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* (1) A Carmichael number is a composite number n such that for every integer a relatively prime to n , it satisfies:

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$1729 = 7 \times 13 \times 19$$

all three are primes and distinct, and:

$$7-1 = 6$$

$$13-1 = 12$$

$$19-1 = 18$$

Check if 1729 satisfies Korselt's Criterion

1. n is square-free

2. $p-1 \mid n-1$ for every prime $p \mid n$

$$\rightarrow 6 \mid 1728$$

$$\rightarrow 12 \mid 1728$$

$$\rightarrow 18 \mid 1728$$

So, 1729 is a Carmichael number

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Elements of $GF(2^3)$ are all polynomials of degree < 3 with coefficients in $GF(2)$:

So the elements are:

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

There are $2^3 = 8$ elements

Arithmetic: Addition is done modulo 2 (bitwise XOR)

Multiplication is done modulo x^3+x+1

Example: Let $a(x) = x^2+1$, $b(x) = x+1$

Then:

$$a(x) \cdot b(x) = (x^2+1)(x+1) = x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

Now, reduce mod x^3+x+1

$$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv (x^3 + x + 1) + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv x^2 \pmod{(x^3 + x + 1)}$$

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

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(2) Primitive root of \mathbb{Z}_{23} ?

Ans: an integer g such that powers g^1, g^2, \dots, g^{22} mod 23 give all non-zero residues mod 23.

Euler's totient $\phi(23) = 22$, so we want g such that:

$$\text{Ord}_{23}(g) = 22$$

Try $g = 5$:

Compute powers of 5 mod 23

$$5^1 \equiv 5 \pmod{23} \neq 1$$

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

All lower powers not giving 1 $\Rightarrow 5$ is a primitive root modulo 23.

$$(1+x+x^2) \text{ factor } x^3 - 1 = (1+x)(1+x^2) \pmod{23}$$

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(3) \mathbb{Z}_{11} is a ring

$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ is the set of integers modulo 11

\rightarrow Under addition and multiplication mod 11

To be a ring, the set must:

1. Be an abelian group under addition and $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, +)$ is a finite abelian group

2. Have multiplication associative

3. Multiplication distributes over addition

4. Closure under multiplication

\mathbb{Z}_{11} have all these characteristics

So, \mathbb{Z}_{11} is a ring.

(4) Are $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle$, $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}^*, \times \rangle$ abelian groups?

ans:- Addition mod 37

$\rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{37}$ is a finite field (since 37 is prime)

\rightarrow Additive group is always abelian

$\therefore \langle \mathbb{Z}_{37}, + \rangle$ is abelian group

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$\langle \mathbb{Z}_{35}^*, \times \rangle :$

→ set of unit modulo 35

→ $35 = 5 \times 7$, so not prime \Rightarrow not a field

→ Units mod 35 are integers < 35 that are coprime to 35

→ $\phi(35) = 24 \Rightarrow$ order 24

So, \mathbb{Z}_{35}^* under multiplication is an abelian group.

(5) Construct $\text{GF}(2^3)$ using polynomial arithmetic?

Ans: - we want to construct that finite field

$\text{GF}(2^3)$

- Base field: $\text{GF}(2) = \{0, 1\}$

- Degree = 3

- pick an irreducible polynomial of degree 3 over

$\text{GF}(2)$

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

Now define,

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