

MAT 115B Homework 3

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1.

By observation, we have that the solutions to the $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ are $x \equiv 1, 3, 5, 7 \pmod{8}$.

2.

3.

We have that for $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p} \implies x^2 - y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies (x + y)(x - y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

$$x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p}$$

$$x^2 - y^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$(x + y)(x - y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies x \equiv \pm y \pmod{p}$$

4.

a) $\left(\frac{11}{23}\right)$

b) $\left(\frac{-6}{11}\right)$

c) $\left(\frac{5}{17}\right)$

5.

6.

7.