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RP-161: FORMULATION OF SOLUTIONS OF STANDARD CUBIC CONGRUENCE MODULO SQUARE OF ODD PRIME MULTIPLIED BY POWERED EVEN PRIME

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ABSTRACT

Here in this paper, the author considered a special type of standard cubic congruence for study. After a rigorous study, the author has formulated the solutions of the standard cubic congruence modulo a powered odd prime multiplied by a powered even prime.

It is found that the said congruence has exactly p^2 – incongruent solutions, p being an odd prime present in the congruence. A formula is established for the solutions. This is the first time a formula is provided for solutions of such congruence.

KEY-WORDS

Cubic congruence, Chinese Remainder Theorem, Composite modulus.

INTRODUCTION

A standard cubic congruence of the type: $x^3 \equiv b \pmod{m}$, has different number of solutions depending upon the modulus m . If $b \equiv a^3 \pmod{m}$, then b is called cubic residue of m ; a being the residue of m and the congruence reduces to $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{m}$ and is always solvable [1].

Here the author considered a special type of cubic congruence having p^2 incongruent solutions where p is an odd prime present in the cubic congruence.

PROBLEM-STATEMENT

Here the problem is “To study the solutions of the standard cubic congruence of composite modulus of the type:

$$x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}, p \text{ an odd prime, } m \text{ a positive integer.}''$$

LITERATURE REVIEW

The author already has formulated the standard cubic congruence: $x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{p^2}$, p an odd prime. It has exactly p - incongruent solutions given by

$x \equiv pk + p \pmod{p^2}$ [2]. The author also formulated the congruence

$x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot 3^n}$ in different cases [3]. The author already has formulated some related standard cubic congruence of composite modulus [4], [5].

Now the author insisted to formulate the congruence $x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2}$.

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EXISTED METHOD

It is found that there is no proper and suitable method to find the solutions of a standard cubic congruence of composite modulus. But David M Burton used the theory of indices to find the solutions of cubic congruence [6]. No Formulationis found for the solutions. Hence the author aimed to formulate the solutions of the congruence.

ANALYSIS & RESULT

Consider the congruence $x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$, p an odd prime, m a positive integer.

For solutions, consider $x \equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$.

Then $x^3 \equiv (2^m pk + p)^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$.

$$\begin{aligned} &\equiv (2^m pk)^3 + 3 \cdot (2^m pk)^2 \cdot p + 3 \cdot 2^m pk \cdot p^2 + p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2} \\ &\equiv 2^{3m} p^3 k^3 + 3 \cdot 2^{2m} \cdot p^2 k^2 \cdot p + 3 \cdot 2^m pk \cdot p^2 + p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2} \\ &\equiv 2^m p^3 k(2^{2m} k^2 + 3 \cdot 2^m k + 3) + p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2} \\ &\equiv 0 + p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2} \\ &\equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $x \equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$ satisfies the cubic congruence and hence it gives the solutions of the congruence.

But if $k = p$, then the solutions formula reduces to

$$x \equiv 2^m p^2 + p \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$$

$$\equiv 0 + p \pmod{2^m p^2}.$$

This is the same solution as for $k = 0$.

Also, for $k = p + 1$, then the solutions formula reduces to

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 2^m p \cdot (p + 1) + p \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2} \\ &\equiv 2^m p^2 + 2^m p + p \pmod{2^m p^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv 2^m p + p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2}.$$

This is the same solution as for $k = 1$.

Therefore, all the solutions are given by

$$x \equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p - 1).$$

ILLUSTRATIONS

Example-1: Consider the congruence: $x^3 \equiv 125 \pmod{400}$.

It can be written as $x^3 \equiv 5^3 \pmod{2^4 \cdot 5^2}$.

It is of the type $x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$ with $p = 5, m = 4$.

It has exactly $p = 5$ incongruent solutions given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m p^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p - 1). \\ &\equiv 2^4 \cdot 5k + 5 \pmod{2^4 \cdot 5^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. \\ &\equiv 80k + 5 \pmod{400}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. \\ &\equiv 5, 85, 165, 245, 325, \pmod{400}. \end{aligned}$$

Example-2: Consider the congruence: $x^3 \equiv 343 \pmod{1568}$.

It can be written as $x^3 \equiv 7^3 \pmod{2^5 \cdot 7^2}$.

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It is of the type $x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^2}$ with $p = 7, n = 5$.

It has exactly $p = 7$ incongruent solutions given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m p^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p - 1). \\ &\equiv 2^5 \cdot 7k + 7 \pmod{2^5 \cdot 7^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6. \\ &\equiv 224k + 7 \pmod{1568}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 6. \\ &\equiv 7, 231, 455, 679, 903, \quad 1127, 1351 \pmod{1568}. \end{aligned}$$

CONCLUSION

Therefore it is concluded that the cubic congruence:

$x^3 \equiv p^3 \pmod{2^m p^2}$, p an odd prime has exactly p - incongruent solutions given by

$$x \equiv 2^m pk + p \pmod{2^m p^2}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (p - 1).$$

MERIT OF THE PAPER

A formulation is provided to the readers and finding of solutions of the cubic congruence become interesting. This is the merit of the paper.

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