

# Mathematical Proof of Perpetual Calendar

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Suppose  $y, m,$  and  $d$  are arbitrary integers, where  $1 \leq y \leq 9999$ ,  $1 \leq m \leq 12$ , and  $1 \leq d \leq 31$ .

Let  $y', m'$  be

$$y' = \begin{cases} y & \text{when } 3 \leq m \\ y - 1 & \text{when } 3 \not\leq m \end{cases}$$

and

$$m' = \begin{cases} m & \text{when } 3 \leq m \\ m + 12 & \text{when } 3 \not\leq m \end{cases}$$

Assume  $q_i, r_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  are integers where

$$y' = 2000q_1 + r_1, \quad 0 \leq r_1 \leq 2000,$$

$$r_1 = 400q_2 + r_2, \quad 0 \leq r_2 \leq 400,$$

$$r_2 = 100q_3 + r_3, \quad 0 \leq r_3 \leq 100,$$

$$r_3 = 20q_4 + r_4, \quad 0 \leq r_4 \leq 20,$$

$$r_4 = 4q_5 + r_5, \quad 0 \leq r_5 \leq 4,$$

$$r_5 = 1q_6 + r_6, \quad 0 \leq r_6 \leq 1.$$

Further, assume  $u_i, v_i, i = 1, 2$  are integers where

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$$d = 7u_1 + v_1, \quad 0 \leq v_1 \leq 7,$$

$$v_1 = 1u_2 + v_2, \quad 0 \leq v_2 \leq 1.$$

In addition, we define function  $f: \{1, 2, \dots, 12\} \rightarrow \{0, 1, \dots, 6\}$  to be

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 & 12 \\ 0 & 3 & 2 & 5 & 0 & 3 & 5 & 1 & 4 & 6 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Then, at this time, the following statements hold:

- (i)  $0 \leq q_1 < 5, 0 \leq q_2 < 5, 0 \leq q_3 < 4, 0 \leq q_4 < 5, 0 \leq q_5 < 5, 0 \leq q_6 < 4$
- (ii)  $0 \leq u_1 < 5, 0 \leq u_2 < 7$
- (iii)  $q_1 = 4$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (iv)  $q_2 = 4$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (v)  $q_3 = 3$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (vi)  $q_4 = 4$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (vii)  $q_5 = 4$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (viii)  $q_6 = 3$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (ix)  $u_1 = 4$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (x)  $u_2 = 6$  for some  $y, m, d$
- (xi)  $f(m) + 0u_1 + 1u_2 + 0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \equiv y' + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{400} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{13m'+8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \pmod{7}$

(The right side of Equation (xi) is the Zeller formula).

**Proof** First, we prove Statement (i). When  $3 \leq m$ , then by definition,  $y' = y$ . Then, because  $0 \leq 1 \leq y \leq 9999 < 10000$ , Statement (i) is true by Lemma 2. When  $3 \not\leq m$ , then by definition,  $y' = y - 1$ . Then, because  $0 \leq y - 1 \leq 9998 < 10000$ , Statement (i) is true by Lemma 2. Statement (ii) holds true by Lemma 2 because  $0 \leq 1 \leq d \leq 31 < 32$ . Next, we prove Statement (iii). When  $y = 8000, m = 3, d = 1$ , then by definition,  $y' = y = 8000$  and

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the following holds:

$$8000 = 2000 \cdot 4 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 2000,$$

$$0 = 400 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 400,$$

$$0 = 100 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 100,$$

$$0 = 20 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 20,$$

$$0 = 4 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 4,$$

$$0 = 1 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 1.$$

Hence,  $q_1 = 4$ . In Statement (iv), when  $y = 1600$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 1$ , then by definition,  $y' = y = 1600$ , and the following holds:

$$1600 = 2000 \cdot 0 + 1600, \quad 0 \leq 1600 < 2000,$$

$$1600 = 400 \cdot 4 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 400,$$

$$0 = 100 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 100,$$

$$0 = 20 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 20,$$

$$0 = 4 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 4,$$

$$0 = 1 \cdot 0 + 0, \quad 0 \leq 0 < 1.$$

Hence,  $q_2 = 4$ . Similarly, for Statement (v), we consider the case where  $y = 300$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 1$ ; for Statement (iv), the case where  $y = 80$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 1$ ; for Statement (vii), where  $y = 16$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 1$ ; and for Statement (viii), where  $y = 3$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $d = 1$ . In addition, for Statement (ix), we consider the case where  $y = 1$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $d = 28$ ; and for Statement (x), where  $y = 1$ ,  $m = 1$ ,  $d = 6$ . Finally, we prove Statement (xi). First, by Lemma 1, the following is true:

$$0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \equiv y' + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{400} \right\rfloor \pmod{7}$$

In addition, we can easily verify the following:

$$f(m) \equiv \left\lfloor \frac{13m' + 8}{5} \right\rfloor \pmod{7}$$

When we consider

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$$0u_1 + 1u_2 \equiv 7u_1 + 1u_2 = d \pmod{7},$$

then the following statement holds true:

$$\begin{aligned} & f(m) + 0u_1 + 1u_2 + 0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \\ &= f(m) + (0u_1 + 1u_2) + (0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6) \\ &\equiv \left\lfloor \frac{13m' + 8}{5} \right\rfloor + d + \left( y' + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{400} \right\rfloor \right) \\ &= y' + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{y'}{400} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{13m' + 8}{5} \right\rfloor + d \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 1.** Let  $x$  be an arbitrary integer where  $0 \leq x$ . Suppose  $q_i, r_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  are integers where

$$x = 2000q_1 + r_1, \quad 0 \leq r_1 < 2000,$$

$$r_1 = 400q_2 + r_2, \quad 0 \leq r_2 < 400,$$

$$r_2 = 100q_3 + r_3, \quad 0 \leq r_3 < 100,$$

$$r_3 = 20q_4 + r_4, \quad 0 \leq r_4 < 20,$$

$$r_4 = 4q_5 + r_5, \quad 0 \leq r_5 < 4,$$

$$r_5 = 1q_6 + r_6, \quad 0 \leq r_6 < 1.$$

Then at this time, the following holds:

$$0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \equiv x + \left\lfloor \frac{x}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{x}{400} \right\rfloor \pmod{7}$$

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**Proof** Suppose  $o_i, p_i, i = 1, 2, 3, 4$  are integers where

$$x = 400o_1 + p_1, \quad 0 \leq p_1 < 400,$$

$$x = 100o_2 + p_2, \quad 0 \leq p_2 < 100,$$

$$x = 4o_3 + p_3, \quad 0 \leq p_3 < 4,$$

$$x = 1o_4 + p_4, \quad 0 \leq p_4 < 1 .$$

Then, at this time, the following are true:

$$x = 400o_1 + p_1$$

and

$$x = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + r_2 .$$

Therefore,  $p_1 \equiv x \equiv r_2 \pmod{400}$ . Then, because  $0 \leq p_1 < 400, 0 \leq r_2 < 400$ , we can say  $p_1 = r_2$ . So,

$$400o_1 = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 .$$

Therefore,

$$o_1 = 5q_1 + q_2 .$$

In addition,

$$x = 100o_2 + p_2$$

and

$$x = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + r_3 .$$

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Hence,  $p_2 \equiv x \equiv r_3 \pmod{100}$ . Then, because  $0 \leq p_2 < 100$ ,  $0 \leq r_3 < 100$ , we can say  $p_2 = r_3$  holds true. Thus,

$$100o_2 = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 .$$

Therefore,

$$o_2 = 20q_1 + 4q_2 + q_3 .$$

In addition,

$$x = 4o_3 + p_3$$

and

$$x = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + 20q_4 + 4q_5 + r_5 .$$

Therefore,  $p_3 \equiv x \equiv r_5 \pmod{4}$ . Then, because  $0 \leq p_3 < 4$ ,  $0 \leq r_5 < 4$ , we can say  $p_3 = r_5$  holds true. Thus,

$$4o_3 = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + 20q_4 + 4q_5$$

and

$$o_3 = 500q_1 + 100q_2 + 25q_3 + 5q_4 + q_5 .$$

Then,

$$x = o_4$$

and

$$x = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + 20q_4 + 4q_5 + 1q_6 .$$

Hence,

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$$o_4 = 2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + 20q_4 + 4q_5 + 1q_6 .$$

Therefore, the following statements hold true:

$$\begin{aligned} & x + \left\lfloor \frac{x}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{100} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{x}{400} \right\rfloor \\ &= o_4 + o_3 - o_2 + o_1 \\ &= (2000q_1 + 400q_2 + 100q_3 + 20q_4 + 4q_5 + 1q_6) + (500q_1 + 100q_2 + 25q_3 + 5q_4 \\ &\quad + q_5) - (20q_1 + 4q_2 + q_3) + (5q_1 + q_2) \\ &= (2000 + 500 - 20 + 5)q_1 + (400 + 100 - 4 + 1)q_2 + (100 + 25 - 1)q_3 \\ &\quad + (20 + 5)q_4 + (4 + 1)q_5 + 1q_6 \\ &= 2485q_1 + 497q_2 + 124q_3 + 25q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \\ &\equiv 0q_1 + 0q_2 + 5q_3 + 4q_4 + 5q_5 + 1q_6 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

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**Lemma 2.** Let  $x, y$  be arbitrary integers where  $0 \leq x < 10000$ ,  $0 \leq y < 32$ .

Suppose  $q_i, r_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 6$  are integers where

$$x = 2000q_1 + r_1, \quad 0 \leq r_1 < 2000,$$

$$r_1 = 400q_2 + r_2, \quad 0 \leq r_2 < 400,$$

$$r_2 = 100q_3 + r_3, \quad 0 \leq r_3 < 100,$$

$$r_3 = 20q_4 + r_4, \quad 0 \leq r_4 < 20,$$

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$$r_4 = 4q_5 + r_5, \quad 0 \leq r_5 < 4,$$

$$r_5 = 1q_6 + r_6, \quad 0 \leq r_6 < 1$$

Suppose  $u_i, v_i, i = 1, 2$  are integers where

$$y = 7u_1 + v_1, \quad 0 \leq v_1 < 7,$$

$$v_1 = 1u_2 + v_2, \quad 0 \leq v_2 < 1$$

Then, at this time, the following statements hold:

(i)  $0 \leq q_1 < 5, 0 \leq q_2 < 5, 0 \leq q_3 < 4, 0 \leq q_4 < 5, 0 \leq q_5 < 5, 0 \leq q_6 < 4.$

(ii)  $0 \leq u_1 < 5, 0 \leq u_2 < 7.$

**Proof** First, we prove Statement (i). Supposing  $q_1 < 0$ , then  $2000q_1 \leq -2000$  and  $2000q_1 + 2000 \leq 0$  because  $q_1 \leq -1$ . On the other hand, there is a contradiction because  $0 \leq x = 2000q_1 + r_1 < 2000q_1 + 2000$  holds true. Hence,  $0 \leq q_1$ . Similarly, the following statement holds true:  $0 \leq q_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, 6$ . In addition, supposing  $5 \leq q_1$ , then  $10000 \leq 2000q_1$ . On the other hand, there is a contradiction because  $2000q_1 \leq 2000q_1 + r_1 = x < 10000$  holds true. Hence,  $q_1 < 5$ . Similarly, the following is true:  $q_2 < 5, q_3 < 4, q_4 < 5, q_5 < 5, q_6 < 4$ . We have proven Statement (i), and similarly we can prove Statement (ii). ■