

# The Berlekamp-Hensel Procedure (Hans Zassenhaus ~ 1972)

Input  $A \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  s.t.

$d > 1$

$$A = ax^d + \dots + a_0$$

$$\text{cont}(A) = 1$$

$$\gcd(A, A') = 1$$

Output  $f_1, f_2, \dots, f_m \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  s.t.

$f_i$  irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$

$$A = f_1 f_2 \dots f_m$$

$\phi_p$  ↓  
① Pick  $p$  s.t.  
 $p \nmid \text{lc}(A) = a_d$   
 $\gcd(A, A') = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p[x]$

④ Test if  $p \mid (a_d \cdot g_i^{(n)} \bmod p^n) \mid A \ \forall i$   
Test if  $p \mid (a_d \cdot g_i^{(n)} \cdot g_j^{(n)} \bmod p^n) \mid A \ \forall i \neq j$   
etc.  
↑ expand

③ For  $j = 1, 2, \dots, l$  Hensel lift  $g_j$   
using  $u_0 = g_j, w_0 = a_d \cdot \prod_{i \neq j} g_i$  until  
 $p^n > 2ad \cdot \|f\|_\infty$  to obtain  
 $A \equiv a_d g_1^{(n)} g_2^{(n)} \dots g_l^{(n)} \pmod{p^n}$   
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 $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$  ② Factor  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$   
Cantor-Zassenhaus  
 $O(d^3 \log^3 p)$

→  
 $A \equiv a_d \cdot g_1 g_2 \dots g_l, \quad l \geq m$   
 $g_i \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x], \text{ monic, irreducible}$