

# [ Number Theory and Abstract Algorithm ]

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\* In 1729 a Carmichael number?

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

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

for all integers  $a$  that are relatively prime to  $n$ .

To prove that 1729 is a Carmichael number we need to show that it satisfies the above condition.

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,  $n - 1 = 1729 - 1 = 1728$ , which is divisible by  $P_1 - 1 = 6$

Therefore,  $n - 1$  is divisible by  $P_1 - 1$

Step 02:

Similarly we can show that  $n - 1$  is also divisible by  $P_2 - 1$  and  $P_3 - 1$ .

Therefore, from the definition of Carmichael numbers and the above discussion, we can



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conclude that 1729 is indeed a Carmichael number.

# Primitive Root (generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ?)

Definition: A primitive root modulo a prime  $p$  is an integer  $r$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  such that every non-zero element of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a power of  $r$ .

We want to find a primitive root modulo 23, an element  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{23}$  such that the powers of a generator all non-zero elements 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

$$|\mathbb{Z}_{23}^*| = \phi(23) = 22 \text{ so}$$

a primitive root  $g$  is an integer such that  $g^k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$  for all  $k < 22$

$$\text{and } g^{22} \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$



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We check for  $g=5$ :  $\langle +, +5-5 \rangle$  is a  
prime factor of  $22 = 2 \cdot 11$   
 $5^{22/2} = 5^{11} \bmod 23 = 22 \neq 1$   $(+5-5)$   
 $5^{22/11} = 5^2 \bmod 23 = 2 \neq 1$   
So, 5 is a primitive root modulo 23

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

It has a multiplicative identity: 1

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

So,  $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +, *)$  is a Ring.



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# In  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle$ ,  $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times \rangle$  are abelian group?

$\Rightarrow \langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle$  :

This is an abelian group under addition mod 37. Always true for  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  with addition.

$\langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}, \times \rangle$  : This is not an abelian group. Only the units in  $\mathbb{Z}_{35}^*$  form a group under multiplication. Includes 0, non-invertibles, so it's not a group.

# 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.

$\Rightarrow$  Given,  $p=2$  -  $n=3$

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

Step 1: Choose an irreducible polynomial to build  $\text{GF}(2^3)$ . Select an irreducible polynomial of degree 3 over  $\text{GF}(2)$ . A common choice is:



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

This polynomial cannot be factored over  $\mathbb{A}_F(2)$ . so it is suitable for defining multiplication in the field.

Step 2: Define the field elements. Every element of  $\mathbb{A}_F(2^3)$  can be expressed as a polynomial with degree less than 3 and coefficient in  $\mathbb{A}_F(2)$ :

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

There are exactly 8 elements as expected

Step 3

Define addition and multiplication. Addition is performed by adding corresponding coefficients modulo 2.

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

multiplication is polynomial multiplication followed by reduction modulo  $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$

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

we replace  $x^3$  by  $x+1$  wherever it appears during multiplication!

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Example calculation:

$x \cdot x = x^2$  (no reduction needed as degree  $< 3$ )

$x \cdot x^2 = x^3 = x+1$  (reduce  $x^3$  modulo  $f(x)$ )

$(x+1) \cdot x = x^2 + x$  (degree  $< 3$ , no reduction)

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