

Individual Optional Project-Z

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This IOP is due **noon, Thurs, 23Apr2015**, slid *completely* under my office door, 402 LITTLE HALL.

This sheet is “Page 1/N”, and you’ve labeled the rest as “Page 2/N”, . . . , “Page N/N”. Fill-in [large handwriting] on this problem-sheet all of your blanks.

Please write **DNE** in a blank if the described object does not exist or if the indicated operation cannot be performed.

Your 3 essay(s) must be TYPESET, and Double or Triple spaced. Use the Print/Revise cycle to produce good, well thought out, essays. Start each essay on a NEW sheet of paper. Do not restate the problem; just solve it.

Nomenclature. Below, a **blip** is an infinite subset of \mathbb{Z} . Use \mathcal{P}_∞ for the collection of all blips. For a collection, \mathcal{C} , of blips, each element of \mathcal{C} is a “**C-blip**”.

Z1: A blip-collection, \mathcal{C} , is **5-bounded** if:

For all distinct \mathcal{C} -blips X and Y , necessarily $|X \cap Y| \leq 5$.

Prove that each 5-bounded blip-collection is only countable. [Hint: Find a known countable-set Ω , and construct an injection $f: \mathcal{C} \rightarrow \Omega$. Note: Each of the following sets is countable:

$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$. A countable union of countable-sets. \mathbb{Q} . The collection of finite subsets of a countable-set. The set of intpolys.]

Z2: A blip-collection, \mathcal{B} , is **intersection-finite** if:

For all distinct $X, Y \in \mathcal{B}$, necessarily $|X \cap Y| < \infty$.

Construct, with proof, a particular intersection-finite blip-collection \mathcal{B} , with continuum-cardinality. I.e. $\mathcal{B} \asymp \mathbb{R}$.

[Hint: Find a known continuum-cardinality set \mathbf{U} . Create an injection $g: \mathbf{U} \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_\infty$ st.: $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{U}$, if $x \neq y$ then $|g(x) \cap g(y)| < \infty$. Then $\mathcal{B} := \text{Range}(g)$ is a soln. NB: The following sets have continuum-cardinality: Each non-degenerate interval. $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$. The set of transcendental numbers. \mathcal{P}_∞ . The set of real-coeff polynomials.]

Z3: Recall:

Defn. For a prime p and integer z , the **Legendre-symbol** is written as

$$\left(\frac{z}{p}\right) \text{ or, in email, also as } (z // p).$$

By defn, $\left(\frac{z}{p}\right)$ is +1, if $z \in \text{QR}_p$; is -1, if $z \in \text{NQR}_p$; and is 0, if $z \not\perp p$, i.e. $z \mid p$.

An odd integer k is “**4Pos**” if $k \equiv_4 +1$; is **4Neg** if $k \equiv_4 -1$; is **8Near** if $k \equiv_8 \pm 1$ (either); is **8Far** if $k \equiv_8 \pm 3$. \square

1: Legendre-symbol Thm. Fix an odd prime p and $H := \frac{p-1}{2}$. Use $\langle \cdot \rangle_p$ for symmetric residue, selecting from $[-H .. H]$. For each integer z :

a: The (symmetric) residue $\langle z^H \rangle_p$ equals $\left(\frac{z}{p}\right)$.

b: For x and z integers: $\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{z}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{xz}{p}\right)$. I.e. the mapping $x \mapsto \left(\frac{x}{p}\right)$ is totally-multiplicative.

c: Value -1 is a QR_p IFF p is 4Pos. And (courtesy Wilson’s Thm), value $r := [H!]$ is a mod- p sqroot of -1.

d: The number 2 is a p -QR IFF p is 8Near, that is, $p \equiv_8 \pm 1$. \diamond

Your goal is to prove:

†: **The Sixteen Thm** For each oddprime p , the congruence $x^8 \equiv_p 16$ admits a solution.

In your WU, you may use \sim for \equiv_4 and \approx for \equiv_8 , if you wish. But use \equiv_p or \equiv for congr-mod- p .

i FTSOC, suppose you have a p with no solution to $x^8 \equiv_p 16$. Prove that $2 \in \text{NQR}_p$ and $-1 \in \text{QR}_p$. Use LSThm to compute $\langle p \rangle_8$ as a non-negative residue.

ii Let r be a p -sqroot of -1. Use LST to prove that $r \in \text{QR}_p$. But use a different part of LST to prove that $r \in \text{NQR}_p$. Contradiction, QED.

iii SHORT ANSWER: Give an example of a 2 digit prime $q := \dots$ with $2 \in \text{NQR}_q$ and $-1 \in \text{QR}_q$. Using symmetric residues, $\text{QR}_q = \{ \dots \}$ and $\text{NQR}_q = \{ \dots \}$. Finally, $[\dots]^8 \equiv_q 16$.

Give an example of a 3 digit prime $p := \dots$ with $2 \in \text{NQR}_p$, and values $r := \dots$ and $s := \dots$ satisfying $r^2 \equiv_p -1$ and $s^2 \equiv_p r$.

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Please PRINT your name and ordinal. Ta:

Ord: _____

HONOR CODE: “I have neither requested nor received help on this exam other than from my professor.”

Signature: _____

Folks, I have had a great time working with you this Semester. Stop by next semester to "Talk Math".

Cheers, Prof. Sieve-brain