

# HONORS ALGORITHMS | 2025-01-08

COMP. TASK  $f: D \rightarrow K$

if  $K = \{0, 1\}$  Boolean  
N/Y  
F/T

often  $D = \{0, 1\}^N$ : (0,1)-strings  
of length  $N$

COST  $C(A, x)$   $x \in D$   
input

Worst-case analysis  
of  $A$ : 

- 1 correctness
- 2 complexity

$A$ : algorithm

$|x|$ : size of  
input

$$C_A(n) = \max_{\substack{x \in D \\ |x| = n}} C(A, x)$$

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Complexity of  $f$

$$C_f(n) = \min_A C_A(n)$$

# Randomized algorithms

$$A(x, r)$$

└ random string

Correctness:

$$\underbrace{(\forall x \in D)}_{\substack{\text{for all} \\ \text{inputs}}} \left( \Pr_r(A(x, r) = f(x)) \geq \frac{2}{3} \right)$$

amplifying success:

repeat w indep. random strings  
m times,  
 take majority vote

$$\Rightarrow \Pr(\text{success}) > 1 - c^m$$

$0 < c < 1$

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# Communication complexity

Alice, Bob - processors w  
unlimited computational  
power

X Y strings  $\{0,1\}^N$

$f(X, Y)$

$A \leftrightarrow B$

Cost: #bits communicated

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Example from Monday:

$X, Y \in \{0,1\}^N$

$N = 10^{18}$

$f(X, Y) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X=Y \\ 0 & \text{o/w} \end{cases}$

identity  
fctn

M.S  $\Rightarrow C_f = N$   
lower bd

Divisibility:  $a \mid b$   $a$  divides  $b$

$$(a \bmod q) = t$$

$$q \neq 0$$

$$\text{if } 0 \leq t \leq |q| - 1$$

$$\text{and } q \mid a - t$$

$$\text{if } (\exists x)(ax = b) \quad \left. \vphantom{\text{if}} \right\} 4$$

$$0 \mid 0 ? \quad y$$

$$x := 17$$

$$0 \cdot 17 = 0$$

$$(26 \bmod 7) = 5$$

b/c

$$\bullet 0 \leq 5 \leq 7 - 1$$

$$\bullet 7 \mid 26 - 5 = 21$$

$$26 = 3 \cdot 7 + \underline{\underline{5}}$$

Notation  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$

$$\text{if } m \mid a - b$$

$$\underline{\underline{Ex}} \quad 26 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$26 \equiv 40 \pmod{7}$$

$$(a \bmod q) \equiv a \pmod{q}$$

$$26 \equiv -2 \pmod{7}$$

# Rabin-Yao-Simon protocol (5)

INPUT:  $N$ -bit numbers  $X, Y$

QUESTION:  $X \stackrel{?}{=} Y$

$k=500$

Alice generates random  $k$ -bit prime  $p$

$A \rightarrow B$ :  $p, (X \bmod p)$  | communication

Bob computes  $(Y \bmod p)$  | 1000 bits

Bob returns NO if  $(X \bmod p) \neq (Y \bmod p)$   
YES o/w

Then  $\Pr(\text{error}) < 10^{-100}$

Case 1  $X = Y$   $\Pr(\text{error}) = 0$

Case 2  $X \neq Y$

error occurs if  $X \equiv Y \pmod p$   $\equiv$

i.e.  $(X \bmod p) = (Y \bmod p)$   $\equiv$

$$\underline{\underline{\text{Q. } \Pr(p \mid X-Y)}}$$

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$$= \frac{\# \text{ distinct prime divisors of } X-Y \text{ that are } < 2^k}{\# \text{ all primes } < 2^k}$$

# primes  $\leq x$  denoted  $\pi(x)$   
prime counting function

$\nu(x)$ : # distinct primes  $\mid x$

Obs  $\nu(x) \leq \log_2 x$

**DO**

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\ln x}$$

PRIME NUMBER THM

asymptotic equality

$$a_n \sim b_n \text{ if } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 1$$