

Conjecture that states that numbers $16^n - 4^n + 1$ are either primes either divisible by Poulet numbers

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Abstract. In this paper I conjecture that any number of the form $16^n - 4^n + 1$, where n is positive integer, is either prime either divisible by a Poulet number (see the sequence A020520 in OEIS for the sequence of the numbers of this form).

Conjecture:

Any number of the form $a(n) = 16^n - 4^n + 1$, where n is positive integer, is either prime either divisible by a Poulet number.

Note: see the sequence A020520 in OEIS for the numbers of this form.

Verifying the conjecture:

(for the first nine such numbers)

- : $a(1) = 13$ which is prime;
- : $a(2) = 241$ which is prime;
- : $a(3) = 4033$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(4) = 65281$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(5) = 1047553 = 13 \cdot 61 \cdot 1321$ and $61 \cdot 1321 = 80581$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(6) = 16773121$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(7) = 268419073 = 13 \cdot 1429 \cdot 14449$ and $1429 \cdot 14449 = 20647621$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(8) = 4294901761$ which is a Poulet number;
- : $a(9) = 68719214593$ which is a Poulet number.