

NT Notes 7

Quadratic Reciprocity (section 5.6)

For distinct odd primes p, q , $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(p-1)(q-1)}$

1. Evaluate (i) $\left(\frac{3}{53}\right)$ (ii) $\left(\frac{31}{641}\right)$ ~~...~~

I got -1

2. Show that for an odd prime $p > 3$ $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv_{12} \pm 1 \\ -1 & \text{if } p \equiv_{12} \pm 5 \end{cases}$

$$\left(\frac{3}{p}\right)\left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(p-1)(3-1)} = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}(p-1)}$$

↑ $\left(\frac{3}{3}\right)=1$
↑ $\left(\frac{3}{3}\right)=-1$ CASES! ∴

and $p = 12k \pm 1$ } cases.

3. ~~...~~ Describe all primes p for which 5 is a quadratic residue. No, like in (2) find congruence to describe all p .

$$\left(\frac{5}{p}\right)\left(\frac{p}{5}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{4}(p-1)(5-1)} = (-1)^{p-1} = 1 \quad \forall \text{ odd } p$$

holds for $p=2$

So $\left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = 1$ exactly when $\left(\frac{p}{5}\right) = 1$, so when $p \equiv_{5} \pm 1$.

4* Prove that the congruence

$$(x^2-2)(x^2-17)(x^2-34) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

has a solution for any prime p .

$$\left(\frac{34}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right)\left(\frac{17}{p}\right) \checkmark$$

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