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ABSTRACT ALGEBRA IN GAP

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Basic System Interaction

Exercise 1

a) *Write a function that takes a positive integer n as input and returns* `true` *if n is perfect and* `false` *if n is not perfect.*

We could define a function to compute the aliquot sum of a positive integer n:

$s(n) \equiv \sigma(n) - n$

5a ⟨*Compute the aliquot sum of a positive integer 5a*⟩≡

```
AliquotSum := n -> Sum(DivisorsInt(n)) - n;
```

Defines:
`AliquotSum`, used in chunk 5b.

Then, using that definition, we could write a function to determine whether a positive integer n is perfect:

5b ⟨*Determine whether a positive integer is perfect 5b*⟩≡

```
IsPerfect := n -> n = AliquotSum(n);
```

Uses `AliquotSum` 5a and `IsPerfect` 7a.

Conveniently, GAP ships with `Sigma`, which we can use instead.

$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d$

5c ⟨*Determine whether a positive integer is perfect, using Sigma 5c*⟩≡ (7a)

$\texttt{IsPerfect}(n) := \sigma(n) = 2n$

```
n -> Sigma(n) = 2*n
```

b) *Use your function to find all perfect numbers less than 1000.*

5d ⟨*Find all perfect numbers less than 1000 5d*⟩≡ (7)

```
Filtered([1..999], IsPerfect);
```

$\{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid 1 \leq n \leq 999,\ \texttt{IsPerfect}(n)\}$

Uses `IsPerfect` 7a.

... which results in:

5e ⟨*All perfect numbers less than 1000 5e*⟩≡ (7)

```
[ 6, 28, 496 ]
```

c) *Notice that all of the numbers you found have a certain form, namely $2^n(2^{n+1}-1)$ for some integer n. Are all numbers of this form perfect?*

No, using GAP we can show not all such numbers are perfect.

6a ⟨*not all such numbers are perfect* 6a⟩≡
```
gap> ForAll( PositiveIntegers,
>            n -> IsPerfect(2^n * (2^(n+1) - 1)) );
false
```
Uses `IsPerfect` 7a.

d) *By experimenting in GAP, conjecture a necessary and sufficient condition for $2^n(2^{n+1}-1)$ to be a perfect number.*

In Euclid's formation rule (IX.36), he proved $\frac{q(q+1)}{2}$ is an even perfect number where q is a prime of the form $2^p - 1$ for prime p, a.k.a. a Mersenne prime.

6b ⟨*Euclid's IX.36* 6b⟩≡
```
gap> MersennePrimes := Filtered( List( Primes{[1..50]},
                                       p -> 2^p - 1 ),
                                 IsPrime );
[ 3, 7, 31, 127, 8191, 131071, 524287, 2147483647,
  2305843009213693951, 618970019642690137449562111,
  162259276829213363391578010288127,
  170141183460469231731687303715884105727 ]
gap> ForAll( MersennePrimes, q -> IsPerfect(q * (q + 1) / 2) );
true
```
Uses `IsPerfect` 7a.

e) *Prove your conjecture is correct.*

Prove it

Code

For `IsPerfect`, use the following filter, since we only care about integers, or more specifically, positive integers.

6c ⟨*Filter for positive integers* 6c⟩≡ (6d 7a)
```
IsInt and IsPosInt
```

6d ⟨*gap/PerfectNumbers.gd* 6d⟩≡
```
#! @Chapter PerfectNumbers

#! @Section The IsPerfect() Operation

#! @Description
#!  Determine whether a positive <A>int</A> is perfect.
#! @Arguments int
DeclareOperation( "IsPerfect",
    [ ⟨Filter for positive integers 6c⟩ ] );
```
Uses `IsPerfect` 7a.

7a ⟨*gap/PerfectNumbers.gi* 7a⟩≡
```
#! @Chapter PerfectNumbers

#! @Section The IsPerfect() Operation

InstallMethod( IsPerfect,
    "for a positive integer",
    [ ⟨Filter for positive integers 6c⟩ ],
    ⟨Determine whether a positive integer is perfect, using Sigma 5c⟩ );

#! @BeginExample
⟨Find all perfect numbers less than 1000 5d⟩
#! ⟨All perfect numbers less than 1000 5e⟩
#! @EndExample
```
Defines:
`IsPerfect`, used in chunks 5 and 6.

Tests

Describe this

7b ⟨*tst/PerfectNumbers.tst* 7b⟩≡
```
gap> START_TEST("AAIG package: PerfectNumbers.tst");

gap> ⟨Find all perfect numbers less than 1000 5d⟩
⟨All perfect numbers less than 1000 5e⟩

gap> STOP_TEST( "AAIG package: PerfectNumbers.tst", 10000 );
```
To test the package, create a file `tst/testall.g`.

7c ⟨*tst/testall.g* 7c⟩≡
```
⟨Load the package 7d⟩

⟨Call TestDirectory 8a⟩

⟨Force quit GAP 8b⟩
```
First load the package:

7d ⟨*Load the package* 7d⟩≡ (7c)
```
LoadPackage( "AAIG" );
```
Then get the list of directory objects for the `tst` directory of the AAIG package:

7e ⟨*The list of directory objects* 7e⟩≡ (8a)
```
DirectoriesPackageLibrary("AAIG", "tst"),
```
... and call `TestDirectory` on it, with the following options:

7f ⟨*TestDirectory options record* 7f⟩≡ (8a)
```
rec( exitGAP := true,
     testOptions := rec(compareFunction := "uptowhitespace") )
```

8a ⟨*Call TestDirectory* 8a⟩≡ (7c)

```
  TestDirectory( ⟨The list of directory objects 7e⟩
                 ⟨TestDirectory options record 7f⟩ );
```

Finally, force quit GAP, in case it hasn't exited already:

8b ⟨*Force quit GAP* 8b⟩≡ (7c)

```
  FORCE_QUIT_GAP(1);
```

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