

# Strong pseudoprimes to the first 9 prime bases

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## Abstract

Define  $\psi_m$  to be the smallest strong pseudoprime to the first  $m$  prime bases. The exact value of  $\psi_m$  is known for  $1 \leq m \leq 8$ . Z. Zhang have found a 19-decimal-digit number  $Q_{11} = 3825\ 12305\ 65464\ 13051$  which is a strong pseudoprime to the first 11 prime bases and he conjectured that

$$\psi_9 = \psi_{10} = \psi_{11} = Q_{11}.$$

We prove the conjecture by algorithms.

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## 1 Introduction

If  $n$  is prime, in view of Fermat's little theorem, the congruence

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

holds for every  $a$  with  $\gcd(a, n)=1$ . There are composite numbers also satisfying the congruence. Such an odd composite number  $n$  is called a pseudoprime to base  $a$  (psp( $a$ ) for short). Moreover for an odd prime  $n$ , let  $n - 1 = 2^s d$  with  $d$  odd, we have

$$a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

or

$$a^{2^k d} \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$$

for some  $k$  satisfying  $0 \leq k < d$ . If a composite number  $n$  satisfies these two equations, we call  $n$  a strong pseudoprime to base  $a$  (spsp( $a$ ) for short). This is the basic of Rabin-Miller test[3].

Define  $\psi_m$  to be the smallest strong pseudoprime to all the first  $m$  prime bases. If  $n < \psi_m$ , then only  $m$  strong pseudoprime tests are needed to find out whether  $n$  is prime or not. If we know the exact value of  $\psi_m$ , then for integers  $n < \psi_m$ , there is a deterministic primality testing algorithm which is easier to understand and also faster than ever known other tests. The exact value of  $\psi_m$  for  $1 \leq m \leq 8$  is known[1, 2].

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_1 &= 2047 \\
\psi_2 &= 1373653 \\
\psi_3 &= 25326001 \\
\psi_4 &= 3215031751 \\
\psi_5 &= 2152302898747 \\
\psi_6 &= 3474749660383 \\
\psi_7 &= 341550071728321 \\
\psi_8 &= 341550071728321
\end{aligned}$$

In paper [1], Jaeschke also gave upper bounds for  $\psi_9, \psi_{10}, \psi_{11}$ . These bounds were improved by Z. Zhang for several times and finally he conjectured that

$$\begin{aligned}
\psi_9 = \psi_{10} = \psi_{11} = Q_{11} &= 3825\ 12305\ 65464\ 13051 \\
&= 149491 \cdot 747451 \cdot 34233211
\end{aligned}$$

Zhang also gave upper bounds and conjectures for  $\psi_m$ , with  $12 \leq m \leq 20$  (see [4, 5, 6]).

In this paper, we develop several algorithms to get the following conclusion.

**Claim 1.**  $\psi_9 = \psi_{10} = \psi_{11} = Q_{11} = 3825\ 12305\ 65464\ 13051$ .

This article is organized like this. In §2 we give notations and basic facts needed for our algorithms. In §3 we get the properties of primes up to  $\sqrt{Q_{11}}$  which give us much information to design our algorithm. Just as in [1], we consider the number of prime divisors of the testing number. Let  $n = p_1 \cdot p_2 \dots p_t$ . In §4 we consider  $t \geq 5$  and  $t = 4$  respectively, §5 for  $t = 3$  and §6 for  $t = 2$ . In §7 we get our conclusion and give the total time we need for our algorithms.

## 2 Foundations of algorithms

In this section, we give the foundations for our algorithm. Let  $p$  be a prime,  $a$  is an integer with  $\gcd(a, p)=1$ , denote the smallest positive integer  $e$  such that  $a^e \equiv 1 \pmod p$  by  $Ord_p(a)$ . For example, we have  $Ord_5(2) = 4$ . Moreover for any integer  $n$ ,

if  $n = p^e n'$  with  $\gcd(n, n')=1$ , we denote  $e$  by  $Val_p(n)$ . In this article, we only use  $Val_p(n)$  for  $p = 2$ , we write  $Val(n)$  by abbreviation. For  $v \in \mathbb{Z}^n$ ,  $v = (a_1, \dots, a_n)$  with all  $\gcd(a_i, p)=1$  we define

$$\sigma_p^v = (Val(Ord_p(a_1)), \dots, Val(Ord_p(a_n))).$$

If  $n$  is a pseudoprime (or strong pseudoprime) for all the  $a_i$ s, we denote it by  $\text{psp}(v)$  (or  $\text{spsp}(v)$ ).

We need to check all odd integers less than  $Q_{11}$  to see if there are strong pseudoprimes to the first nine bases. First we are going to exclude the integers having square divisors. If  $n$  is a  $\text{psp}(a)$  and  $p^2|n$  for some prime  $p$ , then we have

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}.$$

also

$$a^{p(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}.$$

As  $\gcd(p, n-1)=1$ , we have

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$$

For  $a = 2$  and  $3$ ,

$$2^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}, \quad 3^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$$

These two equation do not hold simultaneously for any prime  $p$  less than  $3 \cdot 10^9$  [2], which is greater than  $\sqrt{Q_{11}} \approx 1.9 \cdot 10^9$ , so we only need to consider squarefree integers.

Now we give the following important proposition(also see [1]).

**Proposition 1.** *Let  $n = p_1 \dots p_t$  with different primes  $p_1, \dots, p_t$ ,  $v = (a_1, \dots, a_m)$  with different integers such that  $\gcd(a_i, p_j)=1$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ ,  $j = 1, \dots, t$ . Then  $n$  is an  $\text{spsp}(v)$  iff  $n$  is a  $\text{psp}(v)$  and  $\sigma_{p_1}^v = \dots = \sigma_{p_t}^v$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $n-1 = 2^s d$  with  $d$  odd. By Chinese Remainder Theorem

$$a^{2^k d} \equiv -1 \pmod{n} \iff a^{2^k d} \equiv -1 \pmod{p_i}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , so  $Val(Ord_{p_i}(a)) = k+1$  for all  $i$ . And

$$a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \iff a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i}$$

for all  $1 \leq i \leq t$ , so  $Val(Ord_{p_i}(a)) = 0$  for all  $i$ . The proposition is an immediate consequence of the above argument.  $\square$

This is the main necessary condition that we use to find strong pseudoprimes. In our algorithm,  $v = (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23)$ , For a given prime  $p$ , we need to find prime  $q$  satisfying  $\sigma_p^v = \sigma_q^v$ . A problem we have to face is that there are too many candidates of  $q$ , so we need another proposition(also see [1]).

**Proposition 2.** For primes  $p, q$ , if  $Val(p - 1) = Val(q - 1)$  and  $\sigma_p^{(a)} = \sigma_q^{(a)}$ , then the Legendre symbol  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{q}\right)$ .

*Proof.* This follows from

$$\sigma_p^{(a)} = Val(p - 1) \iff \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = -1.$$

□

Notice that if  $p \equiv q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  in the above proposition, the inverse is also true. This is important and then we can use Chinese Remainder Theorem to reduce candidates. We'll give details in the following sections.

### 3 Primes up to $\sqrt{Q_{11}}$

From now on, we fix  $v = (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23)$ . If  $n$  is a psp( $v$ ) and prime  $p|n$ , as  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then

$$Ord_p(a)|(n - 1), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23.$$

Define  $\lambda_p$  to be the least common multiple of the nine orders, then we have

$$\lambda_p|(n - 1), \quad \lambda_p|(p - 1).$$

This point is helpful when designing our algorithms. Let  $\mu_p = (p-1)/\lambda_p$ , we develop an algorithm to calculate  $\mu_p$  for  $p$  up to  $\sqrt{Q_{11}}$ . It takes about 15 hours and find that  $\mu_p$  is very small. We tabulate our results as following.

In the table, for each value of  $\mu_p$ , we give the first and last several primes. There are two rows with  $\mu_p = 2$ , one for  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  and the other for  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . The binary row is for primes  $p$  with

$$p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}, \quad \sigma_p^v \in \{0, 1\}^9.$$

Since  $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = -1$  for  $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , in the second  $\mu_p = 2$  row all  $p$  are in the residue class  $1 \pmod{8}$ . For the same reason, in the binary row also with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , as there is no prime with  $\mu_p \geq 8$ , all primes in binary row are  $9 \pmod{16}$  and with  $\mu_p = 4$ . In the last column, we give the total number of each kind of primes.

$\mu_p$  for  $p$  up to  $\sqrt{Q_{11}}$

$\mu_p$	primes	total
2 $p \equiv 3(4)$	18191, 31391, 35279, 38639, 63839, 95471, 104711, 147671, ..., 1955593559, 1955627519, 1955645831, 1955687159, 1955728199	93878
2 $p \equiv 1(4)$	87481, 185641, 336361, 394969, 483289, 504001, 515761, ..., 1955712529, 1955713369, 1955740609, 1955743729, 1955760361	91541
3	4775569, 5057839, 5532619, 7340227, 7561207 8685379, 9734161, ..., 1953162751, 1953185551, 1954279519, 1955425393	2226
4	25433521, 120543721, 129560209, 138156769, 148405321, 174865681, ..., 1838581369, 1867026001, 1892769649, 1918361041	111
5	650086271, 792798571, 858613901, 1794251801, 1820572771, 1947963301	6
6	1785200041	1
7	945552637	1
binary	120543721, 148405321, 200893081, 224683369, 421725529, 481266361, ..., 1717490329, 1810589881, 1828463641, 1838581369	45

#### 4 $t \geq 5$ and $t = 4$

As from the above, we only need to consider squarefree integers. we always denote  $n = p_1 \dots p_t$  with  $p_1 < \dots < p_t$ . In this section, we are going to exclude the two cases when  $t \geq 5$  and  $t = 4$ .

##### 4.1 $t \geq 5$

For  $p$  up to  $[\sqrt[5]{Q_{11}}] = 5206$ , let  $S_p$  be the set of all primes  $q$  with  $\sigma_q^v = \sigma_p^v$ , and denote  $k$ th element in  $S_p$  by  $s_{p,k}$  in ascending order. Our algorithm puts out the first  $l$  elements of  $S_p$  with  $l > 5$  and

$$\prod_{i=1}^5 s_{p,i} \leq Q_{11}, \quad \left( \prod_{i=1}^4 s_{p,i} \right) s_{p,l} > Q_{11}.$$

It takes less than 22 seconds and puts out six sequences. We give our result in the following table.

sequence with equal  $\sigma_p^v$

	$\sigma_p^v$	No.
167, 3167, 11087, 14423, 21383, 75407	(0,0,1,0,0,1,1,0,1)	1
263, 1583, 8423, 9767, 12503, 18743, 50423, 54623, 106367, 127247	(0,0,1,1,0,0,0,1,0)	13
443, 4547, 5483, 8243, 19163, 26987, 42683	(1,0,1,1,1,0,0,1,1)	2
463, 1087, 13687, 17383, 25447, 37447	(0,1,1,1,1,1,0,1,1)	1
479, 4919, 5519, 6599, 7559, 29399, 51719	(0,0,0,0,0,1,1,1,0)	4
2503, 2767, 5167, 5623, 11887, 31543	(0,1,1,1,0,1,0,0,0)	1

At first glance we know  $t > 5$  is impossible, Then we check these six sequences if they can make up an  $\text{spsp}(v)$  with 5 prime divisors. The last column is the number of integers with  $t = 5$  and less than  $Q_{11}$  in each sequence. Our checking algorithm terminates in less than 0.1 second and finds no strong pseudoprime.

There are details about our algorithm needing to explain. Notice that when  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , and finding  $q$  with  $\sigma_{p_1}^v = \sigma_q^v$ , as the least binary prime is 120543721. In fact we only need to check  $q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . by proposition 2, consider

$$\left(\frac{2}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{q}\right), \quad \left(\frac{3}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{q}\right).$$

we only need to check  $q \equiv p_1 \pmod{24}$ . also in  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  case, we calculate the Lengedre symbol  $\left(\frac{\cdot}{p_1}\right)$  instead of  $\text{Val}(\text{Ord}_{p_1}(\cdot))$ .

## 4.2 t=4

For  $t = 4$ , we first define  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$  to be a feasible 3-tuple if it satisfies

$$p_1 < p_2 < p_3, \quad \sigma_{p_1}^v = \sigma_{p_2}^v = \sigma_{p_3}^v, \quad p_1 p_2 p_3^2 < Q_{11}.$$

Our algorithm goes like this: for each  $p_1$  up to  $\lceil \sqrt[4]{Q_{11}} \rceil = 44224$ , find feasible 3-tuples  $(p_1, p_2, p_3)$ . As  $\lambda_{p_i} | n - 1$ , for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ . let  $\lambda$  be the least common multiple of these three numbers, and  $b = p_1 p_2 p_3$ , then we have

$$n = b p_4 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda}.$$

If  $\text{gcd}(b, \lambda) \neq 1$ , it is impossible to have such  $n$ . If  $\text{gcd}(b, \lambda) = 1$ , we need to check all  $p_4$  with

$$p_3 < p_4 \leq Q_{11}/b, \quad p_4 \equiv b^{-1} \pmod{\lambda}$$

Our algorithm takes about 15 minutes, finding 88729 feasible 3-tuples and no  $\text{spsp}(v)$  with  $t = 4$ . As for  $t = 5$ , when  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , we use Legendre symbol and  $q \equiv p_1 \pmod{24}$  to shorten our running time.

## 5 $t = 3$

As above, we define feasible 2-tuple  $(p_1, p_2)$  with

$$p_1 < p_2, \quad \sigma_{p_1}^v = \sigma_{p_2}^v, \quad p_1 p_2^2 < Q_{11}$$

Our algorithm is just as  $t = 4$  case, for each  $p_1$  up to  $[\sqrt[3]{Q_{11}}] = 1563922$ , find feasible 2-tuples  $(p_1, p_2)$ . Let  $b = p_1 p_2$  and  $\lambda = \text{lcm}(\lambda_{p_1}, \lambda_{p_2})$ , then  $\lambda | n - 1$ . If  $\text{gcd}(b, \lambda) = 1$ , we check all  $p_3$  with

$$p_2 < p_3 \leq Q_{11}/b, \quad p_3 \equiv b^{-1} \pmod{\lambda}.$$

We divide our algorithm into three parts according  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p_1 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $p_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , also we use Chinese Remainder Theorem to reduce candidates.

### 5.1 $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

For  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , we first assume  $p_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . as from §3, we know if  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p_2$  must be a binary prime and so  $\mu_{p_2} = 4$ . There are only 111 such primes up to  $\sqrt{Q_{11}}$ , we'll check these numbers later. By proposition 2, we use the first 5 primes and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$$

reducing to 30 residue classes module  $9240 = 8 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$ .

**Example 1.** For  $p_1 = 31$ , the first module 4 equaling 3 prime. Feasible 2-tuple  $(31, p_2)$  must with

$$p_2 < [\sqrt{Q_{11}/31}] = 351270645$$

If we do not have §3, we need to check all the odd number greater than 31, there are about  $1.7 \cdot 10^8$  candidates. If we do it as for  $t = 5$  and 4, there are  $1.4 \cdot 10^7$  candidates. For our method, there are only  $30 \cdot \frac{351270645}{9240} \approx 1.1 \cdot 10^6$  candidates.

There is another trick we used. if  $b = p_1 p_2$  is less than  $2 \cdot 10^6$ , the correspond  $\lambda$  may be too small. We do not find  $p_3$  as the above describes. In fact, as

$$n = b p_3 \equiv b \pmod{p_3 - 1}$$

and

$$a^{n-1} \equiv a^{b-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p_3}, \quad a = 2, 3$$

We calculate  $\text{gcd}(2^{b-1} - 1, 3^{b-1} - 1)$  then factor it to get the prime divisor which is greater than  $p_2$  and less than  $Q_{11}/b$ . Without this trick, our algorithm run more

than 24 hours and still didn't terminate. When using the trick, the algorithm takes less than 5 hours. It gives 10524046 feasible 2-tuples and the single  $\text{spsp}(v)$

$$Q_{11} = 3825 \ 12305 \ 65464 \ 13051 = 149491 \cdot 747451 \cdot 34233211.$$

The following table gives all the 37 feasible 2-tuples with multiple less than  $2 \cdot 10^6$ , which can explain why the first case takes so long time.

**Example 2.** Notice that for some  $b$  the  $\lambda$  is small. For  $b = 43 \cdot 9283 = 339169$ , we need to check all  $p_3$  with

$$9283 < p_3 < Q_{11}/b \approx 1.1 \cdot 10^{13}, \quad p_3 \equiv 7771 \pmod{9282}$$

and for  $b = 571 \cdot 2851 = 1627921$ , all  $p_3$  with

$$p_2 < p_3 < Q_{11}/b \approx 2.3 \cdot 10^{12}, \quad p_3 \equiv 2281 \pmod{2580}$$

These are really time-consuming.

## 5.2 $p_1 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$

If  $p_1 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , as  $\left(\frac{2}{p_1}\right) = -1$ ,  $\text{Val}(\text{Ord}_{p_1}(2)) = 2$ , so for each  $p_2$  with  $\sigma_{p_2}^v = \sigma_{p_1}^v$ , we must have  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . If  $p_2 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , by proposition 2, we use the first 5 primes then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11.$$

There are 30 residue classes module 9240. If  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , for  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ , we must have  $\mu_{p_2} = 4$ , we'll check these numbers later. For  $p_2 \equiv 9 \pmod{16}$ , we must have

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = 1, \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11.$$

There are 30 residue classes module 18480. The total time for checking all  $p_1$  up to 1563922 is about 10 hours and we find 522239 feasible 2-tuples with no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

## 5.3 $p_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

For  $p_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , denote  $e = \text{Val}(p_1 - 1)$  and  $f = \text{Val}(\lambda_{p_1})$ , then  $f \leq e$  and

$$p_1 \equiv 1 + 2^e \pmod{2^{e+1}}, \quad p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^f}$$

for  $\sigma_{p_2}^v = \sigma_{p_1}^v$ . If  $f = e$ , then we consider two cases. For  $p_2 \equiv 1 + 2^e \pmod{2^{e+1}}$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$$

feasible  $(p_1, p_2)$  with  $b < 2 \cdot 10^6$

b	$p_1$	$p_2$	$\lambda$	$\sigma_{p_1}^v$
685441	31	22111	22110	( 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
919801	31	29671	29670	( 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
1267249	31	40879	204390	( 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
399169	43	9283	9282	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
703609	43	16363	114534	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
1379569	43	32083	224574	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
1487929	43	34603	242214	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
1772761	43	41227	288582	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
741049	47	15767	362618	( 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1 )
1879201	47	39983	919586	( 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1 )
117049	67	1747	19206	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0 )
1578721	67	23563	23562	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0 )
1354609	71	19079	667730	( 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
722929	79	9151	118950	( 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 )
1272769	79	16111	209430	( 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 )
457081	83	5507	225746	( 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 )
1391329	83	16763	687242	( 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 )
1739929	83	20963	859442	( 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0 )
1652401	107	15443	818426	( 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0 )
1730689	139	12451	286350	( 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1 )
1790881	163	10987	296622	( 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 )
528889	167	3167	262778	( 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
1851529	167	11087	920138	( 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1 )
1892881	211	8971	62790	( 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1 )
1552849	229	6781	128820	( 2, 0, 1, 2, 1, 2, 0, 0, 2 )
416329	263	1583	207242	( 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
223609	311	719	111290	( 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1 )
1912849	331	5779	317790	( 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1 )
825841	379	2179	45738	( 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0 )
540409	439	1231	89790	( 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 1 )
503281	463	1087	83622	( 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1 )
929041	503	1847	463346	( 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0 )
1627921	571	2851	2850	( 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0 )
1280449	787	1627	213006	( 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0 )
1616521	919	1759	268974	( 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0 )
1538161	1063	1447	255942	( 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0 )
1772521	1103	1607	884906	( 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0 )

There are 30 residue classes module  $2^{e+1} \cdot 1155$ . For  $p_2 \equiv 1 + 2^{e+1} \pmod{2^{e+2}}$ , we have

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = 1, \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11$$

30 residue classes module  $2^{e+2} \cdot 1155$ . The  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{e+2}}$  case is left for the prime with  $\mu_{p_2} = 4$ . If  $f < e$ , we only check  $p_2 \equiv p_1 \pmod{2^f}$ . In fact, according to §3, this only happens when  $f = e - 1$  and  $\mu_{p_1} = 2$ . There are only 50 such primes up to 1563922. Our algorithm takes less than 100 minutes and finds 30728 feasible 2-tuples and no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

#### 5.4 $\mu_{p_2} = 4$

In the above three cases, we don't consider the case  $\mu_{p_2} = 4$ . Now we assume  $\mu_{p_2} = 4$ , as we also have

$$p_1 \geq 29, \quad p_1 p_2^2 \leq Q_{11}$$

So  $p_2 < 363181490$ . According §3, there only 12 primes under this bound. We check all of them and find no feasible 2-tuples. Until now we finish the  $t = 3$  case and find only one  $\text{spsp}(v)$   $Q_{11}$ . The total time is less than 17 hours.

## 6 $t=2$

For  $t = 2$ , there is no need to define feasible 1-tuples. As  $\lambda_{p_1} | n - 1$  we have

$$p_1 < p_2 \leq Q_{11}/p_1, \quad p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}.$$

Since  $\lambda_{p_1}$  is close to  $p_1 - 1$ , there are about  $Q_{11}/(p_1)^2$  candidates for each  $p_1$ . When  $p_1$  is small, there are too many. According the value of  $p_1$ , we divide into three parts.

### 6.1 small and large $p_1$

If  $p_1 < 10^6$ , we'll use the same method as for  $t = 3$ ,  $p_1 p_2 < 2 \cdot 10^6$ . We have

$$a^{p_1-1} \equiv a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p_2}, \quad a = 2, 3$$

so we calculate  $\text{gcd}(2^{p_1-1} - 1, 3^{p_1-1} - 1)$  and factor it to get prime divisors  $p_2$  with

$$p_1 < p_2 \leq Q_{11}/p_1.$$

Our algorithm takes about 9 hours and finds no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

For  $p_1 > 10^8$ , There are less than 380 candidates, we just run our algorithm as described at the beginning of this section. It takes about 18 hours and find no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

## 6.2 $10^6 < p_1 < 10^8$

When  $p_1$  is in this interval, we divide into three parts according to  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p_1 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  and  $p_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ . In each case, just as  $t = 3$  we use Chinese Remainder Theorem to reduce candidates. This time we use the first 6 primes.

For  $p_1 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ ,  $p_2$  with  $\sigma_{p_2}^v = \sigma_{p_1}^v$ . If  $p_2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  then we have  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

If  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , then we have  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = 1, \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

Our algorithm takes about 15 hours and finds no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

For  $p_1 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ , then  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . If  $p_2 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  then we have  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

If  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , then we have  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = 1, \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

Our algorithm takes about 15 hours and finds no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

For  $p_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ , denote  $e = \text{Val}(p_1 - 1)$ ,  $f = \text{Val}(\sigma_{p_1})$ , then  $f \leq e$ . If  $f = e$ , there are two cases. For  $p_2 \equiv 1 + 2^e \pmod{2^{e+1}}$ , then  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right), \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

For  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{e+1}}$ , then  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$  and

$$\left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) = 1, \quad a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13.$$

If  $f < e$ , we only use  $p_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{\lambda_{p_1}}$ , Our algorithm takes about 16 hours and finds no  $\text{spsp}(v)$ .

We also run an algorithm for these cases without use Chinese Remainder Theorem, it took more than 10 days and didn't halt. So the Chinese Remainder Theorem is really helpful here. We need to be careful when writing our algorithm because  $\gcd(a, \lambda_{p_1}) \neq 1$  for some  $p_1$  and  $a = 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13$ .

Then we finish the  $t = 2$  case and find no strong pseudoprime to the first 9 primes.

## 7 Conclusion

Until now, we have checked all the odd composite numbers up to  $Q_{11}$ , and find only one strong pseudoprime  $Q_{11}$  to the first 9 primes. As it is easy to check that  $Q_{11}$  is also strong pseudoprime to the bases 29 and 31, we have our claim in §1.

$$\psi_9 = \psi_{10} = \psi_{11} = Q_{11}$$

So for an integer less than  $Q_{11}$ , only 9 strong pseudoprime tests are needed to judge its primality and compositeness. We use the software Magma and all algorithms are run in my PC(an Intel(R) Core(TM)2 Duo CPU E7500 @ 2.93GHz with 2Gb of RAM). The total time is about 105 hours.

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