

To show that every even length palindrome is divisible by 11:

1. Let $x, y, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

a. $x + y = k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

b. $x = ck_1$ and $y = ck_2$ where $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ then

c. $ck_1 + ck_2 = c(k_1 + k_2) = k$

d. $\frac{k}{c} = k_1 + k_2 = k_3$ where $k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ therefore

e. $\frac{k}{c} \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

2. Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ and $aaa \dots a$ be an even length integer of repeating digits.

a. $aaa \dots a = 10^{n-1}a + 10^{n-2}a + \dots + 10^0a$

b. $= a(10^{n-1} + 10^{n-2} + \dots + 10^0)$

c. $= a(10^{n-2}(10^1 + 1) + \dots + (10^1 + 1))$

d. $= 11(10^{n-2} + 10^{n-4} + 10^{n-6} + \dots + 10^2)$

e. $= 11(10^2(k + 1))$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

If the integer of repeating digits has an odd length then it expands to:

$$aaa \dots a = a(10^{n-2}(10^1 + 1) + \dots + 10^2 + (10 + 1))$$

which is not divisible by 11.

3. Let $abc \dots dd \dots cba$ be a palindrome of integers, which itself is an integer.

a. $abc \dots dd \dots cba = a(100 \dots 001) + b(100 \dots 010) + c(100 \dots 0100) + \dots + d(110 \dots 0)$

b. $= a(99 \dots 90 + 11) + b(99 \dots 900 + 110) + c(99 \dots 9000 + 1100) + \dots + d(110 \dots 0)$

c. $= a(99 \dots 9 \times 10 + 11) + b(99 \dots 9 \times 100 + 110) + c(99 \dots 9 \times 1000 + 1100) + \dots + d(11 \times 10 \dots 0)$

By the second theorem, if the coefficients which are of repeating digits in these expansions are an even number of digits, then they are divisible by 11, rendering every part of the sum also divisible by 11. By the first theorem, the sum of these parts would then also be divisible by 11. Therefore, only the even length palindromes are divisible by 11. For palindromes of even lengths, these repeating integers of 9 are always even in length. To show this consider an arbitrary even length palindrome, $abccba$. This yields

a. $abccba = a(100001) + b(10010) + c(1100)$

b. $= a(9999 \times 10 + 11) + b(99 \times 100 + 110) + c(11 \times 100)$

This intuitively makes sense since any even length number where the digits on both ends are removed, leaves an even number of digits. The last remaining value, c , is adjacent to c . Any even number palindrome has this feature since each half is the same as the other half in reverse order. Therefore, this middlemost part, c in our example, is some number 11×10^k which is certainly divisible by 11. The remaining preceding pairs follow the form of:

$$10 \dots 01 \times 10^k$$

This concludes the proof.

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