

# A CONCEPTUAL STUDY ON PERFECT NUMBER

An Extra Mural Seminar By Prof Ashok Kumar Das,  
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## REPORT

A seminar was organised by Department of Mathematics, Pattamundai College, Pattamundai on 10.02.2020 on the topic "A CONCEPTUAL STUDY ON PERFECT NUMBER". Prof Ashok Kumar Das , HOD, Mathematics, Kendrapara Autonomous College, Kendrapara who graced the seminar with his analytical thinking. We were able to get the beautiful glimpses of the students of our Department. Sri Arabinda Pandab, Head of the Department gave a key note address of the topic and welcomed the guests on the dace and the participants. The meeting was ended with a vote of thanks by Dr Nirmal Kumar Sahoo, another faculty member.

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## A seminar talk on “ A Conceptual Study on Perfect Numbers”

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In number theory, a Perfect number is a Positive integer that is equal to the sum of its positive divisors excluding the number itself. For example '6' has divisors 1, 2 and 3 (excluding itself).

And  $1+2+3=6$ , So "6" is a Perfect number.

The sum of divisors of a number, excluding the number itself is called its aliquot sum. So, a Perfect number is one that is equal to its aliquot sum. Equivalently a Perfect number is a number that is half the sum of all its Positive divisors including itself. For example "28" is a Perfect number as its Positive divisors are 1, 2, 4, 7, 14 and 28 and

$$1+2+4+7+14+28=2 \times 28=56$$

Euclid also proved a formation rule i.e,  $q(q+1)/2$  is an even perfect number whenever  $q$  is a prime of the form  $2^p-1$  for prime  $P$ -what is now called a Mersenne Prime. Later Euler proved that all even Perfect numbers are of this form. So, this is known as Euclid-Euler theorem.

It is not known whether there are any odd Perfect numbers, nor whether infinitely many Perfect numbers exist. The first few Perfect numbers are 6, 28, 496 and 8128.

The sum of the Positive divisors of an integer  $n$  each of them less than  $n$  is given by

$\sigma(n)-n$  i.e., if  $\sigma(n)-n=n$  then  $n$  is Perfect.

$$\text{So } \sigma(n) = n+n=2n$$

Only four Perfect numbers were known to ancient Greeks. Nicomachus says that they formed in an orderly fashion one among units, one among the tens, one among the hundreds and one among the thousands (that is less than 10,000)

i.e; i) The  $n$ th Perfect number  $P_n$  contains exactly  $n$  digits.

ii) The even Perfect numbers end, alternately in 6 and 8

But it is wrong because there is no Perfect number with 5 digits. The next Perfect number is  $P_5 = 33550336$ , although the succeeding perfect number  $P_6 = 8589869056$  which also ends in 6, not 8 as alternately. So, we conclude that the even Perfect numbers always end in 6 and 8 but not alternately.

The Problem of determining the general form of all Perfect numbers was partially solved by Euclid that is if the sum

$$1+2+2^2+2^3+\dots+2^{k-1}=p$$

is a Prime number, then  $2^{k-1} p$  is a Perfect number i.e;  $1+2+2^2=7$ .

Hence  $2^2 \times 7 = 28$  is a Perfect number.

Similarly, for  $p=2$ ,  $2^1(2^2-1) = 2 \times 3 = 6$

for  $p=3$ ,  $2^2(2^3-1) = 4 \times 7 = 28$

for  $p=5$ ,  $2^4(2^5-1) = 16 \times 31 = 496$

for  $p=7$ ,  $2^6(2^7-1) = 64 \times 127 = 8128$

Prime numbers of the form  $2^p-1$  are known as Mersenne Primes.

Nichomachus discovered that every Perfect number is of the form  $2^{p-1}(2^p-1)$  where,  $2^p-1$  is a prime. Until 18<sup>th</sup> Century Euler proved that the formula  $2^{p-1}(2^p-1)$  will yield all the even perfect numbers. So, there exists one-to-one correspondence between even perfect numbers and the Mersenne Primes, each Mersenne Primes generate one even perfect number and vice versa.

An exhaustive search shows that 47 perfect numbers are  $2^{p-1}(2^p-1)$  for,

$P=2,3,5,7,13,17,19, \dots, 42643801$  and  $43112609$ .

For higher perfect numbers value also been discovered, namely those for which

$P= 57885161, 74207281, 77232917$  and  $82589933$ . As 7 December 2018, 51 Mersenne primes are known and 51 Perfect numbers. But it is not known whether there are infinitely many Perfect numbers nor whether there are infinitely many Mersenne Primes.

Except 6 other Perfect numbers,

$$6=2^1(2^2-1) = 1+2+3$$

$$28=2^2(2^3-1) = 1+2+3+4+5+6+7=1^3+3^3$$

$$496=2^4(2^5-1) = 1+2+3+\dots+29+30+31=1^3+3^3+5^3+7^3$$

$$8128=2^6(2^7-1) = 1+2+3+4+5+\dots+127=1^3+3^3+5^3+7^3+\dots+15^3$$

$$33550336=2^{12}(2^{13}-1) = 1+2+3+4+55+\dots+8191$$

$$=1^3+3^3+\dots+125^3+127^3$$

can be expressed as sum of the cube of odd numbers.

Due to their form,  $2^{p-1}(2^p-1)$ , every even Perfect number is represented in binary

form as P ones followed by p-1 zero, examples,

$$(6)_{10} = 2^2 + 2^1 = (110)_2$$

$$(28)_{10} = 2^4 + 2^3 + 2^2 = (11100)_2$$

$$(496)_{10} = 2^8 + 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^4 = (111110000)_2$$

Similarly,

$$(8128)_{10} = 2^{12} + 2^{11} + 2^{10} + \dots + 2^6 = (1111111000000)_2$$

Thus every even Perfect number is a Pernicious number i.e; the sum of the digits of its binary representation is a prime number.

**Example:** If  $2^k - 1$  is Prime ( $k > 1$ ) then  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$  is perfect i.e, every even Perfect number is of this form.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $2^k - 1 = p$  is prime.

Consider  $n = 2^{k-1} \cdot p$

So  $\gcd(2^{k-1}, p) = 1$ .

So  $\sigma(n) = \sigma(2^{k-1}) \cdot \sigma(p)$

$= \sigma(2^{k-1}) \cdot \sigma(p)$

$= (2^k - 1) \cdot 2^k$  (As  $2^k - 1 = p$ )

$= 2^{k-1} \cdot 2(2^k - 1)$

$= 2 \cdot 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$

$= 2 \cdot 2^{k-1}p$

$= 2n$

Hence  $n$  is a Perfect number.

**Example:**

An even Perfect number of  $n$  ends in the digit 6 or 8, equivalently,

either  $n \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$

or  $n \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$ .

**Proof:**

Since  $n$  is an even Perfect number, so  $n$  be represented as  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$

Where  $2^k - 1$  is a prime. But previously we know  $k$  must also be Prime.

If  $k = 2$ , then,  $n = 6$  and the asserted result holds.

We may give our aim to the case  $k > 2$ .

The proof comes to two parts, i.e;  $k = 4m + 1$  or  $k = 4m + 3$ .

If  $k = 4m + 1$ ,

$n = 2^{4m}(2^{4m+1} - 1)$

$= 2^{8m+1} - 2^{4m}$

$= 2 \cdot 16^{2m} - 16^m$

So, by induction,  $16^t \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$  for any positive integer  $t$  using this congruence.

We have  $n \equiv 2 \cdot 6 - 6 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$

If  $k = 4m + 3$

$n = 2^{4m+2}(2^{4m+3} - 1)$

$= 2^{8m+5} - 2^{4m+2}$

$$=2 \cdot 16^{2m+1} - 4 \cdot 16^m$$

Using the fact that  $16^t \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$

$$n \equiv 2 \cdot 6 - 4 \cdot 6 \equiv -12 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

So, every even perfect number has a last digit equal to 6 or to 8.

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Sub: - An invitation as Resource Person in the Extramural Seminar in Department of Mathematics.

Sir,

It is my pleasure to invite you as **Resource Person** in the Extramural Seminar on the topic "**A Conceptual Studies on Perfect Number**" to be organised by Department of Mathematics, at 10.00 am on 10<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in our institution.

Your kind presence for this occasion is highly solicited.

Yours Faithfully,

*Ashok Kumar Das*  
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# An Extramural Seminar on "A Conceptual Study on Perfect Number"

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