

# Mersenne primes and the Lucas–Lehmer test

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## Abstract

This article provides formal proofs of basic properties of Mersenne numbers, i. e. numbers of the form  $2^n - 1$ , and especially of Mersenne primes. In particular, an efficient, verified, and executable version of the Lucas–Lehmer test is developed. This test decides primality for Mersenne numbers in time polynomial in  $n$ .

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# 1 Auxiliary material

```
theory Lucas-Lehmer-Auxiliary
imports
  HOL-Algebra.Ring
  Probabilistic-Prime-Tests.Jacobi-Symbol
begin
```

## 1.1 Auxiliary number-theoretic material

```
lemma congD:  $[a = b] \text{ (mod } n) \implies a \text{ mod } n = b \text{ mod } n$ 
  <proof>
```

```
lemma eval-coprime:
   $(b :: 'a :: euclidean-semiring-gcd) \neq 0 \implies \text{coprime } a \ b \longleftrightarrow \text{coprime } b \ (a \text{ mod } b)$ 
  <proof>
```

```
lemma two-power-odd-mod-12:
  assumes odd n n > 1
  shows  $[2 ^ n = 8] \text{ (mod } (12 :: nat))$ 
  <proof>
```

```
lemma Legendre-3-right:
  fixes p :: nat
  assumes p: prime p p > 3
  shows  $p \text{ mod } 12 \in \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$  and Legendre p 3 = (if p mod 12 ∈ {1, 7}
  then 1 else -1)
  <proof>
```

```
lemma Legendre-3-left:
  fixes p :: nat
  assumes p: prime p p > 3
  shows Legendre 3 p = (if p mod 12 ∈ {1, 11} then 1 else -1)
  <proof>
```

```
lemma supplement2-Legendre':
  assumes prime p p ≠ 2
  shows Legendre 2 p = (if p mod 8 = 1 ∨ p mod 8 = 7 then 1 else -1)
  <proof>
```

```
lemma little-Fermat-nat:
  fixes a :: nat
  assumes prime p ¬p dvd a
  shows  $[a ^ p = a] \text{ (mod } p)$ 
  <proof>
```

```
lemma little-Fermat-int:
  fixes a :: int and p :: nat
  assumes prime p ¬p dvd a
  shows  $[a ^ p = a] \text{ (mod } p)$ 
```

*<proof>*

**lemma** *prime-dvd-choose*:

**assumes**  $0 < k < p$  *prime*  $p$

**shows**  $p \text{ dvd } (p \text{ choose } k)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *prime-natD*:

**assumes** *prime*  $(p :: \text{nat})$   $a \text{ dvd } p$

**shows**  $a = 1 \vee a = p$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *not-prime-imp-ex-prod-nat*:

**assumes**  $m > 1 \wedge \neg \text{prime } (m :: \text{nat})$

**shows**  $\exists n k. m = n * k \wedge 1 < n \wedge n < m \wedge 1 < k \wedge k < m$

*<proof>*

## 1.2 Auxiliary algebraic material

**lemma** (*in group*) *ord-eqI-prime-factors*:

**assumes**  $\bigwedge p. p \in \text{prime-factors } n \implies x [\wedge] (n \text{ div } p) \neq \mathbf{1}$  **and**  $x [\wedge] n = \mathbf{1}$

**assumes**  $x \in \text{carrier } G$   $n > 0$

**shows**  $\text{group.ord } G x = n$

*<proof>*

**lemma** (*in monoid*) *pow-nat-eq-1-imp-unit*:

**fixes**  $n :: \text{nat}$

**assumes**  $x [\wedge] n = \mathbf{1}$  **and**  $n > 0$  **and** [*simp*]:  $x \in \text{carrier } G$

**shows**  $x \in \text{Units } G$

*<proof>*

**lemma** (*in cring*) *finsum-reindex-bij-betw*:

**assumes** *bij-betw*  $h S T$   $g \in T \rightarrow \text{carrier } R$

**shows**  $\text{finsum } R (\lambda x. g (h x)) S = \text{finsum } R g T$

*<proof>*

**lemma** (*in cring*) *finsum-reindex-bij-witness*:

**assumes** *witness*:

$\bigwedge a. a \in S \implies i (j a) = a$

$\bigwedge a. a \in S \implies j a \in T$

$\bigwedge b. b \in T \implies j (i b) = b$

$\bigwedge b. b \in T \implies i b \in S$

$\bigwedge b. b \in S \implies g b \in \text{carrier } R$

**assumes** *eq*:

$\bigwedge a. a \in S \implies h (j a) = g a$

**shows**  $\text{finsum } R g S = \text{finsum } R h T$

*<proof>*

**lemma** (*in cring*) *binomial*:

```

fixes  $n :: \text{nat}$ 
assumes  $[simp]: x \in \text{carrier } R \ y \in \text{carrier } R$ 
shows  $(x \oplus y) [\wedge] n = (\bigoplus_{i \in \{..n\}}. \text{add-pow } R \ (n \ \text{choose } i) \ (x [\wedge] i \otimes y [\wedge] (n - i)))$ 
<proof>

```

**lemma** (in *cring*) *binomial-finite-char*:

```

fixes  $p :: \text{nat}$ 
assumes  $[simp]: x \in \text{carrier } R \ y \in \text{carrier } R$  and  $\text{add-pow } R \ p \ \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$  prime  $p$ 
shows  $(x \oplus y) [\wedge] p = x [\wedge] p \oplus y [\wedge] p$ 
<proof>

```

**lemma** (in *ring-hom-cring*) *hom-add-pow-nat*:

```

 $x \in \text{carrier } R \implies h \ (\text{add-pow } R \ (n :: \text{nat}) \ x) = \text{add-pow } S \ n \ (h \ x)$ 
<proof>

```

**end**

## 2 The Lucas–Lehmer test

**theory** *Lucas-Lehmer*

**imports**

*Lucas-Lehmer-Auxiliary*

*HOL-Algebra.Ring*

*Probabilistic-Prime-Tests.Jacobi-Symbol*

*Pell.Pell*

**begin**

### 2.1 General properties of Mersenne numbers and Mersenne primes

We mostly follow the proofs given on Wikipedia [4, 3] in the following sections.

We first show some basic and theorems about Mersenne numbers and Mersenne primes in general, beginning with this: Mersenne primes are the only primes of the form  $a^n - 1$  for  $n > 1$ .

**lemma** *prime-power-minus-oneD*:

```

fixes  $a \ n :: \text{nat}$ 
assumes prime  $(a \wedge n - 1)$ 
shows  $n = 1 \vee a = 2$ 
<proof>

```

Next, we show that if a prime  $q$  divides a Mersenne number  $2^p - 1$  with an odd prime exponent  $p$ , then  $q$  must be of the form  $q = 1 + 2kp$  for some  $k > 0$ .

**lemma** *prime-dvd-mersenneD*:

```

fixes  $p \ q :: \text{nat}$ 

```

**assumes** *prime p p ≠ 2 prime q q dvd (2 ^ p - 1)*  
**shows**  $[q = 1] \pmod{2 * p}$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *prime-dvd-mersenneD'*:  
**fixes** *p q :: nat*  
**assumes** *prime p p ≠ 2 prime q q dvd (2 ^ p - 1)*  
**shows**  $\exists k > 0. q = 1 + 2 * k * p$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

A Mersenne number is any number of the form  $2^p - 1$  for a natural number  $p$ . To make things a bit more pleasant, we additionally exclude  $2^2 - 1$ , i.e. we require  $p > 2$ . It can be shown that  $p$  is then always an odd prime.

**locale** *mersenne-prime =*  
**fixes** *p M :: nat*  
**defines**  $M \equiv 2^p - 1$   
**assumes** *p-gt-2: p > 2 and prime: prime M*  
**begin**

**lemma** *M-gt-6: M > 6*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *M-odd: odd M*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**theorem** *p-prime: prime p*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *p-odd: odd p*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

We now first show a few more properties of Mersenne primes regarding congruences and the Legendre symbol.

**lemma** *M-cong-7-mod-12: [M = 7] (mod 12)*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *Legendre-3-M: Legendre 3 M = -1*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *M-cong-7-mod-8: [M = 7] (mod 8)*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *Legendre-2-M: Legendre 2 M = 1*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *M-not-dvd-24: ¬M dvd 24*  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**end**

## 2.2 The Lucas–Lehmer sequence

We now define the Lucas–Lehmer sequence  $a_{n+1} = a_n^2 - 2$ . The starting value we will always use is  $a_0 = 4$ .

**primrec** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* :: *int*  $\Rightarrow$  *nat*  $\Rightarrow$  *int* **where**

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* *a* 0 = *a*  
| *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* *a* (*Suc* *n*) = *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* *a* *n* ^ 2 - 2

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence-Suc'*:

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* *a* (*Suc* *n*) = *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* (*a* ^ 2 - 2) *n*  
⟨*proof*⟩

**lemmas** *gen-lucas-lehmer-code* [*code*] =

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence.simps*(1) *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence-Suc'*

For  $a_0 = 4$ , the recurrence has the closed form  $a_{4,n} = \omega^{2^n} + \bar{\omega}^{2^n}$  with  $\omega = 2 + \sqrt{3}$  and  $\bar{\omega} = 2 - \sqrt{3}$ .

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence-4-closed-form1*:

*real-of-int* (*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* 4 *n*) = (2 + *sqrt* 3) ^ (2 ^ *n*) + (2 - *sqrt* 3) ^ (2 ^ *n*)  
⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence-4-closed-form2*:

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* 4 *n* = *round* ((2 + *sqrt* 3) ^ (2 ^ *n*))  
⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence-4-closed-form3*:

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* 4 *n* = [(2 + *sqrt* 3) ^ (2 ^ *n*)]  
⟨*proof*⟩

## 2.3 The ring $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$

To relate this sequence to Mersenne primes, we now first need to define the ring  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ , which is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$ . This ring can be seen as the lattice on  $\mathbb{R}$  that is freely generated by 1 and  $\sqrt{3}$ .

It is, however, more convenient to explicitly describe it as a ring structure over the set  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  with a corresponding injective homomorphism  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-add'* :: *int*  $\times$  *int*  $\Rightarrow$  *int*  $\times$  *int*  $\Rightarrow$  *int*  $\times$  *int* **where**

*lucas-lehmer-add'* = ( $\lambda(a,b)$  (*c,d*). (*a* + *c*, *b* + *d*))

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-mult'* :: *int*  $\times$  *int*  $\Rightarrow$  *int*  $\times$  *int*  $\Rightarrow$  *int*  $\times$  *int* **where**

*lucas-lehmer-mult'* = ( $\lambda(a,b)$  (*c,d*). (*a* \* *c* + 3 \* *b* \* *d*, *a* \* *d* + *b* \* *c*))

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-ring* :: (*int*  $\times$  *int*) *ring* **where**

*lucas-lehmer-ring* =  
(| *carrier* = *UNIV*,  
*monoid.mult* = *lucas-lehmer-mult'*,

$one = (1, 0),$   
 $ring.zero = (0, 0),$   
 $add = lucas-lehmer-add'$ )

**lemma** *carrier-lucas-lehmer-ring* [simp]: *carrier lucas-lehmer-ring = UNIV*  
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *cring-lucas-lehmer-ring* [intro]: *cring (lucas-lehmer-ring)*  
 ⟨proof⟩

## 2.4 The ring $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})[\sqrt{3}]$

We shall also need the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})[\sqrt{3}]$ , which is obtained from  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$  by reducing each component separately modulo  $m$ . This essentially identifies any two points that are a multiple of  $m$  apart and then all those that are a multiple of  $m\sqrt{3}$  apart.

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-mult* ::  $nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat$   
**where**

*lucas-lehmer-mult*  $m = (\lambda(a,b) (c,d). ((a * c + 3 * b * d) \bmod m, (a * d + b * c) \bmod m))$

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-add* ::  $nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat \Rightarrow nat \times nat$  **where**  
*lucas-lehmer-add*  $m = (\lambda(a,b) (c,d). ((a + c) \bmod m, (b + d) \bmod m))$

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-ring-mod* ::  $nat \Rightarrow (nat \times nat)$  **ring where**

*lucas-lehmer-ring-mod*  $m =$   
 $(\{carrier = \{..<m\} \times \{..<m\},$   
 $monoid.mult = lucas-lehmer-mult\ m,$   
 $one = (1, 0),$   
 $ring.zero = (0, 0),$   
 $add = lucas-lehmer-add\ m\})$

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-add-in-carrier*:  $m > 0 \implies lucas-lehmer-add\ m\ x\ y \in \{..<m\} \times \{..<m\}$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-mult-in-carrier*:  $m > 0 \implies lucas-lehmer-mult\ m\ x\ y \in \{..<m\} \times \{..<m\}$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-add-cong*:

$[fst\ (lucas-lehmer-add\ m\ x\ y) = fst\ x + fst\ y] \pmod m$   
 $[snd\ (lucas-lehmer-add\ m\ x\ y) = snd\ x + snd\ y] \pmod m$   
 ⟨proof⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-mult-cong*:

$[fst\ (lucas-lehmer-mult\ m\ x\ y) = fst\ x * fst\ y + 3 * snd\ x * snd\ y] \pmod m$   
 $[snd\ (lucas-lehmer-mult\ m\ x\ y) = fst\ x * snd\ y + snd\ x * fst\ y] \pmod m$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-add-neutral* [*simp*]:  
 **assumes** *fst x < m snd x < m*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-add m (0, 0) x = x*  
 **and** *lucas-lehmer-add m x (0, 0) = x*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-mult-neutral* [*simp*]:  
 **assumes** *fst x < m snd x < m*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-mult m (Suc 0, 0) x = x*  
 **and** *lucas-lehmer-mult m x (Suc 0, 0) = x*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-add-commute*: *lucas-lehmer-add m x y = lucas-lehmer-add m y x*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-mult-commute*: *lucas-lehmer-mult m x y = lucas-lehmer-mult m y x*  
*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-add-assoc*:  
 **assumes** *m: m > 0*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-add m x (lucas-lehmer-add m y z) =*  
 *lucas-lehmer-add m (lucas-lehmer-add m x y) z*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-mult-assoc*:  
 **assumes** *m: m > 0*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-mult m x (lucas-lehmer-mult m y z) =*  
 *lucas-lehmer-mult m (lucas-lehmer-mult m x y) z*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-distrib-right*:  
 **assumes** *m: m > 1*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-mult m (lucas-lehmer-add m x y) z =*  
 *lucas-lehmer-add m (lucas-lehmer-mult m x z) (lucas-lehmer-mult m y z)*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-distrib-left*:  
 **assumes** *m > 1*  
 **shows** *lucas-lehmer-mult m z (lucas-lehmer-add m x y) =*  
 *lucas-lehmer-add m (lucas-lehmer-mult m z x) (lucas-lehmer-mult m z y)*  
 *<proof>*

**lemma** *cring-lucas-lehmer-ring-mod* [*intro*]:  
 **assumes** *m > 1*  
 **shows** *cring (lucas-lehmer-ring-mod m)*



*<proof>*

Since 0 is clearly not a unit in the ring and its carrier has size  $m^2$ , the number of units is strictly less than  $m^2$ .

**lemma** *card-lucas-lehmer-Units*:

**assumes**  $m > 1$

**shows**  $\text{card} (\text{Units} (\text{lucas-lehmer-ring-mod } m)) < m^2$

*<proof>*

Consider now the case of a prime modulus  $m$ : Since  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = \text{GF}(m)$  is a field, any element of  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  is a unit in  $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})[\sqrt{3}]$ .

**lemma** *int-in-Units-lucas-lehmer-ring-mod*:

**assumes** *prime*  $p$

**assumes**  $x > 0$   $x < p$

**shows**  $(x, 0) \in \text{Units} (\text{lucas-lehmer-ring-mod } p)$

*<proof>*

## 2.5 $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$ as a subring of $\mathbb{R}$

We now define the homomorphism from  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}]$  into the reals:

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-to-real* ::  $\text{int} \times \text{int} \Rightarrow \text{real}$  **where**

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real} = (\lambda(a,b). \text{real-of-int } a + \text{real-of-int } b * \text{sqrt } 3)$

**context**

**begin**

**interpretation** *cring lucas-lehmer-ring* *<proof>*

**lemma** *minus-lucas-lehmer-ring*:  $\ominus_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}} x = (\text{case } x \text{ of } (a, b) \Rightarrow (-a, -b))$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-to-real-simps1*:

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (a, b) = \text{of-int } a + \text{of-int } b * \text{sqrt } 3$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (x \oplus_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}} y) =$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x + \text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } y$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (x \otimes_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}} y) =$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x * \text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } y$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (\ominus_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}} x) = -\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (\mathbf{0}_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}}) = 0$

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } (\mathbf{1}_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}}) = 1$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-to-add-pow-nat*:

$\text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } ([n] \cdot_{\text{lucas-lehmer-ring}} x) = \text{of-nat } n * \text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-to-add-pow-int*:

*lucas-lehmer-to-real* ( $[n] \cdot \text{lucas-lehmer-ring } x$ ) = *of-int*  $n * \text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-to-real-power*:

*lucas-lehmer-to-real* ( $x \widehat{[ ]} \text{lucas-lehmer-ring } (n :: \text{nat})) = \text{lucas-lehmer-to-real } x \widehat{^n}$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemmas** *lucas-lehmer-to-real-simps* =

*lucas-lehmer-to-real-simps1* *lucas-lehmer-to-real-power*  
*lucas-lehmer-to-add-pow-nat* *lucas-lehmer-to-add-pow-int*

**end**

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-to-real-inj*: *inj* *lucas-lehmer-to-real*

⟨*proof*⟩

## 2.6 The canonical homomorphism $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{3}] \rightarrow (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})[\sqrt{3}]$

Next, we show that reduction modulo  $m$  is indeed a homomorphism.

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-hom* ::  $\text{nat} \Rightarrow (\text{int} \times \text{int}) \Rightarrow (\text{nat} \times \text{nat})$  **where**

*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m = (\lambda(x,y). (\text{nat } (x \bmod m), \text{nat } (y \bmod m)))$

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-cong*:

$[fst\ x = fst\ y] \pmod{int\ m} \implies [snd\ x = snd\ y] \pmod{int\ m} \implies$   
*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m\ x = \text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ y$

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-cong'*:

$[a = b] \pmod{int\ m} \implies [c = d] \pmod{int\ m} \implies$   
*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m\ (a, c) = \text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ (b, d)$

⟨*proof*⟩

**context**

**fixes**  $m :: \text{nat}$

**assumes**  $m: m > 1$

**begin**

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-in-carrier*: *lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m\ x \in \{..<m\} \times \{..<m\}$

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-add*:

*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-add}'\ x\ y) =$   
*lucas-lehmer-add*  $m\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ x)\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ y)$

⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-mult*:

*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-mult}'\ x\ y) =$   
*lucas-lehmer-mult*  $m\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ x)\ (\text{lucas-lehmer-hom } m\ y)$

*<proof>*

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-hom-1* [*simp*]: *lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m$   $(1, 0) = (1, 0)$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *ring-hom-lucas-lehmer-hom*:  
*lucas-lehmer-hom*  $m \in \text{ring-hom } \textit{lucas-lehmer-ring} (\textit{lucas-lehmer-ring-mod } m)$   
*<proof>*

**end**

## 2.7 Correctness of the Lucas–Lehmer test

In this section, we will prove that the Lucas–Lehmer test is both a necessary and sufficient condition for the primality of a Mersenne number of the form  $2^p - 1$  for an odd prime  $p$ . The proof that shall be given here is rather explicit and heavily draws from the Wikipedia article on the Lucas–Lehmer test [3].

A shorter and more high-level proof of a more general statement can be obtained using more theory on finite fields (in particular the field  $\text{GF}(q^2)$ ) (cf. e. g. Rödseth [2]).

**definition** *lucas-lehmer-test* **where**  
*lucas-lehmer-test*  $p = (p > 2 \wedge$   
 $(2 \wedge p - 1) \text{ dvd } \textit{gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence } 4 (p - 2))$

We can now prove that any Mersenne number  $2^p - 1$  for  $p$  prime that passes the Lucas–Lehmer test is prime. We follow the simple argument given by Bruce [1], which is also given on Wikipedia [3].

**theorem** *lucas-lehmer-sufficient*:  
**assumes** *prime*  $p$  *odd*  $p$   
**assumes**  $(2 \wedge p - 1) \text{ dvd } \textit{gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence } 4 (p - 2)$   
**shows** *prime*  $(2 \wedge p - 1 :: \textit{nat})$   
*<proof>*

Next, we show that any Mersenne prime passes the Lucas–Lehmer test. We again follow the rather explicit proof outlined on Wikipedia [3], which is a simplified (but less general and less abstract) version of the proof by Rödseth [2].

**theorem** (**in** *mersenne-prime*) *lucas-lehmer-necessary*:  
 $(2 \wedge p - 1) \text{ dvd } \textit{gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence } 4 (p - 2)$   
*<proof>*

**corollary** *lucas-lehmer-correct*:  
 $\textit{prime } (2 \wedge p - 1 :: \textit{nat}) \longleftrightarrow$   
 $\textit{prime } p \wedge (p = 2 \vee (2 \wedge p - 1) \text{ dvd } \textit{gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence } 4 (p - 2))$   
*<proof>*

**corollary** *lucas-lehmer-correct'*:

$prime (2 \wedge p - 1 :: nat) \longleftrightarrow prime p \wedge (p = 2 \vee lucas-lehmer-test p)$   
{proof}

## 2.8 A first executable version Lucas–Lehmer test

The following is an implementation of the Lucas–Lehmer test using modular arithmetic on the integers. This is not the most efficient implementation – the modular arithmetic can be replaced by much cheaper bitwise operations, and we will do that in the next section.

**primrec** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'* ::  $int \Rightarrow int \Rightarrow nat \Rightarrow int$  **where**

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'*  $m a 0 = a$   
| *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'*  $m a (Suc n) = gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence' m ((a \wedge 2 - 2) \bmod m) n$

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'-Suc'*:

*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'*  $m a (Suc n) = (gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence' m a n \wedge 2 - 2) \bmod m$   
{proof}

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'-correct*:

**assumes**  $a \in \{0..<m\}$   
**shows**  $gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence' m a n = gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence a n \bmod m$   
{proof}

**lemma** *lucas-lehmer-test-code-arithmetic* [code]:

*lucas-lehmer-test*  $p = (p > 2 \wedge gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence' (2 \wedge p - 1) 4 (p - 2) = 0)$   
{proof}

**lemma** *mersenne-prime-iff*:  $mersenne-prime p \longleftrightarrow p > 2 \wedge prime (2 \wedge p - 1 :: nat)$

{proof}

**lemma** *mersenne-prime-code* [code]:

*mersenne-prime*  $p \longleftrightarrow prime p \wedge lucas-lehmer-test p$   
{proof}

**end**

## 3 Efficient code for testing Mersenne primes

**theory** *Lucas-Lehmer-Code*

**imports**

*Lucas-Lehmer*

*HOL-Library.Code-Target-Numeral*

*Native-Word.Code-Target-Int-Bit*  
**begin**

### 3.1 Efficient computation of remainders modulo a Mersenne number

We have  $k = k \bmod 2^n + k \operatorname{div} 2^n \pmod{(2^n - 1)}$ , and  $k \bmod 2^n = k \& (2^n - 1)$  and  $k \operatorname{div} 2^n = k \gg n$ . Therefore, we can reduce  $k$  modulo  $2^n - 1$  using only bitwise operations, addition, and bit shifts.

**lemma** *cong-mersenne-number-int*:  
**fixes**  $k :: \text{int}$   
**shows**  $[k \bmod 2^n + k \operatorname{div} 2^n = k] \pmod{(2^n - 1)}$   
*<proof>*

We encapsulate a single reduction step in the following operation. Note, however, that the result is not, in general, the same as  $k \bmod (2^n - 1)$ . Multiple reductions might be required in order to reduce it below  $2^n$ , and a multiple of  $2^n - 1$  can be reduced to  $2^n - 1$ , which is invariant to further reduction steps.

**definition** *mersenne-mod*  $:: \text{int} \Rightarrow \text{nat} \Rightarrow \text{int}$  **where**  
*mersenne-mod*  $k\ n = k \bmod 2^n + k \operatorname{div} 2^n$

**lemma** *mersenne-mod-code* [*code*]:  
*mersenne-mod*  $k\ n = \text{take-bit } n\ k + \text{drop-bit } n\ k$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *cong-mersenne-mod*:  $[ \text{mersenne-mod } k\ n = k ] \pmod{(2^n - 1)}$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *mersenne-mod-nonneg* [*simp*]:  $k \geq 0 \implies \text{mersenne-mod } k\ n \geq 0$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *mersenne-mod-less*:  
**assumes**  $k \leq 2^m\ m \geq n$   
**shows**  $\text{mersenne-mod } k\ n < 2^n + 2^{m-n}$   
*<proof>*

**lemma** *mersenne-mod-less'*:  
**assumes**  $k \leq 5 * 2^n$   
**shows**  $\text{mersenne-mod } k\ n < 2^n + 5$   
*<proof>*

It turns out that for our use case, a single reduction is not enough to reduce the number in question enough (or at least I was unable to prove that it is). We therefore perform two reduction steps, which is enough to guarantee that our numbers are below  $2^n + 4$  before and after every step in the Lucas–Lehmer sequence.

Whether one or two reductions are performed is not very important anyway, since the dominant step is the squaring anyway.

**definition** *mersenne-mod2* :: *int* ⇒ *nat* ⇒ *int* **where**  
*mersenne-mod2* *k n* = *mersenne-mod* (*mersenne-mod k n*) *n*

**lemma** *cong-mersenne-mod2*: [*mersenne-mod2 k n* = *k*] (mod ( $2^n - 1$ ))  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *mersenne-mod2-nonneg* [*simp*]:  $k \geq 0 \implies \text{mersenne-mod2 } k \ n \geq 0$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *mersenne-mod2-less*:  
**assumes**  $n > 2$  **and**  $k \leq 2^{2 * n + 2}$   
**shows**  $\text{mersenne-mod2 } k \ n < 2^n + 5$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

Since we subtract 2 at one point, the intermediate results can become negative. This is not a problem since our reduction modulo  $2^p - 1$  happens to make them positive again immediately.

**lemma** *mersenne-mod-nonneg-strong*:  
 ⟨*mersenne-mod a p* ≥ 0⟩ **if** ⟨ $-(2^p) + 1 < a$ ⟩  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *mersenne-mod2-nonneg-strong*:  
**assumes**  $a > -(2^p) + 1$   
**shows**  $\text{mersenne-mod2 } a \ p \geq 0$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

### 3.2 Efficient code for the Lucas–Lehmer sequence

**primrec** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''* :: *nat* ⇒ *int* ⇒ *nat* ⇒ *int* **where**  
*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''* *p a* 0 = *a*  
 | *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''* *p a* (*Suc n*) =  
   *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''* *p* (*mersenne-mod2* ( $a^2 - 2$ ) *p*) *n*

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''-correct*:  
**assumes** [*a* = *a'*] (mod ( $2^p - 1$ ))  
**shows** [*gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''* *p a n* = *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence* *a' n*]  
 (mod ( $2^p - 1$ ))  
 ⟨*proof*⟩

**lemma** *gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence''-bounds*:  
**assumes**  $a \geq 0$   $a < 2^p + 5$   $p > 2$   
**shows**  $\text{gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'' } p \ a \ n \in \{0..<2^p + 5\}$   
 ⟨*proof*⟩

### 3.3 Code for the Lucas–Lehmer test

**lemmas** [*code del*] = *lucas-lehmer-test-code-arithmetic*

```

lemma lucas-lehmer-test-code [code]:
  lucas-lehmer-test p =
    (2 < p ∧ (let x = gen-lucas-lehmer-sequence'' p 4 (p - 2) in x = 0 ∨ x =
(push-bit p 1) - 1))
  ⟨proof⟩

```

### 3.4 Examples

Note that for some reason, the clever bit-arithmetic version of the Lucas–Lehmer test is actually much slower than the one using integer arithmetic when using PolyML, and even more so when using the built-in evaluator in Isabelle (which also uses PolyML with a slightly different setup).

I do not quite know why this is the case, but it is likely because of inefficient implementations of bit arithmetic operations in PolyML and/or the code generator setup for it.

When running with GHC, the bit-arithmetic version is *much* faster.

```

value filter mersenne-prime [0..<100]

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```

lemma prime (2 ^ 521 - 1 :: nat)
  ⟨proof⟩

```

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lemma prime (2 ^ 4253 - 1 :: nat)
  ⟨proof⟩

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end

```

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