

# A computational perspective on Carmichael numbers

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# Integer Factoring

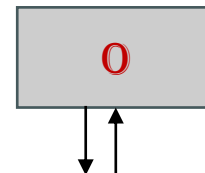


- **Gold standard:** The algorithm  $\mathbb{A}$  runs in  $\text{poly}(\log n)$  time. Looks **unachievable!**
- **Consequences:** RSA will break and modern cryptography will collapse!
- **An important approach:**

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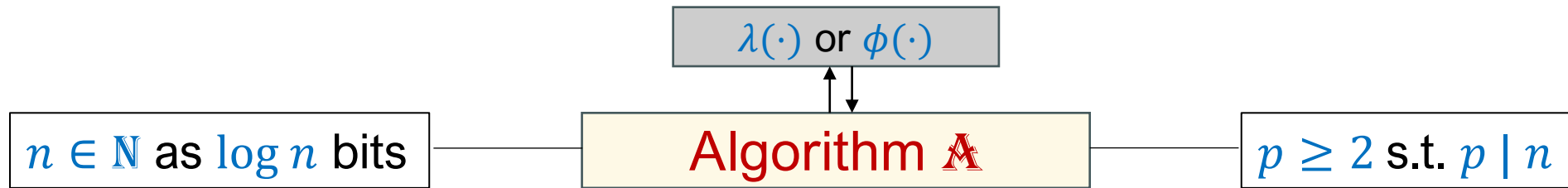
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The algorithm  $\mathbb{A}$  with oracle access to  $\mathbb{O}$  is **randomized** and runs in  $\text{poly}(\log n)$  time.

- $\mathbb{O}$  either computes **Euler's Totient function** ( $\phi(\cdot)$ ) or **Carmichael's Lambda function** ( $\lambda(\cdot)$ )

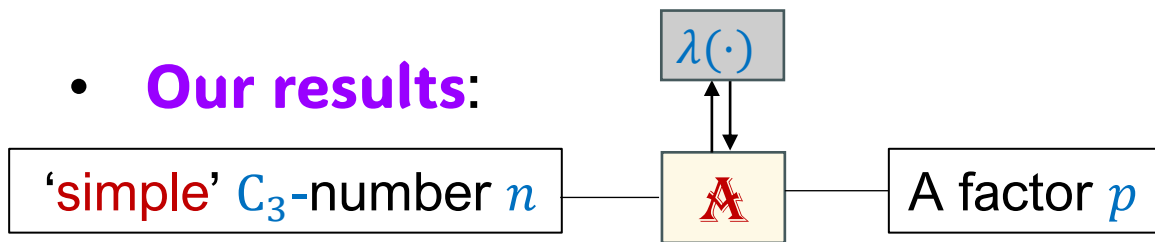


# Towards derandomizing $\mathbb{A}$

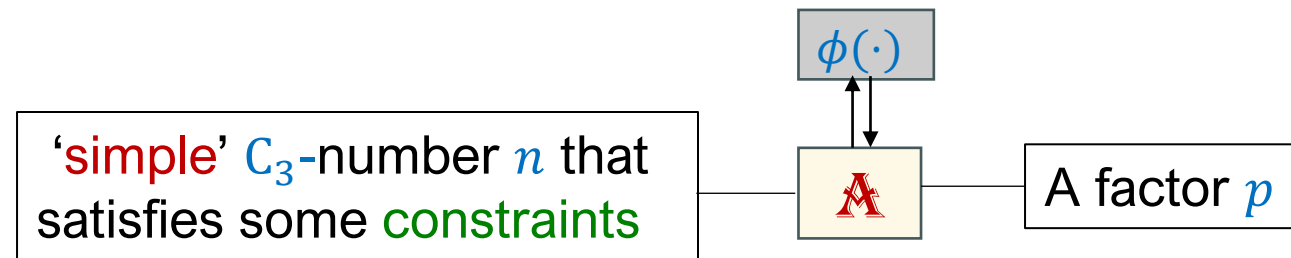


- **Status:** Known when  $n = pq$  but open if  $n = pqr$ . Solved if  $n = pqr$  is ‘size-bounded’.
- **Our work:**  $n$  is ‘Carmichael’ and has 3 prime factors. We call them  $C_3$ -numbers.
- **Carmichael number:** A composite  $n$  s.t. for every  $a < n, \gcd(n, a) = 1, a^n \equiv a \pmod n$ .

• **Our results:**



Result 1:  $\mathbb{A}$  runs in  $\text{poly}(\log n)$  time



Result 2:  $\mathbb{A}$  runs in  $\text{poly}(\log n)$  time

- **Important tool:** Coppersmith’s method to find ‘bounded’ roots of an  $f \in \mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ .