

**Theorem.**

## Math 115 Lecture Notes (Prof. Paul Vojta)

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For this lecture, the following topics were covered: multiplicative inverses mod  $m$ , theorems of Euler and Wilson, and solutions of the congruence  $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{m}$  for prime  $p$ . The reading for the following lecture is §2.3 and 2.4 from Niven. In addition, for today,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ .

**Theorem.** *Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then there exists an  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  iff  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .*

*Proof.*