

Mersenne factorization factory

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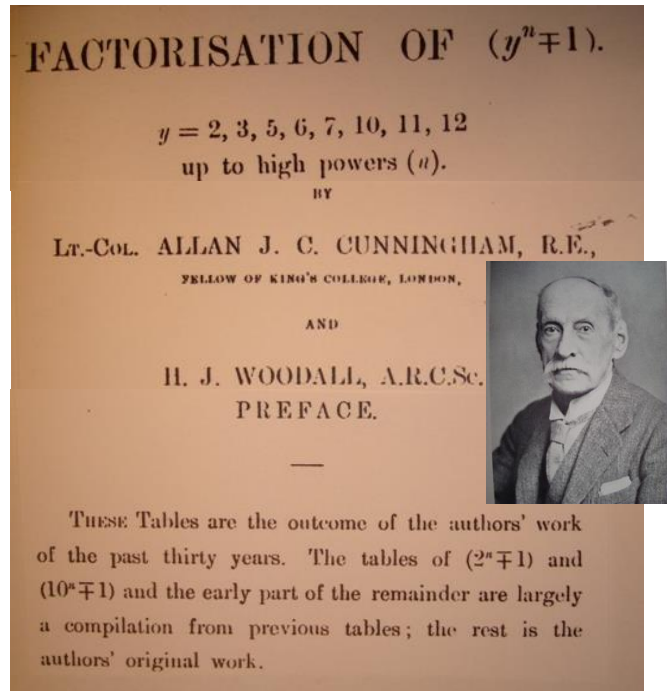
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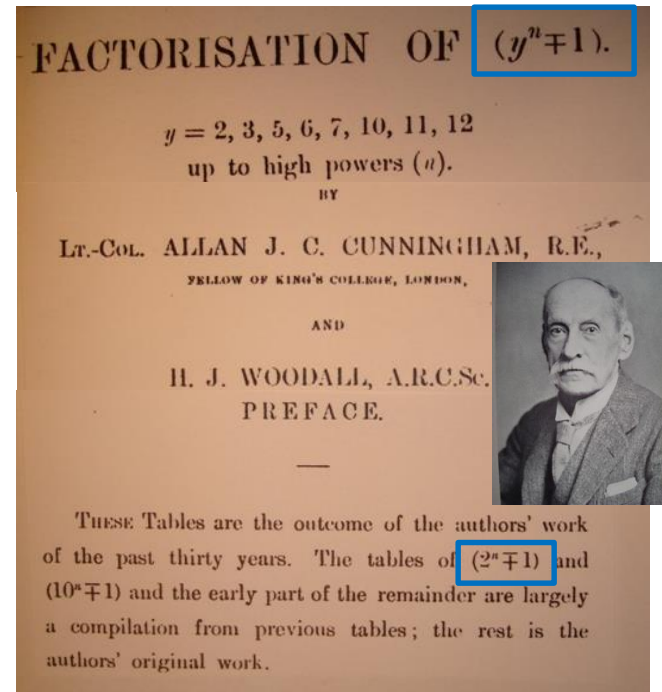
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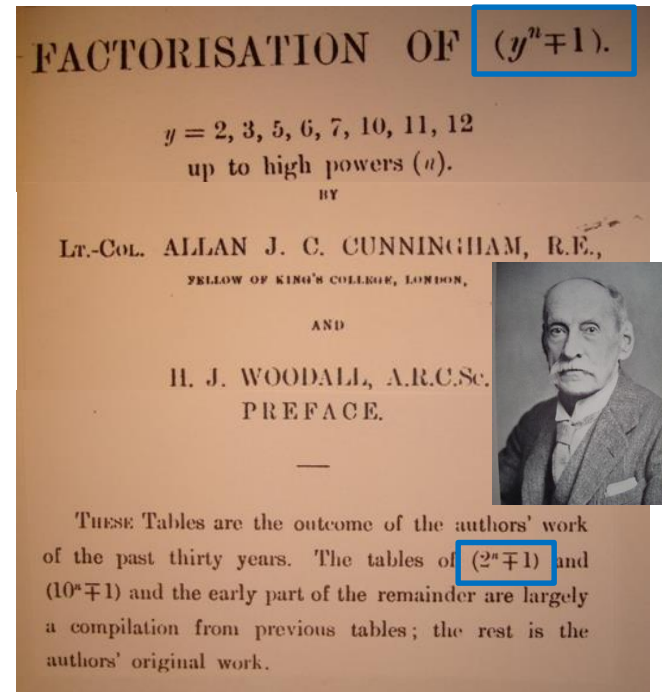
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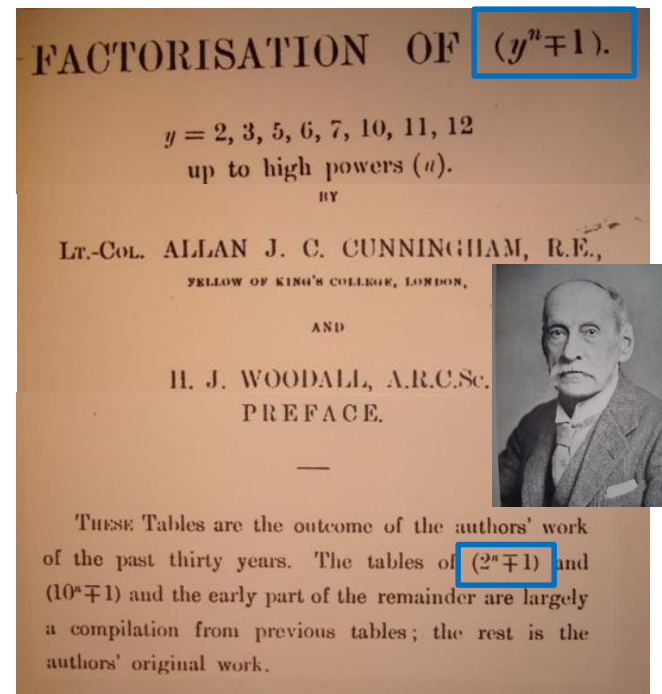
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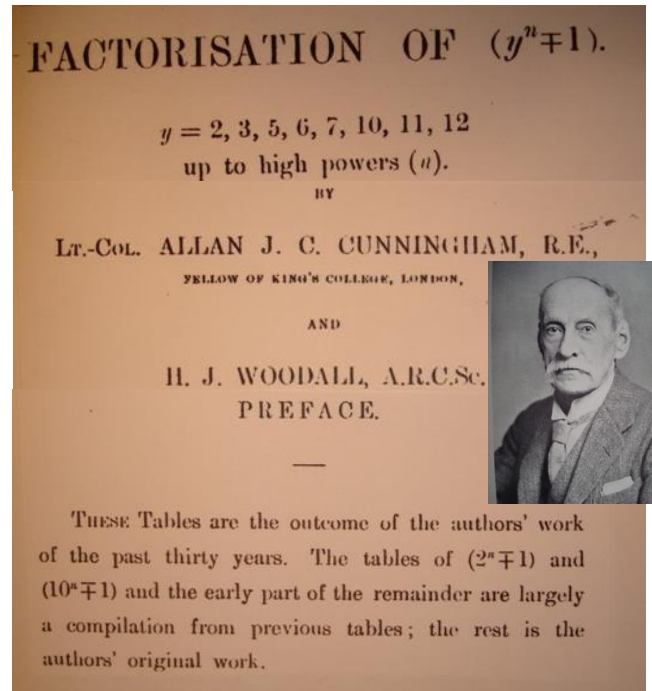
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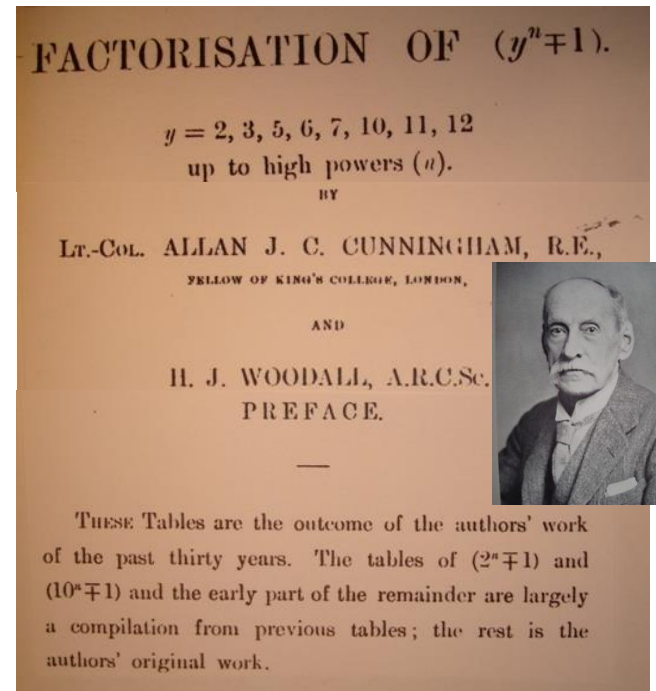
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our crypto salespitch

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make regular “one-by-one” approach more efficient

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Conclusion

- showed practical value of Coppersmith's factorization factory for known set of "special" numbers
- current implementations of various smoothness tests suggest that new ideas are needed for a 1024-bit RSA factorization factory (for larger RSA moduli it may already be worthwhile)

