Quiz 4

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This is a take-home quiz. It should be submitted on or before Wednesday April 9.

1. Develop a divisibility test by 23 patterned after Bhāratī Kṛshṇa's method. Explicitly state what multiplier you obtain.

Decide if 2452559 is divisible by 23 using the test.

Decide the divisibility of a comparably large number of your choice by the same test.

2. Develop a divisibility test by 37 patterned after Bhāratī Kṛshṇa's method. Explicitly state what multiplier you obtain.

Illustrate with a couple of fairly large numbers of your choice.

3. Work out the factorization technique of Nārāyaṇa to factor the number: n = 259.

Illustrate the technique with two more three digit numbers of your choice.

For your information, the technique is described here.

Start with a number n which is odd. (Also a factor of 5 is easy to note and remove, so assume 5 does not divide n.) We illustrate with n = 203.

- Start with a least choice of t such that $t^2 > n$. Set $s = t^2 n$. Thus for n = 203, we start with t = 15, s = 22.
- Check if s is a square. This can be done from a table of squares, or using a calculator. If $s = y^2$, then $n = t^2 - y^2$, so we have a factorization n = (t - y)(t + y). Declare "Success"!!

For our example, 22 is a non square, so continue.

• If there is no success, then replace s by s + 2t + 1 and then replace t by t + 1. Check again.

We change (t, s) to (15 + 1, 22 + 2(15) + 1) = (16, 53). Since 53 is a non square, we repeat the process and get (t, s) = (17, 86). Repeating the step, we get (t, s) = (18, 121).

Thus $203 = 18^2 - 11^2 = (7)(29)$.

• When do we conclude that n must be a prime? This happens if t-y = 1 i.e. t+y = n where $y^2 = s$.