

## Three sequences of palindromes obtained from Poulet numbers

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**Abstract.** In this paper I make the following two conjectures: (I) There exist an infinity of Poulet numbers  $P$  such that  $(P + 4 \cdot 196) + R(P + 4 \cdot 196)$ , where  $R(n)$  is the number obtained reversing the digits of  $n$ , is a palindromic number; note that I wrote  $4 \cdot 196$  instead  $784$  because  $196$  is a number known to be related with palindromes: is the first Lychrel number, which gives the name to the "196-algorithm"; (II) For every Poulet number  $P$  there exist an infinity of primes  $q$  such that the number  $(P + 16 \cdot q^2) + R(P + 16 \cdot q^2)$  is a palindrome. The three sequences (presumed infinite by the conjectures above) mentioned in title of the paper are: (1) Palindromes of the form  $(P + 4 \cdot 196) + R(P + 4 \cdot 196)$ , where  $P$  is a Poulet number; (2) Palindromes of the form  $(P + 16 \cdot q^2) + R(P + 16 \cdot q^2)$ , where  $P$  is a Poulet number and  $q$  the least prime for which is obtained such a palindrome; (3) Palindromes of the form  $(1729 + 16 \cdot q^2) + R(1729 + 16 \cdot q^2)$ , where  $q$  is prime ( $1729$  is a well known Poulet number).

### Conjecture I:

There exist an infinity of Poulet numbers  $P$  such that  $(P + 4 \cdot 196) + R(P + 4 \cdot 196)$ , where  $R(n)$  is the number obtained reversing the digits of  $n$ , is a palindromic number.

Note: I wrote  $4 \cdot 196$  instead  $784$  because  $196$  is a number known to be related with palindromes: is the first Lychrel number (a Lychrel number is a natural number that cannot form a palindrome through the iterative process of repeatedly reversing its digits and adding the resulting numbers, process sometimes called the 196-algorithm, 196 being the smallest such number - see the sequence A023108 in OEIS).

Note: it may seem contradictory that a Lychrel number ( $196$ ) can help to obtain both palindromes and Lychrel numbers (because, if you take Lychrel primes - sequence A135316 in OEIS - you see that 8 from the first 38 Lychrel primes can be written as  $p + k \cdot 196$ , where  $p$  is also a Lychrel prime:  $887 = 691 + 196$ ;  $4349 = 1997 + 12 \cdot 196$ ;  $8179 = 4259 + 20 \cdot 196$ ;  $8269 = 1997 + 32 \cdot 196$ ;  $8719 = 4799 + 20 \cdot 196$ ;  $10883 = 691 + 52 \cdot 196$ ;  $12763 = 3943 + 45 \cdot 196$ ;  $13597 = 11833 + 9 \cdot 196$ ).

## Conjecture II:

For every Poulet number  $P$  there exist an infinity of primes  $q$  such that the number  $(P + 16*q^2) + R(P + 16*q^2)$  is a palindrome.

### Three sequences of palindromes

(presumed infinite by the two conjectures above):

#### Sequence 1:

Palindromes of the form  $(P + 4*196) + R(P + 4*196)$ , where  $P$  is a Poulet number:

: 6336 (341 + 4\*196 = 1125; 1125 + 5211 = 6336);  
: 6776 (561 + 4\*196 = 1345; 1345 + 5431 = 6776);  
: 3883 (1387 + 4\*196 = 2171; 2171 + 1712 = 3883);  
: 5665 (1729 + 4\*196 = 2513; 2513 + 3152 = 5665);  
: 8668 (2821 + 4\*196 = 3605; 3605 + 5063 = 8668);  
: 5665 (3277 + 4\*196 = 4061; 4061 + 1604 = 5665);  
(...)

Note the interesting thing that the same palindrome (5665) was obtained for two different Poulet numbers (1729 and 3277). That shows that, far from being just a topic of recreative arithmetics, palindromic numbers deserve more studies.

#### Sequence 2:

Palindromes of the form  $(P + 16*q^2) + R(P + 16*q^2)$ , where  $P$  is a Poulet number and  $q$  the least prime for which is obtained such a palindrome:

: 888 (341 + 16\*5^2 = 741; 741 + 147 = 888);  
: 6776 (561 + 16\*7^2 = 1345; 1345 + 5431 = 6776);  
: 6446 (645 + 16\*5^2 = 1045; 1045 + 5401 = 6446);  
: 6556 (1105 + 16\*5^2 = 1505; 1505 + 5051 = 6556);  
: 2882 (1387 + 16\*3^2 = 1531; 1531 + 1351 = 2882);  
: 5665 (1729 + 16\*7^2 = 2513; 2513 + 3152 = 5665);  
: 7337 (1905 + 16\*5^2 = 2305; 2305 + 5032 = 7337);  
: 9889 (2047 + 16\*5^2 = 2447; 2447 + 7442 = 9889);  
: 5445 (2465 + 16\*11^2 = 4401; 4401 + 1044 = 5445);  
: 4114 (2701 + 16\*5^2 = 3101; 3101 + 1013 = 4114);  
: 4444 (2821 + 16\*5^2 = 3221; 3221 + 1223 = 4444);  
: 4664 (3277 + 16\*3^2 = 3421; 3421 + 1243 = 4664);  
(...)

Note that for the first twelve Poulet numbers is obtained a palindrome for a prime  $q$  less than or equal to 11!

### Sequence 3:

Palindromes of the form  $(1729 + 16 \cdot q^2) + R(1729 + 16 \cdot q^2)$ ,  
where  $q$  is prime (1729 is a well known Poulet number):

: 5665 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 7^2 = 2513$ ;  $2513 + 3152 = 5665$ );  
: 7777 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 13^2 = 4433$ ;  $4433 + 3344 = 7777$ );  
: 9889 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 17^2 = 6353$ ;  $6353 + 3536 = 9889$ );  
: 49294 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 23^2 = 10193$ ;  $10193 + 39101 = 49294$ );  
: 67276 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 31^2 = 17105$ ;  $17105 + 50171 = 67276$ );  
: 62626 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 43^2 = 31313$ ;  $31313 + 31313 = 62626$ );  
: 686686 ( $1729 + 16 \cdot 79^2 = 101585$ ;  $101585 + 585101 =$   
686686);  
(...)