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Theorem: There are infinitely many primes of the form $4k+1$.

Proof: Suppose that there are finitely many primes of the form $4k+1$ say p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .

Consider

$$N = (2p_1 p_2 \dots p_n)^2 + 1$$

clearly N is odd, \exists odd prime p

$$\text{s.t. } p \mid N$$

$$\Rightarrow N \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2p_1 p_2 \dots p_n)^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{-1}{p} \right) = 1 \quad \text{iff } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$\Rightarrow p$ is one of the primes p_i ,
 $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

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$$\Rightarrow p_i \mid N - (2 p_1 p_2 \dots p_n)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow p_i \mid 1$$

a contradiction.

\therefore there are infinitely many primes of the form $4k+1$.

Theorem: If p is an odd prime,

$$\text{then } \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a}{p} \right) = 0.$$

Hence there are precisely $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic residues and $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic non-residues of p .

Proof: Let α be a primitive root of p .

The powers $\alpha, \alpha^2, \dots, \alpha^{p-1}$ are congruent to $1, 2, \dots, p-1$ in some

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order.

\therefore for any a , $1 \leq a \leq p-1$

\exists unique k , $1 \leq k \leq p-1$

such that $a = g^k \pmod{p}$

By Euler's criterion

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) &= \left(\frac{g^k}{p}\right) \equiv \left(g^k\right)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} \\ &= \left(g^{p-1/2}\right)^k \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

$$\left(\because O(g) = p-1 \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{p-1/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) &= \sum_{k=1}^{p-1} (-1)^k \pmod{p} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$