

Number Theory and Abstract Algorithm

Assignment - 04

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① Is 1729 a Carmichael number?

Answer:

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, we need to show that it satisfies the above condition.

Step 01:

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

Let, $p_1 = 7$, $p_2 = 13$ and $p_3 = 19$

Then, $P_1 = 156$, $P_2 = 1$

Then $P_1 - 1 = 155$, $P_2 - 1 = 0$ and $P_3 - 1 = 18$

Also, $n-1 = 1729 - 1 = 1728$, which is divisible by $P_1 - 1 = 155$

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 n in \mathbb{Z}_p such that every non-zero element of \mathbb{Z}_p is a power of n .

We want to find a primitive root modulo 23, an element $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{23}$ such that the powers of a 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 $22 = 2, 11$
- $5^{22/2} = 5^{11} \bmod 23 = 22 \neq 1$
- $5^{22/11} = 5^2 \bmod 23 = 2 \neq 1$

So, 5 is a primitive root modulo 23

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: 1

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

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

④ Is $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle, \langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}, * \rangle$ are abelian group?

Answer:

$(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$:

This is an abelian group under addition mod 37. Always true for \mathbb{Z}_n with addition.

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

This is not an abelian group.

Only the units in \mathbb{Z}_{35} form a group under multiplication includes 0, non-invertibles - so it's not a group.

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.

Answer: Given, $p=2, n=3$

We want to construct the finite field

$GF(2^3)$ which has $2^3 = 8$ elements

Step 1: choose an irreducible polynomial

To build $GF(2^3)$, select an irreducible polynomial of degree 3 over $GF(2)$. A common choice is :

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

This polynomial cannot be factored over $GF(2)$. So it is suitable for defining multiplication in the field.

Step 2: Define the field elements. Every

element of $GF(2^3)$ can be expressed as a polynomial with degree less than 3 and coefficients in $GF(2)$:

$$\{0, 1, x, x+1, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x, x^2+x+1\}$$

There are exactly 8 elements as expected.

Step 3:

Define addition and multiplication.

Addition is performed log by adding corresponding coefficients modulo 2.

$$x + x = 0, x^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1$$

• Multiplication is polynomial multiplication followed by reduction modulo $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$

Since, $x^3 \equiv x + 1 \pmod{f(x)}$

We replace x^3 by $x + 1$ whenever it appears during multiplication.

Example calculations:

- $x \cdot x = x^2$ (no reduction needed as degree < 3)
- $x \cdot x^2 = x^3 = x + 1$ (reduce x^3 modulo $f(x)$)
- $(x + 1) \cdot x = x^2 + x$ (degree < 3 , no reduction)

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