

# Two Conjectures on Primality

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**Abstract :** Generalizations of Wilson's theorem and Kilford's theorem are introduced .

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## 1 Introduction

In number theory , both Wilson's [1] and Kilford's [2] theorem , represent general , unconditional and deterministic primality tests .

## 2 Main result

**Conjecture 1.**(generalization of Wilson's theorem)

For  $m \geq 2$  , natural number  $n$  greater than one is prime iff :

$$(n^m - 1)! \equiv (n - 1)^{\left\lceil \frac{(-1)^{m+1}}{2} \right\rceil} \cdot n^{\frac{n^m - mn + m - 1}{n-1}} \pmod{n^{\frac{n^m - mn + m + n - 2}{n-1}}}$$

**Maxima implementation**

m;n;

(f:1 , for i from 1 thru n^m-1 do(f:mod(f\*i,n^((n^m-m\*n+m+n-2)/(n-1))))\$

(if (f=((n-1)^ceiling((((-1)^(m+1))/2))\*n^((n^m-m\*n+m-1)/(n-1)))

then print("prime") else print("composite"));

**Conjecture 2.**(generalization of Kilford's theorem)

Natural number  $n$  greater than two is prime iff :

$$\prod_{k=1}^{n-1} (b^k - a) \equiv \frac{a^n - 1}{a - 1} \pmod{\frac{b^n - 1}{b - 1}}$$

where  $b > a > 1$

## Maxima implementation

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a; b; n;  
p:1;  
(for k from 1 thru n-1 do (p : mod(p*(b^k-a),(b^n-1)/(b-1))))$  
(if (p=(a^n-1)/(a-1)) then print("prime") else print("composite"));
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## References

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