

**Primitive Roots**

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**1** Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Show that there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that the smallest positive primitive root of  $p$  is greater than  $n$ .

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**3** Show that for each odd prime  $p$ , there is an integer  $g$  such that  $1 < g < p$  and  $g$  is a primitive root modulo  $p^n$  for every positive integer  $n$ .

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**4** Let  $g$  be a Fibonacci primitive root  $(\text{mod } p)$ . i.e.  $g$  is a primitive root  $(\text{mod } p)$  satisfying  $g^2 \equiv g + 1 \pmod{p}$ . Prove that  $-g - 1$  is also a primitive root  $(\text{mod } p)$ . - if  $p = 4k + 3$  then  $(g - 1)^{2k+3} \equiv g - 2 \pmod{p}$ , and deduce that  $g - 2$  is also a primitive root  $(\text{mod } p)$ .

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**5** Let  $p$  be an odd prime. If  $g_1, \dots, g_{\phi(p-1)}$  are the primitive roots  $(\text{mod } p)$  in the range  $1 < g \leq p - 1$ , prove that

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\phi(p-1)} g_i \equiv \mu(p-1) \pmod{p}.$$


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**6** Suppose that  $m$  does not have a primitive root. Show that

$$a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

for every  $a$  relatively prime  $m$ .

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**7** Suppose that  $p > 3$  is prime. Prove that the products of the primitive roots of  $p$  between 1 and  $p - 1$  is congruent to 1 modulo  $p$ .

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