

# 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.