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is odd. Thus half the members of $GF^*(p)$ which are quadratic residues mod p would be squares and the remaining half are not. If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, it is well known that (-1) is a quadratic residue mod p and hence is a square. If $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then (-1) is a quadratic non-residue mod p and therefore is not a square. In this case -1 is the sum of two squares, which easily follows from (3) or (4).

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$$L_{n} = \prod_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (\omega^{2k-1} + 3 + \omega^{-2k+1})$$

(ii)

(i)

$$F_{n} = \prod_{k=1}^{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor} (\omega^{2k} + 3 + \omega^{-2k}) .$$

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The THIRTEENTH PERFECT NUMBER is built on the prime $p = 521 = L_{13}$

$2^{520}(2^{521} - 1)$.

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