

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  $e \geq 2$ .