

Hints for Homework Problems

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Let q be fixed prime number. Show that there exists infinitely many primes of the form $qm + 1$

Hint: We previously proved that $\frac{(p^p-1)}{p-1}$ prime divisors are of the form $pk + 1$. Try to do a similar thing on $\frac{(A^p-1)}{A-1}$.

Calculate $\text{ord}_{3^n}(2)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Hint: $\text{ord}_{3^n}(2) = \varphi(3^n)$

Find all pairs of prime numbers (p,q) such that $\frac{(2p^2-1)^q+1}{p+q}$ and $\frac{(2q^2-1)^p+1}{p+q}$ are integers

Hint: $2p^2 - 1 \equiv 2q^2 - 1 \pmod{p+q}$.

Let k, n be positive integers greater than 1. Prove that if there exists natural number a such that $k|2^a + 1, n|2^a - 1$ then there is no natural number b satisfying $k|2^b + 1, n|2^b - 1$.

Hint: look at the summary of last lecture