

Number Theory I Homework Questions

- Given that 3 is a primitive root of 43, find
 - all positive integers less than 43 having order 6 modulo 43;
 - all positive integers less than 43 having order 21 modulo 43.
 - How many incongruent primitive does 50 have?
 - Suppose r is a primitive root of 50. Find all incongruent primitive roots of 50 in terms of r .
 - Suppose r is a primitive root of 50. Show that r^3 is also a primitive root of 50 and find all incongruent primitive roots of 50 in terms of r^3 .
 - Suppose r is a primitive root of 50. Find all incongruent integers having order 10.
 - How many positive integers x are there such that $\text{ord}_{50}(x) = 15$
 - Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and suppose r is a primitive root of 50 and $\text{ind}_r a = 8$. Then $\text{ord}_{50} a = ?$
 - Find all integers x such that $100 \leq x \leq 500$ and $4 \mid x, 3 \mid x+1, 5 \mid x+3$
 - Find all integers x such that $100 \leq x \leq 300, 43!x \equiv 1 \pmod{51}$
 - Find the smallest positive integers x such that $65!x \equiv 5 \pmod{71}$
 - Find the value of the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{71}{101}\right)$
 - Is the quadratic congruence $x^2 \equiv 172 \pmod{101}$ solvable?
 - Is 273 a quadratic residue of 101?
 - How many incongruent solutions of the linear congruence $6x \equiv 12 \pmod{33}$ are there? Solve this congruence.
 - The following is a table of indices for the prime 17 relative to the primitive root 3:
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| a | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| $\text{ind}_3 a$ | 16 | 14 | 1 | 12 | 5 | 15 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 8 |
- With the aid of this table, solve the congruences
- $x^{12} \equiv 13 \pmod{17}$
 - $8x^5 \equiv 10 \pmod{17}$
 - $9x^8 \equiv 8 \pmod{17}$
 - $7^x \equiv 7 \pmod{17}$
- Construct the table of indices for the prime 17 relative to the primitive root 10.
 - Determine the integers a ($1 \leq a \leq 12$) such that the congruence

$ax^4 \equiv b \pmod{13}$ has a solution for $b = 2, 5, \text{ and } 6$.

18. Decide whether or not the following quadratic congruence equations are solvable. If solvable find the solutions.

(a) $x^2 + 5x + 13 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$

(b) $3x^2 + 5x + 15 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$

(c) $x^2 + 5x + 13 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$

Reference: David M. Burton, Elementary Number Theory.

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