

Speedrun Quadratic Residue

Cryptography Breaks

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1 Unique Section

The definition of quadratic remainder comes from the expansion of perfect square numbers(x^2) in the integer system into the multiplicative group modulo q .

Definition 1.1. Quadratic Residue

\forall prime number $p, a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, a is a quadratic residue modulo p if \exists integer x such that $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$. Otherwise, a is a quadratic non-residue modulo p .

Definition 1.2. Legendre Symbol

\forall odd prime number $p, a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$, the Legendre symbol is defined as:

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} \equiv \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic residue modulo } p \\ -1 & \text{if } a \text{ is a quadratic non-residue modulo } p \\ 0 & \text{if } a \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

Property. 1. $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$

2. If $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$, then $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$

Theorem 1.1. Gauss Law of Quadratic Reciprocity

\forall odd prime numbers p and q , the Legendre symbol satisfies:

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{q-1}{2}}$$

Definition 1.3. Jacobi Symbol

\forall odd integer n and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, $\gcd(n, a) = 1$, the Jacobi symbol is defined as:

$$\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^k \left(\frac{a}{p_i}\right)^{e_i}$$

where $n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i}$ is the prime factorization of n .

Moreover, 2 important theorems should be mentioned here.

Theorem 1.2. Euler's Theorem

\forall integer a and n , $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then:

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Theorem 1.3. (Collary) Fermat's Little Theorem

\forall prime number p and integer a , then:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Last but not least, let's come back to cryptography, looking at some applications of Legendre symbol.

Theorem 1.4. *Solovay-Strassen Primality Test*

1. \forall odd prime p , then \forall integer a , we have $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$.
2. \forall odd composite n , then there are at least 50% integer a , s.t. $\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{n-1}{2}} \pmod{n}$ is false.