

Due no-later-than: **noon, Monday, 28Apr2014** slid completely under my office door, LITTLE HALL 402 [top floor, north-east corner.] Then please *email me* that you have handed-in a project.

OYOP: *Your 2 essay(s) must be TYPESET, and Double or Triple spaced. Use the Print/Revise cycle to produce good, well thought out, essays. Start each essay on a NEW sheet of paper. Do not restate the problem; just solve it.*

E1:

α For $k \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, let $J_k := \text{Lcm}(1, 2, 3, \dots, k)$. Describe, with proof, those $k \geq 2$ s.t $J_k \neq J_{k-1}$. Since $J_{15} = 360360$, necessarily $J_{16} =$ _____

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Find a factor of $N := 152557$, via "Pollard $p-1$ " applied to seed $:= 3$, as follows. Note that

$$s_{15} := \langle 3^{J_{15}} \rangle_N \equiv 60339.$$

Compute s_{16}, s_{17}, \dots and $\text{Gcd}([s_k]-1, N)$ until you find a nt-factor, call it $F=$ _____, found at time $T=$ _____. Display the results in a nice table.

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Explain how this algorithm works. What are the other factors of N ? Explain why F was found before they were. Explain precisely how T is related to (factors of some number related to) F .

E2: i

Use Pollard- ρ to find a non-trivial factor of $M := 59749$, using seed $s_0 := 7$ and map $f(x) := 1+x^2$. Make a nice table, labeled

Time	Tortoise	Hare	$s_{2k} - s_k$	Gcd(??)
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—but **replace** the "??" with the correct expression. You found non-trivial factor $E :=$ _____.

The hare Hits into the tortoise at time $H :=$ _____.

Repeat, showing the table for $s := 24$. Experiment with different seeds; what is the typical running time? How is it related to the factor you find?

ii

A seed s determines a **tail**; the smallest natnum T for which there is a time $n > T$ with $f^n(s) = f^T(s)$. The smallest such n is $T+L$ where L is the **period**. Derive

(picture+reasoning) a formula for the hitting time $H(T, L)$. [Hint: $H(0, L) = L$.]

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Produce a Floyd-done-twice algorithm that computes both T and L . The number, N , of f -evaluations is upper-bounded by some small constant times $T+L$ (=arclength of ρ). How small can you get $N(T, L)$? [Hint: $N(0, L) = 3L$.]

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(setq M 59749 seed1 7 seed2 24)
(pollard-rho M :seed seed1 :stop 24)
(pollard-rho M :seed seed2)
(progn (setq *c* 2) (pollard-rho 10403 :seed 4))
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When $T = 0$ then hitting time is $H(0, L) = L$.

When $T > 0$ then hitting time is $H(T, L) = L \cdot \lceil T/L \rceil$.

Note $H(T, L) \leq T + L$.

For finding T,L efficiently:
Run Floyd; this uses 3*H f-evaluations.

At that moment, the tortoise is in the loop. Now place a terrapin the seed s_0 , and run both the terrapin and tortoise at unit-speed.

Their psns differ by a multiple of (the unknown) L , so they /will/ c at the first place where they are both in the loop; time T . This uses $2*T$ many f-evaluations.

Knowing $H(T,L)$ and knowing T does /not/ determine L . E.g
If $T=10$ and $H=12$. Note
 $3*\text{Ceil}(10/3) = 12 = 4*\text{Ceil}(10/4) = 6*\text{Ceil}(10/6)$.

But now keep the tortoise going till he hits s_T . This is L more f-evaluations. The total gives this upper-bnd:

$$3*[T+L] + 2T + L = 5T + 4L.$$

E3: Create an *interesting, non-trivial* problem involving codes, then solve it. I will judge partly on your creativity.

E1: _____ 95pts

E2: _____ 95pts

E3: _____ 35pts

Total: _____ 225pts

Please PRINT your name and ordinal. Ta:

Ord: _____

HONOR CODE: "I have neither requested nor received help on this exam other than from my professor."

Signature: _____

Folks, I have had a great time working with you this Semester. Stop by next semester to "Talk Math".

Cheers, Prof. Sieve-brain