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Characterization of power digraphs modulo n

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Abstract: A power digraph modulo n , denoted by $G(n, k)$, is a directed graph with $Z_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ as the set of vertices and $E = \{(a, b) : a^k \equiv b \pmod{n}\}$ as the edge set, where n and k are any positive integers. In this paper we find necessary and sufficient conditions on n and k such that the digraph $G(n, k)$ has at least one isolated fixed point. We also establish necessary and sufficient conditions on n and k such that the digraph $G(n, k)$ contains exactly two components. The primality of Fermat number is also discussed.

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