

**PROBLEM I** Find the number of all the integral solution of equations as follow:

1.  $x^2 \equiv 3766 \pmod{5987}$ ;
2.  $x^2 \equiv 3149 \pmod{5987}$ . Where 5987 is a prime.

**PROBLEM II**

1. When the equation has solutions, apply theorem 1 in section 2 to find the solution of  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,  $p = 4m + 3$ .
2. When the equation has solutions, apply theorem 1 in section 2 and section 3 to find the solution of  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,  $p = 8m + 5$ .
3. If the equation  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,  $p = 8m + 1$  has solutions, and  $N$  is non quadratic residue. Give one way to solve the equation above.

1. Since the equation has solution, we know that  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $a^{2m+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $a^{2m+2} \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . So  $(a^{m+1})^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . So the solution is  $x \equiv \pm a^{m+1} \pmod{p}$ .
2. Since the equation has solution, we know that  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then  $a^{4m+2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $a^{2m+1} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$ . If  $a^{2m+1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then we have  $(a^{m+1})^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ , so  $x \equiv \pm a^{m+1} \pmod{p}$ . Else, since  $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}} = -1$ , we have  $2^{4m+2} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $2^{4m+2} a^{2m+2} \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . So  $x \equiv \pm 2^{2m+1} a^{m+1} \pmod{p}$ .
3. For the same reason, we easily get that  $a^{4m} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $N^{4m} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ . We can find the solution by following method:
  - (a) let  $x = 4m, y = 0$ .
  - (b) if  $2 \nmid x$ , goto ??.
  - (c) If  $a^{\frac{x}{2}} N^{\frac{y}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then let  $x = \frac{x}{2}, y = \frac{y}{2}$ . If  $a^{\frac{x}{2}} N^{\frac{y}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , then let  $x = \frac{x}{2}, y = \frac{3y}{2}$ .
  - (d) goto ??.
  - (e) Now we have  $2 \nmid x, 2 \mid y, a^x N^y \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $x \equiv a^{\frac{x+1}{2}} N^{\frac{y}{2}} \pmod{p}$ .

It is easy to prove that this method can end because every turn the value of  $v_2(x)$  will  $-1$ . And easy to prove that  $2 \mid y$  because we can use MI to prove that  $v_2(y) > v_2(x)$ .

**PROBLEM III** Solve the following equations

1.  $x^2 \equiv 59 \pmod{125}$ .
2.  $x^2 \equiv 41 \pmod{64}$ .

**SOLUTION.** 1. First solve  $x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ . Solution is  $x \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}$ . Second solve  $x^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{25}$ , assume  $x = 5y \pm 2$ , easy to get that  $x \equiv \pm 3 \pmod{25}$ . Finally solve  $x^2 \equiv 59 \pmod{125}$  and assume  $x = 25y \pm 3$ . Easily  $x \equiv \pm 53 \pmod{125}$ . So the solution is  $x \equiv \pm 53 \pmod{125}$ .

2. Easy to find that  $x \equiv \pm 13, \pm 19 \pmod{64}$ .

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#### PROBLEM IV

1. Prove equation  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $(x+1)(x-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  are equal.
2. Apply ?? to give one way of finding all the solutions of  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

*SOLUTION.* 1. Obviously because  $x^2 - 1 = (x+1)(x-1)$ .

2. We can solve the equation by this way:

- (a) Dissolve  $m$  into product of primes, write  $m = 2^\alpha \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{\alpha_i}$ .
- (b) For  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$ , easy to get that solution of  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i^{\alpha_i}}$  is  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p_i^{\alpha_i}}$ .
- (c) For  $2^\alpha$ , if  $\alpha \geq 1$ , we need to find solution of  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha}$ . When  $\alpha = 1$ , the solution is  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ . When  $\alpha = 2$ , the solution is  $x \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{4}$ . When  $\alpha \geq 3$ , the solution is  $x \equiv \pm 1, \pm(2^{\alpha-1} + 1) \pmod{2^\alpha}$ .
- (d) Use Chinese Remainder Theorem to find all the solution of  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

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