

# Miller-Rabin Primality Test

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# Why Number Theory?

## About This Paper

- ▶ "Probabilistic Algorithm for Testing Primality"
- ▶ Michael O. Rabin, 1977
- ▶ Modifies a deterministic but presumptive algorithm published by Gary L. Miller in 1976
- ▶ The algorithm has become known as the "Miller-Rabin Primality Test"
- ▶ The paper itself is not very accessible (whoopsie-doodle)

# About This Talk

- ▶ Motivate the problem
  - ▶ I.e., why I like numbers
- ▶ Describe the algorithm
- ▶ Try to give an intuition for why it works

# Numbers

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0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, ...

$$3 + 8 = 11$$

$$6 \cdot 7 = 42$$





$$? + ? = 53671$$

- ▶  $0 + 53671$
- ▶  $1 + 53670$
- ▶  $2 + 53669$
- ▶  $3 + 53668$
- ▶ ...
- ▶  $53671 + 0$

# Multiplication

Multiplication scales the number line.

1

0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15,

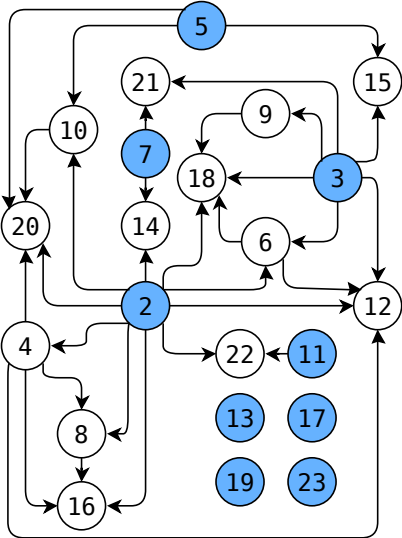
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\* 3: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5,

$$?.? = 53671$$

- ▶  $1 \cdot 53671$
- ▶  $53671 \cdot 1$
- ▶ Um...

# Divisibility Graph



# Factoring 24

24



$6 \cdot 4$

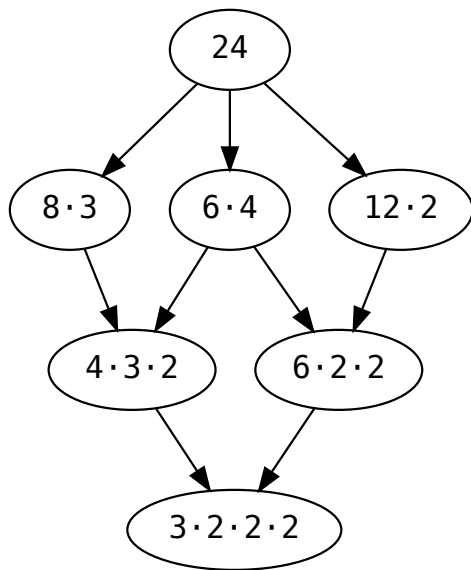


$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4$



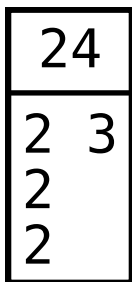
$2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$

# Unique Factorizations



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A positive integer can be viewed as a multiset of primes.



# Unique Factorizations

- ▶  $1 =$
- ▶  $2 = 2$
- ▶  $3 = 3$
- ▶  $4 = 2 \cdot 2$
- ▶  $5 = 5$
- ▶  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$
- ▶  $7 = 7$
- ▶  $8 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$
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- ▶  $25 = 5 \cdot 5$
- ▶  $26 = 2 \cdot 13$
- ▶  $27 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$
- ▶  $28 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7$
- ▶  $29 = 29$
- ▶  $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$
- ▶  $31 = 31$
- ▶  $32 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$
- ▶  $33 = 3 \cdot 11$
- ▶  $34 = 2 \cdot 17$
- ▶  $35 = 5 \cdot 7$
- ▶  $36 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$



# Concepts explained using unique factorization

- ▶ Multiplication
- ▶ Division
- ▶ Divisibility
- ▶ Prime / Composite
- ▶ GCD
- ▶ Coprimality
- ▶ Reduc{ing,ed} fractions
- ▶ Which fractions have finite decimal representations
- ▶ Which numbers have "obvious" divisors?

# Multiplication

Multiplication is just a multiset sum.

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} \cdot \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 42 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Division

Division is just a multiset difference.

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 42 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array} \div \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 6 \\ \hline 2 & 3 \\ \hline \end{array} = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 7 \\ \hline 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Divisibility

$a$  is divisible by  $b$  if  $b$ 's factorization is a subset of  $a$ 's.

20	
2	5
2	

100	
2	5
2	5

## Prime / Composite

A prime number is a number whose prime factorization is itself.

41
41

42
2 3 7

# GCD: 90 and 525

The greatest common divisor (GCD) of two numbers is the intersection of their factorizations.

$$\text{gcd}\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 90 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 5 \\ & 3 & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 525 \\ \hline 3 & 5 & 7 \\ & 5 & \\ \hline \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 15 \\ \hline 3 & 5 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

GCD: 90 and 527

$$\text{gcd}\left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 90 \\ \hline 2 & 3 & 5 \\ & 3 & \\ \hline \end{array}, \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 527 \\ \hline 17 & 31 \\ \hline \end{array}\right) = \begin{array}{|c|} \hline 1 \\ \hline \\ \hline \end{array}$$

# Coprimality

Two integers are coprime if they have no factors in common.

90
2 3 5
3

527
17 31



## Reduc{ing,ed} fractions

Reducing a fraction just means removing the common parts of the numerator and denominator's factorizations.

$$\frac{90}{525} = \frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{5}}{\cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot 5 \cdot 7} = \frac{2 \cdot 3}{5 \cdot 7} = \frac{6}{35}$$

A reduced fraction has a numerator and denominator that are coprime.

## Which fractions have finite decimal representations?

- ▶  $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$
- ▶  $\frac{2}{3} = 0.\overline{3} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{3}{4} = 0.75$
- ▶  $\frac{4}{5} = 0.8$
- ▶  $\frac{5}{6} = 0.8\overline{3} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{6}{7} = 0.\overline{857142} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{7}{8} = 0.875$
- ▶  $\frac{8}{9} = 0.\overline{8} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{9}{10} = 0.9$
- ▶  $\frac{10}{11} = 0.9\overline{0} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{11}{12} = 0.91\overline{6} \dots$

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- ▶  $\frac{8}{9} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} = 0.\overline{8} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{9}{10} = \frac{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 5} = 0.9$
- ▶  $\frac{10}{11} = \frac{2 \cdot 5}{11} = 0.\overline{90} \dots$
- ▶  $\frac{11}{12} = \frac{11}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3} = 0.9\overline{16} \dots$

Which numbers have "obvious" divisors?

- ▶ 1225285014
- ▶ 1222105395
- ▶ 6431163840
- ▶ 2202551775
- ▶ 7118220000
- ▶ 2729925887

# Computational Problems

## Factorization Problem

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# Primality testing

Factorization seems to be difficult. <sup>1</sup>

Could it be an easier problem to simply identify whether a number is prime or composite without necessarily determining its factorization? <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Without a quantum computer

<sup>2</sup>Yes. Yes of course it could that's what this talk is about.

## The Miller-Rabin Primality Test



# The Miller-Rabin Primality Test

```
1 (defn probably-prime?
2   "Returns true if n is probably prime,
3   false if it is certainly not. A
4   higher test-count gives exponentially
5   higher certainty when it returns true,
6   but increases the runtime."
7   [n test-count]
8   (let [potential-witness #(+ 2 (rand-int (- n 3)))]
9     (->> (repeatedly test-count potential-witness)
10          (not-any? (fn [b] (witness? n b))))))
```

# Probably

The central theorem in the paper is that for any composite number  $n$ , at least  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the potential witnesses are actually witnesses.

Reality	Asserts prime	Asserts composite
prime	100%	0%
composite	25%	75%

# Is it really a prime?

Probability of failure is:  $\frac{1}{4^x}$

▶ 1 run:  $\frac{1}{4}$

▶ 2 runs:  $\frac{1}{16}$

▶ 10 runs:  $\frac{1}{1048576}$

▶ 100 runs:

$$\frac{1}{1606938044258990275541962092341162602522202993782792835301376}$$

## What is a witness?

```
1 (defn witness?  
2   "Returns true if b is a witness  
3   to the compositeness of n."  
4   [n b]  
5   (or (witness-a? n b)  
6       (witness-b? n b)))
```

# Where are we headed?

For each of `witness-a?` and `witness-b?`:

- ▶ What is the code/logic?
- ▶ Why does this correctly detect compositeness?
- ▶ How common are the witnesses?

witness-a?

witness-a?

```
1 (defn witness-a?  
2   "Returns true if  $b^{(n-1)}$  is not  
3   congruent to 1 mod n."  
4   [n b]  
5   (not= 1 (pow-mod b (dec n) n)))
```

## For primes

```
1 (defn witness-a-density
2   "Returns the fraction of candidate
3   witnesses that meet criteria (a)."
4   [n]
5   (let [c (->> (range 2 n)
6                 (filter (fn [b] (witness-a? n b)))
7                 (count))]
8     (/ c (- n 2))))
9
10 (->> (range 3 10000)
11       (filter prime?)
12       (map witness-a-density)
13       (frequencies))
```

```
; ;=> {0 1228}
```



## For composites

```
1 (->> (range 10000)
2       (filter composite?)
3       (map witness-a-density)
4       (stats))
```

```
;; Of 8769 numbers...
;; min:    0.20
;; max:    1.00
;; median: 1.00
;; avg:    0.99
;;=> nil
```

witness-a?

```
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2   "Returns true if b^(n-1) is not  
3   congruent to 1 mod n."  
4   [n b]  
5   (not= 1 (pow-mod b (dec n) n)))
```

## Fermat's Little Theorem

For a prime  $p$  and  $0 < b < p$ :

$$b^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

# Modular Arithmetic

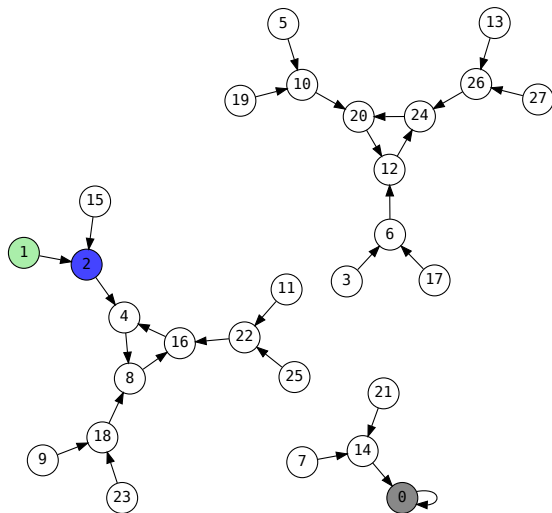
Arithmetic using the integers  $0 \dots n - 1$ , doing all addition and multiplication  $\pmod n$ .

# Multiplication mod 10

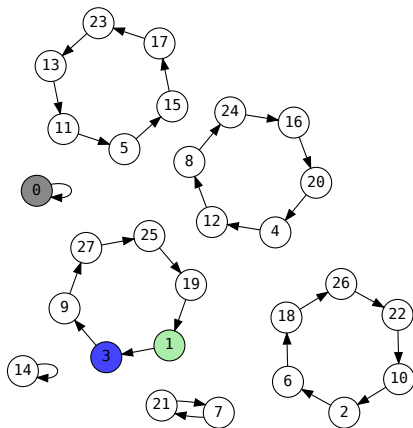
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2	0	2	4	6	8	0	2	4	6	8
3	0	3	6	9	2	5	8	1	4	7
4	0	4	8	2	6	0	4	8	2	6
5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5
6	0	6	2	8	4	0	6	2	8	4
7	0	7	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	3
8	0	8	6	4	2	0	8	6	4	2
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Multiplication,  $n = 28$

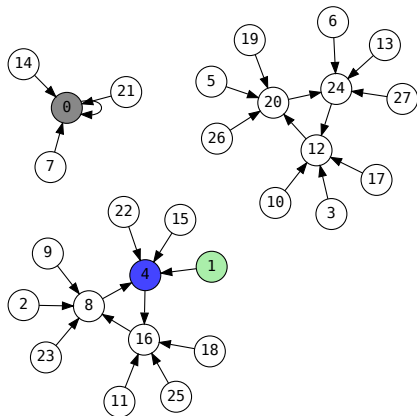
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# Multiplication, $n = 28, b = 3$

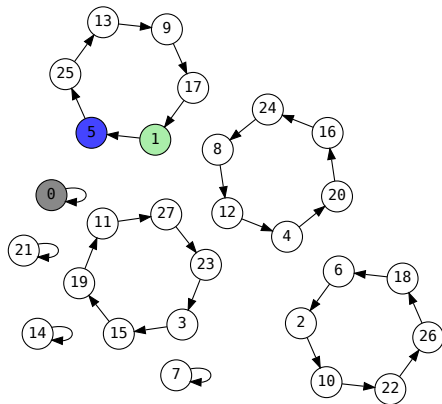


# Multiplication, $n = 28, b = 4$

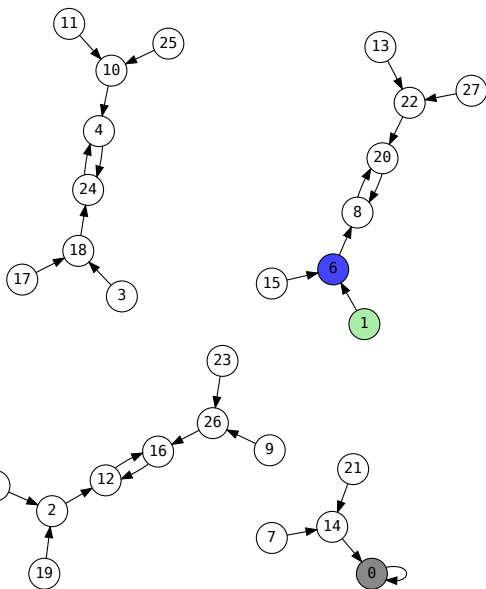




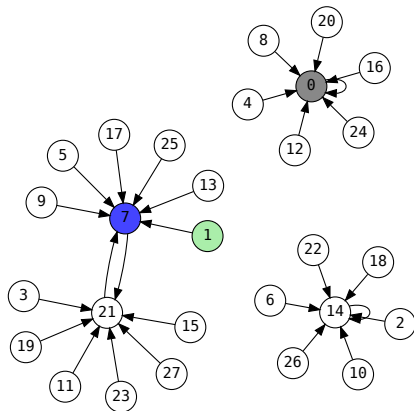
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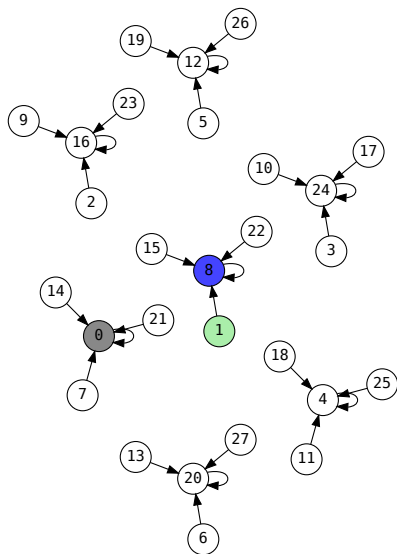
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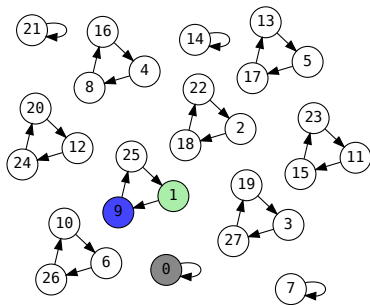
Multiplication,  $n = 28, b = 7$



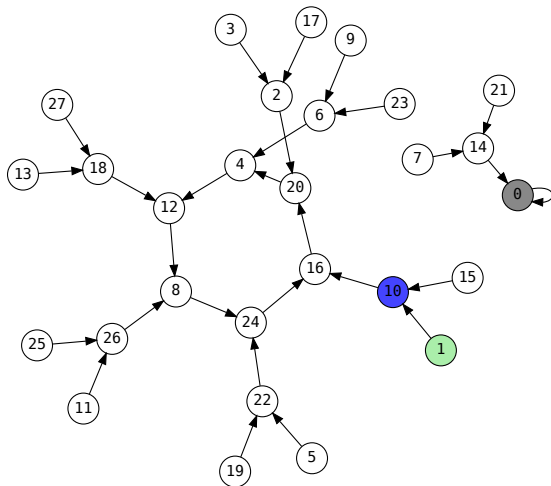
Multiplication,  $n = 28, b = 8$



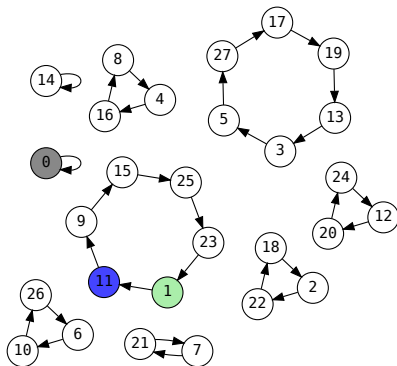
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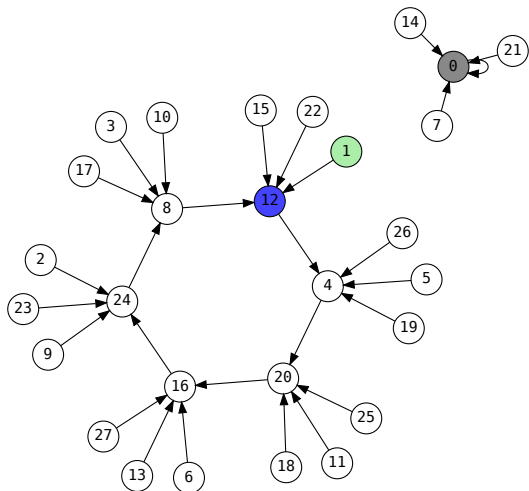
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# Multiplication, $n = 28, b = 11$

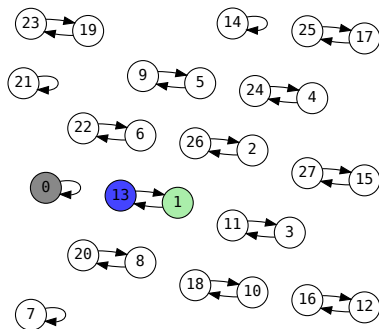


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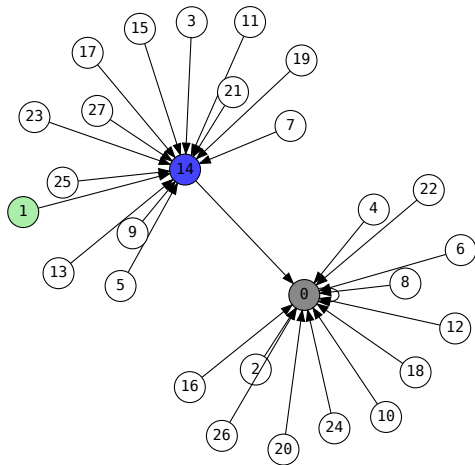




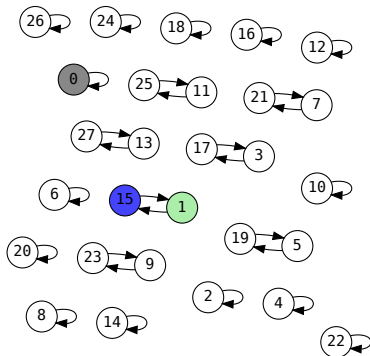
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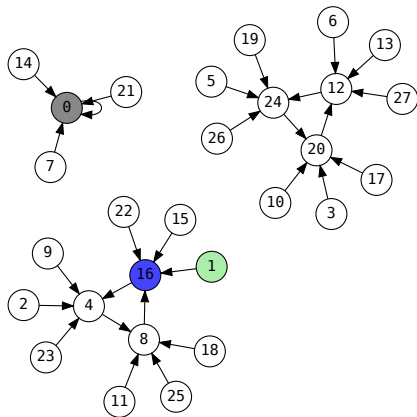
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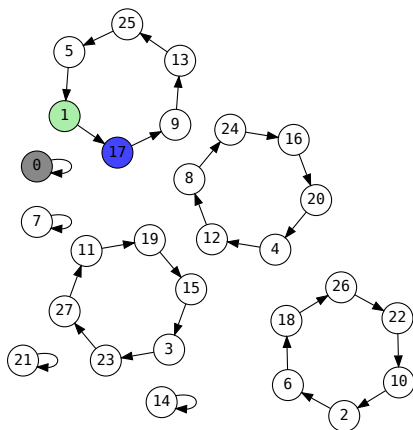
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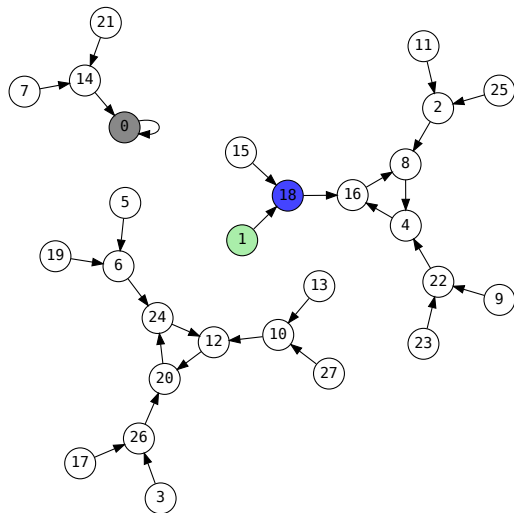
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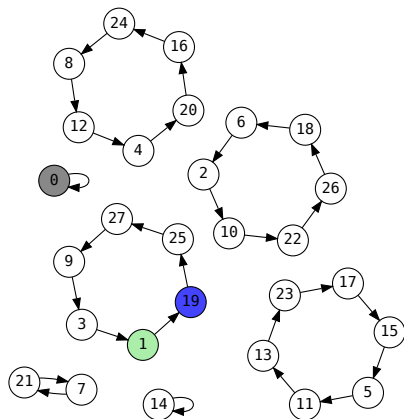
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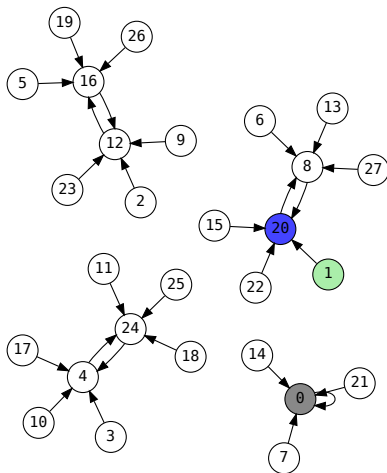
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Multiplication,  $n = 28, b = 19$

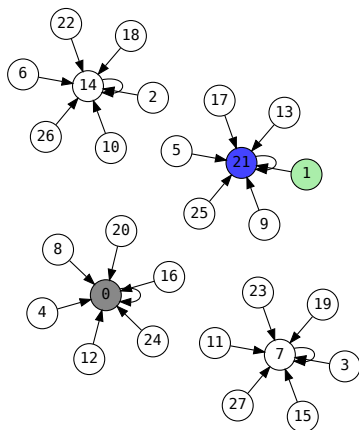


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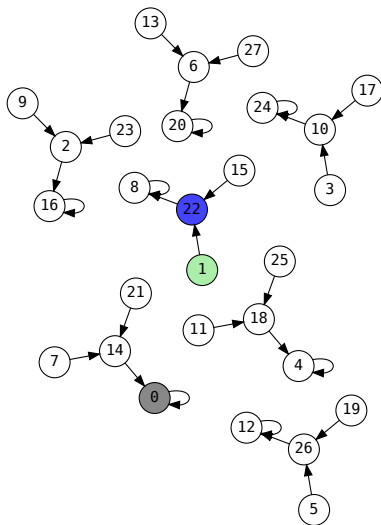




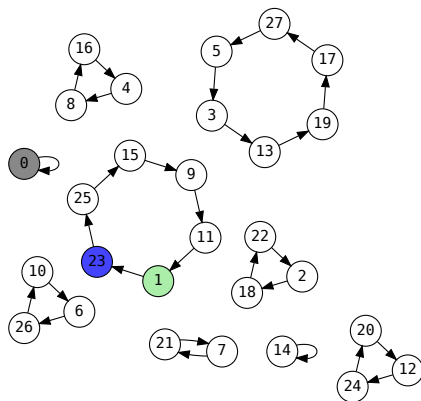
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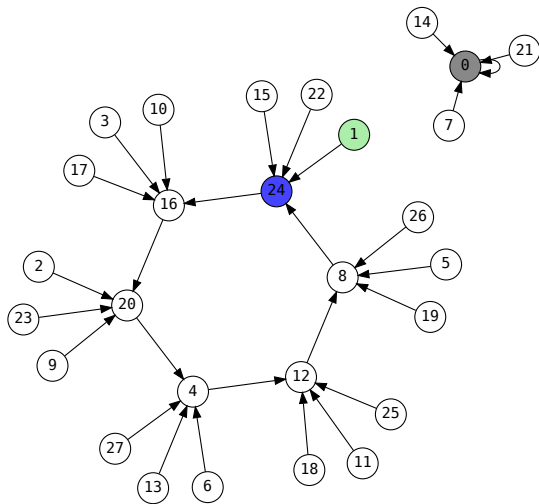
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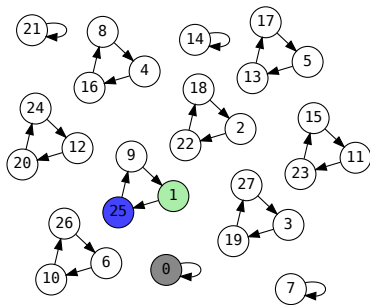
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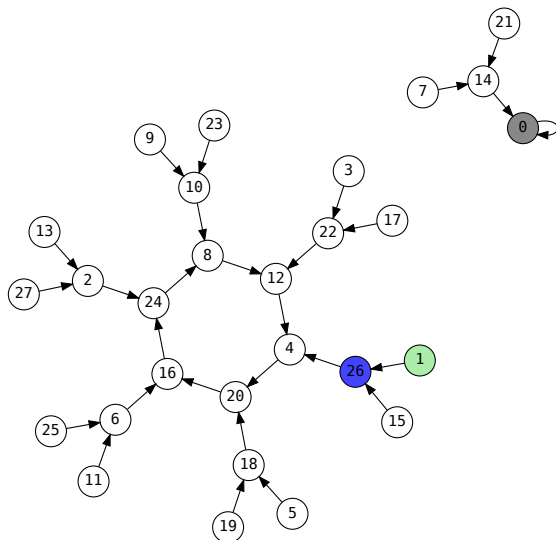
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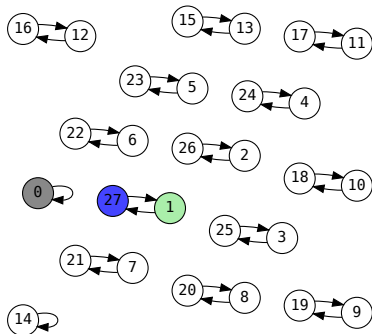
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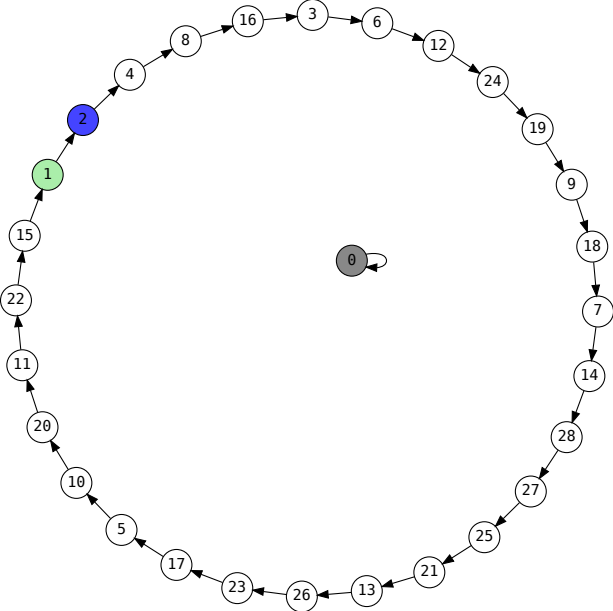
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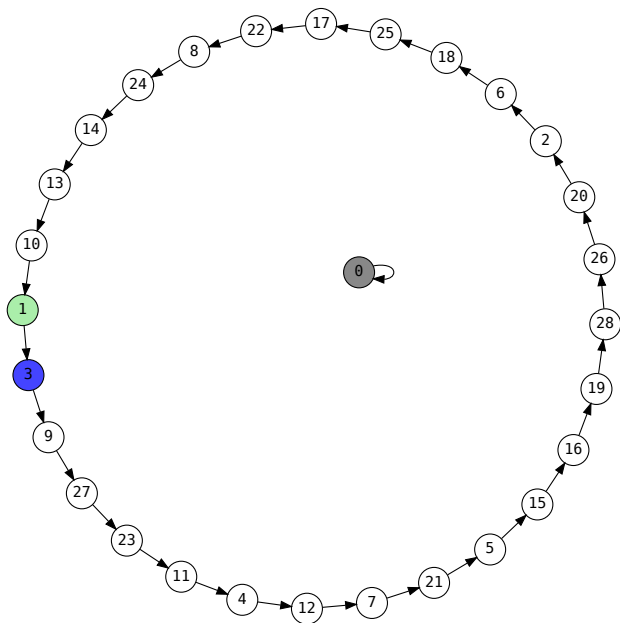
Multiplication,  $n = 29$



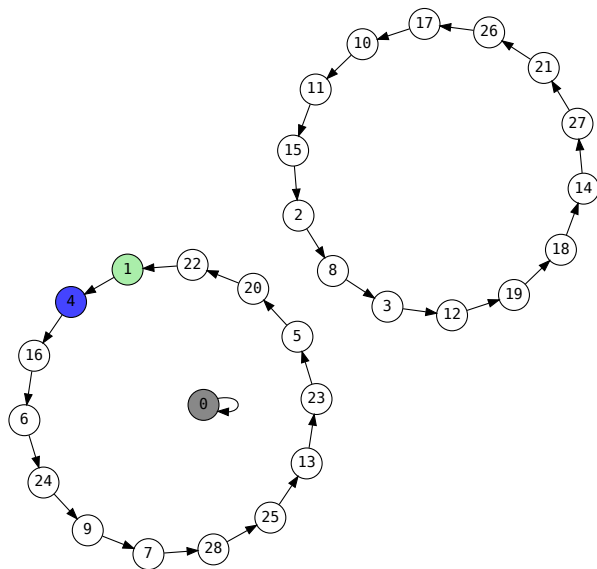
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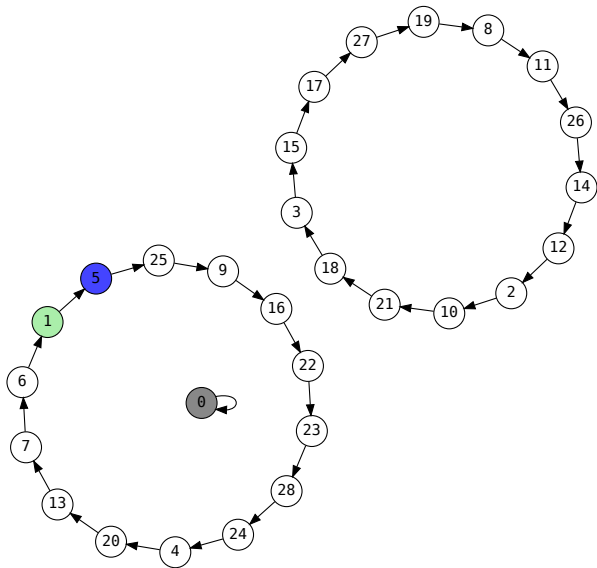
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Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 4$

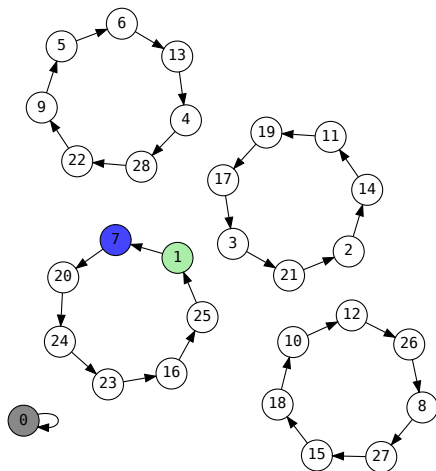


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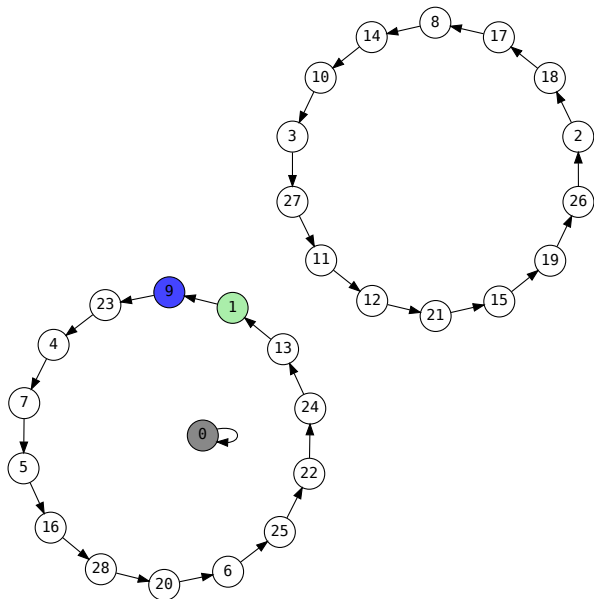


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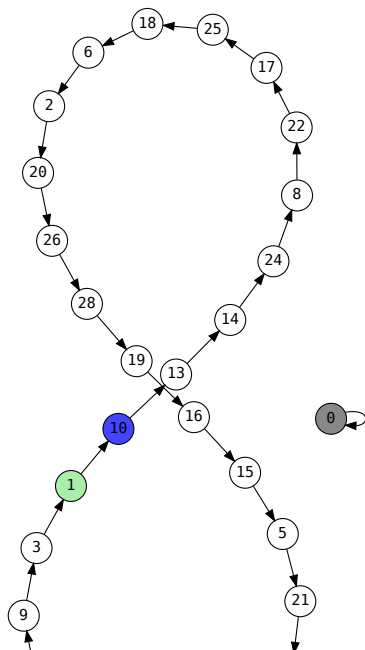


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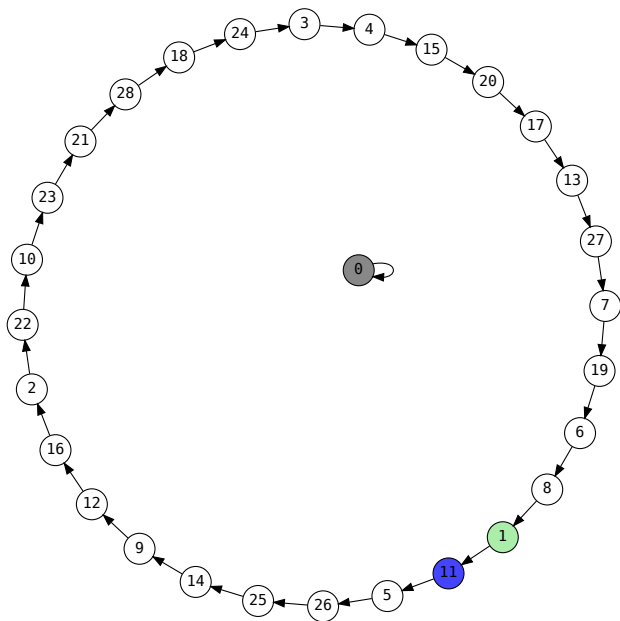




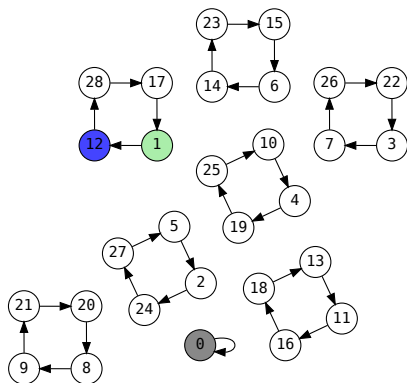
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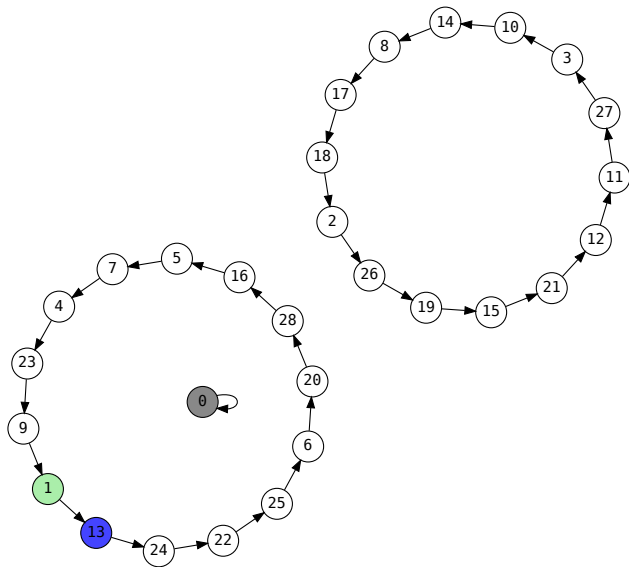
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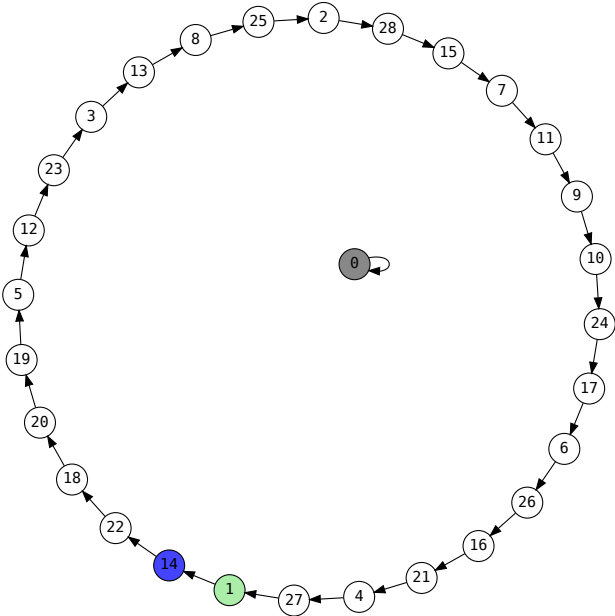
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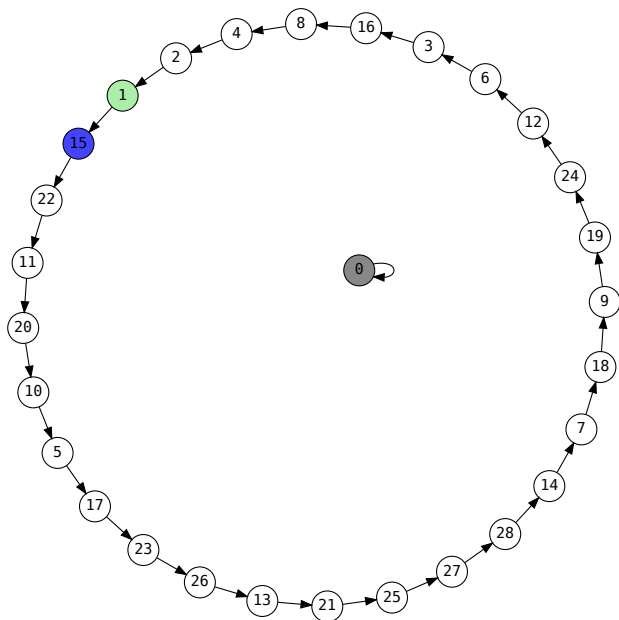
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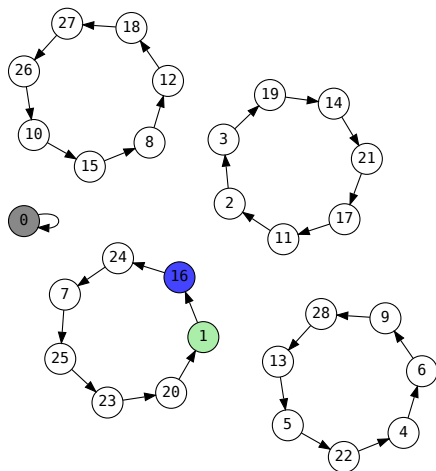
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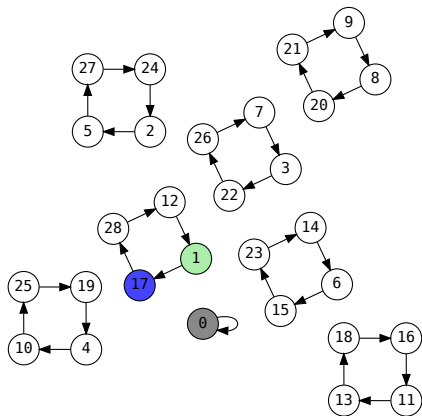
Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 15$



# Multiplication, $n = 29, b = 16$

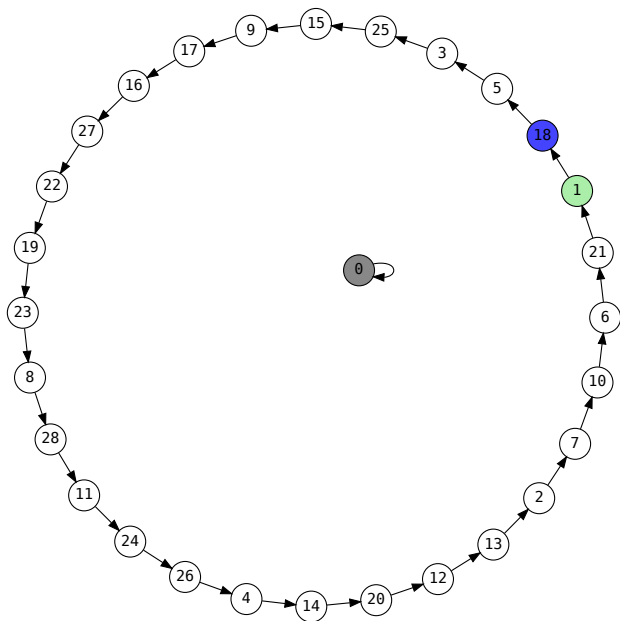


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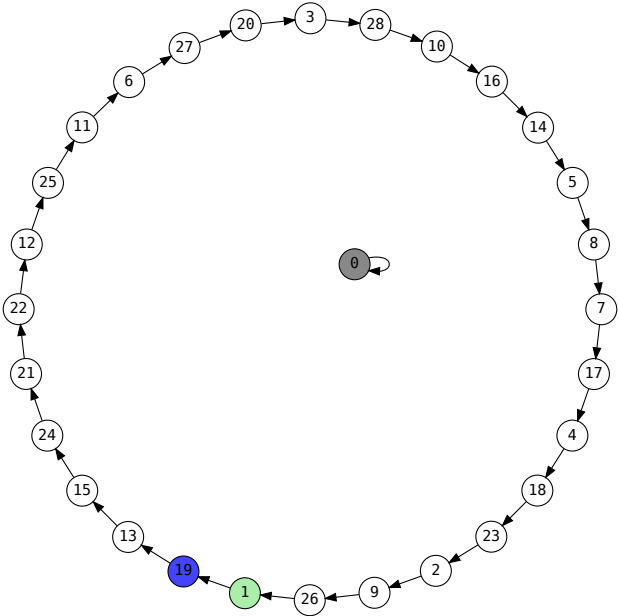




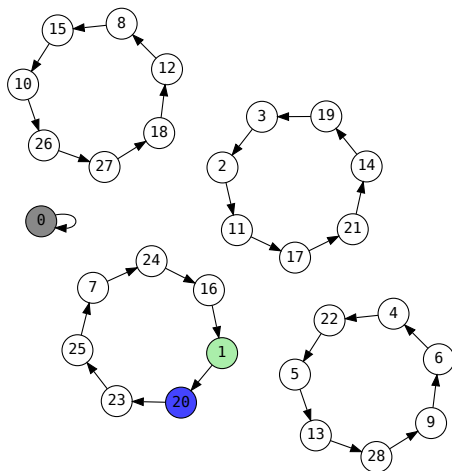
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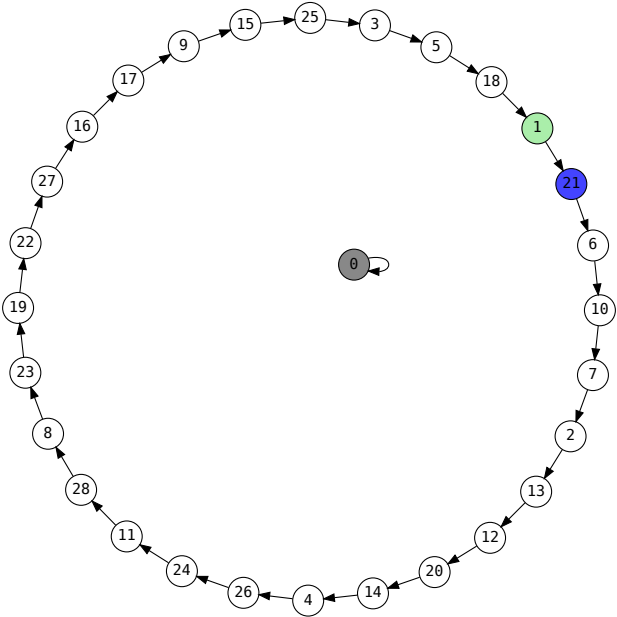
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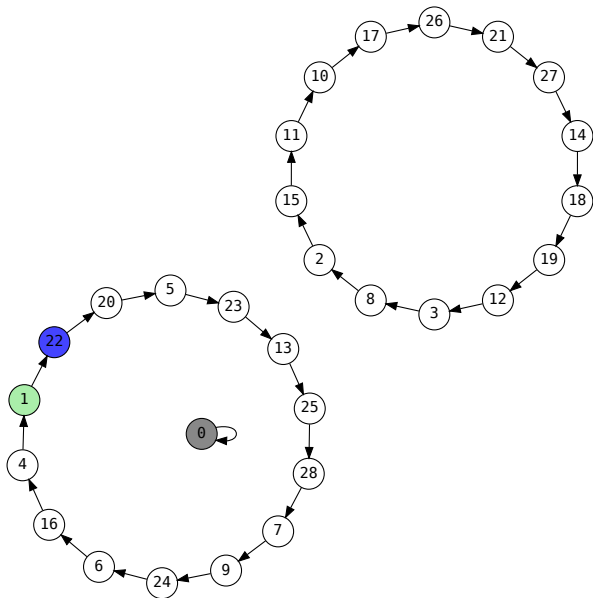
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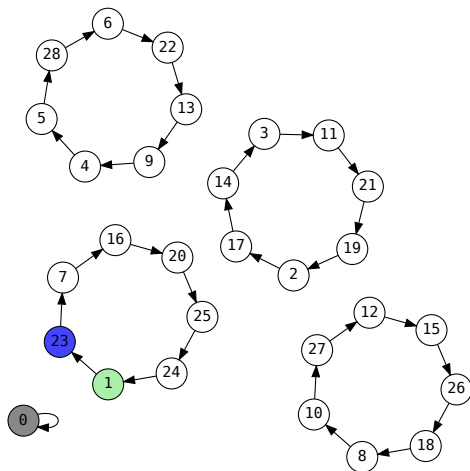
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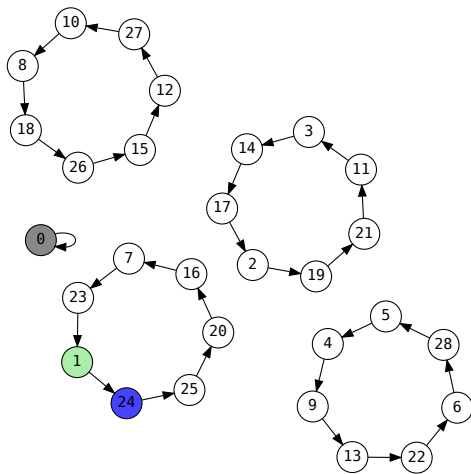
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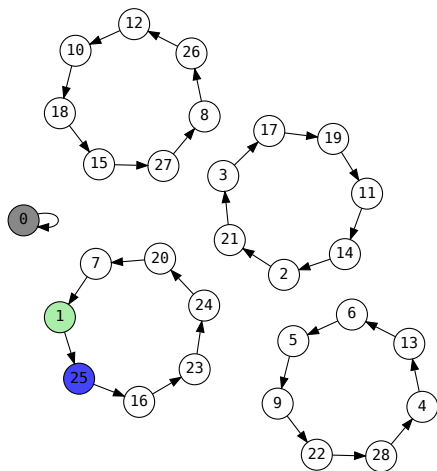
Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 23$



Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 24$

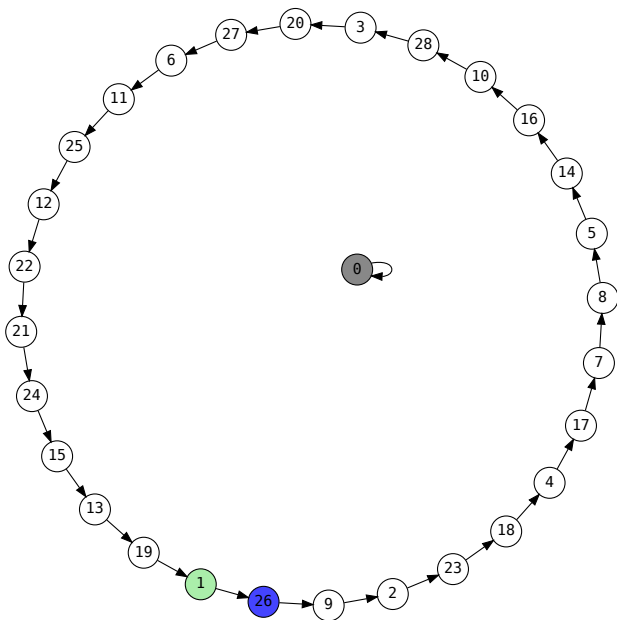


Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 25$

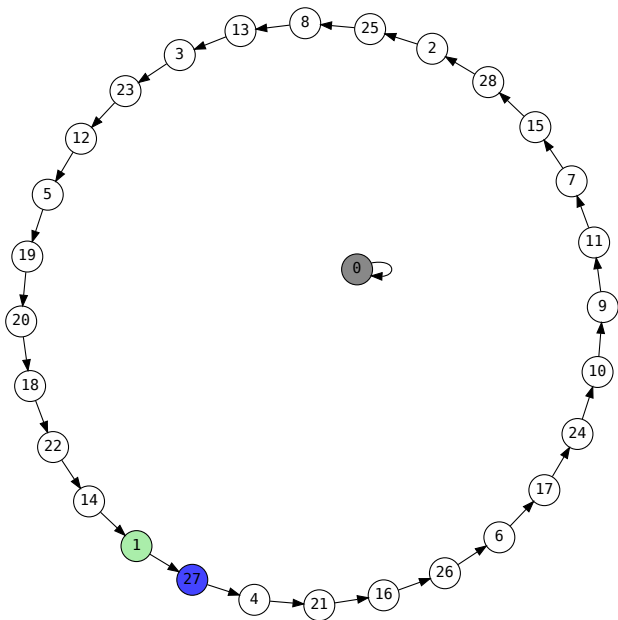




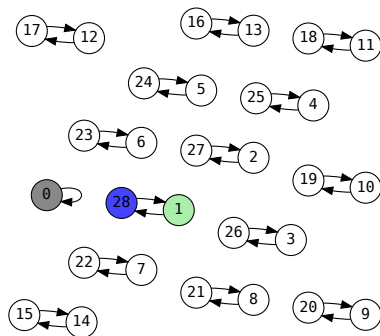
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Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 27$

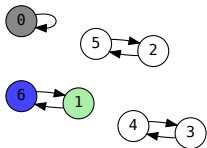


Multiplication,  $n = 29, b = 28$

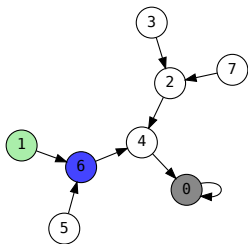


Multiplication,  $b = 6$

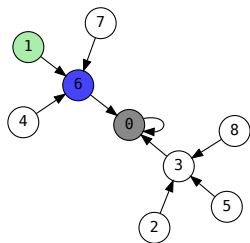
Multiplication,  $n = 7, b = 6$



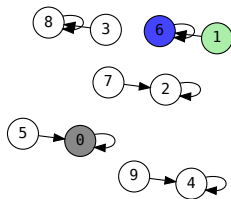
Multiplication,  $n = 8, b = 6$



Multiplication,  $n = 9, b = 6$

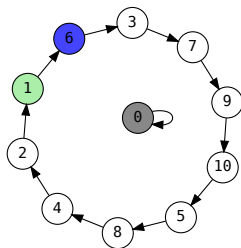


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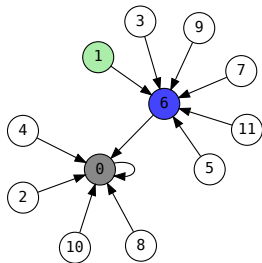




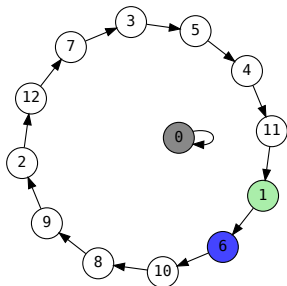
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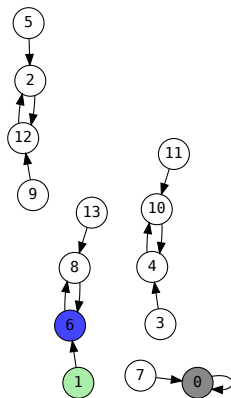
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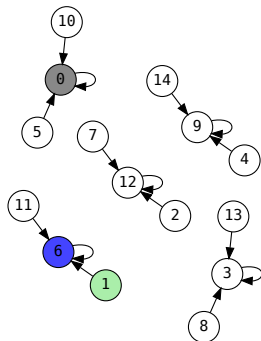
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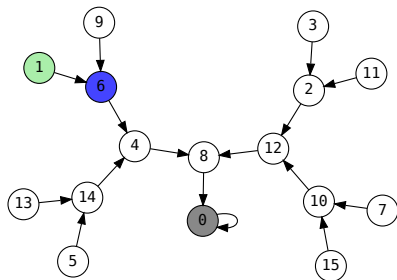
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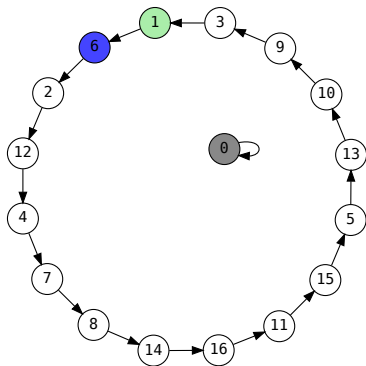
Multiplication,  $n = 15, b = 6$



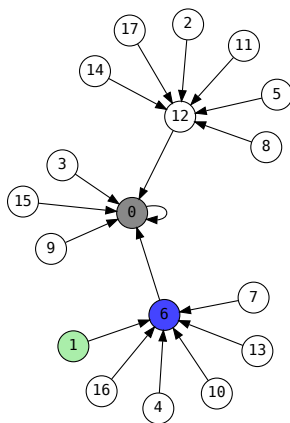
Multiplication,  $n = 16, b = 6$



Multiplication,  $n = 17, b = 6$

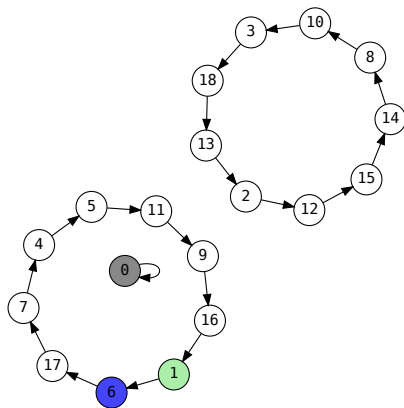


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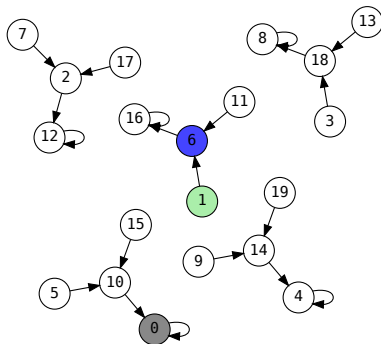




Multiplication,  $n = 19, b = 6$



Multiplication,  $n = 20, b = 6$



# Multiplication mod 10

Subscript indicates  $\gcd(x, 10)$ .

	$0_{10}$	$1_1$	$2_2$	$3_1$	$4_2$	$5_5$	$6_2$	$7_1$	$8_2$	$9_1$
$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$	$0_{10}$
$1_1$	$0_{10}$	$1_1$	$2_2$	$3_1$	$4_2$	$5_5$	$6_2$	$7_1$	$8_2$	$9_1$
$2_2$	$0_{10}$	$2_2$	$4_2$	$6_2$	$8_2$	$0_{10}$	$2_2$	$4_2$	$6_2$	$8_2$
$3_1$	$0_{10}$	$3_1$	$6_2$	$9_1$	$2_2$	$5_5$	$8_2$	$1_1$	$4_2$	$7_1$
$4_2$	$0_{10}$	$4_2$	$8_2$	$2_2$	$6_2$	$0_{10}$	$4_2$	$8_2$	$2_2$	$6_2$
$5_5$	$0_{10}$	$5_5$	$0_{10}$	$5_5$	$0_{10}$	$5_5$	$0_{10}$	$5_5$	$0_{10}$	$5_5$
$6_2$	$0_{10}$	$6_2$	$2_2$	$8_2$	$4_2$	$0_{10}$	$6_2$	$2_2$	$8_2$	$4_2$
$7_1$	$0_{10}$	$7_1$	$4_2$	$1_1$	$8_2$	$5_5$	$2_2$	$9_1$	$6_2$	$3_1$
$8_2$	$0_{10}$	$8_2$	$6_2$	$4_2$	$2_2$	$0_{10}$	$8_2$	$6_2$	$4_2$	$2_2$
$9_1$	$0_{10}$	$9_1$	$8_2$	$7_1$	$6_2$	$5_5$	$4_2$	$3_1$	$2_2$	$1_1$

# Multiplication mod 10, coprime only

	$1_1$	$3_1$	$7_1$	$9_1$
$1_1$	$1_1$	$3_1$	$7_1$	$9_1$
$3_1$	$3_1$	$9_1$	$1_1$	$7_1$
$7_1$	$7_1$	$1_1$	$9_1$	$3_1$
$9_1$	$9_1$	$7_1$	$3_1$	$1_1$

# Multiplication mod 11

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	1	3	5	7	9
3	3	6	9	1	4	7	10	2	5	8
4	4	8	1	5	9	2	6	10	3	7
5	5	10	4	9	3	8	2	7	1	6
6	6	1	7	2	8	3	9	4	10	5
7	7	3	10	6	2	9	5	1	8	4
8	8	5	2	10	7	4	1	9	6	3
9	9	7	5	3	1	10	8	6	4	2
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

## Key Theorem

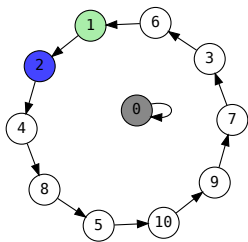
The set of integers  $0 < b < n$  where  $b$  and  $n$  are coprime form a group under multiplication mod  $n$ .

$n$	$E_n$	$\phi(n)$
2	1	1
3	1,2	2
4	1,3	2
5	1,2,3,4	4
6	1,5	2
7	1,2,3,4,5,6	6
8	1,3,5,7	4
9	1,2,4,5,7,8	6
10	1,3,7,9	4
11	1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10	10
12	1,5,7,11	4

# Possibilities

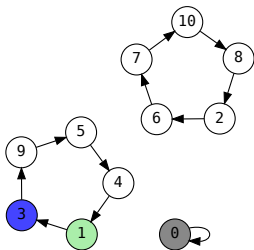
primality of $n$	$b^{n-1} \equiv 1$	Comment	Example
prime	true	one cycle	11,2
prime	true	multiple cycles	11,3
composite	true	non-witness	9,8
composite	false	witness with 1-cycle	10,3
composite	false	witness with 1-free-cycle	10,2
composite	false	witness without cycle	12,2

Multiplication,  $n = 11, b = 2$

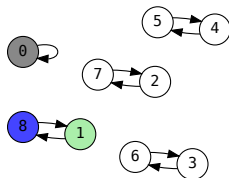




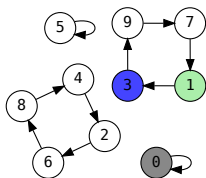
Multiplication,  $n = 11, b = 3$



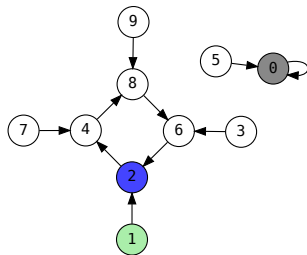
Multiplication,  $n = 9, b = 8$



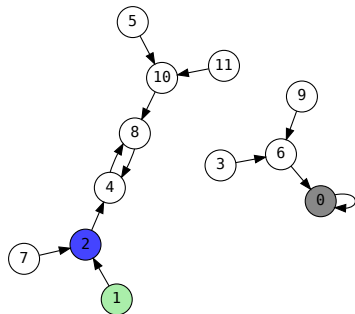
Multiplication,  $n = 10, b = 3$



Multiplication,  $n = 10, b = 2$



Multiplication,  $n = 12, b = 2$



witness-b?

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```
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3   n = odd-num * 2^two-pow"
4   [n]) ;; impl omitted for brevity
5
6 (defn witness-b?
7   "Returns true if b produces a
8   non-trivial square root of 1."
9   [n b]
10  (let [[odd-num two-pow] (oddify (dec n))]
11    (->> (iterate #(mod (* % %) n)
12             (pow-mod b odd-num n))
13          (take (inc two-pow))
14          (partition 2 1)
15          (some (fn [[x x-squared]]
16                  (and (= 1 x-squared)
17                       (< 1 x (dec n))))))))))
```

$$\sqrt{1}$$

When  $p$  is prime,  $\pm 1$  are the only two square roots of  $1 \pmod{p}$ .



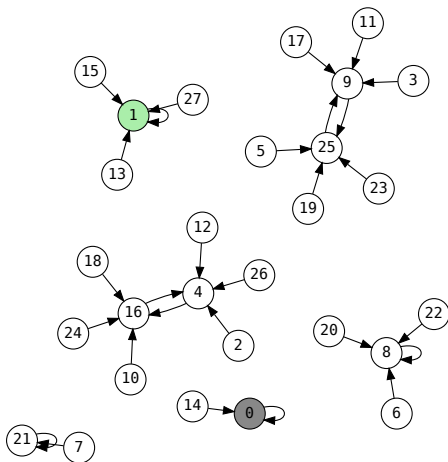
# Multiplication mod 11

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
2	2	4	6	8	10	1	3	5	7	9
3	3	6	9	1	4	7	10	2	5	8
4	4	8	1	5	9	2	6	10	3	7
5	5	10	4	9	3	8	2	7	1	6
6	6	1	7	2	8	3	9	4	10	5
7	7	3	10	6	2	9	5	1	8	4
8	8	5	2	10	7	4	1	9	6	3
9	9	7	5	3	1	10	8	6	4	2
10	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

# Multiplication mod 8

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	2	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

# Squaring, $n = 28$





# $\sqrt{1}$ Count

▶ 3: 2	▶ 15: 4	▶ 27: 2	▶ 39: 4
▶ 4: 2	▶ 16: 4	▶ 28: 4	▶ 40: 8
▶ 5: 2	▶ 17: 2	▶ 29: 2	▶ 41: 2
▶ 6: 2	▶ 18: 2	▶ 30: 4	▶ 42: 4
▶ 7: 2	▶ 19: 2	▶ 31: 2	▶ 43: 2
▶ 8: 4	▶ 20: 4	▶ 32: 4	▶ 44: 4
▶ 9: 2	▶ 21: 4	▶ 33: 4	▶ 45: 4
▶ 10: 2	▶ 22: 2	▶ 34: 2	▶ 46: 2
▶ 11: 2	▶ 23: 2	▶ 35: 4	▶ 47: 2
▶ 12: 4	▶ 24: 8	▶ 36: 4	▶ 48: 8
▶ 13: 2	▶ 25: 2	▶ 37: 2	▶ 49: 2
▶ 14: 2	▶ 26: 2	▶ 38: 2	▶ 50: 2

## Why does $p$ have only 2 square roots of 1?

When  $p$  is prime,  $\pm 1$  are the only two square roots of 1 mod  $p$ .  
Suppose  $0 < x < p$  and  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Then  $x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

and  $(x - 1)(x + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

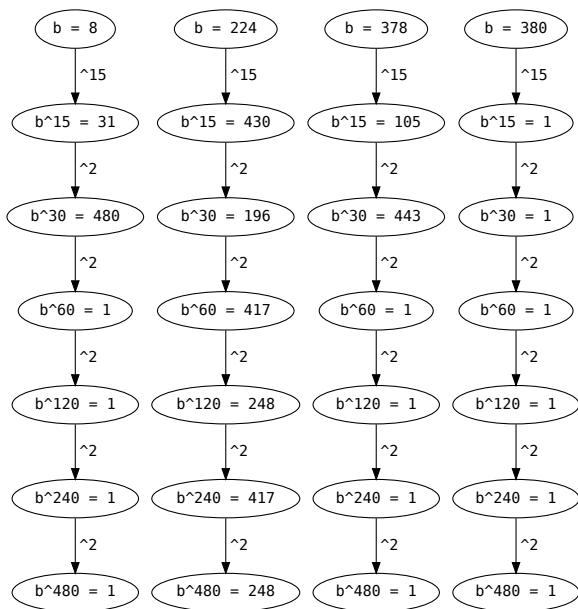
So  $(x - 1)(x + 1)$  is divisible by  $p$ , which means at least one of  $x - 1$  or  $x + 1$  is divisible by  $p$ .

Since  $0 < x < p$  it can only be that  $x = 1$  or  $x = p - 1$ .

## How does $b$ help us find $\sqrt{1}$ ?

- ▶ Square roots mod  $n$  are not easy to compute in general, but...
- ▶ We know that  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  (because witness-a? failed)
- ▶ Since  $n - 1$  is even, we can find  $\sqrt{b^{n-1}}$  by computing  $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}}$
- ▶ If  $b^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \equiv 1$  and  $\frac{n-1}{2}$  is even, we can find  $\sqrt{b^{\frac{n-1}{2}}}$  by computing  $b^{\frac{n-1}{4}}$
- ▶ ... and so on

Searching for  $\sqrt{1}$  with  $n = 481 = 1 + 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

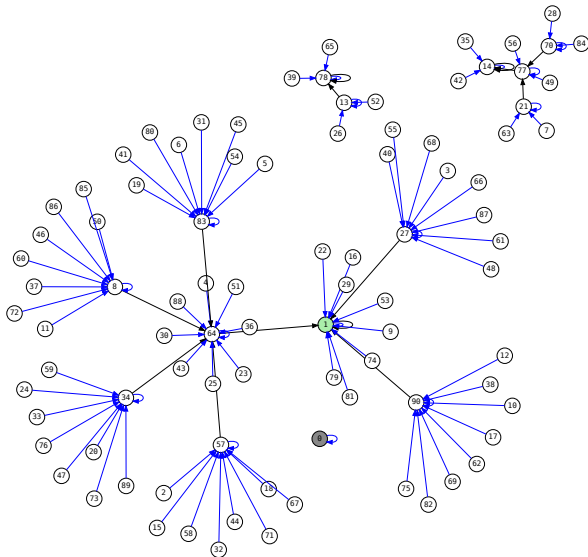




## witness-b?

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10  (let [[odd-num two-pow] (oddify (dec n))]
11    (->> (iterate #(mod (* % %) n)
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13          (take (inc two-pow))
14          (partition 2 1)
15          (some (fn [[x x-squared]]
16                  (and (= 1 x-squared)
17                       (< 1 x (dec n))))))))))
```

# $\sqrt{1}$ -hunting, $n = 91$



# $\sqrt{1}$ Count

```
1 (->> (range 3 10000)
2       (filter composite?)
3       (map (juxt obstinate? count-sqrts-of-1))
4       (frequencies))
```

```
;;=> {[false 2] 739,
;;    [false 4] 4167,
;;    [false 8] 2791,
;;    [false 16] 938,
;;    [false 32] 114,
;;    [false 64] 1,
;;    [true 4] 12,
;;    [true 8] 7}
```

Misc

# Performance

Running with `test-count = 100`:

Prime Size (in bits)	Runtime
500	0.19s
1000	1.29s
1500	4.01s
2000	9.11s
2500	17.13s
3000	28.42s
3500	44.60s

## Euclid–Mullin sequence

2, 3, 7, 43, 13, 53, 5, 6221671, 38709183810571, 139, 2801, 11, 17, 5471, 52662739,  
23003, 30693651606209, 37, 1741, 1313797957, 887, 71, 7127, 109, 23, 97, 159227,  
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19, 577, 223, 139703, 457, 9649, 61, 4357,  
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107, 127, 3313,  
227432689108589532754984915075774848386671439568260420754414940780761245893,  
59, 31, 211, ? ...

$a_n$  is the least prime factor of  $(\prod_{i < n} a_i) + 1$ :

- ▶  $() + 1 = 2$
- ▶  $(2) + 1 = 3$
- ▶  $(2 \cdot 3) + 1 = 7$
- ▶  $(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7) + 1 = 43$
- ▶  $(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43) + 1 = 1807 = (13 \cdot 139)$
- ▶  $(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 13) + 1 = 23479 = (53 \cdot 443)$
- ▶  $(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 43 \cdot 13 \cdot 53) + 1 = 248867 = (5 \cdot 248867)$

## Sample Prime

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31107428804771119544142914422232943456136048254684731181  
51517168539699313778725857333455585956068664254462929903  
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Thanks!

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