

Transformation of Zeller formula

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Let y , m , and d be arbitrary integers that satisfy $0 \leq y$, $3 \leq m \leq 14$ and $1 \leq d \leq 31$. Let C , C' , C'' , and N be arbitrary integers such that

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 100C' + N, & 0 \leq N < 100, \\ C' &= 100C'' + C, & 0 \leq C < 100. \end{aligned}$$

Then, we prove that

$$\begin{aligned} &5(C\%4) + 5\lfloor N/4 \rfloor + (N\%4) + \left\lfloor \frac{13m+8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \\ &\equiv y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{13m+8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

(right-hand side is the Zeller formula). Here, for integers a and b , $b \neq 0$, the remainder after dividing a by b is written as $a\%b$.

[Proof]

Given integers q_i and r_i , $i = 1,2,3,4$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 400q_1 + r_1, & 0 \leq r_1 < 400, \\ r_1 &= 100q_2 + r_2, & 0 \leq r_2 < 100, \\ r_2 &= 4q_3 + r_3, & 0 \leq r_3 < 4, \\ r_3 &= 1q_4 + r_4, & 0 \leq r_4 < 1, \end{aligned}$$

we show that

$$146097q_1 + 36524q_2 + 1461q_3 + 365q_4 = 365y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor. \quad (1)$$

Given $s_i, t_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $i = 1,2,3,4$ satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 400s_1 + t_1, & 0 \leq t_1 < 400, \\ y &= 100s_2 + t_2, & 0 \leq t_2 < 100, \\ y &= 4s_3 + t_3, & 0 \leq t_3 < 4, \\ y &= 1s_4 + t_4, & 0 \leq t_4 < 1, \end{aligned}$$

both s_1 and q_1 are the quotient of y divided by 400, and therefore $s_1 = q_1$. Further,

$$y = 100s_2 + t_2$$

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and

$$y = 400q_1 + 100q_2 + r_2.$$

Therefore, $t_2 \equiv y \equiv r_2 \pmod{100}$, and since $0 \leq t_2 < 100$, $0 \leq r_2 < 100$, we have $t_2 = r_2$. Thus,

$$100s_2 = 400q_1 + 100q_2$$

and therefore

$$s_2 = 4q_1 + q_2.$$

Next, we have

$$y = 4s_3 + t_3$$

and

$$y = 400q_1 + 100q_2 + 4q_3 + r_3.$$

Therefore, $t_3 \equiv y \equiv r_3 \pmod{4}$, and since $0 \leq t_3 < 4$, $0 \leq r_3 < 4$ we have $t_3 = r_3$.

Thus,

$$4s_3 = 400q_1 + 100q_2 + 4q_3$$

and

$$s_3 = 100q_1 + 25q_2 + q_3.$$

Then,

$$y = s_4$$

and

$$y = 400q_1 + 100q_2 + 4q_3 + 1q_4,$$

therefore

$$s_4 = 400q_1 + 100q_2 + 4q_3 + 1q_4.$$

Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} & 365y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor \\ &= 365s_4 + s_3 - s_2 + s_1 \\ &= 365(400q_1 + 100q_2 + 4q_3 + 1q_4) + (100q_1 + 25q_2 + q_3) - (4q_1 + q_2) + q_1 \\ &= (365 \cdot 400 + 100 - 4 + 1)q_1 + (365 \cdot 100 + 25 - 1)q_2 + (365 \cdot 4 + 1)q_3 + (365 \cdot 1)q_4 \\ &= 146097q_1 + 36524q_2 + 1461q_3 + 365q_4 \end{aligned}$$

which is (1).

Next, we prove the following:

$$C \% 4 = q_2, \quad [N/4] = q_3, \quad N \% 4 = q_4. \quad (2)$$

First, $C' = 100C'' + C$ and therefore $C' \equiv C \pmod{4}$. Moreover, $C' = s_2 = 4q_1 + q_2$, which gives $C' \equiv q_2 \pmod{4}$, and therefore we get $C \equiv C' \equiv q_2 \pmod{4}$. On the other hand, it is easily understood that $0 \leq q_2 < 4$. Thus, $C \% 4 = q_2$. Further, $N = t_2 = r_2$, and therefore $[N/4] = [r_2/4] = q_3$. Moreover, $N \% 4 = r_2 \% 4 = r_3 = q_4$.

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From (1) and (2), we therefore get

$$\begin{aligned}y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor &\equiv 365y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor \\ &= 146097q_1 + 36524q_2 + 1461q_3 + 365q_4 \equiv 5q_2 + 5q_3 + q_4 \\ &= 5(C\%4) + 5\lfloor N/4 \rfloor + (N\%4) \pmod{7}. \quad (3)\end{aligned}$$

From (3) we immediately get

$$\begin{aligned}5(C\%4) + 5\lfloor N/4 \rfloor + (N\%4) + \left\lfloor \frac{13m+8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \\ \equiv y + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y}{400} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{13m+8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \pmod{7}.\end{aligned}$$

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