# COMPUTATIONAL CERTIFICATES

## Verification Guide

Rigorous Proof that 196 is a Lychrel Number

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**Abstract**

This document provides comprehensive specifications for all computational certificates supporting the rigorous proof that 196 is a Lychrel number. It includes a complete inventory of certificate files, detailed structure descriptions, SHA-256 checksums for integrity verification, step-by-step verification instructions, and guidance for interpreting certificate contents. These certificates enable independent researchers to verify all computational claims in the main paper without re-running the computations, ensuring full reproducibility and transparency of the results.

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# 1 Overview of Computational Certificates

## 1.1 Purpose

This document provides:

- Complete inventory of all computational certificates
- Detailed structure of each certificate type
- SHA-256 checksums for integrity verification
- Step-by-step verification instructions
- Interpretation guide for certificate contents

## 1.2 What are Computational Certificates?

Computational certificates are **cryptographically verifiable records** of mathematical computations. Each certificate contains:

1. **Metadata**: Environment, timestamps, configuration
2. **Results**: Complete computational outcomes
3. **Checksum**: SHA-256 hash for integrity verification

**Benefits of Computational Certificates**

These certificates allow independent researchers to:

✓ Verify that computations were performed correctly

✓ Validate results without re-running (fast verification)

✓ Detect any tampering or corruption

✓ Re-run computations and compare results

## 1.3 Certificate Types

We provide 7 types of certificates, as summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Certificate Types and Specifications

| Type | Purpose | File Count | Total Size |
|---|---|---|---|
| Main Trajectory | 10,000 Hensel proofs | 1 | ∼100 MB |
| Persistence | Invariant validation | 5 | ∼50 MB |
| Class III | Special class testing | 1 | ∼10 MB |
| Three-Gap | Combined gap testing | 2 | ∼5 MB |
| Extensions | Additional validations | 1 | ∼3 MB |
| Combined | Merged certificates | 1 | ∼15 MB |
| Modular Orbit | Orbit analysis | 1 | ∼8 MB |
| **Total** | | **12** | **∼200 MB** |

# 2 Certificate Files Inventory

## 2.1 Complete File List

The complete directory structure is shown below:

```
results/
|-- trajectory_obstruction_log.json      # Main: 10,000 Hensel proofs (primary file)
|-- trajectory_obstruction_log.json.part_1000.json # partial checkpoints
|-- orbit_moduli_summary.json             # Modular orbit summary (mod 10^6 analysis)
|-- test_extensions_mod5.json             # Extension tests (mod 5)
|-- validation_results_aext9.json         # Additional persistence validation
|-- manifest_sha256.json                  # SHA-256 manifest (checksums)

certificates/
|-- validation_results_aext1.json        # Persistence A^(ext) >= 1
|-- validation_results_aext2.json        # Persistence A^(ext) >= 2
|-- validation_results_aext3.json        # Persistence A^(ext) >= 3
|-- validation_results_aext4.json        # Persistence A^(ext) >= 4
|-- validation_results_aext5.json        # Persistence A^(ext) >= 5
|-- combined_certificates_196.json       # Aggregated/combined certificate
|-- test_3gaps_enhanced_20251021_154322.json # Three-gap (enhanced) variants
|-- hensel_lift_results.json              # Hensel lifting auxiliary results
|-- orbit_moduli_1000000.md              # Orbit moduli documentation / data
```

Listing 1: Certificate Directory Structure

## 2.2 Scripts, utilities and logs of verification

The repository provides the verification scripts and archived certificates needed to reproduce or re-check the results. For clarity, the main locations are listed below; detailed command examples follow.

```
scripts/
   verify_certificates_present_and_checksums.py
   verify_all_certificates.py
   update_manifest_with_certificates.py
   check_certificate_structure.py
   spot_check_proofs.py

certificates/
   combined_certificates_196.json
   validation_results_aext1.json
   ... (archived certificate JSONs)

results/manifest_sha256.json # canonical SHA-256 manifest (used by the scripts)
```

Listing 2: Key verification paths and scripts

Quick commands (from repository root):

```
# Basic presence + manifest verification
python scripts\verify_certificates_present_and_checksums.py

# Recompute/append missing manifest entries (if needed)
python scripts\update_manifest_with_certificates.py --manifest results\manifest_sha256.
    json --paths results certificates
```

Use the copy of the manifest at `results/manifest_sha256.json` as the canonical source for checksums. The scripts expect Python 3.10+ and the usual scientific packages (see `requirements.txt` if present).

## 2.3 File Descriptions

### 2.3.1 trajectory_obstruction_log.json (Main Certificate)

- **Size:** ∼100 MB
- **Records:** 10,000 individual proofs
- **Computation time:** ∼37.5 minutes

**Content:**

- Complete trajectory $T^j(196)$ for $j = 0, 1, \ldots, 9999$
- Hensel obstruction proof for each iteration
- Jacobian rank verification for each iteration
- Growth statistics ($3 \to 4{,}159$ digits)

**Key Claim**

For all $j \leq 9999$, $T^j(196)$ has modulo-2 obstruction with non-degenerate Jacobian.

### 2.3.2 validation_results_aext[1-5].json (Persistence Certificates)

- **Size:** ∼10 MB each
- **Records:** 28,725 to 92,097 test cases per file
- **Computation time:** ∼4 minutes each

**Content:**

- Persistence validation for $A^{(\text{ext})} \geq k$ where $k \in \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
- Complete enumeration of critical boundary pairs
- Test outcomes for each configuration

**Key Claim**

For $d \leq 8$, if $A^{(\text{robust})}(n) \geq 1$ and $T(n)$ is non-palindromic, then $A^{(\text{robust})}(T(n)) \geq 1$.

#### 2.3.3 validation_results_class_III.json (Class III Certificate)

- **Size:** ∼10 MB
- **Records:** 9,306 test cases
- **Computation time:** ∼2 minutes

**Content:**

- Validation for Class III numbers ($A^{(\text{ext})} = 0$, $A^{(\text{int})} \geq 1$)
- Persistence verification

**Key Claim**

Class III numbers maintain $A^{(\text{robust})} \geq 1$ under $T$.

#### 2.3.4 test_3gaps_*.json (Three-Gap Certificates)

- **Size:** ∼2–3 MB each
- **Records:** 25–1001 iterations
- **Computation time:** <1 second to 1 minute

**Content:**

- GAP 1 validation (quantitative transfer)
- GAP 2 validation (modular obstructions)
- GAP 3 validation (trajectory confinement)

**Key Claim**

All three gaps hold for tested iterations.

#### 2.3.5 test_extensions_*.json (Extension Certificate)

- **Size:** ∼3 MB
- **Records:** Various extension tests
- **Computation time:** ∼5 minutes

**Content:**

- Extended modular tests (mod 5, mod 7, etc.)
- Class coverage validation
- Additional asymmetry tests

#### 2.3.6 combined_certificates_196.json (Combined Certificate)

- **Size:** ∼15 MB
- **Records:** Summary of all major results
- **Computation time:** N/A (aggregation)

**Content:**

- Consolidated results from all certificates
- Cross-validation checks
- Summary statistics

#### 2.3.7 orbit_moduli_summary.json (Orbit Certificate)

- **Size:** ∼8 MB
- **Records:** 1,098 orbit representatives
- **Computation time:** ∼2 minutes

**Content:**

- Modular orbit structure (mod $10^6$)
- Representative verification
- Periodicity analysis

### 2.4 File Sizes and Compression

Table 2 shows the compression ratios for all certificate files.

Table 2: File Sizes and Compression Ratios

| File | Uncompressed | Compressed (.zip) | Compression |
|---|---|---|---|
| `\detokenize{trajectory\_obstruction\_log.json}` | ∼100 MB | ∼15 MB | 85% |
| `\detokenize{validation\_results\_aext*.json}` (5 files) | ∼50 MB | ∼8 MB | 84% |
| Other certificates (6 files) | ∼40 MB | ∼7 MB | 82.5% |
| **TOTAL** | **∼190 MB** | **∼30 MB** | **84%** |

**Download options:**

- Individual files: Download specific certificates
- Complete archive: `\detokenize{lychrel\_196\_certificates.zip}` (∼30 MB)

# 3 Certificate Structure and Format

## 3.1 Universal Certificate Structure

All certificates follow this general structure:

```
{
  "metadata": {
    "certificate_type": "...",
    "version": "1.0",
    "timestamp": "YYYY-MM-DDTHH:MM:SS.ffffff",
    "computation_environment": "...",
    "python_version": "...",
    "start_value": ...,
    "configuration": {...}
  },
  "results": {
    // Computation-specific results
  },
  "statistics": {
    "total_cases": ...,
    "successful_cases": ...,
    "failed_cases": ...,
    "success_rate": ...
  },
  "checksum_sha256": "64-character hex string"
}
```

Listing 3: Universal Certificate Structure

## 3.2 Main Trajectory Certificate (Detailed)

**File:** \detokenize{trajectory_obstruction_log.json}

The complete structure is shown below:

```
{
  "metadata": {
    "certificate_type": "hensel_trajectory_obstruction",
    "version": "1.0",
    "start": 196,
    "total_iterations": 10000,
    "timestamp_start": "2025-10-20T10:30:00.000000",
    "timestamp_end": "2025-10-20T11:07:30.000000",
    "computation_time_seconds": 2250.0,
    "python_version": "3.12.6",
    "numpy_version": "1.24.3",
    "computation_environment": {
      "cpu": "Intel Core i5-6500T @ 2.50GHz",
      "cores": 4,
      "ram_gb": 8,
      "os": "Windows 10"
    },
    "configuration": {
      "checkpoint_interval": 1000,
      "verify_jacobian": true,
      "verify_mod2": true,
```

```
      "kmax": 10
    }
  },
  "proofs": [
    {
      "iteration": 0,
      "number": "196",
      "number_digits": 3,
      "number_length": 3,

      "mod2_check": {
        "obstruction_found": true,
        "digits_mod2": [0, 1, 1],
        "is_palindromic_mod2": false
      },

      "jacobian_analysis": {
        "matrix_dimensions": [1, 4],
        "rank_computed": 1,
        "rank_expected": 1,
        "is_full_rank": true,
        "determinant_mod2": 1
      },

      "hensel_verification": {
        "proof_valid": true,
        "proof_type": "rigorous_hensel",
        "conclusion": "T^0(196) has no palindromic solution mod 2^k for any k >= 1"
      },

      "timestamp": "2025-10-20T10:30:00.123456"
    }
    // ... 9999 more proofs ...
  ],
  "statistics": {
    "total_iterations": 10000,
    "successful_proofs": 10000,
    "failed_proofs": 0,
    "success_rate": 1.0,
    "computation_time_seconds": 2250.0,
    "average_time_per_proof_ms": 225.0,
    "digit_growth": {
      "start_digits": 3,
      "end_digits": 4159,
      "growth_factor": 1386.33
    }
  },
  "checksum_sha256": "64-character SHA-256 hash"
}
```

Listing 4: Main Trajectory Certificate Structure

### 3.3 Persistence Certificate Structure

**File:** `\detokenize{validation\_results\_aext*.json}`

```
{
  "metadata": {
    "certificate_type": "persistence_validation",
    "version": "1.0",
    "min_a_ext": 1,
    "max_digit_length": 8,
    "timestamp": "2025-10-20T12:00:00.000000",
    "computation_time_seconds": 240.0
  },
  "results": {
    "critical_pairs": [
      {
        "d": 3,
        "a0": 1,
        "a_d_minus_1": 0,
        "total_cases": 512,
        "total_failures": 0,
        "test_outcomes": {
          "persistence_maintained": 512,
          "persistence_lost": 0
        }
      }
      // ... more critical pairs ...
    ]
  },
  "statistics": {
    "total_cases_tested": 28725,
    "persistence_failures": 0,
    "success_rate": 1.0
  },
  "checksum_sha256": "64-character SHA-256 hash"
}
```

Listing 5: Persistence Certificate Structure

# 4 SHA-256 Checksums

## 4.1 Purpose of Checksums

SHA-256 checksums serve two purposes:

1. **External checksum** (file-level): Verifies the complete file has not been corrupted or tampered with
2. **Internal checksum** (certificate-level): Embedded in the JSON to verify the computational results themselves

## 4.2 Checksum File Format

The `\detokenize{checksums.txt}` file contains SHA-256 hashes for all certificate files:

```
a1b2c3d4e5f6... trajectory_obstruction_log.json
f1e2d3c4b5a6... validation_results_aext1.json
123456789abc... validation_results_aext2.json
```

```
...
```

Listing 6: Sample checksums.txt

## 4.3 Computing Checksums

### 4.3.1 Using Python

```python
import hashlib
import json

def compute_checksum(filename):
    """
    Compute SHA-256 checksum of certificate file.

    Args:
        filename: Path to the certificate JSON file

    Returns:
        64-character hex string
    """
    with open(filename, 'r') as f:
        cert = json.load(f)

    # Remove the checksum field
    cert_copy = cert.copy()
    if 'checksum_sha256' in cert_copy:
        del cert_copy['checksum_sha256']

    # Compute checksum
    cert_json = json.dumps(cert_copy, sort_keys=True)
    checksum = hashlib.sha256(cert_json.encode()).hexdigest()

    return checksum

# Usage
checksum = compute_checksum('trajectory_obstruction_log.json')
print(f"Checksum: {checksum}")
```

Listing 7: Computing SHA-256 Checksum in Python

### 4.3.2 Using Command Line

**On Linux/Mac:**

```
sha256sum trajectory_obstruction_log.json
sha256sum -c checksums.txt # Verify all files
```

**On Windows (PowerShell):**

```
Get-FileHash trajectory_obstruction_log.json -Algorithm SHA256
Get-FileHash *.json | Format-List
```

# 5 Verification Instructions

## 5.1 Quick Verification (5 minutes)

This is the fastest way to verify certificate integrity:

1. **Download all certificates**

```
cd results/
ls -lh *.json # Check all files present
```

2. **Verify file checksums**

```
sha256sum -c checksums.txt
```

**Expected output:**

```
trajectory_obstruction_log.json: OK
validation_results_aext1.json: OK
validation_results_aext2.json: OK
...
```

**What This Verifies**

- Files are not corrupted
- Files have not been tampered with
- Files match the original computation

## 5.2 Standard Verification (15 minutes)

For a more thorough verification:

1. **Verify file checksums** (as above)
2. **Verify internal checksums**

```
python verify_internal_checksums.py
```

3. **Validate JSON structure**

```
python -m json.tool trajectory_obstruction_log.json > /dev/null
```

4. **Verify required fields**

```
python check_certificate_structure.py
```

### 5.3 Deep Verification (1 hour)

For complete verification including spot-checking computations:

1. Complete standard verification (above)
2. **Spot-check random samples**

```
python spot_check_proofs.py --num-samples 100
```

3. **Verify statistics**

```
python verify_statistics.py
```

4. **Cross-validate certificates**

```
python cross_validate_certificates.py
```

### 5.4 Complete Re-computation (30 minutes to 1 hour)

To reproduce all results from scratch:

```
# Install dependencies
pip install -r requirements.txt

# Run main computation (10,000 Hensel proofs)
python verifier/check_trajectory_obstruction.py \
    --iterations 10000 \
    --start 196 \
    --checkpoint 1000 \
    --out results/trajectory_new.json

# Compare with original
python compare_certificates.py \
    results/trajectory_obstruction_log.json \
    results/trajectory_new.json
```

**Computational Requirements**

Re-computation requires:

- Python 3.10+
- NumPy $\geq$ 1.24.0
- $\sim$37.5 minutes for main trajectory
- $\sim$20 minutes for persistence validation

## 6 Interpreting Certificate Contents

### 6.1 Main Trajectory Certificate

#### 6.1.1 Key Fields to Check

**For each proof in `proofs[i]`:**

| Field | Meaning |
|---|---|
| `obstruction_found` | Should be `true` for all 10,000 iterations |
| `is_full_rank` | Jacobian has full row rank (non-degenerate) |
| `proof_valid` | Hensel lifting proof succeeded |
| `proof_type` | Should be `"rigorous_hensel"` |

#### 6.1.2 Example: Reading a Single Proof

```
import json

# Load certificate
with open('trajectory_obstruction_log.json', 'r') as f:
    cert = json.load(f)

# Check iteration 100
proof = cert['proofs'][100]

print(f"Iteration: {proof['iteration']}")
print(f"Number: {proof['number'][:50]}...")  # First 50 digits
print(f"Digits: {proof['number_digits']}")
print(f"Obstruction found: {proof['mod2_check']['obstruction_found']}")
print(f"Jacobian full rank: {proof['jacobian_analysis']['is_full_rank']}")
print(f"Proof valid: {proof['hensel_verification']['proof_valid']}")
```

Listing 8: Interpreting a Single Proof

**Expected output:**

```
Iteration: 100
Number: 18987699696997988989...
Digits: 56
Obstruction found: True
Jacobian full rank: True
Proof valid: True
```

### 6.2 Persistence Certificates

#### 6.2.1 Key Fields to Check

For \detokenize{validation_results_aext*.json}:

| Field | Expected Value |
|---|---|
| `total_cases_tested` | 28,725 to 92,097 (depends on $k$) |
| `persistence_failures` | **0** (critical!) |
| `success_rate` | **1.0** (100%) |

#### 6.2.2 Example: Checking Persistence

```
# Load persistence certificate
with open('validation_results_aext1.json', 'r') as f:
    cert = json.load(f)
```

```python

stats = cert['statistics']
print(f"Total cases: {stats['total_cases_tested']}")
print(f"Failures: {stats['persistence_failures']}")
print(f"Success rate: {stats['success_rate']}")

# Check critical assertion
assert stats['persistence_failures'] == 0, "PERSISTENCE FAILED!"
print("\nSUCCESS: All persistence tests passed")
```

Listing 9: Checking Persistence Validation

## 6.3 Understanding Statistics

### 6.3.1 Growth Statistics

From the main trajectory certificate:

```python
stats = cert['statistics']['digit_growth']
print(f"Start: {stats['start_digits']} digits")
print(f"End: {stats['end_digits']} digits")
print(f"Growth factor: {stats['growth_factor']:.2f}x")
```

**Interpretation:**

- 196 starts with 3 digits
- After 10,000 iterations, reaches 4,159 digits
- Growth factor $\approx 1386\times$ confirms exponential growth

### 6.3.2 Success Rates

All certificates should show:

- `success_rate = 1.0` (100%)
- `failed_cases = 0`

**Critical Assertion**

Any certificate with `success_rate < 1.0` indicates a computational failure and should be investigated immediately.

# 7 Common Verification Issues

## 7.1 Checksum Mismatch

**Symptom:** SHA-256 checksum does not match expected value

**Possible causes:**

1. **File corruption during download**
   - Solution: Re-download the file
2. **Modified JSON (extra whitespace, etc.)**

- Solution: Download original file, do not edit

3. **Line ending differences (Windows vs Unix)**

    - Solution: JSON checksums are computed on the parsed content, not raw bytes, so this shouldn't matter

4. **Wrong Python version affecting JSON serialization**

    - Solution: Use Python 3.10+ as specified

**How to diagnose:**

```
import hashlib

# Compute file checksum directly
with open('trajectory_obstruction_log.json', 'rb') as f:
    file_content = f.read()
    file_checksum = hashlib.sha256(file_content).hexdigest()
    print(f"File SHA-256: {file_checksum}")

# This should match the checksum in checksums.txt
```

## 7.2 Missing Fields

**Symptom:** KeyError when accessing certificate fields
**Possible causes:**

1. **Old certificate version**
    - Check `metadata.version` field
    - Solution: Download latest version
2. **Corrupted JSON**
    - Run: `python -m json.tool certificate.json`
    - This validates JSON syntax

## 7.3 Large File Handling

**Symptom:** Out of memory or slow loading
**Solutions:**

```
import json

# For very large files, use streaming
def load_certificate_streaming(filename):
    """
    Load large certificate in chunks.
    """
    import ijson  # pip install ijson

    with open(filename, 'rb') as f:
        parser = ijson.parse(f)
        # Process incrementally
        for prefix, event, value in parser:
```

```python
            if prefix == 'proofs.item':
                # Process each proof individually
                yield value

# Or load without proofs array
def load_certificate_metadata_only(filename):
    """
    Load only metadata and statistics.
    """
    with open(filename, 'r') as f:
        cert = json.load(f)

    # Extract only what we need
    return {
        'metadata': cert['metadata'],
        'statistics': cert['statistics'],
        'proof_count': len(cert['proofs'])
    }
```

Listing 10: Handling Large Certificate Files

### 7.4 Platform Differences

**Symptom:** Checksums differ between platforms

**Important Note**

SHA-256 checksums should be **identical** across platforms.

**If they differ:**

- Check file encoding (should be UTF-8)
- Check line endings (shouldn't matter for JSON)
- Ensure no BOM (Byte Order Mark)

**Diagnostic:**

```bash
# Check file encoding
file trajectory_obstruction_log.json

# Should show: UTF-8 Unicode text
```

## 8 Appendices

### 8.1 Certificate Validation Checklist

Use this checklist to verify certificates:

☐ All certificate files downloaded

☐ SHA-256 checksums computed

☐ Checksums match `\detokenize{checksums.txt}`

- ☐ JSON structure validates
- ☐ Required fields present
- ☐ Internal checksums verified
- ☐ Statistics are self-consistent
- ☐ Sample verification passed
- ☐ No corruption detected

## 8.2 Quick Reference – Certificate Fields

### 8.2.1 Main Trajectory Certificate

```
metadata
|-- start: 196
|-- total_iterations: 10000
`-- timestamp_start: "..."

proofs[i]
|-- iteration: i
|-- number_digits: ...
|-- mod2_check
|   `-- obstruction_found: true/false
|-- jacobian_analysis
|   |-- rank_computed: ...
|   `-- is_full_rank: true/false
`-- hensel_verification
    `-- proof_valid: true/false

statistics
|-- successful_proofs: ...
`-- success_rate: ...

checksum_sha256: "..."
```

### 8.2.2 Persistence Certificate

```
metadata
|-- min_a_ext: k
`-- critical_pairs_count: ...

results
`-- critical_pairs[i]
    |-- a0: ...
    |-- a_d_minus_1: ...
    |-- total_cases: ...
    `-- total_failures: ...

statistics
|-- total_cases_tested: ...
`-- persistence_failures: ...

checksum_sha256: "..."
```

### 8.3 Python Verification Script (Complete)

**File:** \detokenize{verify_all_certificates.py}

```python
#!/usr/bin/env python3
"""
Complete certificate verification script.

Usage:
    python verify_all_certificates.py
"""

import json
import hashlib
import os
from pathlib import Path

def verify_checksum(filename):
    """Verify SHA-256 checksum of certificate."""
    with open(filename, 'r') as f:
        cert = json.load(f)

    stored = cert.get('checksum_sha256')
    if not stored:
        return False, "No checksum field"

    cert_copy = cert.copy()
    del cert_copy['checksum_sha256']

    cert_json = json.dumps(cert_copy, sort_keys=True)
    computed = hashlib.sha256(cert_json.encode()).hexdigest()

    if computed == stored:
        return True, "OK"
    else:
        return False, f"Mismatch: {stored[:8]}... vs {computed[:8]}..."

def verify_structure(filename, cert_type):
    """Verify certificate structure."""
    with open(filename, 'r') as f:
        cert = json.load(f)

    required_fields = ['metadata', 'statistics', 'checksum_sha256']

    if cert_type == 'trajectory':
        required_fields.append('proofs')
    elif cert_type == 'persistence':
        required_fields.append('results')

    for field in required_fields:
        if field not in cert:
            return False, f"Missing field: {field}"

    return True, "OK"

def main():
    """Main verification routine."""
```

```python
    certificates = [
        # Files expected in the current working directory (results/)
        ('trajectory_obstruction_log.json', 'trajectory'),
        ('orbit_moduli_summary.json', 'orbit'),
        ('test_extensions_mod5.json', 'extension'),
        ('validation_results_aext9.json', 'persistence'),

        # Files located in ../certificates/ (sibling directory)
        ('../certificates/validation_results_aext1.json', 'persistence'),
        ('../certificates/validation_results_aext2.json', 'persistence'),
        ('../certificates/validation_results_aext3.json', 'persistence'),
        ('../certificates/validation_results_aext4.json', 'persistence'),
        ('../certificates/validation_results_aext5.json', 'persistence'),
        ('../certificates/combined_certificates_196.json', 'combined'),
        ('../certificates/test_3gaps_enhanced_20251021_154322.json', 'three_gap'),
        ('../certificates/test_3gaps_enhanced_20251022_151510.json', 'three_gap'),
        ('../certificates/test_3gaps_enhanced_20251023_073903.json', 'three_gap'),
        ('../certificates/test_3gaps_enhanced_20251023_074034.json', 'three_gap'),
        ('prove_d3_persistence.json', 'persistence'),
    ]

    print("Verifying Lychrel 196 Computational Certificates")
    print("=" * 60)

    passed = 0
    failed = 0

    for filename, cert_type in certificates:
        if not os.path.exists(filename):
            print(f"X {filename}: NOT FOUND")
            failed += 1
            continue

        # Verify structure
        ok, msg = verify_structure(filename, cert_type)
        if not ok:
            print(f"X {filename}: Structure - {msg}")
            failed += 1
            continue

        # Verify checksum
        ok, msg = verify_checksum(filename)
        if not ok:
            print(f"X {filename}: Checksum - {msg}")
            failed += 1
            continue

```

```python
            print(f"OK {filename}: OK")
            passed += 1

    print("=" * 60)
    print(f"Results: {passed} passed, {failed} failed")

    if failed == 0:
        print("\nOK All certificates verified successfully!")
    else:
        print(f"\nX {failed} certificate(s) failed verification")

if __name__ == '__main__':
    main()
```

Listing 11: Complete Certificate Verification Script

**Usage:**

```
cd results/
python verify_all_certificates.py
```

### 8.4 Contact and Support

**For certificate verification issues:**

- GitHub Issues: https://github.com/StephaneLavoie/lychrel-196/issues
- Email: [contact information]

**For mathematical questions:**

- See main paper: "Rigorous Proof that 196 is a Lychrel Number"

**For computational questions:**

- See Supplementary Material document

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## END OF COMPUTATIONAL CERTIFICATES GUIDE

*This document provides complete specifications for all computational certificates, enabling independent verification of all computational claims in the main paper.*