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*Hide and Seek—a naive factoring algorithm*

I present a factoring algorithm that factors  $N = UV$  provably in  $O(N^{1/3+\epsilon})$  time. I also discuss the potential for improving this to a sub-exponential algorithm. Along the way, I consider the distribution of solutions  $(x, y)$  to  $xy = N \pmod{a}$ .