

57. (a) Clearly $p = 2$ doesn't satisfy this.

- If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, then we have

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

- If $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, then we have

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

- If $p \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, then we have

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

- If $p \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, then we have

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

Therefore, we have $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = 1$ if and only if $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$.

(b) Let's first find all the primes $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ satisfying the equation. For $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, by the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity, we have

$$\left(\frac{7}{p}\right) = 1 \iff \left(\frac{p}{7}\right) = 1 \iff p \equiv 1, 2, 4 \pmod{7}.$$

Combining $\pmod{4}$ and $\pmod{7}$ congruences, we find

$$p \equiv 1, 9, 25 \pmod{28}.$$

Next, we deal with the case $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ similarly. By the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity, we have

$$\left(\frac{7}{p}\right) = 1 \iff \left(\frac{p}{7}\right) = -1 \iff p \equiv 3, 5, 6 \pmod{7}.$$

Combining $\pmod{4}$ and $\pmod{7}$ congruences, we find

$$p \equiv 3, 19, 27 \pmod{28}.$$

Clearly $p = 2$ satisfies the equation as well. Therefore, we have $\left(\frac{7}{p}\right) = 1$ if and only if $p \equiv 1, 3, 9, 19, 25, 27 \pmod{28}$ or $p = 2$.

58. We begin with writing

$$\left(\frac{814}{2003}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{2003}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{11}{2003}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{37}{2003}\right).$$

- From the fact that

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8} \\ -1 & \text{if } p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8} \\ 0 & \text{if } p = 2, \end{cases}$$

we have $\left(\frac{2}{2003}\right) = -1$.

- Using the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity,

$$\left(\frac{11}{2003}\right) = -\left(\frac{2003}{11}\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{11}\right) = -1.$$

- Using the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity again,

$$\left(\frac{37}{2003}\right) = \left(\frac{2003}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{37}{5}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = -1.$$

Therefore, we have

$$\left(\frac{814}{2003}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{2003}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{11}{2003}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{37}{2003}\right) = (-1) \cdot (-1) \cdot (-1) = -1.$$

59. (a) Let g be a primitive root modulo p , then $\{g^2, g^4, g^6, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$ will be the set of all quadratic residues. Then, we have

$$g^2 + g^4 + \dots + g^{p-1} \equiv \frac{g^{p+1} - g^2}{g^2 - 1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

because

$$p+1 \equiv 2 \pmod{p-1} \implies g^{p+1} \equiv g^2 \pmod{p} \implies p \text{ divides } g^{p+1} - g^2$$

while

$$p > 3 \implies g^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p} \implies p \nmid g^2 - 1.$$

- (b) One can use a similar technique with the previous part, but we will show a different method here.

We know that if a is a quadratic residue, then so is $a^{-1} \pmod{p}$. By pairing up every quadratic residue with its inverse, we will get some product equivalent to 1 \pmod{p} . However, 1 and -1 cannot be paired up since they are their own inverses.

If $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then -1 is not a quadratic residue and therefore the product will still be 1 \pmod{p} .

If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then -1 is a quadratic residue and therefore the product will be changed to $-1 \pmod{p}$.

Finally, note that this is same as $(-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \pmod{p}$.

60. Let's write $m = \frac{p+1}{4} + n(n+1)$, then we have

$$4m = p+1 + 4n^2 + 4n \equiv 4n^2 + 4n + 1 \equiv (2n+1)^2 \pmod{p}.$$

If $4m$ is not a unit modulo p , i.e. divisible by p , then m is also divisible by p .

Assume $4m$ is a unit modulo p now. Then $4m \equiv (2n+1)^2 \pmod{p}$ is a quadratic residue modulo p and hence

$$\left(\frac{4m}{p}\right) = 1 \implies \left(\frac{4}{p}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{m}{p}\right) = 1 \implies \left(\frac{m}{p}\right) = 1.$$

61. First we note that the first congruence doesn't have any solution for $p = 2$ and both of the congruences have solutions for $p = 3$ and $p = 11$. Assume now that $p \neq 2, 3, 11$. We have

$$x^2 - x + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies 4x^2 - 4x + 12 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies (2x-1)^2 + 11 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies \left(\frac{-11}{p}\right) = 1,$$

which gives $\left(\frac{-99}{p}\right) = 1$, i.e. there exists an integer a such that $a^2 + 99 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Clearly, we can choose a as an odd integer by considering $a + p$ instead of a if necessary. Writing $a = 2y - 1$, we have

$$(2y-1)^2 + 99 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies 4y^2 - 4y + 100 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \implies y^2 - y + 25 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Note: The idea is that the solubility of both of the given congruences is more or less equivalent to -11 being a quadratic residue modulo p .

62. (a) Suppose $p \neq 3$. Then

$$\begin{aligned} -3 \equiv (2n)^2 \pmod{p} &\implies \left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = 1 \\ &\implies \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = 1 \\ &\implies (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = 1 \\ &\implies \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = 1 \\ &\implies p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Assume there are finitely many of them, say p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k , and consider $m = 4(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k)^2 + 3$. By the previous part, m must be divisible by 3 or p_i for some i , but obviously that's not possible because

$$m \equiv 3 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p_i} \text{ and } m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

63. 43 is a quadratic residue modulo 923 if and only if the congruence

$$x^2 \equiv 43 \pmod{923}$$

has a solution. By the Chinese Remainder Theorem, we can rewrite it as the combination of two congruences

$$x^2 \equiv 43 \pmod{13}$$

and

$$x^2 \equiv 43 \pmod{71}.$$

The first congruence has a solution because

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

and similarly the second congruence also has a solution since

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

Therefore, 43 is indeed a quadratic residue modulo 923. Moreover, both of the congruences have two solutions and by the Chinese Remainder Theorem, the original congruence

$$x^2 \equiv 43 \pmod{923}$$

has 4 solutions in \mathbb{Z}_{923} .

64. See https://number.subwiki.org/wiki/Smallest_quadratic_nonresidue_is_less_than_square_root_plus_one