

Numbers Theory and Abstract Algebra

Assignment - 04

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Q) Is 1729 a Carmichael number?

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

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

step 01:

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

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

Then, $p_1 - 1 = 6$, $p_2 - 1 = 12$, and $p_3 - 1 = 18$

Also $\phi(n-1) = \phi(1728-1) = \phi(1728)$, which is divisible by $p_1-1=6$

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

Step 2 - Similarly we can show that $n-1$ is also divisible by p_2-1 and p_3-1

Therefore, 1729 is a Carmichael number.

(2) Primitive Root 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,

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

We check for $g=5$:

- prime factors of $22 = 2 \cdot 11$

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

- $5^{22/11} = 5^2 = 25 \pmod{23} = 2 \neq 1$

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.

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It has a multiplicative identity: 1

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

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

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

$(\mathbb{Z}_{37}, +)$ is a group

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}^\times form a group under multiplication. But full \mathbb{Z}_{35} 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.

Given, $p=2, n=3$

we want to construct the finite field $\text{GF}(2^3)$ which has $2^3=8$ elements.

Step 1:

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

Step 2

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

Step 3:

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

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

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during multiplication

$$x \cdot x = x^2$$

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

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

Thus $GF(2^3)$ is a field with 8 element and well defined addition and multiplication.