

# A possible infinite subset of Poulet numbers generated by a formula based on Wieferich primes

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**Abstract.** I was studying the Poulet numbers of the form  $n^p - n + 1$ , where  $p$  is prime, numbers which appear often related to Fermat pseudoprimes (see the sequence A217835 that I submitted to OEIS) when I discovered a possible infinite subset of Poulet numbers generated by a formula based on Wieferich primes (I pointed out 4 such Poulet numbers).

It is known the following relation between the Fermat pseudoprimes to base 2 (Poulet numbers) and the Wieferich primes: the squares of the two known Wieferich primes, respectively  $1194649 = 1093^2$  and  $12327121 = 3511^2$ , are Poulet numbers. I discovered yet another relation between these two classes of numbers:

**Conjecture 1:** For every Wieferich prime  $p$  there is an infinity of Poulet numbers which are equal to  $n^p - n + 1$ , where  $n$  is integer,  $n > 1$ .

Note: Because there are just two Wieferich primes known (it's not even known if there are other Wieferich primes beside these two), we verify the conjecture for these two and few values of  $n$  (until  $n < 31$ ).

:  $1093 \cdot 3 - 2 = 3277$ , a Poulet number;  
:  $1093 \cdot 4 - 3 = 4369$ , a Poulet number;  
:  $1093 \cdot 5 - 4 = 5461$ , a Poulet number;  
  
:  $3511 \cdot 14 - 13 = 49141$ , a Poulet number.

**Observation 1:** The formula  $n^p - n + 1$ , where  $p$  is Wieferich prime and  $n$  is integer,  $n > 1$ , leads often to semiprimes of the form  $q \cdot (m \cdot q - m + 1)$  or of the form  $q \cdot (m \cdot q + m - 1)$ :

:  $1093 \cdot 11 - 10 = 5 \cdot 2621$  and  $2621 = 5 \cdot 655 - 654$ ;  
:  $3511 \cdot 4 - 3 = 19 \cdot 739$  and  $739 = 19 \cdot 41 - 40$ ;  
:  $3511 \cdot 9 - 8 = 7 \cdot 4593$  and  $4593 = 7 \cdot 752 - 751$ ;  
:  $3511 \cdot 10 - 9 = 11 \cdot 3191$  and  $3191 = 11 \cdot 319 - 318$ ;  
:  $3511 \cdot 12 - 11 = 73 \cdot 577$  and  $577 = 73 \cdot 8 - 7$ ;  
:  $3511 \cdot 14 - 13 = 157 \cdot 313$  and  $313 = 157 \cdot 2 - 1$ ;

:  $3511 \cdot 21 - 20 = 11 \cdot 6701$  and  $6701 = 11 \cdot 670 - 669$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 24 - 23 = 61 \cdot 1381$  and  $1381 = 61 \cdot 23 - 22$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 28 - 27 = 29 \cdot 3389$  and  $3389 = 29 \cdot 121 - 120$ ;  
  
 :  $1093 \cdot 11 - 10 = 41 \cdot 293$  and  $293 = 41 \cdot 7 + 6$ ;  
 :  $1093 \cdot 18 - 17 = 11 \cdot 1787$  and  $1787 = 11 \cdot 149 + 148$ ;  
 :  $1093 \cdot 29 - 28 = 11 \cdot 2879$  and  $2879 = 11 \cdot 240 + 239$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 4 - 3 = 19 \cdot 739$  and  $739 = 19 \cdot 37 + 36$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 19 - 18 = 17 \cdot 3923$  and  $3923 = 17 \cdot 218 + 217$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 31 - 30 = 233 \cdot 467$  and  $467 = 233 \cdot 2 + 1$ ;  
 :  $3511 \cdot 28 - 27 = 29 \cdot 3389$  and  $3389 = 29 \cdot 113 + 112$ .

Note: Every Poulet number obtained so far through the formula above (until  $n < 31$ ) is semiprime, in other words a 2-Poulet number.

Note: The class of primes  $p$  that can be written in both ways, like  $p = n \cdot q - n + 1$  and like  $m \cdot q + m - 1$ , where  $q$  is prime and  $m$  and  $n$  are integers larger than 1, seems to be interesting to study. Such primes  $p$  are, for instance,  $739 = 19 \cdot 41 - 40 = 19 \cdot 37 + 36$  and  $3389 = 29 \cdot 121 - 120 = 29 \cdot 113 + 112$ . Maybe is not a coincidence that both pairs of primes  $(p, q)$  are of the form  $(10k + 9, 10h + 9)$ .

**Observation 2:** Most of the 2-Poulet numbers (for a list with Fermat pseudoprimes to base 2 with two prime factors see the sequence A214305 in OEIS) can be written as  $d \cdot (d \cdot n - n + 1)$  or as  $d \cdot (d \cdot n + n - 1)$ , where  $d$  is obviously one of the two prime factors and  $n$  is integer,  $n > 1$ : for instance  $341 = 11 \cdot 31 = 11 \cdot (11 \cdot 3 - 2)$  and  $1387 = 19 \cdot 73 = 19 \cdot (19 \cdot 4 - 3)$ . But not all 2-Poulet numbers can be written in one of these two ways: for instance  $23377 = 97 \cdot 241$ , the 18th 2-Poulet number, can't be written this way.

**Observation 3:** I also noticed that two semiprimes obtained from the Wieferich primes through the formula above can be written as  $q \cdot (q \cdot 38 + 17)$ :

:  $14041 = 19 \cdot 739 = 19 \cdot (19 \cdot 38 + 17)$ ;  
 :  $52651 = 37 \cdot 1423 = 37 \cdot (37 \cdot 38 + 17)$ .

Note: That would be also interesting to study the pairs of primes  $(p, 38 \cdot p + 17)$ ; such pairs of primes are, for instance,  $(7, 283)$ ,  $(19, 739)$ ,  $(37, 1423)$ ,  $(73, 2791)$ ,  $(79, 3019)$ ,  $(103, 3931)$ .