

Let $\delta(p)$ tend to zero arbitrarily slowly as $p \rightarrow \infty$. We exhibit an explicit set \mathcal{S} of primes p , defined in terms of simple functions of the prime factors of $p - 1$, for which the least primitive root of p is at most $p^{1/4-\delta(p)}$ for all $p \in \mathcal{S}$, where $\#\{p \leq x : p \in \mathcal{S}\} \sim \pi(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$. This is a joint work with Kevin Ford and Andrew Granville.