

# A Factor of the Fermat Number $F_{19}$

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On November, 16th, 1962 the author, with the aid of the computer Besk, discovered the factor  $p = 33629 \cdot 2^{21} + 1 = 7\ 05251\ 24609$  of the Fermat number  $F_{19} = 2^{2^{19}} + 1$ , the character of which was previously unknown. The author is on spare time running a program on the Besk, which is similar to that of Robinson and Selfridge [1] for finding all factors  $< 2^{38}$  in all Fermat numbers. Their limit for the factors was  $2^{35}$ .

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