

An interesting and unexpected property of Carmichael numbers and a question

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Abstract. I was researching a kind of generalized Cunningham chains that generate, instead of primes, Fermat pseudoprimes to some base when purely by chance I noticed a property of absolute Fermat pseudoprimes, equally interesting and unexpected. By a childish simple operation, a new class of numbers is obtained from Carmichael numbers.

Like anyone that learned in school that digits are just a way to designate a number and to operate with it, I always looked with reluctance on the arbitrary play with digits. I personally gave credit to the method of concatenation when I saw the relation between it and Fermat pseudoprimes (see my articles, *A conjecture about a large subset of Carmichael numbers related to concatenation* and *Formulas for generating primes involving emirps, Carmichael numbers and concatenation*, posted on viXra).

The property of Carmichael numbers that I discovered now proves the extreme versatility of these numbers: by a childish simple operation, insertion of the digit 0 among the digits of these numbers, we obtain an entirely new class of numbers.

Thus we have the following numbers obtained from Carmichael numbers through the operation that I mentioned:

: 5601 (from 561)

We can see that $n^{5601} \bmod 5601 = n^3$ for n from 2 to 17
(not for $n = 18$);

: 28021 (from 2821)

We can see that $n^{28021} \bmod 28021 = n^7$ for n from 2 to 4
(not for $n = 5$);

: 24065 (from 2465)

We can see that $n^{24065} \bmod 24065 = n^5$ for n from 2 to 7
(not for $n = 8$).

Note: For the number 1729, which is the known Hardy-Ramanujan number, we have $p = 10729$, $p = 17029$ and $p = 17209$ all three primes! (so, of course, $n^p \bmod p = n$ for any value of n).

Note: For the relative Fermat pseudoprimes, to base 2 and respectively to base 3, we don't obtain resembling results through this operation.

Observation:By adding the digit 0 to Carmichael numbers, operation which itself it's not at all special, it's equivalent to a simple formula, the multiplication of a Carmichael number with the number 10, we obtain: $n^{5610} \bmod 5610 = n^{10}$ for $n = 2$ (not for $n = 3$) and the same result for the numbers 1105 and 1729. Through multiplication of the first Carmichael number, 561, with the number 8, we obtain the number 4488 and also $n^{4488} \bmod 4488 = n^8$ for $n = 2$ (not for $n = 3$). Through multiplication of the first Poulet number, 341, with the number 10, we obtain the number 3410 and also $n^{3410} \bmod 3410 = n^{10}$ for $n = 2$ (not for $n = 3$). Through multiplication of the first Fermat pseudoprime to base three, 91, with the number 10 we don't obtain resembling results. Seems that this property, that $2^{(P*k)} \bmod (P*k) = 2^k$, it's a property of Poulet numbers P (it can't be extended for Fermat pseudoprimes to base 3) while the property that I showed above it's a property of Carmichael numbers (it can't be extended for relative Fermat pseudoprimes).

Comment: The numbers m that satisfy the relation $n^m \bmod m = n^k$, where $k > 1$, for any consecutive integer value of n from 2 to some larger integer, numbers obtained from Carmichael numbers through this operation or not, seems to deserve further study.

Question: Are there any numbers m to satisfy the relation $n^m \bmod m = n^k$, where $k > 1$, for any value of n ?