

Generating random primes faster

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Standard speedup using wheels:

e.g., force $p \bmod 6 \in \{1, 5\}$.

Wheel using all primes $q \leq n^{O(1)}$:

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Recall $\prod_{q \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right) \in \Theta\left(\frac{1}{\log y}\right)$.

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Most iterations are much simpler:
Fermat test rejects p .

Fast reject by trial division/ECM?
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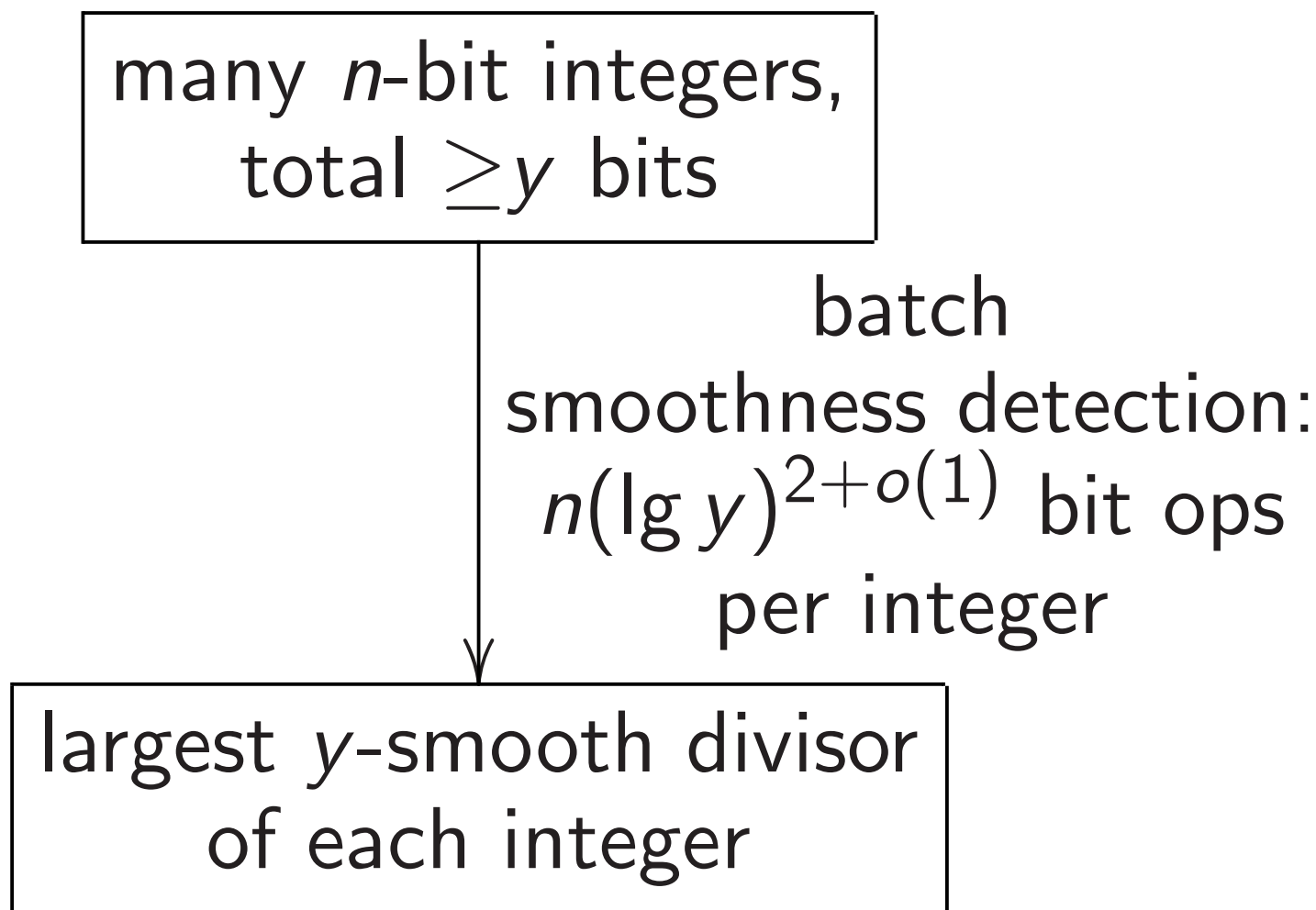
many n -bit integers,
total $\geq y$ bits

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 $n(\lg y)^{2+o(1)}$ bit ops
per integer

largest y -smooth divisor
of each integer

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Apply batch smoothness detection
for $y = 2^{2^0}$, then $y = 2^{2^1}$, then
 $y = 2^{2^2}$, \dots , then $y \approx 2^{n^{0.5+o(1)}}$.