

# A LLT-like test for proving the primality of Fermat numbers.

## 1 Another proof by R. Gerbicz

I've found a proof in my number theory book for standard Lucas-Lehmer test for Mersenne numbers. Proof isn't using theorems for Lucas sequences. I modified this proof to give an easy and another proof for your theorem! So I'm almost sure that your theorem is true:

**Theorem 1 (R. Gerbicz)** *Let  $n \geq 1$  then  $F_n$  is prime if and only if it divides  $S_{2^n-2}$  where  $S_0 = 5$  and  $S_{k+1} = S_k^2 - 2$ .*

By induction it is easy to prove, that:  $S_k = \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{2^k} + \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{2^k}$

From this:

$$S_{2^n-2} = \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{(F_n-1)/4} + \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{(F_n-1)/4}$$

But:  $\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2} * \frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2} = 1$ , using this:

$$S_{2^n-2} = \left(\frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{(F_n-1)/4} * \left(\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{(F_n-1)/2} + 1\right)$$

Multiply this equation by  $2^{3*(F_n-1)/4}$ , we get:

$$2^{3*(F_n-1)/4} * S_{2^n-2} = (5-\sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/4} * ((5+\sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2})$$

So  $S_{2^n-2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  if and only if  $2^{3*(F_n-1)/4} * S_{2^n-2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$ , because  $F_n$  is odd. And the right side of equation is divisible by  $F_n$  if and only if  $(5+\sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  because  $(5-\sqrt{21})/2$  is unit in  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{21}]$  ( because  $\frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2} * \frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2} = 1$  ), so  $\gcd(5+\sqrt{21}, F_n)$  is 1 or 2, but  $F_n$  is odd, so they are relative primes, it means that  $F_n$  divides  $(5+\sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{21}]$ .

So  $S_{2^n-2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  ( in  $\mathbb{Z}$  ) if and only if  $(5+\sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{21}]$ .

**Lemma:** if  $q > 2$  is prime, where  $\gcd(21, q) = 1$  and a, b are integers, then  $(a + b\sqrt{21})^q \equiv a + (21/q)b\sqrt{21} \pmod{q}$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{21}]$ .

*Proof:* by binomial theorem we can expand the power, but  $\text{binomial}(q, k) \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$ , if  $0 < k < q$ , so we can get ( using also little-Fermat theorem

in  $\mathbb{Z}$ ):  $(a + b\sqrt{21})^q \equiv a^q + b^q\sqrt{21}^q \equiv a + b\sqrt{21} * 21^{(q-1)/2} \equiv a + b\sqrt{21} (21/q)$   
 $(\text{mod } q)$ , what is needed.

First I prove that if  $(5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  in  $Q[\sqrt{21}]$  then  $F_n$  is prime !

So we know that  $(5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{F_n}$  Dividing by  $2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  and subtracting 1:  $\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{F_n}$ ; squaring this equation:  $\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{F_n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n}$ .

Let  $q$  is a prime divisor of  $F_n$  then previous two equations are also true  $(\text{mod } q)$  ( because  $F_n$  is divisible by  $q$  ) from these 2 equations we get that the order of  $(5 + \sqrt{21})/2 \pmod{q}$  is  $F_n - 1$ .

First case: if  $(21/q) = 1$  then see  $\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{q-1} = \frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2} * \left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^q \equiv \frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2} * \frac{(5+\sqrt{21})^q}{2} \equiv \frac{5-\sqrt{21}}{2} * \frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  ( using lemma for  $a = 5; b = 1$ ; and little-Fermat theorem in  $\mathbb{Z}$ :  $2^q \equiv 2 \pmod{q}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  ), so the order of  $(5 + \sqrt{21})/2$  is  $\leq q - 1$ , but we know that the order is  $F_n - 1$ , so  $F_n - 1 \leq q - 1$  from this  $F_n \leq q$ , but  $q$  is a prime divisor of  $F_n$  so  $F_n \geq q$  from these:  $F_n = q$ , so  $F_n$  is prime!

Second case: if  $(21/q) = -1$  Similar consider  $\left(\frac{5+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right)^{q+1}$  this is  $1 \pmod{q}$  ( you can prove this as in first case ) so the order of  $(5 + \sqrt{21})/2$  is  $\leq q + 1$  but the order is  $F_n - 1$  so  $F_n - 1 \leq q + 1$  from this  $q \geq F_n - 2$  but  $q \leq F_n$  is a prime divisor of  $F_n$ , so  $F_n - 2 \leq q \leq F_n$  and  $q$  is a divisor; there is only one possible case:  $q = F_n$ , so  $F_n$  is prime. Proof is complete.

Now I prove that if  $n \geq 1$  and  $F_n$  is prime then  $(5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  is divisible by  $F_n$  in  $Q[\sqrt{21}]$ .

*Proof:* as you calculated:  $\text{Legendre}3F_n = -1$  and  $\text{Legendre}7F_n = -1$ , so  $\text{Legendre}21F_n = 1$ .

You can check that:  $6 * (5 + \sqrt{21}) = (3 + \sqrt{21})^2$  take this equation up to the  $(F_n - 1)/2$ -th power:

$$6^{(F_n-1)/2} * (5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} = (3 + \sqrt{21})^{F_n-1} \quad (1)$$

Here  $3^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv \text{Legendre}3F_n = -1 \pmod{F_n}$ . We compute the right side of equation (1):  $(3 + \sqrt{21})^{F_n-1} = \frac{3-\sqrt{21}}{-12} * (3 + \sqrt{21})^{F_n}$  because  $(3 - \sqrt{21}) * (3 + \sqrt{21}) = -12$ ; using lemma:  $(3 + \sqrt{21})^{F_n} \equiv 3 + \text{Legendre}21F_n \sqrt{21} = 3 + \sqrt{21} \pmod{F_n}$ . For lemma we used that  $F_n$  is prime. So  $(3 + \sqrt{21})^{F_n-1} \equiv \frac{3-\sqrt{21}}{-12} * (3 + \sqrt{21}) \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n}$ . We can write using equation (1) that  $(-1) * 2^{(F_n-1)/2} * (5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n}$ . Multiply this equation by  $2^{(F_n-1)/2}$  we get  $(-1) * (5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv 2^{(F_n-1)/2} \pmod{F_n}$ , ( we used that  $2^{F_n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n}$  ) Add  $(5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2}$  to previous equation:

$(5 + \sqrt{21})^{(F_n-1)/2} + 2^{(F_n-1)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod{F_n}$ , what is required. Proof is complete.  $\square$