

# Factoring into coprimes

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Does  $91^{1952681} 119^{1513335} 221^{634643}$   
equal  $1547^{1708632} 6898073^{439346}$ ?

Each side has logarithm  
 $\approx 19466590.674872$ .

Which integers  $(a, b, c, d, e)$  satisfy  
 $91^a 119^b 221^c = 1547^d 6898073^e$ ?

$$91 = 7 \cdot 13; 119 = 7 \cdot 17;$$

$$221 = 13 \cdot 17; 1547 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 17;$$

$$6898073 = 7^4 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 17.$$

$$(a, b, c, d, e) \mapsto$$

$$91^a 119^b 221^c 1547^{-d} 6898073^{-e} = 7^{a+b-d-4e} 13^{a+c-d-2e} 17^{b+c-d-e}.$$

Kernel is generated by

$(1, 1, 1, 2, 0)$  and  $(3, 2, 0, 1, 1)$ .

## General algorithm

Given integers  $e_1, \dots, e_k$

and positive integers  $s_1, \dots, s_k$ :

$s_1^{e_1} \cdots s_k^{e_k} = 1$  if and only if

$$e_1 \operatorname{ord}_q s_1 + \cdots + e_k \operatorname{ord}_q s_k = 0$$

for all primes  $q$  dividing  $s_1 \cdots s_k$ .

Problem: Often difficult to find  $q$ 's.

Solution: Find coprime base  $P$  for  $\{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$  with  $1 \notin P$ .

Coprime means  $\gcd\{q, q'\} = 1$  for all  $q, q' \in P$  with  $q \neq q'$ .

Base means each  $s_j$  is a product of powers of elements of  $P$ .

Then  $s_1^{e_1} \cdots s_k^{e_k} = 1$  if and only if  $e_1 \operatorname{ord}_q s_1 + \cdots + e_k \operatorname{ord}_q s_k = 0$  for all  $q \in P$ .

Can find coprime base

by iterating  $(a, b) \mapsto (a/g, g, b/g)$

where  $g = \gcd\{a, b\}$ .

1547                  6898073

1 1547                  4459

1 17      91                  49

1 17 1 91                  49

1 17 1 13      7      7

1 17 1 13 1 7      7

1 17 1 13 1 1 7 1

$\text{cb}\{1547, 6898073\} = \{17, 13, 7\}$ .

Can factor  $S$  into coprimes  
in quadratic time.

(Bach, Driscoll, Shallit 1990)

- Given  $a, b$ : compute  $\text{cb} \{a, b\}$ .
- Given  $a, Q$ , with  $Q$  coprime:  
compute  $\text{cb}(\{a\} \cup Q)$ .
- Given  $S$ : compute  $\text{cb} S$ .
- Given  $S, P$ : factor  $S$  using  $P$ .

An example of **factor refinement**:

Given squarefree  $g \in (\mathbf{Z}/2)[x]$ .

Want to factor  $g$ .

One way: Find basis  $h_1, h_2, \dots$   
for  $\{h \in (\mathbf{Z}/2)[x] : (gh)' = h^2\}$ .

Then  $\text{cb}\{g, h_1, h_2, \dots\}$  contains  
all irreducible divisors of  $g$ .

(Niederreiter 1993)



## Ideal arithmetic in number rings

Monic irreducible  $\varphi \in \mathbf{Z}[x]$ .

Want to handle ideals of  $\mathbf{Z}[x]/\varphi$ .

Represent ideal  $M$  as

$\{\mathbf{Z}_q M : q \in P\}$  with  $P$  coprime.

Compress  $\mathbf{Z}_q M$  as if  $q$  were prime.

(Bernstein)

## Fast arithmetic

In time  $O(n \log n \log \log n)$   
can multiply  $n$ -digit numbers.  
(Schönhage, Strassen 1971)

Or divide  $n$ -digit numbers.  
(Cook; Sieveking; Kung; Brent)

In time  $O(n(\log n)^2 \log \log n)$   
can find gcd of  $n$ -digit numbers.  
(Lehmer; Knuth; Schönhage)

Need more for fast cb:

5													48828125
1	5												9765625
1	1	5											1953125
1	1	1	5										390625
1	1	1	1	5									78125
1	1	1	1	1	5								15625
1	1	1	1	1	1	5							3125
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5						625
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5					125
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5				25
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5			5
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	5		1

If  $a = 5^e$  and  $b = 5^f$  then

$$\text{cb} \{a, b\} = \{5^{\text{gcd}\{e, f\}}\} - \{1\}.$$

$(a/g, g, b/g)$  for  $g = \text{gcd}\{a, b\}$  is  
 $(5^{e-f}, 5^f, 1)$  or  $(1, 5^e, 5^{f-e})$ .

$(e, f) \mapsto (e - f, f)$  or  $(e, f - e)$

is Euclid's original gcd algorithm.

Sometimes very slow.

Better: Subtract  $2^j f$  from  $e$   
if  $e$  is between  $2^j f$  and  $2^{j+1} f$ .

Can do this to exponents  
with fast combination of  
multiplication, division, gcd.

For example:  $\min \{e, 64f\}$  from

$$\begin{aligned}c_1 &= \gcd \{a, b^2\}, & c_2 &= \gcd \{a, c_1^2\}, \\c_3 &= \gcd \{a, c_2^2\}, & c_4 &= \gcd \{a, c_3^2\}, \\c_5 &= \gcd \{a, c_4^2\}, & c_6 &= \gcd \{a, c_5^2\}.\end{aligned}$$

Given coprime sets  $P, Q$ ,  
to quickly compute  $\text{cb}(P \cup Q)$ :

Replace  $Q$  with  $Q'$  such that  
 $\text{cb}(P \cup Q) = \text{cb}(P \cup Q')$ ;

$Q'$  has  $O(n \log n)$  digits;

and  $Q'$  has  $O(\log n)$  elements.

Insert  $Q'$  one element at a time.

If  $Q = \{q_{00}, q_{01}, \dots, q_{15}\}$  then

$$Q' = \{q_{00} q_{02} q_{04} q_{06} q_{08} q_{10} q_{12} q_{14}, \\ q_{01} q_{03} q_{05} q_{07} q_{09} q_{11} q_{13} q_{15}, \\ q_{00} q_{01} q_{04} q_{05} q_{08} q_{09} q_{12} q_{13}, \\ q_{02} q_{03} q_{06} q_{07} q_{10} q_{11} q_{14} q_{15}, \\ q_{00} q_{01} q_{02} q_{03} q_{08} q_{09} q_{10} q_{11}, \\ q_{04} q_{05} q_{06} q_{07} q_{12} q_{13} q_{14} q_{15}, \\ q_{00} q_{01} q_{02} q_{03} q_{04} q_{05} q_{06} q_{07}, \\ q_{08} q_{09} q_{10} q_{11} q_{12} q_{13} q_{14} q_{15}\}.$$

Can compute  $\text{cb } S$  given  $S$   
in time  $n(\log n)^{O(1)}$ .

Given coprime base  $P$  for  $S$ ,  
can factor  $S$  over  $P$   
in time  $n(\log n)^{O(1)}$ .

Same for any ~~freakoid~~ free coid  
with fast arithmetic.

(Bernstein)



## Decomposing perfect powers

Given integer  $c > 1$  with  $c < 2^n$ .

Want largest integer  $k$

such that  $c$  is a  $k$ th power.

Find integer  $r_k$  within 0.9 of  $c^{1/k}$   
for  $1 \leq k < n$ .

Can check if  $(r_k)^k = c$  for each  $k$   
in total time  $e^{O(\sqrt{\log n \log \log n})} n$ .

(Bernstein)

Time  $n(\log n)^{O(1)}$  using  
fast factorization into coprimes:

Compute  $P = \text{cb} \{r_1, r_2, \dots\}$ .

$c$  is a  $k$ th power if and only if  
 $k$  divides  $\text{ord}_q c$  for each  $q \in P$ .

Largest  $k$  is  $\text{gcd} \{ \text{ord}_q c : q \in P \}$ .

(Lenstra, Pila)