

1. For more detailed solutions to problems like these, see the homework assignments and lecture notes.

- (a) For $7 + 2i$ it is $N(7 + 2i) = 53$ and for $\mathbb{F}_5[x] \bmod x^4 + 2$ it is $5^4 = 625$.
 - (b) The fundamental region (the square with vertices $0, \beta, i\beta, (1+i)\beta$) has vertices $0, 2-i, 1+2i, 3+i$. Drawing this and then picking inequivalent points, we get representatives $0, 1, 2, 1+i, 2+i$.
 - (c) As $N(5+5i) = 50 = 2 \cdot 5^2$, testing factors yields $5+5i = (1+i)(2+i)(2-i)$, up to associates.
 - (d) As $N(11+12i) = 245 = 5 \cdot 53$, testing factors yields $11+12i = i(2-i)(7-2i)$, up to associates.
 - (e) As $5 = (2+i)(2-i)$ and $17 = (4+i)(4-i)$ we get $85 = (2+i)(2-i)(4+i)(4-i)$, up to associates.
 - (f) As $999 = 3^3 \cdot 37$ and $37 = (6+i)(6-i)$ we get $999 = 3^3(6-i)(6+i)$, up to associates.
 - (g) By Fermat's theorem, $104 = 10^2 + 2^2$ and $666 = 21^2 + 15^2$ can, 224 and 420 cannot.
 - (h) Since $N(1+i) = 2, N(3) = 3^2, N(2 \pm i) = 5$, take $(1+i)3(2+i)^2 = 21-3i$ yielding $450 = 21^2 + 3^2$, and also $(1+i)3(2+i)(2-i) = 15+15i$ yielding $450 = 15^2 + 15^2$.
 - (i) Since $N(1+i) = 2, N(7) = 7^2, N(6+i) = 37$, take $(1+i)7(6+i) = 35+49i$, yielding $3626 = 35^2 + 49^2$.
 - (j) For leg 29 need $k(s+t)(s-t) = 29$ yielding $k = 1, s+t = 29, s-t = 1$ so $(k, s, t) = (1, 15, 14)$ giving 29-420-421. For hypotenuse 29 need $k(s^2+t^2) = 29$ so $(k, s, t) = (1, 5, 2)$ giving 20-21-29.
 - (k) Compute $\left(\frac{13}{2027}\right) = \left(\frac{2027}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{13}\right) = 1$ and $\left(\frac{26}{2027}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{2027}\right) \left(\frac{13}{2027}\right) = (-1)(1) = -1$ since $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = -1$ for $p \equiv 3, 5 \pmod{8}$. So 13 is a QR but 26 is not.
 - (l) Compute $\left(\frac{28}{71}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{71}\right)^2 \left(\frac{7}{71}\right) = 1 \cdot -\left(\frac{71}{7}\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) = -1$ and $\left(\frac{15}{71}\right) = -\left(\frac{71}{15}\right) = -\left(\frac{11}{15}\right) = \left(\frac{15}{11}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{11}\right) = 1$ using reciprocity for Jacobi symbols. So 15 is a QR but 28 is not.
 - (m) 2 is a QR modulo a prime p when $p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$. Since $67 \equiv 3$ and $71 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$, 2 is a QR mod 71 but not mod 67.
 - (n) We compute $\left(\frac{103}{307}\right) = -\left(\frac{307}{103}\right) = -\left(\frac{-2}{131}\right) = 1$ since $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = -1$ for $p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{8}$, and $\left(\frac{141}{307}\right) = \left(\frac{307}{141}\right) = \left(\frac{25}{141}\right) = 1$.
 - (o) We compute $\left(\frac{47}{245}\right) = \left(\frac{245}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{10}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{47}\right) \left(\frac{5}{47}\right) = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{47}{5}\right) = 1 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = -1$ since $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = 1$ for $p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$, and $\left(\frac{177}{245}\right) = \left(\frac{245}{177}\right) = \left(\frac{68}{177}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{177}\right)^2 \left(\frac{17}{177}\right) = \left(\frac{177}{17}\right) = \left(\frac{7}{17}\right) = \left(\frac{17}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{7}\right) = -1$.
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2. Additional details can be found in the lecture notes.

- (a) We can use quadratic reciprocity to calculate the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{3}{11291867}\right) = -\left(\frac{11291867}{3}\right) = -\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = +1$, so in fact there is a solution.
 - (b) We can use Berlekamp's root-finding algorithm to solve $q(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ much more quickly than using a brute-force search: by computing $\gcd(x^{(p-1)/2} - 1, q(x-a))$ using successive squaring and the Euclidean algorithm, if q has a root then each value of a we try has at least a 50% chance of yielding a partial factorization. This procedure is very efficient even for large p .
 - (c) This is an application of the Solovay-Strassen test: if $\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) \not\equiv a^{(m-1)/2} \pmod{m}$ then m must be composite.
 - (d) Our study of factorization in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ allowed us to characterize the integers that are the sums of two squares and find all the Pythagorean triples, and our study of factorization in $\mathbb{F}_p[x]$ helped us prove that there is a primitive root modulo p for every prime p .
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3. Many problems of similar types were covered on the homework.

- (a) Since $N(a + b\sqrt{26}) = a^2 - 26b^2$ it suffices to decide whether $a^2 - 26b^2 = \pm 2$ has any solutions. Reducing both sides mod 13 yields $a^2 \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{13}$, but since $\left(\frac{2}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{-2}{13}\right) = -1$ since $13 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$, there are no solutions to this congruence. Therefore there are no elements of norm 2 or -2 .
- (b) If we had a factorization $2 + \sqrt{26} = bc$ then $N(b)N(c) = N(bc) = N(2 + \sqrt{26}) = -22$. But $N(b), N(c)$ cannot equal ± 2 by (a), so the only possible values would have one of $N(b), N(c)$ equal to ± 1 hence b or c would be a unit. Thus $2 + \sqrt{26}$ is irreducible.
- (c) Note that $(2 + \sqrt{26}) | (-2) \cdot (11)$ since $-22 = N(2 + \sqrt{26}) = (2 + \sqrt{26})(2 - \sqrt{26})$, but $2 + \sqrt{26}$ does not divide -2 or 11 since its norm -22 does not divide $N(-2) = 4$ or $N(11) = 121$. Thus $2 + \sqrt{26}$ is not prime.
- (d) There are $N(4 + i) = 17$ residue classes hence 16 units since $4 + i$ is irreducible. Then $(1 + i)^2 \equiv 2i$, so $(1 + i)^4 \equiv (2i)^2 \equiv -4 \equiv i$, $(1 + i)^8 \equiv i^2 \equiv -1$, and finally $(1 + i)^{16} \equiv (-1)^2 \equiv 1$ as required.
- (e) Compute $\left(\frac{11}{97}\right) = \left(\frac{97}{11}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{11}\right) = +1$ as 9 is a square. Since 97 is prime, the Legendre symbol being $+1$ means 11 is a quadratic residue.
- (f) Completing the square by adding 9 gives $(x + 3)^2 \equiv 23 \pmod{101}$. (Alternatively, the quadratic formula says to compute $\sqrt{23}$.) We have $\left(\frac{23}{101}\right) = \left(\frac{101}{23}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{23}\right) = +1$ so 23 is a quadratic residue modulo 101 hence there is a solution to $(x + 3)^2 \equiv 23 \pmod{101}$.
- (g) We want to compute $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right)$. If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = +1$ only when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ which together say $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$. Likewise, if $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = -\left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = +1$ only when $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, which together say $p \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$. If $p \equiv 5, 7 \pmod{12}$ then the calculations show $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = -1$.
- (h) We want to compute $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right)$. If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = +1 \cdot \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = +1$ only when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Likewise, if $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = -1 \cdot -\left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{3}\right) = +1$ only when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. So in either case, $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = +1$ only when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$.
- (i) Completing the square gives $n^2 + 4n - 1 = (n + 2)^2 - 5$, so we want primes p such that there is a solution to $(n + 2)^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$, which is equivalent to solving $x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$. Clearly there is a solution for $p = 2, 5$. For other p we compute $\left(\frac{5}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p}{5}\right)$ which is $+1$ for $p \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5}$ and -1 for $p \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{5}$. So p divides some $n^2 + 4n - 1$ iff $p = 2, 5$ or $p \equiv 1, 4 \pmod{5}$.
- (j) Completing the square gives $n^2 + 6n + 11 = (n + 3)^2 + 2$, so we want primes p such that there is a solution to $(n + 3)^2 \equiv -2 \pmod{p}$, which is equivalent to solving $x^2 \equiv -2 \pmod{p}$. Clearly there is a solution for $p = 2$. For other p we know $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = +1$ precisely when $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$. So p divides some $n^2 + 6n + 11$ iff $p = 2$ or $p \equiv 1, 3 \pmod{8}$.
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