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A Carmichael number is a composite number such that for every integer  $a$  that is coprime to  $n$  (i.e.  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ ) the following holds:

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

check if 1729 is composite:

Yes 1729 is composite,  $1729 = 7 \times 13 \times 19$

By Korselt's criterion,

A number  $n$  is Carmichael number if and only if:

1.  $n$  is composite
2.  $n$  is square free.
3. for every prime divisor  $p$  of  $n$  it holds  $p-1 \mid n-1$

Apply it to 1729:

prime divisors of 1729: 7, 13, 19

Now, check if  $p-1$  divides 1728:

$$7-1 = 6 \rightarrow 6 \mid 1728 \rightarrow 1728 \div 6 = 0$$

$$13-1 = 12 \rightarrow 1728 \div 12 = 0$$

$$19-1 = 18 \rightarrow 1728 \div 18 = 0$$

so all conditions are satisfied. □

Therefore, 1729 is a Carmichael number.

② Finding the primitive roots of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$

We want to find primitive root modulo 23.

an element  $g \in \mathbb{Z}_{23}$  such that the power of  $g$  generate all non-zero elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$ .

The power of 5 modulo 23 generate all non-zero elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$ .

$$5^1 = 5 \pmod{23}$$

$$5^2 = 2 \pmod{23}$$

$$5^3 = 3 \pmod{23}$$

$$5^{22} = 1 \pmod{23}$$

Therefore 5 is the primitive root of modulo 23.