

1. Evaluate the following Legendre symbols (i)  $\left(\frac{2}{127}\right)_L$ , (ii)  $\left(\frac{-1}{127}\right)_L$ , (iii)  $\left(\frac{5}{127}\right)_L$ , (iv)  $\left(\frac{11}{127}\right)_L$ .

(i)  $127 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$ , so 2 is a QR modulo 127. (ii)  $127 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , so  $-1$  is a QNR modulo 127. (iii)  $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  so, by law of QR,  $\left(\frac{5}{127}\right)_L = \left(\frac{127}{5}\right)_L = \left(\frac{2}{5}\right)_L = -1$ . (iv)  $11 \equiv 127 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  so, by law of QR,  $\left(\frac{11}{127}\right)_L = -\left(\frac{127}{11}\right)_L = -\left(\frac{6}{11}\right)_L = 1$ .

2. (i) Prove that 3 is a QR modulo  $p$  when  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{12}$  and is a QNR when  $p \equiv \pm 5 \pmod{12}$ . (ii) Prove that  $-3$  is a QR modulo  $p$  for primes  $p$  with  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  and is a QNR for primes  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$ . (iii) By considering  $4x^2 + 3$  show that there are infinitely many primes in the residue class  $1 \pmod{6}$ .

(i) By law of QR,  $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right)_L = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)_L$ . The Legendre symbol here is  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)_L = 1$  when  $p \equiv 1$  or  $7 \pmod{12}$  and is  $-1$  otherwise.

The desired conclusion follows. (ii) From (i)  $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)_L = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right)_L \left(\frac{3}{p}\right)_L = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{p}\right)_L = \left(\frac{p}{3}\right)_L$  and this is 1 when  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $-1$  otherwise. (iii) Suppose there are only a finite number of such primes, say  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  and let  $x = p_1 \dots p_n$ . Since  $x > 0$  and  $3 \nmid x$  there is a prime  $p$  such that  $p \mid 4x^2 + 3$  and  $p > 3$ . Hence  $-3$  is a QR modulo  $p$  and so by (ii)  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ . Thus  $p \mid x$  and  $p \mid (4x^2 + 3) - 4x^2 = 3$  which is impossible.

3. (i) Prove that if  $p$  is an odd prime  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $(a, p) = 1$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^p \left(\frac{an+b}{p}\right)_L = 0$ . (ii) Prove that if  $p$  is an odd prime, then

$\sum_{r=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{r(r+1)}{p}\right)_L = \sum_{s=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{1+s}{p}\right)_L = -1$ . (iii) Prove that if  $p$  is an odd prime, then the number of residues  $r$  modulo  $p$  for which

both  $r$  and  $r+1$  are quadratic residues is  $\frac{p - (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}}{4} - 1$ . Note that with our definitions 0 is neither a quadratic residue nor a quadratic non-residue.

(i)  $an + b$  runs over a complete set of residues modulo  $p$  as  $n$  does. Hence one of the terms is 0,  $(p-1)/2$  are  $+1$  and the remainder are  $-1$ . (ii) Observe that for every reduced residue class  $r$  modulo  $p$  there is a unique reduced residue class  $s_r$  modulo  $p$  such that  $rs_r \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , and that for every reduced residue class  $s$  modulo  $p$  one has  $s_r \equiv s \pmod{p}$  for some  $r$ . Then the first equality is immediate. The second follows as *per* part (i). (iii) The number in question is  $\sum_{r=1}^{p-2} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)_L\right) \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \left(\frac{r+1}{p}\right)_L\right) = \frac{p-2}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)_L + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{r+1}{p}\right)_L + \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{p-2} \left(\frac{r(r+1)}{p}\right)_L$  and the result follows from parts (i) and (ii).

4. Prove that if  $n$  is odd and  $p \mid n$ , then  $\sum_{\substack{m=1 \\ (m,n)=1}}^n \left(\frac{m}{p}\right)_L = 0$ .

Define  $k$  and  $r$  so that  $n = p^k r$  with  $p \nmid r$ . Then  $rx + p^k y$  forms a reduced set of residues modulo  $n$  as  $x$  does modulo  $pk$  and  $y$  does modulo  $r$ . Moreover each  $x = up + v$  where  $0 \leq u < p^{k-1}$ ,  $1 \leq v \leq p-1$  and so  $\left(\frac{m}{p}\right)_L = \left(\frac{rv}{p}\right)_L$ . Thus the sum equals

$$\phi(r)p^{k-1} \left(\frac{r}{p}\right)_L \sum_{v=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{v}{p}\right)_L = 0.$$

5. Write computer programs to implement **LJ** and **QC**, and use them to evaluate the Legendre symbols  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)_L$  when  $a = 40000000003$  and  $a = 400000000031$ , and  $p = 100000000019$  and  $p = 100000000057$ , and when it is 1 to solve  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ .

$x \equiv \pm 64503358650 \pmod{100000000019}$  and  $x \equiv \pm 64615316195 \pmod{100000000057}$  are the solutions.

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lj(m,n)=
{
local(t,1);
m=m%n;
t=1;
while(m,
while(m%2==0,
m=m/2;
if(((n*n-1)/8)%2,t=-t);
);
l=m;
m=n;
n=1;
if(((m-1)*(n-1))%8,t=-t);
m=m%n;
);
if(n==1,return(t),return(0));
}

modexp(a,v,n)=
{
local(c,b);
c=a;
b=1;
while(v,
if(v%2,
b=b*c%n;
);
v=floor(v/2);
c=c*c%n;
);
return(b);
}

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milla(n)=
{
local(a,b,c,f,g,h,m,k,t,u,v);
m=n-1;
k=min(m,floor(2*(log(n))^2));
t=0;
u=m;
while(u%2==0,
    u=u/2;
    t=t+1;
);
o=0;
for(a=2,k,
    c=a;
    v=u;
    b=1;
    f=0;
    while(v,
        if(v%2,
            b=b*c%n;
        ,);
        v=floor(v/2);
        c=c*c%n;
    );
    if(b-1,,
        next;
    );
    for(h=0,t-1,
        if((b+1)%n,,
            f=1;
        );
        b=b*b%n;
    );
    if(f,,
        print(n" is composite.");
        print(a" is a witness.");
        o=1;
        return(1);
        break(2);
    );
);
if(o,,
    print(n" is prime.");
    return(0);
);
}

qc(a,p)=
{
local(b,c,d,f,g,m,q,r,s,t,u,v,w,y,z);
z=milla(p);
if(z,
    print(p" is not prime");
    return(0);

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    break);
q=lj(a,p);
if(q==1,,
    print(a" not a QR modulo "p".");
    break;
);
r=p%8;
w=(p+1)%4;
if(r==1,
    z=1;
    b=2;
    while(z,
        c=lj(b,p);
        if(c==-1,z=0,b=b+1);
    );
    u=(p-1)/8;
    s=3;
    v=u%2;
    while(v==0,
        s=s+1;
        u=u/2;
        v=u%2;
    );
    d=modexp(a,u,p);
    f=modexp(b,u,p);
    m=0;
    for(i=0,s-1,
        z=modexp(f,m,p);
        z=(d*z)%p;
        t=2^(s-1-i);
        g=modexp(z,t,p);
        if((g+1)==p,m=m+2^i);
    );
    v=(u+1)/2;
    y=modexp(a,v,p);
    m=m/2;
    z=modexp(f,m,p);
    x=(y*z)%p;
    ,
    if(w==0,
        x=modexp(a,(p+1)/4,p);
        ,
        y=modexp(a,(p+3)/8,p);
        b=(y*y)%p;
        c=a%p;
        if(c==b,
            x=y;
            ,
            z=modexp(2,(p-1)/4,p);
            x=(y*z)%p;
        );
    );
);
return(x);
}

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