

Chapter 9

32. Find all QRs and QNRs in \mathbb{Z}_{13}^* , \mathbb{Z}_{17}^* , and \mathbb{Z}_{23}^* .

For \mathbb{Z}_p^* , if $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ then a is a QR,
if $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ then a is a QNR.

i) For \mathbb{Z}_{13}^* , QR = {1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12}; QNR = {2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11}.

ii) For \mathbb{Z}_{17}^* , QR = {1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16}; QNR = {3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14}.

iii) For \mathbb{Z}_{23}^* , QR = {1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 13, 16, 18};
QNR = {5, 7, 10, 11, 14, 15, 17, 19, 20, 21, 22}.

33. Using quadratic residues, solve the following congruences.

a. $x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

$4 \in \text{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_7^*)$, $7 = 4 \times 1 + 3 \Rightarrow$ special case.

$x = 4^{(7+1)/4} \pmod{7}$ or $-4^{(7+1)/4} \pmod{7} = \boxed{2, \text{ or } -2}$.

b. $x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$

$5 \in \text{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*)$, $11 = 4 \times 2 + 3 \Rightarrow$ special case.

$x = 5^{(11+1)/4} \pmod{11}$ or $-5^{(11+1)/4} \pmod{11} = \boxed{4 \text{ or } -4}$

c. $x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$

$7 \notin \text{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_{13}^*) \Rightarrow$ No solution.

d. $x^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{17}$

$12 \notin \text{QR}(\mathbb{Z}_{17}^*) \Rightarrow$ No solution.

34. Using quadratic residues, solve the following congruences.

a. $x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{14}$.

$14 = 2 \times 7 \Rightarrow p_1 = 2, p_2 = 7$.

$x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{2}$, $x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$.

i) $x \equiv +0 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv +2 \pmod{7}$

ii) $x \equiv +0 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv -2 \pmod{7}$

iii) $x \equiv -0 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv +2 \pmod{7}$

iv) $x \equiv -0 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv -2 \pmod{7}$

$x = 2 \text{ or } 12$

b. $x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$.

$10 = 2 \times 5 \Rightarrow p_1 = 2, p_2 = 5$.

$x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{2}$, $x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{5}$

i) $x \equiv +1 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv +0 \pmod{5}$

ii) $x \equiv +1 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv -0 \pmod{5}$

iii) $x \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv +0 \pmod{5}$

iv) $x \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$, $x \equiv -0 \pmod{5}$

$x = 5$.

c. $x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{33}$

$33 = 3 \times 11. \Rightarrow p_1 = 3, p_2 = 11.$

$x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{3}, \quad \underline{x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}}.$
no solution.

No solution.

d. $x^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{34}$

$34 = 2 \times 17 \Rightarrow p_1 = 2, p_2 = 17.$

$x^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{2}, \quad \underline{x^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{17}}.$
no solution.

No solution.

36. For the group $G = \langle \mathbb{Z}_{19}^\times, \times \rangle \dots$

a. The order of the group is $\phi(19) = 18.$

b. $\text{ord}(1) = 1, \text{ord}(2) = 18, \text{ord}(3) = 18, \text{ord}(4) = 9, \text{ord}(5) = 9, \text{ord}(6) = 9,$
 $\text{ord}(7) = 3, \text{ord}(8) = 6, \text{ord}(9) = 9, \text{ord}(10) = 18, \text{ord}(11) = 3, \text{ord}(12) = 6,$
 $\text{ord}(13) = 18, \text{ord}(14) = 18, \text{ord}(15) = 18, \text{ord}(16) = 9, \text{ord}(17) = 9, \text{ord}(18) = 2.$

c. The number of primitive roots is $\phi(\phi(19)) = \phi(18) = 6.$

d. The primitive roots are 2, 3, 10, 13, 14, 15.

e. Trying $g=2$ as the generator seed...

$2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 13 \rightarrow 7 \rightarrow 14 \rightarrow 9 \rightarrow 18 \rightarrow 17 \rightarrow 15 \rightarrow 11$
 $\rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 10 \rightarrow 1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow \dots$

Therefore this group is cyclic.

f. Table of discrete logarithms:

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
2	18	1	13	2	16	14	6	3	8	17	12	15	5	7	11	4	10	9
3	18	17	1	14	4	8	6	3	2	11	12	15	17	13	5	10	16	9
10	18	17	5	16	2	4	12	15	10	1	6	3	13	11	7	14	8	9
13	18	11	17	4	14	10	12	15	16	7	6	3	1	5	13	8	2	9
14	18	13	7	8	10	2	6	3	14	5	12	15	11	1	17	16	4	9
15	18	5	11	10	8	16	12	15	4	13	6	3	7	17	1	2	14	9

37. Using the properties of discrete logarithms, show how to solve the following congruences.

a. $x^5 \equiv 11 \pmod{17}$.

Using 3 as the base of the discrete logarithm,

$$L_3(x^5) \equiv L_3(11) \pmod{16}$$

$$L_3(11) = 7 \text{ for } \langle \mathbb{Z}_{17}^*, x \rangle, \text{ and } L_3(x^5) = 5L_3(x).$$

$$5L_3(x) \equiv 7 \pmod{16}.$$

$$L_3(x) \equiv 5^{-1} \times 7 \pmod{16} \equiv 11 \pmod{16} \rightarrow 11.$$

$$\text{From the logarithm table, } L_3(11) = 11. \Rightarrow \boxed{x=11}$$

b. $2x^{11} \equiv 22 \pmod{19} \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$

Using 2 as the base of the discrete logarithm,

$$L_2(2x^{11}) \equiv L_2(3) \pmod{18}$$

$$L_2(2) = 1, L_2(3) = 13 \text{ for } \langle \mathbb{Z}_{19}^*, x \rangle \text{ and } L_2(2x^{11}) = L_2(2) + 11L_2(x).$$

$$1 + 11L_2(x) \equiv 13 \pmod{18}$$

$$L_2(x) \equiv 11^{-1} \times 12 \pmod{18} \equiv 6 \pmod{18} \rightarrow 6.$$

$$\text{From the logarithm table, } L_2(7) = 6. \Rightarrow \boxed{x=7}$$

c. $5x^{12} + 6x \equiv 8 \pmod{23}$.

There is no property of discrete logarithm that isolates $L_k(x)$ from the original equation.

In order to get the solution (or verify its non-existence), one needs to numerically verify.

To do that, compute $5x^{12} + 6x$ for all $x \in \{1, \dots, 22\}$.