex : let $a = 5$, $p = 11$, then $1 \times 5 = 5$; $2 \times 5 = 10$; $3 \times 5 = 4$; $4 \times 5 = 9$; $5 \times 5 = 3 \pmod{11}$. $p/2 = 5.5$, \therefore
 $s = 2 \rightarrow (5/11) = (-1)^2 = 1$.

Remark : If $i \cdot a = u \pmod{p}$ and $u > p/2$, replace u by $p - u$, then ,

$$\left\{ a, 2a, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2} a \right\} = \left\{ 1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2} \right\}$$

Ex : $1 \times 5 = 5$, $2 \times 5 = 10 \rightarrow 1$, $3 \times 5 = 4 \rightarrow 9$, $4 \times 5 = 9 \rightarrow 2$, $5 \times 5 = 3$.

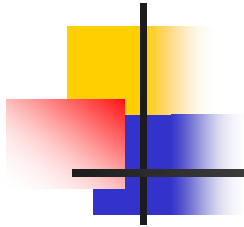


- Proof :

- Let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s be integers of the sequence $a, 2a, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}a$ that are larger than $p/2$. And v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t be integers of the sequence $a, 2a, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}a$ that are less than $p/2$. Then

$$\{p - u_1, p - u_2, \dots, p - u_s, v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\} = \left\{1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}\right\}.$$

1. $s + t = (p-1)/2$, if $u_i = u_j \pmod{p}$ (or $v_i = v_j \pmod{p}$), then $i_a = j_a \pmod{p} \rightarrow i = -j$, it is impossible since $i, j < (p-1)/2$



2. $p - u_i \neq v_j$, if $p - u_i = v_j \pmod p$, then $ia = p - ja = -ja \pmod p \rightarrow i = -j$, it is impossible since $i, j < (p-1)/2$.

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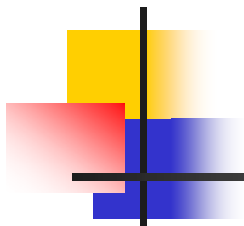
Thus

$$(p - u_1)(p - u_2) \dots (p - u_s) v_1 v_2 \dots v_t = \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

$$\text{or } (-1)^s u_1 u_2 \dots u_s v_1 v_2 \dots v_t = \left(\frac{p-1}{2} a\right) \pmod p$$

$$(-1)^s \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! \pmod p$$

$$\rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (-1)^s \pmod p$$

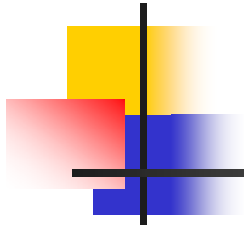


- Thm : if p is an odd prime , then $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$
- Proof : In the sequence $1 \times 2, 2 \times 2, \dots, \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right) \times 2$ there are $[p/4]$ integers less than $p/2$, thus

$$s = \frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right]$$

where $[]$ is a floor function . Now we wish to show that

$$\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right] = \frac{p^2-1}{8} \pmod{2}.$$



i. $p = 1 \bmod 8 = 8k+1$, then

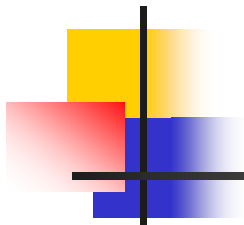
$$\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right] = 4k - 2k = 2k = 0 \bmod 2$$

$$\frac{p^2 - 1}{8} = \frac{64k^2 + 16k + 1 - 1}{8} = 0 \bmod 2$$

ii. $p = 8k+3$, then

$$\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right] = 4k + 1 - 2k = 1 \bmod 2$$

$$\frac{p^2 - 1}{8} = \frac{64k^2 + 48k + 9 - 1}{8} = 1 \bmod 2$$



iii. $p = 8k+5$, then

$$\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right] = 4k + 2 - 2k - 1 = 1 \pmod{2}$$

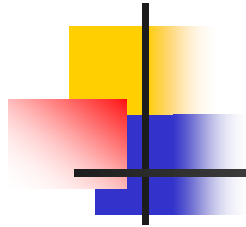
$$\frac{p^2 - 1}{8} = \frac{64k^2 + 80k + 25 - 1}{8} = 1 \pmod{2}$$

iv. $p = 8k+7$, then

$$\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right] = 4k + 3 - 2k - 1 = 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\frac{p^2 - 1}{8} = \frac{64k^2 + 112k + 49 - 1}{8} = 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{2}{p} \right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} - \left[\frac{p}{4} \right]} = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$$



- Remark :
 1. If $p = 1 \pmod 8$ or $7 \pmod 8$, then $(2/p) = 1$ or $2 \in QR_p$
 2. If $p = 3 \pmod 8$ or $5 \pmod 8$, then $(2/p) = -1$ or $2 \in NQR_p$
- Let $n = pq$, the product of two distinct primes p and q .
- If $x^2 = a \pmod n$ has a solution $x = x_0$, then there are exactly four incongruent solutions modulo n .



- Proof : let $x_0 = x_1 \pmod{p}$ and $x_0 = x_2 \pmod{q}$

$$x^2 = a \pmod{n} \rightarrow \begin{cases} x^2 = a \pmod{p} \\ x^2 = a \pmod{q} \end{cases}$$

If implies that x_1 and $p - x_1$ is the solutions of $x^2 = a \pmod{p}$.

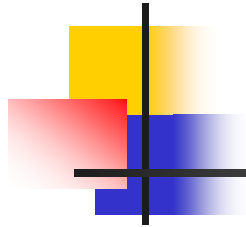
If implies that x_2 and $q - x_2$ is the solutions of $x^2 = a \pmod{q}$.



- By CRT , there are exactly four incongruent solutions of $x^2 = a \pmod n$ satisfying .

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = x_1 \pmod p \\ x = x_2 \pmod q \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow M_1 \qquad \left. \begin{array}{l} x = p - x_1 \pmod p \\ x = x_2 \pmod p \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow M_3$$
$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x = x_1 \pmod p \\ x = q - x_2 \pmod q \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow M_2 \qquad \left. \begin{array}{l} x = p - x_1 \pmod p \\ x = q - x_2 \pmod q \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow M_4$$

- Note that $M_1 = -M_4 \pmod n$ and $M_2 = -M_3 \pmod n$



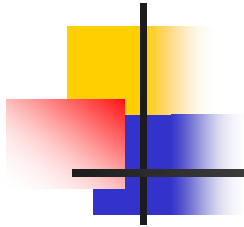
- Problem :

1. If $a \in QR_p$, how to find $x \ni x^2 = a \text{ mod } p$?
2. Given $n = pq$ and $a \in QR_n$, can we find a solution $x \ni x^2 = a \text{ mod } n$ without knowing p and q ?

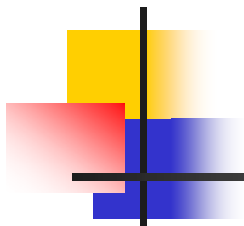
- Sol :

1. a) If $p = 3 \text{ mod } 4$ (or $p = 4k + 3$) , then

$$x = a^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \text{ mod } p , \left(a^{\frac{p+1}{4}} \right)^2 = a^{\frac{p+1}{2}} = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}+1} = a \text{ mod } p$$



- b) If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, there is an efficient algorithm (probabilistic) to find x (Refer to 近代密碼學及其應用). \therefore Given p and $a \in QR_p$, find $x \ni x^2 = a \pmod{p}$ is feasible.
2. If there is an algorithm to find $x \ni x^2 = a \pmod{n}$, then we first choose M randomly and compute $M^2 = a \pmod{m}$, then put a and n as the input of the algorithm and obtain the output M' from the algorithm. If $M \not\equiv \pm M' \pmod{n}$, then $(M+M', n) = p$ or q . $M^2 - (M')^2 = (M-M')(M+M') = 0 \pmod{n}$



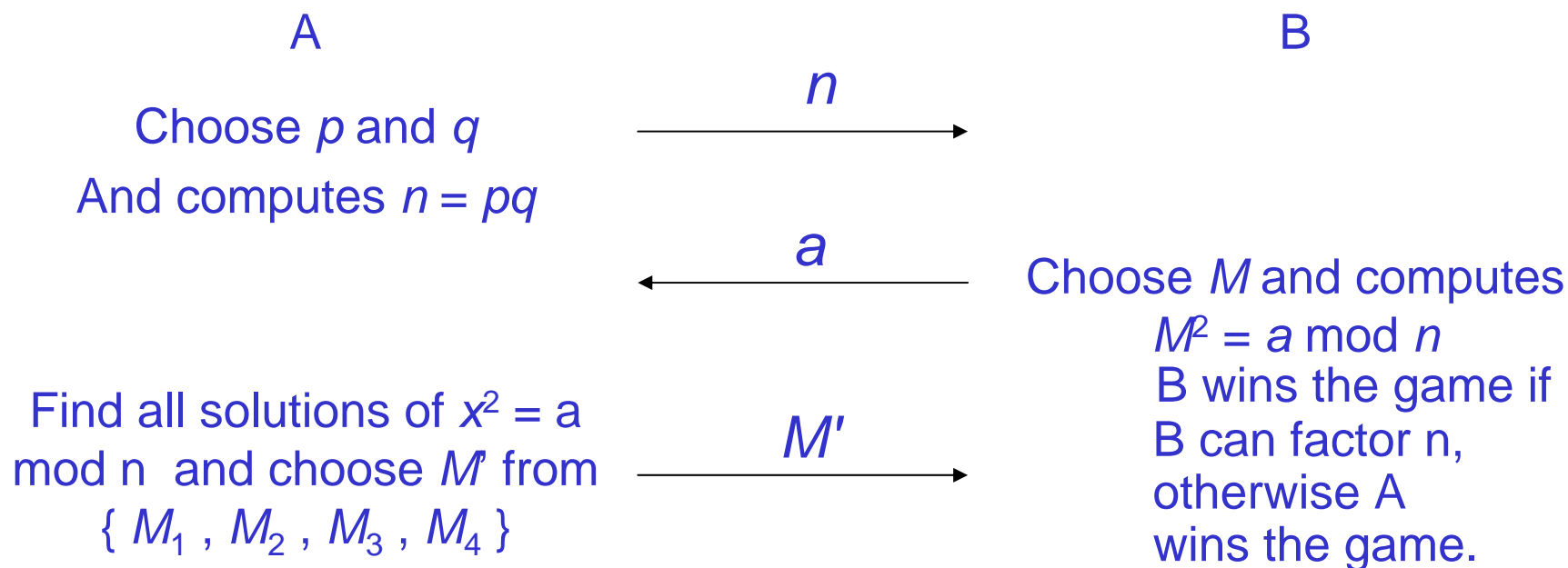
$\therefore n \mid (M-M')(M+M')$ but $n \nmid (M-M')$ and $n \nmid (M+M')$,
($M \not\equiv \pm M' \pmod n$) $\rightarrow p \mid (M-M')$, $q \mid (M+M')$ or $q \mid$
($M-M'$), $p \mid (M+M')$

\therefore Given $n = pq$ and $a \in \mathbb{QR}_n$, finding $x \ni x^2 = a \pmod n$
 n is equivalent to factor n . (infeasible). But if
we know p and q , then finding x is feasible.

- Flopping coins electronically :
 - Object : A and B play a protocol by an electrical channel and when the protocol finishes , both A and B have only $\frac{1}{2}$ probability to win the game .



Protocol :



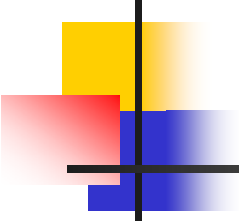
- If $M' \not\equiv \pm M \pmod n$, then B can factor n , the probability = $\frac{1}{2}$



11.2 The law of quadratic reciprocity

- Let p and q are distinct odd primes , if we know (q/p) can we know (p/q) ?
- The answer was found by Euler by examining numerical evidence . Legendre reformulated Euler's answer as the law of quadratic reciprocity , but he cannot give a correct proof . Gauss provided the first correct proof when he was 18 years old . Now , there are more than 152 proofs of the law of quadratic reciprocity by different approaches .
- Thm : the law of quadratic reciprocity let p and q be odd primes . Then



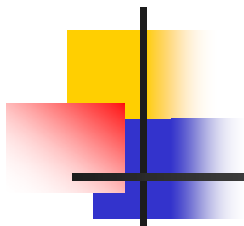


$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{2}}$$

or

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1, & p = 1 \pmod{4} \text{ or } q = 1 \pmod{4} \text{ or both} \\ -1, & p = 3 \pmod{4} \text{ and } q = 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

- The law of reciprocity can be used to evaluate Legendre symbols , if prime factorization can be computed .
- Ex : calculate $(713/1009)$. Note that 1009 is prime and $713 = 23 \times 31$.
- Sol :



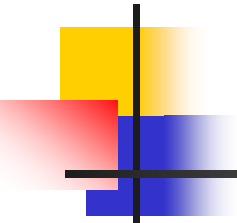
$$1. \left(\frac{713}{1009} \right) = \left(\frac{23}{1009} \right) \left(\frac{31}{1009} \right)$$

$$2. \left(\frac{23}{1009} \right) = \left(\frac{1009}{23} \right), \left(\frac{31}{1009} \right) = \left(\frac{1009}{31} \right), (\because 1009 = 1 \pmod{4})$$

$$3. \left(\frac{1009}{23} \right) = \left(\frac{20}{23} \right) = \left(\frac{2^3 \cdot 5}{23} \right) = \left(\frac{5}{23} \right) = \left(\frac{23}{5} \right) = \left(\frac{5}{3} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{3} \right) = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{1009}{31} \right) &= \left(\frac{17}{31} \right) = \left(\frac{31}{17} \right) = \left(\frac{14}{17} \right) = \left(\frac{2}{17} \right) \left(\frac{7}{17} \right) = \left(\frac{17}{7} \right) = \left(\frac{3}{7} \right) \\ &= -\left(\frac{7}{3} \right) = -\left(\frac{1}{3} \right) = -1 \end{aligned}$$





$$4. \therefore \left(\frac{713}{1009} \right) = (-1)(-1) = 1$$

- ☒ Before we prove above theorem , we first show the following Lemma.
- ☒ Lemma : If p is an odd prime and a is an odd integer not divisible by p , then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p} \right) = (-1)^{T(a,p)} , \text{ where } T(a,p) = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} [ja \mid p]$$



- Proof : consider $a, 2a, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}a \pmod{p}$, let u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s be those greater than $p/2$. Then

$$ja = p \left[\frac{ja}{p} \right] + \text{remainder},$$

where remainder $\in \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_s\}$ or $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_t\}$

$$\therefore \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} ja = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} p \left[\frac{ja}{p} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^s u_j + \sum_{j=1}^t v_j \quad (1)$$

From Gauss' Lemma we know that

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j = \sum_{j=1}^s (p - u_j) + \sum_{j=1}^t v_j \quad (2)$$



$$\begin{aligned} (1) - (2) &\rightarrow (a-1) \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} p \left[\frac{ja}{p} \right] - ps + 2 \sum_{j=1}^s u_j \\ &= pT(a, p) - ps + 2 \sum_{j=1}^s u_j \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

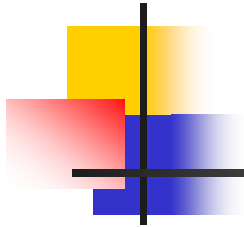
Since a and p are odd, we have

$$O = T(a, p) - s \pmod{2}$$

$$\therefore T(a, p) = s \pmod{2}$$

From Gauss' Lemma, $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^{T(a,p)}$

if a is odd.



- Ex : Using above lemma to evaluate $\left(\frac{7}{11}\right)$.

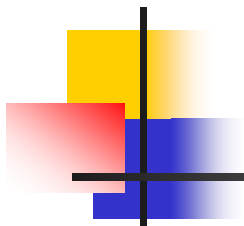
- Sol :

$$\sum_{j=1}^5 \left[\frac{7j}{11} \right] = \left[\frac{7}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{14}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{21}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{28}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{35}{11} \right] = 7 \quad \therefore \left[\frac{7}{11} \right] = (-1)^7 = -1$$

- Ex : Let $p = 7$ and $q = 11$. Consider (x, y) with $1 \leq x \leq \binom{7-1}{2} = 3$ and $1 \leq y \leq \binom{11-1}{2} = 5$.

- There are 15 pairs .

$(1,1)$, $(2,1)$, $(3,1)$, $(1,2)$, $(2,2)$, $(3,2)$, $(1,3)$,
 $(2,3)$, $(3,3)$, $(1,4)$, $(2,4)$, $(3,4)$, $(1,5)$, $(2,5)$,
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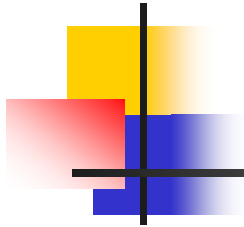


- How many pairs in these pairs satisfy $11x > 7y$ and $11x < 7y$?
- Sol : if $11x > 7y$, then $1 \leq y \leq \frac{11x}{7}$. For fixed x , there are $\left[\frac{11x}{7} \right]$ pairs. So the total number of pairs is

$$\sum_{j=1}^3 \left[\frac{11j}{7} \right] = \left[\frac{11}{7} \right] + \left[\frac{22}{7} \right] + \left[\frac{33}{7} \right] = 1 + 3 + 4 = 8$$

- If $11x < 7y$, then $1 \leq x \leq \frac{7y}{11}$. For fixed y , there are $\left[\frac{7y}{11} \right]$ pairs. So the total number of pairs is

$$\sum_{j=1}^5 \left[\frac{5j}{11} \right] = \left[\frac{5}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{10}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{15}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{20}{11} \right] + \left[\frac{25}{11} \right] = 0 + 0 + 1 + 1 + 2 = 4$$



- Consequently , we see that

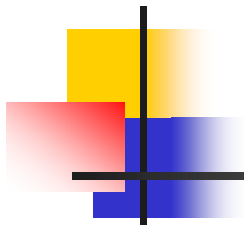
$$\frac{11-1}{2} \cdot \frac{7-1}{2} = 5 \times 3 = 15 = \sum_{j=1}^3 \left[\frac{7j}{11} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^5 \left[\frac{7j}{11} \right] = 8 + 7.$$

From above Lemma , we have

$$\left[\frac{11}{7} \right] \times \left[\frac{7}{11} \right] = (-1)^{\sum_{j=1}^3 \frac{11j}{7}} = (-1)^{\frac{11-1}{2} \cdot \frac{7-1}{2}}$$

- Proof of the law of quadratic reciprocity :

- Consider pairs of integers (x,y) with $1 \leq x \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$
and $1 \leq y \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$



- Then divide the $\frac{p-1}{2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{2}$ pairs into two groups such that $qx > py$ and $qx < py$. (Note that $qx \neq py$; p, q are distinct primes and $1 \leq x \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$, $1 \leq y \leq \frac{q-1}{2}$)

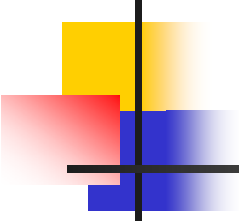
Then there are $\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left[\frac{qj}{p} \right]$ pairs satisfying $qx > py$ and $\sum_{j=1}^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \left[\frac{pj}{q} \right]$

pairs astisfying $qx < py$

$$\text{Since } \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left[\frac{qj}{p} \right] + \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{q-1}{2}} \left[\frac{pj}{q} \right] = T(q, p) + T(p, q) = \frac{p-1}{2} \cdot \frac{q-1}{2}$$

By above Lemma, we have



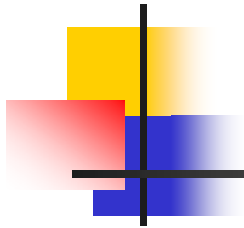


$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{T(p,q)}(-1)^{T(q,p)} = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}\frac{q-1}{2}}$$

- Application : use the law of quadratic reciprocity to prove the validity of primality test for Fermat numbers .
- Thm : Pepin's Test

The Fermat number $F_m = 2^{2^m} + 1$ is prime iff

$$3^{\frac{F_m-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod{F_m}$$



■ Proof :

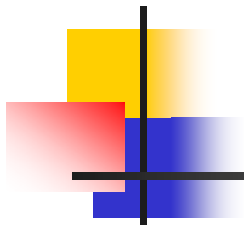
(\Rightarrow) If $3^{\frac{F_m-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod{F_m}$, then $3^{F_m-1} = 1 \pmod{F_m}$.

If there exist a prime $p, \exists p \mid F_m$, then $3^{F_m-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$ and hence $\text{ord}_p 3 \mid (F_m - 1) = 2^{2^m}$. However,

$$\text{ord}_p 3 \nmid 2^{2^{m-1}} = \frac{F_m - 1}{2}$$

Since $3^{\frac{F_m-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod{F_m} \rightarrow \text{ord}_p 3 = F_m - 1 \leq p - 1$

and $p \mid F_m \rightarrow p = F_m, \therefore F_m$ must be prime.



(\Leftarrow) If F_m is prime, then

$$\left(\frac{3}{F_m}\right) = \left(\frac{F_m}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = -1 \cdot \Theta F_m = 1 \pmod{4}$$

and $F_m = 2 \pmod{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{for } m \geq 1 \dots \left(\frac{3}{F_m}\right) &= 3^{\frac{F_m-1}{2}} \pmod{F_m} \rightarrow 3^{\frac{F_m-1}{2}} \\ &= -1 \pmod{F_m} \end{aligned}$$

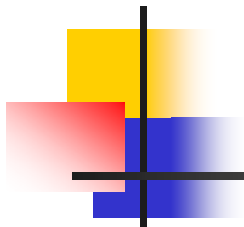


11.3 The Jacobi Symbol

- Def : let $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ be an odd integer with $n = p_1^{t_1}, p_2^{t_2}, \dots, p_m^{t_m}$ and let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $(a, n) = 1$, then, the Jacobi symbol $J(a/n)$ is defined by

$$J\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = J\left(\frac{a}{p_1^{t_1} p_2^{t_2} \dots p_m^{t_m}}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right)^{t_1} \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right)^{t_2} \dots \left(\frac{a}{p_m}\right)^{t_m}$$

- Remark :
 1. When n is prime, then $J(a/n) = (a/n)$
 2. When $x^2 = a \pmod n$ has solutions, then $J(a/n) = 1$. However, $J(a/n) = 1$ does not imply that $a \in QR_n$, i.e. $x^2 = a \pmod n$ has solutions.



- Ex : let $a = 2$ and $n = 3 \times 5 = 15$, note that $J(2/15) = (2/3)(2/5) = (-1)(-1) = 1$, but there are no solutions to $x^2 = 2 \pmod{15}$, since $x^2 = 2 \pmod{3}$ and $x^2 = 2 \pmod{5}$ has no solutions .
- Properties of Jacobi symbol :
 1. If $a = b \pmod{n}$, then $J\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)$
 2. $J\left(\frac{ab}{n}\right) = J\left(\frac{a}{n}\right)J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)$
 3. $J\left(\frac{-1}{n}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$
 4. $J\left(\frac{2}{n}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$



■ Proof of (3) :

$$J\left(\frac{-1}{n}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p_1}\right)^{t_1} \left(\frac{-1}{p_2}\right)^{t_2} \dots \left(\frac{-1}{p_m}\right)^{t_m} \text{ by definition}$$

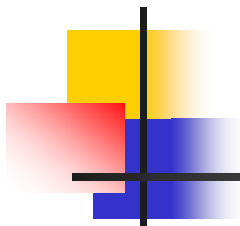
$$= (-1)^{\frac{t_1(p_1-1)}{2} + \frac{t_2(p_2-1)}{2} + \dots + \frac{t_m(p_m-1)}{2}}$$

$$\text{But } n = [1 + (p_1 - 1)]^{t_1} [1 + (p_2 - 1)]^{t_2} \dots [1 + (p_m - 1)]^{t_m}$$

$$\because p_i - 1 \text{ is even, we have } [1 + (p_i - 1)]^{t_i} = 1 + t_i(p_i - 1) \pmod{4}.$$

$$\text{and } (1 + t_i(p_i - 1))(1 + t_j(p_j - 1)) = 1 + t_i(p_i - 1) + t_j(p_j - 1) \pmod{4}.$$

$$\therefore \frac{n-1}{2} = t_1 \frac{p_1-1}{2} + t_2 \frac{p_2-1}{2} + \dots + t_m \frac{p_m-1}{2} \pmod{2} \rightarrow J\left(\frac{-1}{n}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$$



- Thm : the Reciprocity law for Jacobi symbols . Let $(n, m) = 1$ and n, m are odd positive integers , then

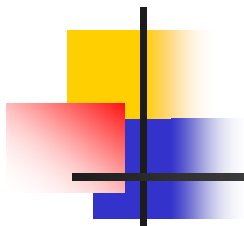
$$J\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)J\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{m-1}{2} \cdot \frac{n-1}{2}}$$

- Ex : find $J\left(\frac{401}{111}\right)$
- Sol : $401 = 111 \times 3 + 2^2 \times 17$

$$111 = 17 \times 6 + 2^5 \times 9$$

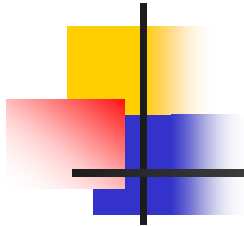
$$17 = 9 \times 1 + 2^5 \times 1$$

$$J\left(\frac{401}{111}\right) = J\left(\frac{2^2 \cdot 17}{111}\right) = J\left(\frac{2^2}{111}\right)J\left(\frac{17}{111}\right) = J\left(\frac{2}{111}\right)^2 J\left(\frac{17}{111}\right) = (-1)^{2 \cdot \frac{111^2-1}{8}} \cdot J\left(\frac{17}{111}\right)$$



$$\begin{aligned} J\left(\frac{17}{111}\right) &= (-1)^{\frac{17-1111-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1111-1}{2}} J\left(\frac{111}{17}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{17-1111-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1111-1}{2}} J\left(\frac{2^0}{17}\right) J\left(\frac{9}{17}\right) \\ &= (-1)^{\frac{17-1111-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1111-1}{2}} (-1)^{0 \cdot \frac{111-1}{2}} J\left(\frac{9}{17}\right) \\ J\left(\frac{9}{17}\right) &= (-1)^{\frac{9-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1}{2}} J\left(\frac{17}{9}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{9-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1}{2}} J\left(\frac{2}{9}\right)^3 = (-1)^{\frac{9-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1}{2}} (-1)^{3 \cdot \frac{9^2-1}{8}} \\ \therefore J\left(\frac{401}{111}\right) &= (-1)^{2 \cdot \frac{111^2-1}{8} + \frac{17^2-1}{8} + 3 \cdot \frac{9^2-1}{8} + \frac{17-1}{2} \cdot \frac{111-1}{2} + \frac{9-1}{2} \cdot \frac{17-1}{2}} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

- Now, there exist an efficient algorithm for evaluating Jacobi symbols $J(a/b)$. Let $(a, b) = 1$ and a, b are odd positive integers



1. Let $R_0 = a$ and $R_1 = b$. Using the division algorithm and factoring out the highest power of two dividing the remainder,

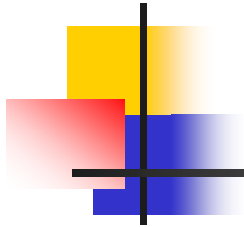
$$R_0 = R_1 q_1 + 2^{s_1} R_2 \quad R_2 < R_1$$

$$R_1 = R_2 q_2 + 2^{t_2} R_3 \quad R_3 < R_2$$

$$\vdots$$
$$\vdots$$

$$R_{n-3} = R_{n-2} q_{n-2} + 2^{s_{n-2}} R_{n-1} \quad R_{n-1} < R_{n-2}$$

$$R_{n-2} = R_{n-1} q_{n-1} + 2^{s_{n-1}} \cdot 1$$



2. Then

$$J\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = (-1)^{s_1 \frac{R_1^2}{8} + \dots + s_{n-1} \frac{R_{n-1}^2}{8} + \frac{R_1-1}{2} \frac{R_2-1}{2} + \dots + \frac{R_{n-2}-1}{2} \frac{R_{n-1}-1}{2}}$$

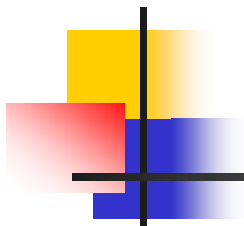
■ Remark :

1. In above algorithm we do not need to factor a or b .
2. If $(a, b) = 1$, then $J(a/b)$ can be evaluated using $O((\log_2 b)^3)$ bit operations .



11-4 Euler Pseudoprimes

- Def : n is a pseudoprime to the base b if n is composite and $b^n = b \pmod n$ (or $b^{n-1} = 1 \pmod n$)
- Def : n is a strong pseudoprime to the base b if n is composite and either $b^t = 1 \pmod n$ or $b^{2^j t} = -1 \pmod n$ for some $0 \leq j \leq s-1$, where $n-1 = 2^s t$ and t is odd (Miller's test)
- Def : n is a Carmichael number if



Fact: if p is an odd prime and $p \nmid b$, then we have

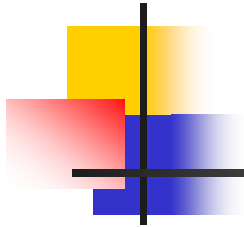
$$b^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = J\left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \pmod{p}, \text{ thus, if given } n \text{ and}$$

$$\exists(b, n) = 1 \ni b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \neq J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n}, \text{ then } n \text{ must be composite.}$$

Problem: Do there exist some composite numbers n , such that the above test is satisfied?

Def: an odd composite, positive integer n that satisfies

$$b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n}, \text{ where } b \text{ is a positive integer, then}$$



n is called an Euler pseudoprime to the base b .

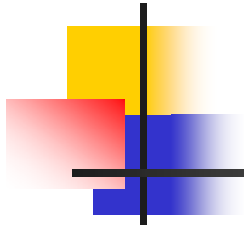
Thm :if n is an Euler pseudoprime to the base b , then n is a pseudo prime to the base b .

Proof :if n is an Euler pseudoprime to the base b , then

$$b^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n} \rightarrow b^{n-1} = \left(J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \right)^2 = 1 \pmod{n}.$$

$\therefore n$ is a pseudoprime to the base b .

Remark : Not every pseudoprime is an Euler pseudoprime .



Thm :if n is a strong pseudoprime to the base b , then n is an Euler pseudoprime to this base.

Proof : Omitted .

Remark : not every Euler pseudoprime is a strong pseudoprime.

Ex : Let $n = 341$ and $b = 2$ (n is composite)

(1) $2^{340} = 1 \pmod{341} \rightarrow 341$ is pseudoprime to the base 2 .

(2) $2^{170} = 1 \pmod{341}$, and $J\left(\frac{2}{341}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{n^2-1}{8}} = (-1) \rightarrow 341$

is not an Euler pseudoprime to the base 2 .



Ex : let $n = 1105$ and $b = 2$ (n is composite)

$$(1) 2^{552} = 1 \pmod{1105}, \text{ and } J\left(\frac{2}{1105}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1105^2-1}{8}} = 1 \rightarrow 1105$$

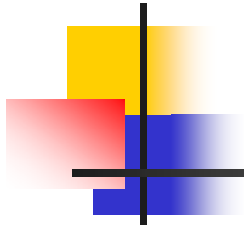
is an Euler pseudoprime to base 2 .

$$(2) 2^{552} = 1 \pmod{1105} \text{ but } 2^{\frac{1105-1}{2^2}} = 2^{276} = 781 \neq 1 \pmod{1105}$$

$\rightarrow 1105$ is not a strong pseudoprime .

Thm : if $n = 3 \pmod{4}$ and n is an Euler pseudoprime to the base b , then n is a strong pseudoprime to the base b .

proof : if $n = 3 \pmod{4}$, then $n - 1 = 2t$, there t is odd .



$\because n$ is an Euler

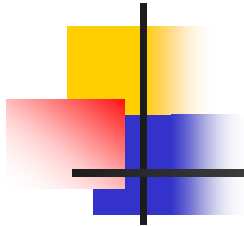
pseudoprime to the base b , $\therefore b^t = b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$

if $J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \rightarrow = -1$, then $b^{2^{s-1}t} = -1 \pmod{n}$

$\rightarrow n$ is a strong pseudoprime.

Lemma: If n is an odd positive integer and is not a perfect

square, then $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, with $(b, n) = 1$ and $J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) = -1$.



Proof : (1) if n is prime , then b exists .

(2) if n is composite and is not a perfect square ,

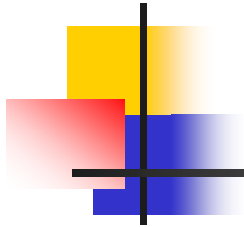
we write $n = rs$ where p is an odd prime and t is odd .

let $t \in NQR_p$, t exists . let $b = t \pmod r$ $b = 1 \pmod s$

$$\text{Then } J\left(\frac{b}{r}\right) = J\left(\frac{b}{p^t}\right) = \left(J\left(\frac{b}{p}\right)\right)^t = -1 \text{ and } J\left(\frac{b}{s}\right) = 1$$

$$\therefore J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) = J\left(\frac{b}{r}\right)J\left(\frac{b}{s}\right) = -1 \rightarrow b \text{ exists .}$$

Lemma : Let n be an odd composite integer .



Then $\exists b$ with $(b, n) = 1$ and $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \not\equiv J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$

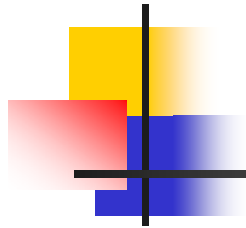
Proof : Assume that $\forall b, 1 < b < n, (b, n) = 1$, satisfy

$$b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \equiv J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n} \quad \text{Then } b^{n-1} \equiv \left(J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right)\right)^2 \equiv (\pm 1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

n is an odd composite integer ,

$\therefore n$ must be a Carmichael number $\rightarrow n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$,

where $q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$ are istinct odd primes .



In this case $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = 1 \pmod n$ must hold for all $1 \leq b \leq n-1$ and

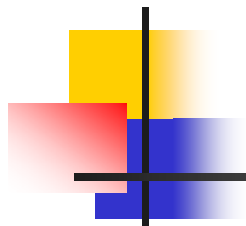
$(b, n) = 1$. If $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod n$, then we can find an integer a ,

$$(a, b) = 1 \ni a = b \pmod{q_1} \quad a = 1 \pmod{(q_1 q_2 \dots q_r)}$$

$$\rightarrow a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \neq b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = -1 \pmod{q_1} \text{ and } a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = 1 \pmod{(q_1 q_2 \dots q_r)}$$

$$\rightarrow a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \neq \pm 1 \pmod n, \text{ It is a contradiction } \therefore b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = 1 \pmod n$$

$$= J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right), \text{ for all } (b, n) = 1.$$



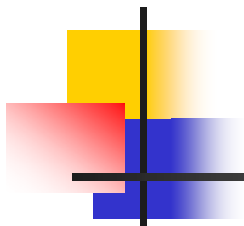
However, above Lemma tells us that this is impossible,

since $\exists b \ni J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) = -1 \pmod{n}$. There must be at least one

integer $b, (b, n) = 1 \ni b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \not\equiv J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$

Thm : Let n be an odd composite integer, Then the number of bases b which n is an Euler pseudoprime does

not exceed $\frac{\Phi(n)}{2}$.



Pr oof : let b with $1 < b < n, (b, n) = 1$ and $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \neq J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod n$.

(b must be existed from above Lemma)

Let $a_1 a_2 \dots a_m$ denoted the positive integers less than n

satisfying $1 \leq a_j \leq n, (a_j, n) = 1$ and $a_j^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{a_j}{n}\right) \pmod n$,

for $j = 1, 2, \dots, m$.

Let $r_1 r_2 \dots r_m$ satisfy $r_j = a_j b \pmod n$. Then the integers

$$r_j^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \neq J\left(\frac{r_j}{n}\right) \pmod n.$$



If it is true , then

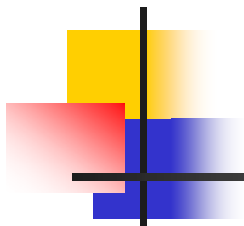
$$r_j^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = (a_j b)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = a_j^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{a_j}{n}\right) J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod n$$

$$\rightarrow b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \pmod n .$$

Thus $S_1 = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$, $S_2 = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m\}$, $S_1 \cap S_2 = \Phi$

$$\rightarrow 2m \leq \Phi(n) \rightarrow m \leq \frac{\Phi(n)}{2}$$

Thm : the Solovay - Strassen probabilistic primality test .



Let n be a positive integer , select b from $\{1,2,\dots,n-1\}$.

Determinewhether $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} = J\left(\frac{b}{n}\right) \bmod n$.

If it is fails then n is composite . If n is composite ,

then the probability that it holds is less than $\frac{1}{2}$.

Repeat the k times , the probability that n is composite and passes the test is less then

$$\frac{1}{2^k}$$



Remark :

1. The complexity of the Solovay - Strassen probabilistic primality test is $O(k(\log_2 n)^3)$ bit operations which is the same as the Rabin test .
2. The Solovay - Strassen test is less efficient than the Rabin test

