

Conjecture that states that, beside few definable exceptions, Poulet numbers are either c-primes, m-primes, c-composites or m-composites

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Abstract. In one of my previous paper, "Conjecture that states than any Carmichael number is a cm-composite", I defined the notions of c-prime, m-prime, cm-prime, c-composite, m-composite and cm-composite. I conjecture that all Poulet numbers but a set of few definable exceptions belong to one of these six sets of numbers.

Conjecture:

All Poulet numbers but a set of few definable exceptions belong to one of the following six sets of numbers: c-primes, m-primes, cm-primes, c-composites, m-composites and cm-composites.

Note:

Because the Poulet numbers with three or more prime factors have a nature which is nearer than the nature of Carmichael numbers (which, all of them, have three or more prime factors), we will verify the conjecture only for 2-Poulet numbers. We highlight that only 2-Poulet numbers can be c-primes, m-primes or cm-primes, because, by definition, these numbers can only be primes or semiprimes. That means that the conjecture implies that all Poulet numbers with three or more prime factors (beside the exceptions mentioned) are c-composites, m-composites or cm-composites.

Verifying the conjecture:

(for the first fifteen 2-Poulet numbers)

For $341 = 11 \cdot 31$ we have:

$$: \quad 31 - 11 + 1 = 21 = 3 \cdot 7 \text{ and } 7 - 3 + 1 = 5, \text{ a prime};$$

$$: \quad 31 + 11 - 1 = 41, \text{ a prime.}$$

The number 341 is a cm-prime.

For $1387 = 19 \cdot 73$ we have:

$$: \quad 73 - 19 + 1 = 55 = 5 \cdot 11 \text{ and } 11 - 5 + 1 = 7, \text{ a prime};$$

$$: \quad 73 + 19 - 1 = 91 = 7 \cdot 13 \text{ and } 7 + 13 - 1 = 19, \text{ a prime.}$$

The number 1387 is a cm-prime.

For $2701 = 37 \cdot 73$ we have:

- : $73 - 37 + 1 = 37$, a prime;
- : $73 + 37 - 1 = 109$, a prime.

The number 2701 is a cm-prime.

For $3277 = 29 \cdot 113$ we have:

- : $113 - 29 + 1 = 85 = 5 \cdot 17$ and $17 - 15 + 1 = 3$, a prime;
- : $29 + 113 - 1 = 141 = 3 \cdot 47$ and $3 + 47 - 1 = 49 = 7^2$ and $7 + 7 - 1 = 13$, a prime.

The number 3277 is a cm-prime.

For $4033 = 37 \cdot 109$ we have:

- : $109 - 37 + 1 = 73$, a prime;
- : $37 + 109 - 1 = 145 = 5 \cdot 29$ and $5 + 29 - 1 = 33 = 3 \cdot 11$ and $3 + 11 - 1 = 13$, a prime.

The number 4033 is a cm-prime.

For $4369 = 17 \cdot 257$ we have:

- : $257 - 17 + 1 = 241$, a prime;
- : $17 + 257 - 1 = 273 = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13$;

The number 4369 is a c-prime.

For $4681 = 31 \cdot 151$ we have:

- : $151 - 31 + 1 = 121 = 11^2$, square of prime;
- : $151 + 31 - 1 = 181$, prime;

The number 4681 is a cm-prime.

For $5461 = 43 \cdot 127$ we have:

- : $127 - 43 + 1 = 85 = 5 \cdot 17$ and $17 - 5 + 1 = 13$, a prime;
- : $127 + 43 - 1 = 169 = 13^2$ and $13 + 13 - 1 = 25 = 5^2$ and $5 + 5 - 1 = 9 = 3^2$ and $3 + 3 - 1 = 5$, a prime;

The number 5461 is a cm-prime.

For $7957 = 73 \cdot 109$ we have:

- : $109 - 73 + 1 = 37$, prime;
- : $73 + 109 - 1 = 181$, prime;

The number 7957 is a cm-prime.

For $8321 = 53 \cdot 157$ we have:

- : $157 - 53 + 1 = 105 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$;
- : $53 + 157 - 1 = 209 = 11 \cdot 19$ and $11 + 19 - 1 = 29$, prime;

The number 8321 is a m-prime.

For $10261 = 31 \cdot 331$ we have:

- : $331 - 31 + 1 = 301 = 7 \cdot 43$ and $43 - 7 + 1 = 37$, prime;
- : $31 + 331 - 1 = 361 = 19^2$ and $19 + 19 - 1 = 37$, prime;

The number 10261 is a cm-prime.

For $13747 = 59 \cdot 233$ we have:

$$: \quad 233 - 59 + 1 = 175 = 5^2 \cdot 7;$$

$$: \quad 59 + 233 - 1 = 291 = 3 \cdot 97 \quad \text{and} \quad 3 + 97 - 1 = 99 = 3^2 \cdot 11;$$

The number 13747 is not a c-number.

For $14491 = 43 \cdot 337$ we have:

$$: \quad 337 - 43 + 1 = 295 = 5 \cdot 59 \quad \text{and} \quad 59 - 5 + 1 = 55 = 5 \cdot 11 \\ \text{and} \quad 11 - 5 + 1 = 7, \text{ prime};$$

$$: \quad 43 + 337 - 1 = 379, \text{ prime};$$

The number 14491 is a cm-prime.

For $15709 = 23 \cdot 683$ we have:

$$: \quad 683 - 23 + 1 = 661, \text{ prime};$$

$$: \quad 23 + 683 - 1 = 705 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 47;$$

The number 15709 is a c-prime.

For $18721 = 97 \cdot 193$ we have:

$$: \quad 193 - 97 + 1 = 97, \text{ prime};$$

$$: \quad 97 + 193 - 1 = 289 = 17^2 \quad \text{and} \quad 17 + 17 - 1 = 33 = 3 \cdot 11 \\ \text{and} \quad 3 + 11 - 1 = 13, \text{ prime};$$

The number 18721 is a cm-prime.