

The Smarandache-Korselt criterion, a variant of Korselt's criterion

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Abstract. Combining two of my favourite objects of study, the Fermat pseudoprimes and the Smarandache function, I was able to formulate a criterion, inspired by Korselt's criterion for Carmichael numbers and by Smarandache function, which seems to be necessary (though not sufficient as the Korselt's criterion for absolute Fermat pseudoprimes) for a composite number (without a set of probably definable exceptions) to be a Fermat pseudoprime to base two.

Conjecture:

Any Poulet number, without a set of definable exceptions, respects either the Korselt's criterion (case in which it is a Carmichael number also) either *the Smarandache-Korselt criterion*.

Definition:

A composite odd integer $n = d_1 * d_2 * \dots * d_n$, where d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n are its prime factors, is said that respects *the Smarandache-Korselt criterion* if $n - 1$ is divisible by $S(d_i - 1)$, where S is the Smarandache function and $1 \leq i \leq n$.

Note:

A Carmichael number not always respects *the Smarandache-Korselt criterion*: for instance, in the case of the number $561 = 3 * 11 * 17$, 560 it is divisible by $S(3 - 1) = 2$ and by $S(11 - 1) = 5$ but is not divisible by $S(17 - 1) = 6$; in the case of the number $1729 = 7 * 13 * 19$, 1728 it is divisible by $S(6) = 3$, $S(12) = 4$ and $S(18) = 6$.

Verifying the conjecture:

(for the first five Poulet numbers and for two bigger consecutive numbers which are not Carmichael numbers also):

- : For $P = 341 = 11 * 31$, $P - 1 = 340$ is divisible by $S(10) = 5$ and $S(30) = 5$;
- : For $P = 645 = 3 * 5 * 43$, $P - 1 = 644$ is divisible by $S(2) = 2$, $S(4) = 4$ and $S(42) = 7$;

- : For $P = 1387 = 19 \cdot 73$, $P - 1 = 1386$ is divisible by $S(18) = 6$ and $S(72) = 6$;
For $P = 1905 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 127$, $P - 1 = 1904$ is divisible by $S(2) = 2$, $S(4) = 4$ and $S(42) = 7$;
- : For $P = 2047 = 23 \cdot 89$, $P - 1 = 2046$ is divisible by $S(22) = 11$ and $S(88) = 11$;
- : For $P = 2701 = 37 \cdot 73$, $P - 1 = 2700$ is divisible by $S(36) = 6$ and $S(72) = 6$;
- (...)
- : For $999855751441 = 774541 \cdot 1290901$, $P - 1$ is divisible by $S(774540) = 331$ and $S(1290900) = 331$;
- : For $P = 999857310721 = 2833 \cdot 11329 \cdot 31153$, $P - 1$ is divisible by $S(2832) = 59$ and $S(11328) = 59$ and $S(31152) = 59$.

Comment:

One exception that we met (which probably is part of a set of definable exceptions) is the Poulet number $P = 999828475651 = 191 \cdot 4751 \cdot 1101811$; indeed, $P - 1$ is not divisible by $S(1101810) = 1933$, and P is not a Carmichael number.