

# Notes 9/30

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-a is a primitive root mod p if  $a^k$   
produces all the numbers  $1, 2, \dots, p-1$  as k varies from 1 to p-1  
-The powers of a are all the residues (mod p) besides 0  
-Every prime number has at least one primitive root  
-ex: Primitive roots(mod 11) are 2,6,7,8  
-if  $a^x \equiv a^y \pmod{p}$  then  $x \equiv y \pmod{p-1}$   
-in the example 1,4,9,5,3 have square roots(mod 11)  
- $x^2 \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$  has no solution  
-a is a quadratic residue if  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$   
has a solution

-if a is NOT a quadratic residue we call it quadratic non-residue

-for a prime number p

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ if } x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$0 \text{ if } a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$-1 \text{ if } x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p} \text{ has no solution}$$

Note: Number on bottom is prime

ex:  $\left(\frac{4}{11}\right) = 1$  because 4 was a quadratic residue and has a square root

ex:  $\left(\frac{6}{11}\right) = -1$  b/c is not in the list of square roots

ex:  $\left(\frac{10}{11}\right) = -1$  b/c is not in the list of square roots

ex:  $\left(\frac{22}{11}\right) = 0$  because  $0 \equiv 22 \pmod{11}$

ex:  $\left(\frac{16}{11}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{11}\right) = 1$  b/c it is in the square roots

Rules for Legendre Symbol

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \text{ if } a \equiv b \pmod{p}$$

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

-quadratic reciprocity: if p and q are both odd primes

then  $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$  if  $p \equiv q \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$  otherwise

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = 1 \text{ if } p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$$

$$-1 \text{ if } p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$$

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

ex: is 43 a quadratic residue(mod 73)?

$$\left(\frac{43}{73}\right) \rightarrow \left(\frac{73}{43}\right) = \left(\frac{30}{43}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{43}\right)\left(\frac{3}{43}\right)\left(\frac{5}{43}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(3/43) &= -(43/3) = -(1/3) = -1 \\
(5/43) &= (43/5) = (3/5) = (5/3) = (2/3) = -1 \\
\text{ex: } (1001/9907) &= (7/9907)(11/9907)(13/9907) \\
&= (9908/7) * (9907/11) * (9907/13) \\
&= -(2/7) * (-7/11) * (1/13) \\
&= 1 \\
&= 2_3
\end{aligned}$$