

## 2. Miller Rabin primality test

1. For each integer  $n = 561, 41041, 67867, 7777853, 8768767$ , choose an  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_n^*$  and compute  $a^{n-1} \bmod n$ . What can you deduce about the primality of  $n$  from the results of the computations?
2. Verify that  $n = 8911$  is 3-pseudoprime, but **not** 2-pseudoprime and **not** 5-pseudoprime.
3. (*Carmichael numbers*) Let  $n$  be a composite integer with the following properties

$$\begin{cases} \text{it is squarefree,} \\ \text{if } p \text{ divides } n, \text{ then } p-1 \text{ divides } n-1. \end{cases}$$

Verify that  $n$  passes the Little Fermat Theorem test, for all integers  $a$  with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

4. Verify that the following Carmichael numbers

$$321197185, \quad 9746347772161, \quad 87674969936234821377601, \quad 32809426840359564991177172754241$$

do not pass the Miller-Rabin test.

5. (a) Show that the number of classes  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_9^*$  for which 9 is  $a$ -pseudoprime is  $> \varphi(9)/4$ .  
(b) Do the same for all the composite numbers between 10 and 20. Verify that in all cases the number of such classes is  $\leq \varphi(n)/4$ .

## 6. Discrete logarithm problem

1. *Primitive root criterium.* Let  $\bar{x} \in \mathbf{Z}_p^*$ , with  $p$  prime. Then  $\bar{x}$  is a primitive root in  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$  if and only if  $\bar{x}^{\frac{p-1}{d}} \neq \bar{1} \pmod{p}$ , for all prime divisors  $d$  of  $p-1$ .
2. Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $\bar{a}$  and  $\bar{b}$  be primitive roots in  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$ . Prove that  $\log_{\bar{a}} \bar{b}$  is invertible modulo  $p-1$ .
3. Let  $p = 47$ . Determine a primitive root  $\bar{a} \in \mathbf{Z}_{47}^*$ . Compute  $\log_{\bar{a}} 11$ .
4. Let  $p = 439$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $\bar{a} = \overline{17}$  is the smallest primitive root in  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$ .
  - (b) Compute  $\log_{\bar{a}} \overline{100}$ .
5. Let  $p = 227$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $\bar{a} = \bar{2}$  is a primitive root in  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$ .
  - (b) Compute  $\log_{\bar{a}} \bar{3}$ ,  $\log_{\bar{a}} \bar{5}$ ,  $\log_{\bar{a}} \bar{7}$ , using the relations modulo  $p$ 
$$2^{20} \equiv 3^2 \cdot 7, \quad 2^{57} \equiv 3 \cdot 5, \quad 2^{128} \equiv 3 \cdot 7^2.$$
  - (c) Compute  $\log_{\bar{a}} \overline{100}$ .
6. Let  $p = 1061$ .
  - (a) Determine a primitive root  $\bar{a}$  in  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$ ;
  - (b) Compute  $\log_{\bar{a}} \overline{101}$ .