

# A Formalisation of Lehmer's Primality Criterion

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## Abstract

In 1927, Lehmer presented criteria for primality, based on the converse of Fermat's little theorem [2]. This work formalizes the second criterion from Lehmer's paper, a necessary and sufficient condition for primality.

As a side product we formalize some properties of Euler's  $\varphi$ -function, the notion of the order of an element of a group, and the cyclicity of the multiplicative group of a finite field.

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## 1 Introduction

Section ?? provides some technical lemmas about polynomials. Section ?? to ?? formalize some basic number-theoretic and algebraic properties: Euler's  $\varphi$ -function, the order of an element of a group and an upper bound of the number of roots of a polynomial. Section ?? combines these results to prove that the multiplicative group of a finite field is cyclic. Based on that, Section 2 formalizes an extended version of Lehmer's Theorem, which gives us necessary and sufficient conditions to decide whether a number is prime.

**theory** *Lehmer*

**imports**

*Main*

*HOL-Number-Theory.Residues*

**begin**

## 2 Lehmer's Theorem

In this section we prove Lehmer's Theorem [2] and its converse. These two theorems characterize a necessary and complete criterion for primality. This

criterion is the basis of the Lucas-Lehmer primality test and the primality certificates of Pratt [3].

**lemma** *mod-1-coprime-nat*:  
*coprime a b if  $0 < n$   $[a \wedge n = 1] \pmod{b}$  for  $a b :: nat$*   
**proof** –  
**from** *that coprime-1-left* **have** *coprime  $(a \wedge n) b$*   
**using** *cong-imp-coprime cong-sym* **by** *blast*  
**with**  $\langle 0 < n \rangle$  **show** *?thesis*  
**by** *simp*  
**qed**

This is a weak variant of Lehmer’s theorem: All numbers less than  $p - 1$  must be considered.

**lemma** *lehmers-weak-theorem*:  
**assumes**  $2 \leq p$   
**assumes** *min-cong1*:  $\bigwedge x. 0 < x \implies x < p - 1 \implies [a \wedge x \neq 1] \pmod{p}$   
**assumes** *cong1*:  $[a \wedge (p - 1) = 1] \pmod{p}$   
**shows** *prime p*  
**proof** (*rule totient-imp-prime*)  
**from**  $\langle 2 \leq p \rangle$  *cong1* **have** *coprime a p*  
**by** (*intro mod-1-coprime-nat[of p - 1]*) *auto*  
**then** **have**  $[a \wedge \text{totient } p = 1] \pmod{p}$   
**by** (*intro euler-theorem*) *auto*  
**then** **have**  $\text{totient } p \geq p - 1 \vee \text{totient } p = 0$   
**using** *min-cong1[of totient p]* **by** *fastforce*  
**moreover** **have**  $\text{totient } p > 0$   
**using**  $\langle 2 \leq p \rangle$  **by** *simp*  
**moreover** **from**  $\langle p \geq 2 \rangle$  **have**  $\text{totient } p < p$  **by** (*intro totient-less*) *auto*  
**ultimately** **show**  $\text{totient } p = p - 1$  **by** *presburger*  
**qed** (*insert  $\langle p \geq 2 \rangle$ , auto*)

**lemma** *prime-factors-elem*:  
**fixes**  $n :: nat$  **assumes**  $1 < n$  **shows**  $\exists p. p \in \text{prime-factors } n$   
**using** *assms* **by** (*cases prime n*) (*auto simp: prime-factors-dvd prime-factor-nat*)

**lemma** *cong-pow-1-nat*:  
 $[a \wedge x = 1] \pmod{b}$  **if**  $[a = 1] \pmod{b}$  **for**  $a b :: nat$   
**using** *cong-pow [of a 1 b x]* **that** **by** *simp*

**lemma** *cong-gcd-eq-1-nat*:  
**fixes**  $a b :: nat$   
**assumes**  $0 < m$  **and** *cong-props*:  $[a \wedge m = 1] \pmod{b}$   $[a \wedge n = 1] \pmod{b}$   
**shows**  $[a \wedge \text{gcd } m n = 1] \pmod{b}$   
**proof** –  
**obtain**  $c d$  **where**  $\text{gcd } m * c = n * d + \text{gcd } m n$  **using** *bezout-nat[of m n]*  $\langle 0 < m \rangle$   
**by** *auto*  
**have** *cong-m*:  $[a \wedge (m * c) = 1] \pmod{b}$  **and** *cong-n*:  $[a \wedge (n * d) = 1] \pmod{b}$   
**using** *cong-props* **by** (*simp-all only: cong-pow-1-nat power-mult*)

**have**  $[1 * a^{\wedge} \text{gcd } m \ n = a^{\wedge} (n * d) * a^{\wedge} \text{gcd } m \ n] \text{ (mod } b)$   
**by** (*rule cong-scalar-right, rule cong-sym*) (*fact cong-n*)  
**also have**  $[a^{\wedge} (n * d) * a^{\wedge} \text{gcd } m \ n = a^{\wedge} (m * c)] \text{ (mod } b)$   
**using gcd by** (*simp add: power-add*)  
**also have**  $[a^{\wedge} (m * c) = 1] \text{ (mod } b)$  **using** *cong-m* **by** *simp*  
**finally show**  $[a^{\wedge} \text{gcd } m \ n = 1] \text{ (mod } b)$  **by** *simp*  
**qed**

**lemma** *One-leq-div*:

$1 < b \text{ div } a$  **if**  $a \text{ dvd } b$   $a < b$  **for**  $a \ b :: \text{nat}$   
**using** *that* **by** (*metis dvd-div-mult-self mult.left-neutral mult-less-cancel2*)

**theorem** *lehmers-theorem*:

**assumes**  $2 \leq p$   
**assumes** *pf-notcong1*:  $\bigwedge x. x \in \text{prime-factors } (p - 1) \implies [a^{\wedge} ((p - 1) \text{ div } x) \neq 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**assumes** *cong1*:  $[a^{\wedge} (p - 1) = 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**shows** *prime p*  
**proof** *cases*  
**assume**  $[a = 1] \text{ (mod } p)$  **with**  $\langle 2 \leq p \rangle$  *pf-notcong1* **show** *?thesis*  
**by** (*metis cong-pow-1-nat less-diff-conv linorder-neqE-nat linorder-not-less one-add-one prime-factors-elem two-is-prime-nat*)

**next**

**assume** *A-notcong-1*:  $[a \neq 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**{ fix } x** **assume**  $0 < x \ x < p - 1$   
**have**  $[a^{\wedge} x \neq 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**proof**  
**assume**  $[a^{\wedge} x = 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**then have** *gcd-cong-1*:  $[a^{\wedge} \text{gcd } x \ (p - 1) = 1] \text{ (mod } p)$   
**by** (*rule cong-gcd-eq-1-nat[OF <0 < x> - cong1]*)

**have**  $\text{gcd } x \ (p - 1) = p - 1$

**proof** (*rule ccontr*)

**assume**  $\neg ?thesis$

**then have** *gcd-p1*:  $\text{gcd } x \ (p - 1) \text{ dvd } (p - 1) \ \text{gcd } x \ (p - 1) < p - 1$   
**using** *gcd-le2-nat[of p - 1 x] <2 ≤ p>* **by** (*simp, linarith*)

**define** *c* **where**  $c = (p - 1) \text{ div } (\text{gcd } x \ (p - 1))$

**then have** *p-1-eq*:  $p - 1 = \text{gcd } x \ (p - 1) * c$  **unfolding** *c-def* **using** *gcd-p1*  
**by** (*metis dvd-mult-div-cancel*)

**from** *gcd-p1* **have**  $1 < c$  **unfolding** *c-def* **by** (*rule One-leq-div*)

**then obtain** *q* **where** *q-pf*:  $q \in \text{prime-factors } c$

**using** *prime-factors-elem* **by** *auto*

**then have**  $q \text{ dvd } c$  **by** *auto*

**have**  $q \in \text{prime-factors } (p - 1)$  **using** *q-pf*  $\langle 1 < c \rangle \langle 2 \leq p \rangle$

**by** (*subst p-1-eq*) (*simp add: prime-factors-product*)

**moreover**

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    have [a ^ ((p - 1) div q) = 1] (mod p)
      by (subst p-1-eq,subst dvd-div-mult-self[OF ‹q dvd c›,symmetric])
        (simp del: One-nat-def add: power-mult gcd-cong-1 cong-pow-1-nat)
    ultimately
    show False using pf-notcong1 by metis
  qed
  then show False using ‹x < p - 1›
    by (metis ‹0 < x› gcd-le1-nat gr-implies-not0 linorder-not-less)
  qed
}
with lehmers-weak-theorem[OF ‹2 ≤ p› - cong1] show ?thesis by metis
qed

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The converse of Lehmer's theorem is also true.

**lemma** *converse-lehmer-weak*:

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assumes prime-p: prime p
shows ∃ a. [a ^ (p - 1) = 1] (mod p) ∧ (∀ x. 0 < x → x ≤ p - 2 → [a ^ x ≠
1] (mod p))
  ∧ a > 0 ∧ a < p
proof -
  have p ≥ 2 by (rule prime-ge-2-nat[OF prime-p])
  obtain a where a:a ∈ {1 .. p - 1} ∧ {1 .. p - 1} = {a ^ i mod p | i. i ∈
UNIV}
  using residue-prime-mult-group-has-gen[OF prime-p] by blast
  {
  { fix x::nat assume x:0 < x ∧ x ≤ p - 2 ∧ [a ^ x = 1] (mod p)
  have {a ^ i mod p | i. i ∈ UNIV} = {a ^ i mod p | i. 0 < i ∧ i ≤ x}
  proof
  show {a ^ i mod p | i. 0 < i ∧ i ≤ x} ⊆ {a ^ i mod p | i. i ∈ UNIV} by
blast
  { fix y assume y:y ∈ {a ^ i mod p | i. i ∈ UNIV}
  then obtain i where i:y = a ^ i mod p by auto
  define q r where q = i div x and r = i mod x
  have i = q*x + r by (simp add: r-def q-def)
  hence y-q-r:y = (((a ^ (q*x)) mod p) * ((a ^ r) mod p)) mod p
  by (simp add: i power-add mod-mult-eq)
  have a ^ (q*x) mod p = (a ^ x mod p) ^ q mod p
  by (simp add: power-mod mult commute power-mult[symmetric])
  then have y-r:y = a ^ r mod p using ‹p ≥ 2› x
  by (simp add: cong-def y-q-r)
  have y ∈ {a ^ i mod p | i. 0 < i ∧ i ≤ x}
  proof (cases)
  assume r = 0
  then have y = a ^ x mod p using ‹p ≥ 2› x
  by (simp add: cong-def y-r)
  thus ?thesis using x by blast
  next
  assume r ≠ 0
  thus ?thesis using x by (auto simp add: y-r r-def)
  }
  }
  }

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    qed
  }
  thus { $a^i \bmod p \mid i. i \in UNIV$ }  $\subseteq$  { $a^i \bmod p \mid i. 0 < i \wedge i \leq x$ } by auto
  qed
  note  $X = this$ 

  have  $p - 1 = \text{card } \{1 .. p - 1\}$  by auto
  also have  $\{1 .. p - 1\} = \{a^i \bmod p \mid i. 1 \leq i \wedge i \leq x\}$  using  $X$  a by auto
  also have  $\dots = (\lambda i. a^i \bmod p) \text{ ` } \{1..x\}$  by auto
  also have  $\text{card } \dots \leq p - 2$ 
    using Finite-Set.card-image-le[of { $1..x$ }  $\lambda i. a^i \bmod p$ ]  $x$  by auto
  finally have False using  $\langle 2 \leq p \rangle$  by arith
}
}
hence  $\forall x. 0 < x \longrightarrow x \leq p - 2 \longrightarrow [a^x \neq 1] \pmod{p}$  by auto
} note a-is-gen = this
{
  assume  $a > 1$ 
  have  $\neg p \text{ dvd } a$ 
  proof (rule ccontr)
    assume  $\neg \neg p \text{ dvd } a$ 
    hence  $p \text{ dvd } a$  by auto
    have  $p \leq a$  using dvd-nat-bounds[OF -  $\langle p \text{ dvd } a \rangle$ ]  $a$  by simp
    thus False using  $\langle a > 1 \rangle$   $a$  by force
  qed
  hence coprime  $a$   $p$ 
    using prime-imp-coprime-nat [OF prime-p] by (simp add: ac-simps)
  then have  $[a^{\text{totient } p} = 1] \pmod{p}$ 
    by (rule euler-theorem)
  also from prime-p have  $\text{totient } p = p - 1$ 
    by (rule totient-prime)
  finally have  $[a^{p-1} = 1] \pmod{p}$  .
}
}
hence  $[a^{p-1} = 1] \pmod{p}$  using  $a$  by fastforce
thus ?thesis using a-is-gen  $a$  by auto
qed

theorem converse-lehmer:
assumes prime-p:prime( $p$ )
shows  $\exists a. [a^{p-1} = 1] \pmod{p} \wedge$ 
   $(\forall q. q \in \text{prime-factors } (p - 1) \longrightarrow [a^{(p-1) \text{ div } q} \neq 1] \pmod{p})$ 
   $\wedge a > 0 \wedge a < p$ 
proof -
  have  $p \geq 2$  by (rule prime-ge-2-nat[OF prime-p])
  obtain  $a$  where  $a: [a^{p-1} = 1] \pmod{p} \wedge (\forall x. 0 < x \longrightarrow x \leq p - 2 \longrightarrow$ 
   $[a^x \neq 1] \pmod{p})$ 
     $\wedge a > 0 \wedge a < p$ 
  using converse-lehmer-weak[OF prime-p] by blast
  { fix  $q$  assume  $q: q \in \text{prime-factors } (p - 1)$ 
    hence  $0 < q \wedge q \leq p - 1$  using  $\langle p \geq 2 \rangle$ 
  }

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    by (auto simp add: dvd-nat-bounds prime-factors-gt-0-nat)
  hence  $(p - 1) \operatorname{div} q \geq 1$  using div-le-mono[of  $q$   $p - 1$   $q$ ] div-self[of  $q$ ] by simp
  have  $q \geq 2$  using  $q$  by (auto intro: prime-ge-2-nat)
  hence  $(p - 1) \operatorname{div} q < p - 1$  using  $\langle p \geq 2 \rangle$  by simp
  hence  $[a^{(p - 1) \operatorname{div} q} \neq 1] \pmod{p}$  using a  $\langle (p - 1) \operatorname{div} q \geq 1 \rangle$ 
    by (auto simp add: Suc-diff-Suc less-eq-Suc-le)
}
thus ?thesis using a by auto
qed

end

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