

Number Theory and Abstract Algorithm

① Is 1729, a carmichael number?

→ A carmichael number is a composite number n which satisfies the congruence relation:

$$a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

for all integers a that are relatively prime to n .

To prove that, 1729 is a carmichael number, when we need to show that it satisfies the above condition.

Step 1:

As given, $n = 1729 = 7 \times 13 \times 19$

Let, $P_1 = 7$, $P_2 = 13$ and $P_3 = 19$

Then $P_1 - 1 = 6$, $P_2 - 1 = 12$ and $P_3 - 1 = 18$

Also, $n - 1 = 1729 - 1 = 1728$, which is divisible by $P_1 - 1 = 6$

therefore, $n-1$ is divisible by p_1-1

Step 02:

Similarly, we can show that $n-1$ is also divisible by p_2-1 and p_3-1

Therefore, from the definition of Carmichael numbers and the above discussion, we can conclude that

1729 is indeed a Carmichael number.

② Primitive root (Generator) of \mathbb{Z}_{23} ?

→ Definition: A primitive root modulo a prime p is an integer g in \mathbb{Z}_p such that every non-zero element of \mathbb{Z}_p is a power of g .

We want to find a primitive root as an element $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{23}$ such

⑤ Let's take $p=2$ and $n=3$ that makes the $\text{GF}(p^n) := \text{GF}(2^3)$, then solve this with polynomial arithmetic approach.

→ Given,

$$p=2, n=3$$

We want to construct the finite field $\text{GF}(2^3)$ which has $2^3 = 8$ elements
step 1: choose an irreducible polynomial of degree 3 over $\text{GF}(2)$

A common choice is
 $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$

step 2: Define the field elements, every element of $\text{GF}(2^3)$ can be express as a polynomial with degree less than 3 and coefficients in $\text{GF}(2)$:
 $1, 0, 1, x, x+1, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x+1$

step 3: Define addition and multiplication
• Addition is performed by adding corresponding coefficients modulo 2

③ Is $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{11}, +, * \rangle$ a ring?

→ Yes, $\mathbb{Z}_{11} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ with addition and multiplication modulo 11 is a ring because:

- $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +)$ is an abelian group.

- Multiplication is associative and distributes over addition.

- It has a multiplicative identity.

Since 11 is prime, \mathbb{Z}_{11} is also a field.

So, $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +, *)$ is a ring.

④ $\mathbb{Z}_5 < \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + >, < \mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times >$ are abelian groups?

→ $(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$: This is an abelian group under addition mod 37. Always true for \mathbb{Z}_n with addition.

$(\mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times)$:

This is not an abelian group.

Only the units in \mathbb{Z}_{35} form a group under multiplication. But full \mathbb{Z}_{35} under multiplication includes 0, non-invertibles.

So, it's not a group.

that the powers of generator all non-zero elements of \mathbb{Z}_{23} .

Let,

\mathbb{Z}_{23}^* = the set of integers from 1 to 22 under multiplication modulo

23. since 23 is a prime number;

$$|\mathbb{Z}_{23}^*| = \phi(23) = 22$$

so, a primitive root g is an integer such that:

$$g^k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23} \text{ for all } k < 22$$

$$\text{and } g^{22} \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

we check for $g=5$:

• Prime factors of 22 = 2, 11

$$5^{2/2} = 5^1 \pmod{23} = 5 \neq 1$$

$$5^{22/11} = 5^2 \pmod{23} = 2 \neq 1$$

so, 5 is a primitive root modulo 23

$$x^4 + x = 0, \quad x^4 + 1 = x^4 + 1$$

• Multiplication is polynomial multiplication followed by reduction modulo

$$f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$$

$$x^3 = x + 1 \pmod{f(x)}$$

Example calculations:

• $x \cdot x = x^2$ (no reduction needed)

$$\bullet x \cdot x^2 = x^3 = x + 1$$

$$\bullet (x + 1) \cdot x = x^2 + x$$

Thus, $\text{GF}(2^3)$ is a field with 8 elements and well defined addition and multiplication