

**PROBLEM I** Assume  $A = \{a \in P \mid a \mid m\} = \{q_i \mid i = 1, \dots, s\}$ , where  $P \subset \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\forall p \in P$ ,  $p$  is prime,  $s = |A|$ . Prove:  $g$  is the primitive root mod  $m \iff g$  is  $q_i$ -th non-residue mod  $m$ ,  $\forall i = 1, \dots, s$ .

**SOLUTION**. On one hand, assume  $g$  is  $q_i$ -th power residue of  $m$ , then  $g \equiv h^{q_i} \pmod{m}$ . So  $g^{\frac{\phi(m)}{q_i}} \equiv h^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , contradiction!

On the other hand, assume  $o(g) < \phi(m)$ . Easily  $o(g) \mid \phi(m)$ , so  $\frac{\phi(m)}{o(g)} \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So  $\exists i, q_i \mid \frac{\phi(m)}{o(g)}$ . Then  $g^{\frac{\phi(m)}{q_i}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . Then  $g$  is  $q_i$ -th power residue of  $m$ .  $\square$

**PROBLEM II** Prove:

1. 10 is the primitive root mod 17, 257.
2. The length of repetend of  $\frac{1}{17}$  is 16, the length of repetend of  $\frac{1}{257}$  is 256.

**SOLUTION**. Easily  $\phi(17) = 16 = 2^4$ . So we only need to check  $10^8 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{17}$ . Easily  $10^8 \equiv 100^4 \equiv (-2)^4 \equiv 2^4 \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$ . So 10 is primitive root of 17.

Easily  $\phi(257) = 256 = 2^8$ , so we only need to check  $10^{128} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{257}$ . By calculation easily to get that  $10^{128} \equiv -1 \pmod{257}$ . So 10 is primitive root of 17.

Since 10 is primitive root of 17, 257, we know the length of loop-body of  $\frac{1}{17}, \frac{1}{257}$  are 16, 256.  $\square$

**PROBLEM III** Apply index table to solve the equation

$$x^{15} \equiv 14 \pmod{41}.$$

**SOLUTION**. Use 6 as primitive root of 41, we have this table of index:

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**PROBLEM IV** Assume  $m > 2$  has primitive root, prove  $\forall g$  is the primitive root mod  $m$ ,  $\text{ind}_g -1 = \frac{1}{2}\phi(m)$ .

**PROBLEM V** Assume  $g_1, g_2$  are two primitive root mod  $m$ , prove:

1.  $\text{ind}_{g_1} g \cdot \text{ind}_g g_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$ ;
2.  $\text{ind}_g a \equiv \text{ind}_g g_1 \cdot \text{ind}_{g_1} a \pmod{\phi(m)}$

**SOLUTION**. 1. Let  $a = \text{ind}_{g_1} g, b = \text{ind}_g g_1$ . By the definition, we can get that  $g_1^a \equiv g \pmod{\phi(m)}, g^b \equiv g_1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$ . Then  $(g_1^a)^b = g_1^{ab} \equiv g^b \equiv g_1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$ . Since  $g_1$  is the primitive root of  $m$ , then  $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(m)}$ .

2. Let  $x_1 = \text{ind}_g a$

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1	8	
2	34	
3	23	
4	20	