

# VE203 Assignment 4

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## Exercise 4.1

i)

$$247 = 13 \times 19$$

$$3 \times 13 - 2 \times 19 = 1$$

ii)

$$10^2 \equiv 3^2 \pmod{13}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 3^{100} \pmod{13}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 3 \cdot 27^{33} \pmod{13}$$

$$27^{33} \equiv 1^{33} \pmod{13}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$10^2 \equiv 9^2 \pmod{19}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 9^{100} \pmod{19}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 9 \cdot 9^{33} \pmod{19}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 9 \cdot 7^{3^{11}} \pmod{19}$$

$$343^{11} \equiv 1^{11} \pmod{19}$$

$$10^{100} \equiv 9 \pmod{19}$$

iii)

$$19 \times 11 \pmod{13} = 1$$

$$13 \times 3 \pmod{19} = 1$$

$$3 \times 19 \times 11 + 9 \times 13 \times 3 = 978$$

$$978 \equiv 237 \pmod{247}$$

## Exercise 4.2

$$4^n \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$$

$$4^n \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$9 \times 5 \pmod{11} = 1$$

$$11 \times 5 \pmod{9} = 1$$

$$7 \times 11 \times 5 + 9 \times 9 \times 5 = 790$$

$$790 \equiv 4^n \pmod{99}$$

$$4^n = 790 + 99k \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z}, k > -8)$$

$n = 8$  is a solution to the equation.

## Exercise 4.3

$$45029^2 < 2027651281 < 45030^2$$

$$\sqrt{(45030 + 11)^2 - 2027651281} = 1020$$

$$2027651281 = (45041 - 1020)(45041 + 1020) = 44021 \times 46061$$

## Exercise 4.4

$$5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 5^{6^{333}} \times 5^5 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 5^{10^{200}} \times 5^3 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$5^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 5^{12^{166}} \times 5^{11} \pmod{13}$$

$$5^{2003} \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$$

$$11 \times 13 \times 5 \pmod{7} = 1$$

$$7 \times 13 \times 4 \pmod{11} = 1$$

$$7 \times 11 \times 12 \pmod{13} = 1$$

$$3 \times 11 \times 13 \times 5 + 4 \times 7 \times 13 \times 4 + 8 \times 7 \times 11 \times 12 = 10993$$

$$10993 \equiv 983 \pmod{1001}$$

## Exercise 4.5

i)

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$(p-1)! \equiv p-1 \pmod{p}$$

$$(p-2)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

If  $p$  is not a prime and  $p > 3$ , then there must exist  $k \in [2, p-2]$ ,  $k \in N$  and  $k \pmod{p} = 0$ , so  $(p-2)! \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , which reaches a contradiction.

If  $p = 2$  or  $p = 3$ , it is obvious that  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

ii)

$$2z = m - 1$$

$$z + 1 = m - z \equiv -z \pmod{m}$$

$$z + k = m - z - k + 1 \equiv -z - k + 1 \pmod{m}, \quad k \in [1, z]$$

$$(z+1)(z+2) \cdots 2z \equiv (-1)^z z! \pmod{m}$$

$$z!(z+1)(z+2) \cdots 2z \equiv (-1)^z (z!)^2 \pmod{m}$$

$$(m-1)! \equiv (-1)^z (z!)^2 \pmod{m}$$

iii) When  $p = 4k + 1, k \in N$ ,

$$(p-1)! \equiv (-1)^{2k} (2k!)^2 \pmod{p}$$

$p$  is a prime when

$$(2k!)^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

When  $p = 4k + 3, k \in N$ ,

$$(p-1)! \equiv (-1)^{2k+1} (2k+1!)^2 \pmod{p}$$

$p$  is a prime when

$$(2k+1!)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

## Exercise 4.6

i)

$$1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$3^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$4^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$6^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$7^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$8^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$9^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$10^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

So  $1 + 11k, 3 + 11k, 4 + 11k, 5 + 11k, 9 + 11k, k \in N$  are quadratic residues of 11.

ii) Suppose  $p = 2k + 1, k \in N, x = p - b, b \in [1, 2k], b \in N$

$$(p - b)^2 = (p)^2 - 2pb + b^2$$

$$(p - b)^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p}$$

$$b^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p}$$

Since  $p$  is an odd number,  $p - b \neq b$ ,

so  $x = b$  and  $x = p - b$  are two incongruent solutions if  $b^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,

or there is no solution if  $b^2 \not\equiv a \pmod{p}$ ,

iii) According to ii), we can find that when  $x = b$  or  $x = p - b$ , the value of  $a$  is the same.

Let  $b \in [1, k]$ , then  $b < p - b$ , and let  $n \in [1, k - b], n \in N$ ,

then for  $b \in [1, k - 1]$ , if for  $x = b$  and  $x = b + n$ , suppose the value of  $a$  is the same,

$$b^2 \equiv (b + n)^2 \pmod{p}$$

$$(2b + n)n \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$2b + n \leq 2b + k - b = k + b < p$$

$$n < p$$

Since  $p$  is a prime number,  $(2b + n)n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , which reaches a contradiction.

So for any two  $b$  the value of  $a$  isn't the same, there are exactly  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  quadratic residues of  $p$  among the integers  $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$ .

iv) Let  $c \in [1, k]$ , then

$$x^2 \equiv a \equiv b \equiv c^2 \pmod{p}$$

If  $a$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$ , we can find  $c$  so that  $x = c$  and  $x = p - c$  are two incongruent solutions, and  $b$  is also a quadratic residue of  $p$ , then

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = 1$$

If  $a$  isn't a quadratic residue of  $p$ , we can't find  $c$  so that  $x = c$  and  $x = p - c$  are two incongruent solutions, and  $b$  is also not a quadratic residue of  $p$ , then

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

v) If  $a$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$ ,  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1$ , then let  $a = x^2 + kp, k \in Z$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = (x^2 + kp)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} (x^2)^i + (kp)^{\frac{p-1}{2}-i} \equiv (x^2)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv x^{p-1} \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

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

If  $a$  isn't a quadratic residue of  $p$ ,  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = -1$

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$$

According to the above, we can easily get that if  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ,  $a$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$ , so  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$  here.

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

vi)

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) \equiv (ab)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \pmod{p}$$

Since  $p$  is an odd prime ( $p \geq 3$ )

When  $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = 1$ ,  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = 1 + kp$ , so

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = 1$$

When  $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = -1$ ,  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = -1 + kp$ , so

$$\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = -1$$

vii) If  $a$  is a negative integer in v), we can simply get the same conclusion

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

When  $p = 4k + 1, k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(-1)^{\frac{4k+1-1}{2}} = (-1)^{2k} = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Using the method in vi), we can find  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1$ , so  $-1$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$ .

When  $p = 4k + 3, k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$(-1)^{\frac{4k+3-1}{2}} = (-1)^{2k+1} = -1$$

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

Using the method in vi), we can find  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = -1$ , so  $-1$  isn't a quadratic residue of  $p$ .

viii) Let  $x^2 = 35k + 29, k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv -1 \pmod{7} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x \equiv -2 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \end{cases} \quad \text{or} \quad \begin{cases} x \equiv -2 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv -1 \pmod{7} \end{cases}$$

$$7 \times 3 \bmod 5 = 1$$

$$5 \times 3 \bmod 7 = 1$$

$$x_1 = [(2 \times 7 \times 3 + 1 \times 5 \times 3) \bmod 35] + 35k = 22 + 35k$$

$$x_2 = [(2 \times 7 \times 3 - 1 \times 5 \times 3) \bmod 35] + 35k = 27 + 35k$$

$$x_3 = [(-2 \times 7 \times 3 + 1 \times 5 \times 3) \bmod 35] + 35k = 8 + 35k$$

$$x_4 = [(-2 \times 7 \times 3 - 1 \times 5 \times 3) \bmod 35] + 35k = 13 + 35k$$