CoCoALib - Bug \#1719
FactorINT has got worse
18 Dec 2022 22:21 - John Abbott

| Status: | Closed | Start date: | 18 Dec 2022 |
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| Priority: | Normal | Due date: |  |
| Assignee: | John Abbott | \% Done: | $100 \%$ |
| Category: | Improving | Estimated time: | 4.25 hours |
| Target version: | CoCoALib-0.99880 | Spent time: | 4.25 hours |

## Description

The following test case now works definitely worse: it does not find all factors even with a time limit of 500s

```
/**/ N := 7335701525182455855723732507566255591134481346601986023037611611157687476400397907172094
17626237639378612023600490998560722366656257767282271308180638747136088764270749773654824484097677
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33580751730764998271802796529492735736983437115298752298259908753654837027508856708592906495842918
83576700534135208017967703488280321905547261081835293870066770359958302581979227942835018238328109
58492453928967775470538568305023369776559928320816622874487759999788504472705489498939725019786406
0072413943048908893072281613818181255952564156500184276607648975880782796071856116659;
/**/ facs := FactorINT_TimeOut(N,150);
/**/ len(facs.factors);
--> 164 or 146??
/**/ TimeFrom(0);
--> 203.014
/**/ indent(facs);
```

Fix it!
Related issues:
Related to CoCoA-5 - Feature \#1718: FactorINT with time-out Closed 16 Dec 2022

## History

\#1-18 Dec 2022 22:24 - John Abbott
With the current impl on 127 factors are found, and they are all small enough to be split easily. So why weren't they split?

I guess there should be a priority of composites still to factorize, and the remaining time should "shared" among them (somehow). The current recursive approach could soak up all the time just trying to spit one factor [which has supposedly been checked to be non prime]

Too late/tired to investigate now.

## \#2-18 Dec 2022 22:24-John Abbott

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## \#3-22 Dec 2022 11:18 - John Abbott

- Status changed from New to In Progress
- \% Done changed from 0 to 10

I now have a simpler case:
$\mathrm{N}:=24779178594458173980130149093512103993457937724258608763291319648856569108694977170434160467895396564484861$ 32552060029046961322718232452442973411060551404265714369418047516216332372133665902078765565144695299617386420 03205240903166519898987791573464612160928820311447243577699504315279381041379805020577653410356076373452127317 54271287261785041678993568253460048661063847966810757572974085958913630282096094357234844078158327390487652060 54617458349582046988466791681053269676155963371738838977255009823666709049453364472361394843359092246259752100 06424970052329750496284041467999849356023268907689315561144393069893490828305045902428170300866707044870638391 726523593031045407984564584577896295982661600067137457974854069039430186771628107 ;

It seems that FactorINT is unable to factorize it, but FactorINT_PollardRho(N,1000000) finds a factor instantly. I wonder what is going on.

## \#4-29 Dec 2022 20:57-John Abbott

- Assignee set to John Abbott
- \% Done changed from 10 to 50

It'd be nice to blame someone else for the "poorly organized" code...

Now it seems to work better. But the revised code still need tidying!
Maybe I'll check in soon what I have... and tidy it later (hah!)

## \#5-29 Dec 2022 21:16 - John Abbott

On some inputs which have many small factors, the code spends much more time inside IsProbPrime than actually computing factors. Need a strategy to test for primality not too often...

## \#6-09 Mar 2023 22:37-John Abbott

- Status changed from In Progress to Feedback
- Target version changed from CoCoALib-0.99850 to CoCoALib-0.99880
- \% Done changed from 50 to 90

The current code works a lot better.
I suppose I should find time sooner or later to implement the idea in comment 5 (but that is low priority for CoCoALib).

## \#7-22 Apr 2024 20:00 - John Abbott

- Status changed from Feedback to Closed
- \% Done changed from 90 to 100
- Estimated time set to 4.25 h

The current impl is good enough. It behaves well enough on the two "big" test examples listed above. If we really want to offer good integer factorization, we should use an external library. But we should do that only if there is genuine demand... there are other more pressing issues! Closing!


[^0]:    - Related to Feature \#1718: FactorINT with time-out added

