

## Problem 5. «Miller — Rabin revisited»

Bob decided to improve the famous Miller – Rabin primality test. The odd number n being tested is represented in the form  $n - 1 = 2^k 3^{\ell} m$ , where m is not divisible by 2 or 3.

The modified primality test is the following:

- **1.** Take a random  $a \in \{2, ..., n-2\}$ .
- **2.** Put  $a \leftarrow a^m \mod n$ . If a = 1, return "PROBABLY PRIME".
- **3.** For  $i = 0, 1, \ldots, \ell 1$  do the following steps:
  - (a)  $b \leftarrow a^2 \mod n$ ;
  - (b) if a + b + 1 is divisible by n, return "PROBABLY PRIME";
  - (c)  $a \leftarrow ab \mod n$ .
- **4.** For i = 0, 1, ..., k 1 repeat:
  - (a) if a + 1 is divisible by n, return "PROBABLY PRIME";
  - (b)  $a \leftarrow a^2 \mod n$ .
- 5. Return "COMPOSITE".

Prove that the algorithm does not fail, that is, not return "COMPOSITE", for a prime n.

**Remark.** The expression  $a \leftarrow a^m \mod n$  means that a takes a new value that is equal to the remainder of dividing  $a^m$  by n.



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