

HOMEWORK

For this week, please answer the following questions from the text. I've copied the problem itself below and the question numbers for your convenience.

- (1) (3.24) For each of the following numbers N , compute the values of

$$N + 1^2, N + 2^2, N + 3^2, N + 4^2, \dots$$

as we did in Example 3.34 until you find a value $N + b^2$ that is a perfect square a^2 . Then use the values of a and b to factor N .

- (a) $N = 53357$
 - (b) $N = 34571$
 - (c) $N = 25777$
 - (d) $N = 64213$
- (2) (3.26) For each part, use the data provided to find the values of a and b satisfying $a^2 = b^2 \pmod n$, and then compute $\gcd(N, a - b)$ in order to find a nontrivial factor of N , as we did in Examples 3.37 and 3.38.
- (a) $N = 61063$

$$\begin{aligned} 1882^2 &= 270 \pmod{61063} & \text{and } 270 &= 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \\ 1898^2 &= 60750 \pmod{61063} & \text{and } 60750 &= 2 \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^3 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) $N = 52907$

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(3) (3.27) Compute the following values of $\psi(X, B)$, the number of B -smooth numbers between 2 and X (see page 150).

(a) $\psi(25, 3)$

(b) $\psi(35, 5)$

(c) $\psi(50, 7)$

(d) $\psi(100, 5)$

(e) $\psi(100, 7)$

(4) (3.34) Illustrate the quadratic sieve, as was down in Fig. 3.3 (page 161), by sieving prime powers up to B on the values of $F(T) = T^2 - N$ in the indicated range.

(a) Sieve $N = 493$ using prime powers up to $B = 11$ on values from $F(23)$ to $F(38)$. Use the relation(s) that you find to factor N .

(b) Extend the computation in (a) by using prime powers up to $B = 16$ and sieving values from $F(23)$ to $F(50)$. What additional value(s) are sieved down to 1 and what additional relation(s) do they yield?

(5) (3.35) Let $\mathbb{Z}[\beta]$ be the ring described in Example 3.55, i.e. β is a root of $f(x) = 1 + 3x - 2x^3 + x^4$. For each of the following pairs of elements $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}[\beta]$, compute the sum $u + v$ and the product uv . Your answers should only involve powers of β up to β^3 .

- (a) $u = -5 - 2\beta + 9\beta^2 - 9\beta^3$ and $v = 2 + 9\beta - 7\beta + 7\beta^2$.
- (b) $u = 9 + 9\beta + 6\beta^2 - 5\beta^3$ and $v = -4 - 6\beta - 2\beta^2 - 5\beta^3$.
- (c) $u = 6 - 5\beta + 3\beta^2 + 3\beta^3$ and $v = -2 + 7\beta + 6\beta^2$.