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On a Problem of Perron

Abstract: Oskar Perron gave some additive properties of the fibers of the quadratic character on a prime field GF(p). Specifically, he showed that if A and B are the subsets of quadratic residues and non-residues in GF(p)*, respectively, then, letting

d=(p-1)/4 if p = 1 modulo 4, and d=(p+1)/4 if p = 3 modulo 4

- 1. Every element of A [respectively B] can be written as a sum of two elements of A [respectively B] in exactly d-1 ways.
- 2. Every element of A [respectively B] can be written as a sum of two elements of B [respectively A] in exactly d ways.

It is shown that, with a suitable adaptation, these properties hold for the subsets of squares and non-squares in any finite field $GF(p^m)$ with odd p.

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