

1) Is 1729 a Carmichael number?

Ans: A composite integer n that satisfies the congruence $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ for all positive integers b with $\gcd(b, n) = 1$ is called a Carmichael number.

The integer 1729 is a Carmichael number. To see this:

- ~~1729~~ 1729 is composite, since $1729 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$
- if $\gcd(b, 1729) = 1$, then $\gcd(b, 7) = 1$, then $\gcd(b, 11) = \gcd(b, 17) = 1$.
- Using Fermat's Little Theorem: $b^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$,
 $b^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$, $b^{18} \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$;
- Then, $b^{1728} = (b^6)^{288} \equiv 1^{288} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 $b^{1728} = (b^{12})^{144} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$
 $b^{1728} = (b^{18})^{96} \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$
- It follows that $b^{1728} \equiv 1 \pmod{1729}$ for all positive integers b with $\gcd(b, 1729) = 1$.
 Hence, 1729 is a Carmichael number.

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

Ans: To find a primitive root (generator) of \mathbb{Z}_{23}^* , we seek an integer g such that:

$$\{g^1, g^2, \dots, g^{\phi(23)}\} \bmod 23 = \{1, 2, \dots, 22\}$$

Since, 23 is prime, we know!

$$\phi(23) = 22$$

we want: $\text{ord}_{23}(g) = 22$

That means $g^k \not\equiv 1 \bmod 23$ for any $k < 22$, and $g^{22} \equiv 1 \bmod 23$

Test orders using prime factors of 22:

$$\text{factor } 22 = 2 \cdot 11$$

we test a candidate $g \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots, 22\}$. For each candidate, check:

- $g^{22/2} \not\equiv 1 \bmod 23$
- $g^{22/11} \not\equiv 1 \bmod 23$

If both are true, g is a primitive root modulo 23

let's try $g = 5$: - $5^{11} \bmod 23$:

$$- 5^2 = 25 \equiv 2$$

$$- 5^4 (5^2)^2 \equiv 4$$

$$- 5^8 \equiv 16$$

$$- \text{So } 5^n = 5^8 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^1 = 16 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 = 160 \pmod{23}$$

$$- 160 \pmod{23} = 160 - 6 \cdot 23 = 160 - 138 = 22 \neq 1$$

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

$$\text{So, } 5^n \neq 1 \pmod{23}, 5^2 \neq 1 \pmod{23}$$

thus, 5 is a primitive root of \mathbb{Z}_{23} .

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

Ans: The set $\mathbb{Z}_{11} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ with operators $+$ and \cdot modulo 11, forms a ring because it satisfies the following ring properties:

a. Additive Abelian Group:

- $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +)$ is closed, associative, has identity 0, inverses, and is commutative.

b. Multiplication closure & Associativity:

$$- a * b \pmod{11} \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$$

- \cdot is associative

c. Distributive laws:

$$- a \cdot (b+c) \equiv a \cdot b + a \cdot c \pmod{11}$$

$$- (a+b) \cdot c \equiv a \cdot c + b \cdot c \pmod{11}$$

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

Ans: $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle$ is an abelian group because-

- Closure: $a+b \bmod 37 \in \mathbb{Z}_{37}$
- Associativity: inherited from integer addition
- Identity: 0
- Inverses: For every a , $-a \bmod 37 \in \mathbb{Z}_{37}$
- Commutative: Yes

$\langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times \rangle$ is not an abelian group because:

- $\mathbb{Z}_{35} = \{0, 1, \dots, 34\}$, but under multiplication only elements coprime to 35 have inverses.
- since 35 is not prime, not all $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{35} \setminus \{0\}$ have inverses.
- Example: $\gcd(5, 35) = 5 \Rightarrow 5$ is no inverse mod 35

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

Ans: To solve $\text{GF}(2^3)$ using the polynomial arithmetic approach, follow these concise steps:

1. Setup field parameters:

All binary polynomials of degree ≤ 3 :

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

2. Choose Irreducible polynomial:

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

$$\text{field as } GF(2^3) = GF(2)[x] / (x^3 + x + 1)$$

3. Field construction:

$$\alpha^3 = \alpha + 1$$

- The powers of α give nonzero elements:

$$\alpha^0 = 1, \alpha^1 = \alpha, \alpha^2 = \alpha^2, \alpha^3 = \alpha + 1, \dots$$

- All $GF(2^3)$ elements:

$$\{0, 1, \alpha, \alpha^2, \alpha^3 = \alpha + 1, \alpha^4 = \alpha^2 + \alpha, \alpha^5 = \alpha^2 + \alpha + 1, \alpha^6 = \alpha^2 + 1\}$$

4. Example operation:

Let's compute $(x+1)(x^2+x) \bmod (x^3+x+1)$

$$\text{- Multiply: } (x+1)(x^2+x) = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x = x^3 + x$$

- Reduce mod $x^3 + x + 1$:

$$x^3 \equiv x + 1 \Rightarrow x^3 + x \equiv (x + 1) + x \equiv 1$$

$$\text{So, } (x+1)(x^2+x) \equiv 1 \bmod (x^3+x+1)$$