

1. Which of the following integers have primitive roots: 4, 10, 16, 22, 28?

2. Show that if m is a positive integer without a primitive root, then there exists a solution to the congruence $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ so that $x \not\equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$. Note that this is the converse to problem 4 on homework 5.

Hint: Recall that you previously showed that $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^e}$ has four solutions when $e \geq 3$.

3. Find all solutions to the following congruence: $3x^5 \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$. You may use the fact that 5 is a primitive root modulo 23.

4. Let m be a positive integer with primitive root r and let $a, b \in (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$. Show the following and give an example showing that equality does not always hold.

(a) $\text{ind}_r(1) \equiv 0 \pmod{\varphi(m)}$

(b) $\text{ind}_r(ab) \equiv \text{ind}_r(a) + \text{ind}_r(b) \pmod{\varphi(m)}$

(c) $\text{ind}_r(a^k) \equiv k \text{ind}_r(a) \pmod{\varphi(m)}$

5. Let p be an odd prime. Show that every element of $(\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is a p th power residue.

Homework Draft Problems

Note: I will probably choose 4 of these to assign for homework.

1. Suppose that m has a primitive root. Show that the product of all elements of $(\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is congruent to $-1 \pmod{m}$.
Hint: This reduces to Wilson's Theorem when m is prime.
2. For which positive integers a is the congruence $ax^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$ solvable?
3. Find all solutions of $x^x \equiv x \pmod{23}$
4. Let $N = 2^j u$ be a positive integer where $j \geq 0$ and u is odd. Let p be an odd prime and factor $p - 1 = 2^s t$ where s and t are positive integers with t odd. Show that if $0 \leq j < s$, then there are $2^j(t, u)$ incongruent solutions of $x^N \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$. Show that there are no solutions otherwise.
5. In class, we found a way of checking to see if a is a k th power residue modulo any m as long as m has a primitive root. Large enough powers of 2, however, do not have primitive roots. In this problem, suppose that k is even. Show that an integer a is a k th power residue modulo 2^e if and only if $a \equiv 1 \pmod{(4k, 2^e)}$ when $e \geq 2$.