

ALGORITHM 99  
 EVALUATION OF JACOBI SYMBOL  
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procedure Jacobi (n, m, r); value n, m;
integer n, m, r;
comment Jacobi computes the value of the Jacobi symbol  $(n/m)$ ,
  where  $m$  is odd, by the law of quadratic reciprocity. The param-
  eter  $r$  is assigned one of the values  $-1$ ,  $0$ , or  $1$  if  $m$  is odd. If  $m$ 
  is even, the symbol is undefined and  $r$  is assigned the value  $2$ .
  For odd  $m$ , the routine provides a test of whether  $m$  and  $n$  are
  relatively prime. The value of  $r$  is  $0$  if and only if  $m$  and  $n$  have
  a nontrivial common factor. In the special case where  $m$  is prime,
   $r = -1$  if and only if  $n$  is a quadratic nonresidue of  $m$ ;
begin
  integer s;
  Boolean p, q;
  Boolean procedure parity (x); value x; integer x;
    comment The value of the parity function is true if  $x$  is
      odd, false if  $x$  is even;
    begin
      parity :=  $x \div 2 \times 2 \neq x$ 
    end parity;
  if  $\neg$  parity (m) then begin r := 2; go to exit end;
  p := true;
  loop: n :=  $n - n \div m \times m$ ;
    q := false;
    if  $n \leq 1$  then go to done;
  even: if  $\neg$  parity (n) then
    begin
      q :=  $\neg$  q;
      n :=  $n \div 2$ ;
      go to even
    end n now odd;
    if q then if parity  $((m \uparrow 2 - 1) \div 8)$  then p :=  $\neg$  p;
    if  $n = 1$  then go to done;
    if parity  $((m - 1) \times (n - 1) \div 4)$  then p :=  $\neg$  p;
    s := m; m := n; n := s; go to loop;
  done: r := if  $n = 0$  then 0 else if p then 1 else  $-1$ ;
  exit: end Jacobi
  
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