

## Chapter 7

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In this note,  $n$  is always a natural number, and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is always a ring, containing congruence classes of  $\equiv_n$ , or the cosets of  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  if you wish

In this note,  $p_i$  is always a prime for each  $i \in \mathbb{Z}$

## Definitions

**Definition 1.** Let  $[a] \in U_n$ .  $[a]$  is a **quadratic residue mod  $(n)$** , if  $[a] = [s]^2$  for some  $s \in U_n$

**Theorem 1.** The set of all quadratic residue constitute a subgroup of  $U_n$

*Proof.* Let  $[a]$  and  $[b]$  be two quadratic residue mod  $(n)$ , and suppose  $[a] = [x]^2$ ,  $[b] = [y]^2$  for some  $[x], [y] \in U_n$

$$[a][b] = [xy]^2$$

$$[1] = [1]^2$$

$$[a]^{-1} = ([x]^2)^{-1}([x^{-1}])^2$$

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**Definition 2.** The subgroup of all quadratic residue mod  $n$  is written  $Q_n$

**Definition 3.** Suppose  $p$  is an odd prime. The **Legendre** symbol of any integer  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  is

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } p|a \\ 1 & \text{if } a \in Q_p \\ -1 & \text{if } a \in U_p \setminus Q_p \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

## Theorems

**Theorem 2.** Let  $n > 2$ , and suppose that there is a primitive root  $g$  mod  $(n)$

$Q_n$  is a cyclic group of order  $\frac{\varphi(n)}{2}$ , generated by  $g^2$

*Proof.* That  $Q_n$  is a cyclic group follows immediately from that  $U_n$  is a cyclic group

Let  $a \in Q_n$

We know  $a = (g^j)^2$  for some  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$

So every elements in  $Q_n$  can be and can only be expressed by even power of  $g$

Then we see  $Q_n = \langle g^2 \rangle$  and  $|Q_n| = \frac{\varphi(n)}{2}$

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**Corollary 2.1.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $(p)$

$$\left(\frac{g^i}{p}\right) = (-1)^i$$

*Proof.* Notice that if  $i$  is even, then  $g^i \in Q_n$ , and if  $i$  is odd, then  $g^i \notin Q_n$  ■

**Theorem 3.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$$

*Proof.* Notice if any of  $a$  or  $b$  is divided by  $p$ , then both  $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$  are 0

We know  $U_p$  is cyclic, so we pick a primitive root  $g \bmod p$

Express  $a$  and  $b$  in the form of  $a = g^i$  and  $b = g^j$

By the following equation, our proof is completed

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{g^{i+j}}{p}\right) = (-1)^{i+j} = (-1)^i (-1)^j = \left(\frac{g^i}{p}\right) \left(\frac{g^j}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$$

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**Theorem 4. (Euler's Criterion)** Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $a$  be an integer

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv_p a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

*Proof.* If  $p|a$ , then both side of the equation is 0

Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p$

If  $a \in Q_n$ , then we can express  $a$  in the form of  $a = g^{2n}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and we see

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p g^{n(p-1)} \equiv_p (g^{p-1})^n \equiv_p 1 \equiv_p \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$$

If  $a \notin Q_n$ , then we can express  $a$  in the form of  $a = g^{2n+1}$  where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and we have the

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p g^{(2n+1)\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p g^{n(p-1)} g^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p g^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_p$  is a field, so  $x^2 \equiv_p 1$  can have at most two solution. Obviously, 1 and  $-1$  are the two solutions.

Notice  $(g^{\frac{p-1}{2}})^2 \equiv_p g^{p-1} \equiv_p 1$ , so we deduce  $g^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p 1$  or  $-1$

Because  $U_p$  is cyclic and  $|U_p| = p - 1$ , we deduce  $g^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \not\equiv_p 1$ , which give us  $g^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p -1 \equiv_p \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$  ■

**Corollary 4.1.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime

$$-1 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_4 1$$

*Proof.*  $(-1) \in Q_p \iff (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p 1 \iff \frac{p-1}{2} \text{ is even} \iff 2 \mid \frac{p-1}{2} \iff 4 \mid p-1 \iff p \equiv_4 1$  ■

**Theorem 5. (Gauss' Lemma)** Let  $p$  be an odd prime and suppose  $a \in U_p$ . Let  $P = \{1, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}\} \subset U_p$  and  $N = \{-1, \dots, -\frac{p-1}{2}\} \subset U_p$

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^{|aP \cap N|}$$

*Proof.* We first prove [the following fact](#) that is intuitive numerically, yet obscure algebraically.

$$aP = \{\varepsilon_i i \mid i \in P\}, \varepsilon_i = 1 \text{ or } -1 \text{ (fact)}$$

Arbitrarily pick two elements from  $aP$  and express them in the form of  $ax$  and  $ay$ , where  $x, y \in P$

$ax \not\equiv_p ay$  follows immediately from its construction

Assume  $ax \equiv_p -ay$

$$a(x+y) \equiv_p 0 \implies p \mid a(x+y)$$

Because  $a \in U_p$ , so we deduce  $p \mid x+y$

Notice  $1 \leq x, y \leq \frac{p-1}{2} \implies x+y \leq p-1$  **CaC**

Now we have concluded  $ax \not\equiv_p \pm ay$

This tell us that each element of  $aP$  lies in one of the following cells and no two elements of  $aP$  lies in the same cell. [\(done\)](#)

$$\{\pm 1\}, \{\pm 2\}, \dots, \{\pm \frac{p-1}{2}\}$$

With [fact](#), we deduce

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! = a^{|P|} \Pi P = \Pi aP = \Pi_{i \in P} \varepsilon_i i$$

Notice  $\varepsilon_i = -1 \iff \varepsilon_i i \in N$ , so we deduce there are  $|aP \cap N|$  number amount of  $\varepsilon_i$  satisfy  $\varepsilon_i = -1$

We further deduce

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! = \Pi_{i \in P} \varepsilon_i i = (-1)^{|aP \cap N|} \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!$$

Cancelling  $(\frac{p-1}{2})!$ , we deduce

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv_p a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv_p (-1)^{|aP \cap N|}$$

Notice both  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$  and  $(-1)^{|aP \cap N|}$  can only be 1 or  $-1$ , so we see

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^{|aP \cap N|}$$

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**Corollary 5.1.**  $2 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_8 \pm 1$

*Proof.* By **Gauss' Lemma**, we know  $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{|2P \cap N|}$

$$2P = \{2, 4, \dots, p-1\}$$

Notice  $2P$  contains all even number smaller than  $p$ , which enable us to directly express  $2P \cap N$  in the fashion below

We now split our proof into two cases,  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  is even, and  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  is odd.

Case:  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  is even

$$\text{Notice } N = \{\frac{p-1}{2} + 1, \frac{p-1}{2} + 2, \dots, p-1\}$$

$$2P \cap N = \{\frac{p-1}{2} + 2, \frac{p-1}{2} + 4, \dots, p-1\}$$

$$|2P \cap N| = \frac{p-1}{4} \implies \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{|2P \cap N|} = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{4}}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = 1 \iff 2 \mid \frac{p-1}{4} \iff 8 \mid p-1 \iff p \equiv_8 1$$

Case:  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  is odd

$$2P \cap N = \{\frac{p-1}{2} + 1, \frac{p-1}{2} + 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

$$|2P \cap N| = \frac{p+1}{4} \implies \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{4}}$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = 1 \iff 2 \mid \frac{p+1}{4} \iff 8 \mid p+1 \iff p \equiv_8 -1$$

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**Theorem 6. (Law of Quadratic Reciprocity)** Let  $p$  and  $q$  be two distinct odd primes

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{(p-1)(q-1)}{4}}$$

**Theorem 7.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime, let  $e \geq 1$ , and let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a \in Q_{p^e} \iff a \in Q_p$$

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p^e$

We first prove  $g$  is also a primitive root mod  $p$

Let  $g$  be of order  $q$  in  $U_{p^{e-1}}$

$g^q \equiv_{p^{e-1}} 1$  so we can express  $g^q$  in the form of  $g^q = kp^{e-1} + 1$

$g^{pq} \equiv_{p^e} (g^q)^p \equiv_{p^e} kp^{e-1} \binom{p}{1} + 1 \equiv_{p^e} 1 \implies g$  have order smaller than  $pq$  in  $U_{p^e}$ , which is only possible if  $q = p^{e-1}$ , so  $g$  is of the order  $p^{e-1}$  in  $U_{p^{e-1}}$ ; that is,  $g$  is a primitive root mod  $p^{e-1}$

By repeatedly using the same argument, we know  $g$  is a primitive root mod  $p$  (done)

Notice  $Q_{p^e}$  and  $Q_p$  both contain exactly the even power of  $g$ , so  $a \in Q_{p^e} \iff a \in Q_p$

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**Theorem 8.** Let  $a$  be an odd integer and  $e \geq 3$

$$a \in Q_{2^e} \iff a \equiv_8 1$$

*Proof.* We first express  $U_{2^e}$  in the form of  $\{\pm 5^i | 0 \leq i < 2^{e-2}\}$

We first show  $Q_{2^e} = \{5^{2i} | 0 \leq i < 2^{e-2}\}$

Let  $x \in Q_{2^e}$  and express  $x$  in the form of  $x \equiv_{2^e} c^2$ . Express  $c$  in the form of  $\pm 5^i$ , and we see  $x \equiv_{2^e} 5^{2i} \in \{5^{2i} | 0 \leq i < 2^{e-2}\}$

$$5^{2i} \equiv_{2^e} (5^i)^2 \implies \{5^{2i} | 0 \leq i < 2^{e-2}\} \subseteq Q_{2^e} \text{ (done)}$$

And then we show  $\{a \in U_{2^e} : a \equiv_8 1\} = \{5^{2i} | 0 \leq i < 2^{e-2}\} = Q_{2^e}$

Notice  $5^2 \equiv_8 1$

So  $\pm 5^i \equiv_8 1 \iff i$  is even and the sign is positive. (done)

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## Summary

**1. Let  $p$  be an odd prime.**  $-1 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_4 1$  **and**  $2 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_8 \pm 1$  **and**  $a \in Q_{p^e} \iff a \in Q_p$

**2.**  $a \in Q_{2^{c_0}p_1^{c_1}\dots p_k^{c_k}} \iff a \in Q_{p_i}, \forall p_i$  **and**  $a \in Q_{2^{c_0}}$

**3. Let  $e \geq 3$  and  $a$  be odd. Then**  $a \in Q_{2^e} \iff a \equiv_8 1$

## Exercises

### 7.6

Use a primitive root to find the elements of  $Q_{25}$

*Proof.* To find a primitive root mod  $(5^2)$ , we first find a primitive root mod  $(5)$

Notice 2 is a primitive root mod  $(5)$

$$\varphi(25) = 5 * 4$$

$$2^{10} \equiv_{25} -1 \text{ and } 2^4 \equiv_{25} 16 \implies 2 \text{ is a primitive root mod } (25)$$

By Theorem 2, we know  $Q_{25} = \langle 2^2 \rangle = \langle 4 \rangle = \{4, 16, 14, 6, 24, 21, 9, 11, 19, 1\}$  ■

### 7.7

Prove  $-1 \in Q_{29}$  by factorizing 28

$$\text{Proof. } -1 \equiv_{29} 28 \equiv_{29} 4 * 7 \implies \left(\frac{-1}{29}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{29}\right) \left(\frac{7}{29}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{29}\right) \left(\frac{36}{29}\right) = 1$$

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### 7.8

Determine whether 3 and 5 are quadratic residues mod  $(29)$

$$\text{Proof. } \frac{29-1}{2} = 14$$

$$3^{14} \equiv_{29} (3^3)^4 3^2 \equiv_{29} (-2)^4 3^2 \equiv_{29} 144 \equiv_{29} -1 \implies 3 \text{ is not a quadratic residues mod } (29)$$

$$5^{14} \equiv_{29} (5^2)^7 \equiv_{29} (-4)^7 \equiv_{29} -(4^3)^2(4) \equiv_{29} -6^2(4) \equiv_{29} -28 \equiv_{29} 1 \implies 5 \text{ is a quadratic residues mod } (29)$$

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## 7.9

Use Gauss' Lemma to determine whether 3 and 5 are quadratic residues mod (29) and whether  $10 \in Q_{29}$

*Proof.* Let  $P = \{1, \dots, 14\} \subset U_{29}$  and  $N = -P \subset U_{29}$

$3P \cap N = 3 * \{5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} \implies \left(\frac{3}{29}\right) = (-1)^5 = -1 \implies 3$  is not a quadratic residues mod (29)

$5P \cap N = 5 * \{3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11\} \implies \left(\frac{5}{29}\right) (-1)^6 = 1 \implies 5$  is a quadratic residues mod (29)

$10P \cap N = 10 * \{2, 5, 8, 11, 14\} \implies 10 \notin Q_{29}$

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## 7.10

For which prime  $p$  is  $-2 \in Q_p$

*Proof.*

$$\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)$$

$\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = 1$  if and only if

$$\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = 1 = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)$$

We know  $-1 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_4 1$  and  $2 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_8 \pm 1$

$$\text{Case: } \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = 1 = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)$$

$$p \equiv_4 1 \text{ and } p \equiv_8 \pm 1 \implies p \equiv_8 1$$

$$\text{Case: } \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = -1 = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)$$

$$p \not\equiv_4 1 \text{ and } p \not\equiv_8 \pm 1 \text{ and } p \text{ is odd } (-2 \notin Q_2) \implies p \equiv_8 3$$

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**7.11**

Is 219 a quadratic residue mod (383)?

$$\text{Proof. } \left(\frac{219}{383}\right) = \left(\frac{-164}{383}\right)$$

$$383 \equiv_4 3 \implies \left(\frac{-1}{383}\right) = -1 \implies \left(\frac{219}{383}\right) = \left(\frac{-164}{383}\right) = -\left(\frac{164}{383}\right) = -\left(\frac{4}{383}\right)\left(\frac{41}{383}\right) = -\left(\frac{41}{383}\right)$$

$$\frac{(41-1)(383-1)}{4} \text{ is even, so } \left(\frac{41}{383}\right) = \left(\frac{383}{41}\right) = \left(\frac{14}{41}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{41}\right)\left(\frac{7}{41}\right)$$

$$41 \equiv_4 1 \implies \left(\frac{2}{41}\right) = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{219}{383}\right) = -\left(\frac{7}{41}\right)$$

$$\frac{(7-1)(41-1)}{4} \text{ is even, so } \left(\frac{7}{41}\right) = \left(\frac{41}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{6}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{7}\right)$$

$$\left(\frac{219}{383}\right) = -\left(\frac{-1}{7}\right)$$

$$7 \equiv_4 3 \implies \left(\frac{-1}{7}\right) = -1$$

$$\text{So } \left(\frac{219}{383}\right) = 1$$

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**7.12**

For each of the following integer  $a$ , characterize the primes  $p$  for which  $a \in Q_p$  :  
 $a = -3, 5, 6, 7, 10, 169$

*Proof.* All and only odd  $a$  satisfy  $a \in Q_2$

$$-3 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_{12} 1$$

$$5 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_5 \pm 1$$

$$6 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_{24} \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 5$$

$$7 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_{28} \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 3 \text{ or } \pm 9$$

$$10 \in Q_p \iff p \equiv_{40} \pm 1 \text{ or } \pm 9 \text{ or } \pm 3 \text{ or } \pm 13$$

$$169 \in Q_p \iff p \neq 13$$

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**7.14**

Solve  $x^2 \equiv_{5^4} 6$

*Proof.*  $6 \equiv_5 1^2$



So 1 is a square root of 6 mod (5)

Let  $s$  be a square root of 6 mod ( $5^2$ ); that is,  $s^2 \equiv_{5^2} 6$

Express  $s$  in the form of  $m + 5k$  where  $m < 5$

$$s^2 \equiv_{5^2} 6 \implies s^2 \equiv_5 6 \implies m^2 \equiv_5 6 \implies m = \pm 1$$

We deduce

$$6 \equiv_{5^2} s^2 \equiv_{5^2} (m + 5k)^2 \equiv_{5^2} m^2 + 2(5mk) + 5^2k^2 \equiv_{5^2} m^2 + 2(5mk)$$

Then we can solve this congruence equation from  $m = \pm 1$  and have solution  $(m, k) = \pm(1, 3)$ ; that is,  $s = \pm 16$

So 16 is a square root of 6 mod ( $5^2$ )

Wash away the variable name we used.

Let  $s$  be a square root of 6 mod ( $5^3$ ); that is,  $s^2 \equiv_{5^3} 6$

Express  $s$  in the form of  $m + 5^2k$  where  $m < 5^2$

$$s^2 \equiv_{5^3} 6 \implies s^2 \equiv_{5^2} 6 \implies m^2 \equiv_{25} 6 \implies m = \pm 16$$

We deduce

$$6 \equiv_{5^3} s^2 \equiv_{5^3} (m + 5^2k)^2 \equiv_{5^3} m^2 + 2(5^2mk) + 5^4k^2 \equiv_{5^3} m^2 + (2mk)5^2$$

Then we can solve the congruence equation from  $m = \pm 15$  and have solution  $(m, k) = \pm(16, 0)$

So 16 is a square root of 6 mod ( $5^3$ )

Wash away the variable name we used.

Let  $s$  be a square root of 6 mod ( $5^4$ ); that is,  $s^2 \equiv_{5^4} 6$

Express  $s$  in the form of  $m + 5^3k$  where  $m < 5^3$

$$s^2 \equiv_{5^4} 6 \implies s^2 \equiv_{5^3} 6 \implies m^2 \equiv_{5^3} 6 \implies m = \pm 16$$

We deduce

$$6 \equiv_{5^4} s^2 \equiv_{5^4} (m + 5^3k)^2 \equiv_{5^4} m^2 + (2mk)5^3 + 5^6k^2 \equiv_{5^4} m^2 + (2mk)5^3$$

Then we can solve the congruence equation from  $m = \pm 15$  and have solution  $(m, k) = \pm(16, 39)$



**7.15**

Solve  $x^2 \equiv_{7^2} -3$  and  $x^2 \equiv_{7^3} -3$

*Proof.*  $-3 \equiv_7 2^2$

So 2 is a square root of  $-3 \bmod (7)$

Let  $s$  be a square root of  $-3 \bmod (7^2)$

Express  $s$  in the form of  $s = m + 7k$  where  $m < 7$

$$s^2 \equiv_{7^2} -3 \implies s^2 \equiv_7 -3 \implies m^2 \equiv_7 -3 \implies m = \pm 2$$

We deduce

$$-3 \equiv_{7^2} s^2 \equiv_{7^2} m^2 + (2mk)7 + 7^2k^2 \equiv_{7^2} m^2 + (2mk)7$$

From  $m = \pm 2$ , we can solve the congruence equation by solution  $(m, k) = \pm(2, 12)$

So we know 86 is a square root of  $-3 \bmod (7^2)$

$\pm 12$  are also square roots of  $-3 \bmod (7^2)$

Wash away the variable name we used.

Express  $s$  in the form of  $s = m + 7^2k$  where  $m < 7^2$

$$s^2 \equiv_{7^3} -3 \implies s^2 \equiv_{7^2} -3 \implies m^2 \equiv_{7^2} -3 \implies m = \pm 12$$

We deduce

$$-3 \equiv_{7^3} s^2 \equiv_{7^3} m^2 + (2mk)7^2 + 7^4k^2 \equiv_{7^3} m^2 + (2mk)7^2$$

From  $m = \pm 12$ , we can solve the congruence equation by solution  $(m, k) = \pm(12, 300)$  ■

**7.16**

Find the square root of 41  $\bmod (2^6)$

*Proof.*  $\pm 19, \pm 51$  ■

**7.25**

Is 43 a quadratic residue  $\bmod (923)$

*Proof.*  $923 = 13 * 71$

$$\left(\frac{43}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{13}\right) = 1$$

So  $43 \in Q_{13}$

$$\left(\frac{43}{71}\right) = \left(\frac{43}{71}\right) = -\left(\frac{71}{43}\right) = -\left(\frac{28}{71}\right) = -\left(\frac{7}{43}\right) = \left(\frac{43}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{7}\right) = 1$$

So  $43 \in Q_{71}$ , then  $43 \in Q_{923}$  ■

## 7.20

Let  $r \geq 1$ , show that there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p \equiv_{2^r} 1$

*Proof.* Assume **there are only finitely many primes  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  satisfy  $p \equiv_{2^r} 1$**

Let  $a = 2p_1 \cdots p_k$

Prime factorize  $a^{2^{(r-1)}} + 1$  and pick any appearing prime  $p_c$  so  $p_c | a^{2^{(r-1)}} + 1$

Notice  $p_c$  can not be one of the  $p_1, \dots, p_k$

Observe

$$a^{2^{(r-1)}} \equiv_{p_c} -1$$

So we know  $a$  have order  $2^r$  in  $U_{p_c}$  (**notice this is true because  $2^{(r-1)}$  contain only prime 2**)

Then  $2^r | p_c - 1$  by theorem of Lagrange, which make  $p_c \equiv_{2^r} 1$  **CaC** ■

## 7.22

Let  $q$  and  $r$  be distinct primes, and suppose  $q \equiv_4 r \equiv_4 1$ . Show that  $(x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_n 0$  have solution for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

*Proof.* Prime factorize  $n = 2^{c_0} p_1^{c_1} \cdots p_k^{c_k}$

$$(x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_n 0 \iff (x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_{2^{c_0}} 0 \text{ and } (x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_{p_i} 0, \forall p_i$$

We show there are solution  $x_0, \dots, x_k$  respectively for the congruence equations  $(x_0^2 - q)(x_0^2 - r)(x_0^2 - qr) \equiv_{2^{c_0}} 0$  and  $(x_i^2 - q)(x_i^2 - r)(x_i^2 - qr) \equiv_{p_i} 0$

Notice If  $x \equiv_{2^{c_0}} x_0$  then  $(x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_{2^{c_0}} 0$  and, similarly, if  $x \equiv_{p_i} x_i$  then  $(x^2 - q)(x^2 - r)(x^2 - qr) \equiv_{p_i} 0$

After attaining solutions  $x_0, \dots, x_k$ , we want to use Chinese Remainder Theroem to attain an  $x$  such that  $x \equiv_{2^{c_0}} x_0$  and  $x \equiv_{p_i} x_i, \forall p_i$ . Notice that it is possible one can run into the problem where  $yx_1 \cdots x_k \equiv_{2^{c_0}} x_0$  have no solution for  $y$ . To prevent this possibility, we only have to ensure that  $x_1, \dots, x_k$  are all odds, which is doable, since we can add  $p_i$  to even  $x_i$  if necessary.

Now we shows that the solutions  $x_0, \dots, x_k$  exists.

We first show solution  $x_0$  exists.

Consider the case  $c_0 = 1$  or  $2$ . We see  $q \equiv_4 1 \implies q \in Q_{2^{c_0}}$ . Then we can find a square root of  $q \bmod 2^{c_0}$  to be our  $x_0$ .

Now consider the case  $c_0 \geq 3$ .

If  $r \in Q_{2^{c_0}}$  or  $q \in Q_{2^{c_0}}$ , then we can easily find a square root of one of then to be our  $x_0$ . If  $r \notin Q_{2^{c_0}}$  and  $q \notin Q_{2^{c_0}}$ , we see  $r \not\equiv_8 1 \not\equiv_8 q$ , by which we know  $r \equiv_8 5 \equiv_8 q$ , so  $rq \equiv_8 1$ , then we can find a square root of  $rq$  to be our  $x_0$ .

We now show the solution  $x_i$  exists for all  $p_i$ .

Notice

$$\left(\frac{r}{p_i}\right) \left(\frac{q}{p_i}\right) = \left(\frac{qr}{p_i}\right)$$

This tell us at least one of the  $\left(\frac{r}{p_i}\right), \left(\frac{q}{p_i}\right), \left(\frac{qr}{p_i}\right)$  is 1. Then we can pick the square root of its counterpart  $r$  or  $q$  or  $rq$  to be to be our  $x_i$

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## 7.27

Show that  $\sum_{a \in Q_p} a \equiv_p 0$

*Proof.* Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p$

Express  $Q_p$  in the form of  $Q_p = \{g^{p-1} = g^0, g^2, g^4, \dots, g^{p-3}\}$

$$\sum_{a \in Q_p} a \equiv_p g^{p-3} + \dots + g^0 \equiv_p \frac{g^{p-1} - g^0}{g^2 - 1} \equiv_p \frac{0}{g^2 - 1} \equiv_p 0$$

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**7.26**

Find the square roots of 7 mod (513)

*Proof.*  $x^2 \equiv_{513} 7 \iff x^2 \equiv_{27} 7$  and  $x^2 \equiv_{19} 7 \iff x \equiv_{27} \pm 13$  and  $x \equiv_{19} \pm 11 \iff [x] \in \{[(\pm 5)19 + (\pm 1)27]\}$  **notice  $\pm$  have no order relation** ■