

1. Find a counterexample to the following claim: “Let p be an odd prime and $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ with c not a multiple of p . Suppose further that $c^a \equiv c^b \pmod{p}$. Then $a \equiv b \pmod{p-1}$.”

2. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$ and suppose n factors into prime powers as

$$n = p_1^{2t_1+1} p_2^{2t_2+1} \cdots p_k^{2t_k+1} p_{k+1}^{2t_{k+1}} \cdots p_m^{2t_m}$$

Show that if q is an odd prime not dividing n then

$$\binom{n}{q} = \binom{p_1}{q} \binom{p_2}{q} \cdots \binom{p_k}{q}$$

3. Show that if b is a positive integer then $\sum_{j=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{jb}{p}\right) = 0$

4. Compute $\left(\frac{111}{991}\right)$. Make up your own Legendre symbol to compute (and don't forget that the "denominator" is required to be prime).

5. (a) Develop a congruence relation that describes exactly when 5 is a quadratic residue modulo an odd prime p . I.e. your answer should look something like “5 is a quadratic residue mod p if and only if $p \equiv a_1 \pmod{m}$ or $p \equiv a_2 \pmod{m}$ or ... or $p \equiv a_k \pmod{m}$ ” where you replace a_1, \dots, a_k and m by appropriate numbers.

- (b) Develop a congruence relation that describes exactly when 7 is a quadratic residue modulo an odd prime p .