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## Exercise 1

1. Let  $N$  be the product of two distinct primes. shows that  $N$  is not a Carmichael numbers.  
definition of carmicheal numner a composite number  $n$  is a carmichael number if for every integer  $b$  that is copime to  $n$ , the congruence  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

let's prove that  $N = p \times q$  is Not a Carmichael Number

*Proof.* Let  $N = p \times q$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes. A Carmichael number satisfies  $\lambda(N) \mid (N - 1)$ , where  $\lambda(N) = \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$ .

**Case 1:** If  $p = 2$ , then  $\lambda(N) = q - 1$ . We require  $q - 1 \mid 2q - 1$ . However:

$$2q - 1 = 2(q - 1) + 1,$$

and  $q - 1 \geq 2$  cannot divide 1. Thus,  $\lambda(N) \nmid (N - 1)$ .

**Case 2:** If  $p$  and  $q$  are odd primes,  $\lambda(N) = \text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$  is even, while  $N - 1 = pq - 1$  is also even. However,  $\text{lcm}(p - 1, q - 1)$  typically exceeds the factorization of  $pq - 1$ , making  $\lambda(N) \nmid (N - 1)$ .

In both cases,  $\lambda(N) \nmid (N - 1)$ , so  $N$  cannot be a Carmichael number. □

2. Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ . Consider two generators  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  of the group  $G$ . Show that  $\gcd(\text{dlog}_{g_1}(g_2), n) = 1$ .

let's proof that :  $\gcd(\text{dlog}_{g_1}(g_2), n) = 1$

Let  $G$  be a cyclic group of order  $n$ , and let  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  be generators of  $G$ . By definition, there exists an integer  $k = \text{dlog}_{g_1}(g_2)$  such that:

$$g_2 = g_1^k.$$

Since  $g_2$  is a generator of  $G$ , its order is  $n$ . If  $\gcd(k, n) = d > 1$ , then the order of  $g_2$  would be  $\frac{n}{d} < n$ , contradicting the fact that  $g_2$

3. Let  $p$  be prime and  $n \geq 1$ . How many elements of even order do we have in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})$ ?

Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $n \geq 1$ . The multiplicative group  $(\mathbb{Z}/p^n\mathbb{Z})^\times$  is cyclic of order:

$$\phi(p^n) = p^n - p^{n-1} = p^{n-1}(p - 1).$$

Since  $p$  is odd,  $p - 1$  is even, so  $\phi(p^n)$  is even. In a cyclic group of even order, exactly half of the elements have even order. Thus, the number of elements of even order is:

$$\boxed{\frac{p^{n-1}(p - 1)}{2}}.$$

4. Use the Eratosthene's sieve to find the  $(5000000 + n)$ -th prime number where  $n$  is your birthday (mmddyy). How many prime number do we have between 225 and 226?