

> Math 418 : MAPLE Solution of Assignment #8 -- Your NAME

Problem 5: Strong pseudoprimes

(a) Finding the exponent of 2 in m:

Output: the largest integer e such that $2^e | m$

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> exp2 := proc(m) local e, n;
  e := 0; n := m;
  while modp(n, 2) = 0 do
    e := e + 1; n := n/2; od;
  return(e); end;
exp2 := proc(m)
  local e, n;
  e := 0; n := m; while modp(n, 2) = 0 do e := e + 1; n := 1/2 * n end do; return e
end proc
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(1)

Test the above program for $m = 1728$, $m = 12345$, $m = 12$

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> 1024 · 12347;
12643328
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(2)

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> exp2(1728), exp2(12345), exp2(12643328);
6, 0, 10
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(3)

Thus, the highest power of 2 dividing 1728 is 2^6 , etc.

(b) A program to test whether a given n is a strong pseudoprime to the base b .

Output: true, if n is a strong pseudoprime to the base b , and false otherwise.

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> spsp := proc(n, b) local a, r, bs, res, s;
  a := exp2(n - 1); res := false;
  if igcd(b, n) = 1
  then if a > 0 then s := (n - 1) / 2^a;
  bs := Power(b, s) mod n;
  if bs = 1 then res := true;
  else for r from 0 to a - 1 while (not res) do;
    if bs = n - 1 then res := true;
    else bs := modp(bs^2, n); fi; od; fi; fi;
  return(res); end;
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(c) Test the above program:

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> n1 := 1729 : n2 := 179425261 : n3 := 2^48 · 1234567 + 1;
n3 := 347499717572744445953
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(4)

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> b1 := 10 : b2 := 20 :
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> spsp(n1, b1), spsp(n1, b2);
true, false
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(5)

Thus, $n_1 = 1729$ is not strong pseudoprime to the base 20, and so n_2 cannot be prime.

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> spsp(n2, b1), spsp(n2, b2);
true, true
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(6)

Thus, $n_2 = 179425261$ is a strong pseudoprime to the bases 10 and 20, so n_2 might be prime.

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| > spsp(n3, b1), spsp(n3, b2);                                false, false                (7)
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|= Thus, n3 cannot be prime.
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| > isprime(n1), isprime(n2), isprime(n3);                    false, true, false                (8)
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|= Thus, n2 is a prime whereas n1 and n3 are not.
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