

X₁: Demonstrate that if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $r \equiv a^{\frac{p+1}{4}}$ will generate two square roots $\{r, -r\}$. We will validate this by squaring both sides and discover that r equals the square root of a .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a &= u^2 \\ r \equiv a^{\frac{p+1}{4}} &= (u^2)^{\frac{p+1}{4}} = u^{\frac{p+1}{2}} = [(u^2)(u^{p-1})]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ \text{Since } u^{p-1} &\equiv 1 \pmod{p} \\ r &= (u^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ r &\equiv a^{\frac{1}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

X₂: Demonstrate that if $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, $r = a^{\frac{p+3}{8}} \pmod{p}$ will generate two square roots of a , $\{r, -r\}$ when $1 \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p}$. If $p-1 \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{4}} \pmod{p}$, then $r = (2a)(4a)^{\frac{p-5}{8}} \pmod{p}$ will generate two square roots of a , $\{r, -r\}$. We will validate the first part:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } a &= u^2 \\ r &= (u^2)^{\frac{p+3}{8}} = u^{\frac{p+3}{4}} = (u^{\frac{p-1}{4}})(u) = u \end{aligned}$$

We then validate the second part:

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