

1) Is 1729 a Carmichael number?

Ans:

Yes, 1729 is a Carmichael number.

A Carmichael number is a composite number  $n$  such that:

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \text{ for all integers } a \text{ where } \gcd(a, n) = 1$$

$1729 = 7 \times 13 \times 19$ , it is composite and all prime factors are distinct.

For each prime divisor  $p$ , Korselt's criterion:

$$p-1 \mid 1729-1 = 1728$$

$$\rightarrow 7-1 = 6 \text{ and } 6 \mid 1728 \text{ is possible.}$$

$$\rightarrow 13-1 = 12 \text{ and } 12 \mid 1728 \text{ is possible}$$

$$\rightarrow 19-1 = 18 \text{ and } 18 \mid 1728 \text{ is possible.}$$

All conditions are satisfied. So, 1728 is a Carmichael number.

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2) Primitive Root (Generator) of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}^*$ ?

Ans:

→  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}^*$  = set of all integers from 1 to 22 under multiplication mod 23.

→ Since 23 is prime, this group is cyclic and has primitive roots.

→ The order of the group  $\phi(23) = 22$

A primitive root is an integer  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{23}^*$ ,

$g^k \pmod{23}$ , where  $k = 1$  to 22

If  $g$  is a primitive root,

$$g^{22/2} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

$$g^{22/11} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

Again,  $g = 5$

$$5^{11} \pmod{23} = 22 \not\equiv 1$$

$$5^2 \pmod{23} = 2 \not\equiv 1$$

So, 5 is a primitive root of mod 23.

5 is a primitive root of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}^*$

and other primitive roots are,

5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21

(Ans.)



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3) Is  $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +, *)$  a Ring?

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

A ring is a set  $R$  with two operations  $(+, \times)$ .

$(R, +)$  is an abelian group,

$\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  under addition mod 11 is closed,

Associative, Has identity (0), Every element has an additive inverse, Commutative.

$(R, \times)$  is an abelian group:

closed under multiplication mod 11,

associative, Distributive over  $+$ :

$$a \times (b + c) = a \times b + a \times c \text{ mod } 11$$

$1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ , it has a multiplicative identity.

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

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4) Is  $(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$ ,  $(\mathbb{Z}_{35}^*, \times)$  are abelian group?

Ans:

→  $(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$  elements are:  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 36\}$

operation: Addition modulo 37.

1. Closure:  $a + b \bmod 37 \in \mathbb{Z}_{37}$

2. Associativity:  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c) \bmod 37$

3. Identity: 0 is the additive identity

4. Inverse: Every  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{37}$  has  $-a \bmod 37$

5. Commutative:  $a + b = b + a \bmod 37$ .

So,  $(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$  is an abelian group.

→  $(\mathbb{Z}_{35}^*, \times)$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_{35}^* = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_{35}; \gcd(a, 35) = 1\}$

that elements are all numbers from 1 to 34 coprime to 35.

1. Closure: Product of two elements coprime to 35 remains coprime to 35.

2. Associativity: Multiplication is associative.

3. Identity: 1 is the identity element.

4. Inverse: Every element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{35}^*$  has an inverse mod 35.

5. Commutative: Multiplication modulo  $n$  is commutative.

So,  $(\mathbb{Z}_{35}^*, \times)$  is an abelian group.



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

Solve:  $p=2, n=3, \text{GF}(2^3)$  and

elements of  $\text{GF}(2) = \{0, 1\}$ . Elements of  $\text{GF}(2^3)$  will be polynomials of degree  $< 3$  with coefficients in  $\text{GF}(2)$ . So, all polynomials of the form:

$$a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 \text{ where } a_i \in \{0, 1\}$$

There are  $2^3 = 8$  polynomials are:  $0, 1, x, x+1, x^2, x^2+1, x^2+x, x^2+x+1$ .

Example:  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ , this is irreducible over  $\text{GF}(2)$ . we will now do arithmetic modulo.

Multiplication in  $\text{GF}(2^3)$ : Let's multiply  $a(x) = x$  and  $b(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = x(x^2 + 1) = x^3 + x$$

Now reduce  $x^3 + x$  modulo  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ :

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

So,  $x(x^2 + 1) \equiv 1 \pmod{f(x)}$

Ans.