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The note in question (by Morley) contains a conjecture originally proposed by Catalan that if  $2^n - 1 = p$  is prime, then  $2^p - 1$  is also prime. The author reports a computer result to show the falsity of the conjecture for  $n = 13$ , where  $2^{13} - 1 = 8191$  is prime but  $2^{8191} - 1$  is composite.

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