

# RP-141: Another formulation of standard quadratic congruence of composite modulus Modulo a Prime-multiple of a prime- power Integer

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**Abstract:** In this paper, the author considered a standard quadratic congruence of composite modulus modulo a prime multiple of a prime-power integer for formulation of its solutions. Previously it was formulated by the author but in a different way. After a rigorous study, the author succeed to find another formulation of the congruence for its solutions. Such a congruence always has exactly four solutions. The formulation is tested and verified by solving different numerical examples. The solutions can now be obtained in a short time. No need to use CRT. This is the merit of the paper.

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## INTRODUCTION

The author already has formulated the standard quadratic congruence of composite modulus- a product of two different odd primes in different cases [1] & [2]. Here in this paper, the author considers a generalisation of these papers and wishes to formulate the said congruence:  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p^n q}$ ;  $p, q$  being different odd primes.

PROBLEM-STATEMENT: Here the problem is

“The formulation of the standard quadratic congruence of composite modulus of the type:

$$x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p^n q}; p, q \text{ being different odd primes.}”$$

## LITERATURE-REVIEW

The congruence under consideration was not formulated by earlier mathematicians. The readers used to apply CRT to get the solutions [3], [4], [5]. It is a long procedure. It is much complicated and time-consuming. The readers also faced difficulty to solve the individual congruence.

Previously it was formulated by the author in two special cases as when  $a = p^2$  &  $a = q^2$ .

The congruence  $x^2 \equiv p^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  has exactly  $2p - 1$  incongruent solutions, given by

$$x \equiv p^{n-1} q k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1).$$

Also, the congruence  $x^2 \equiv q^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  has exactly  $2 - 1$  incongruent solutions, given by  $x \equiv p^n q k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}; k = 0$ .

## ANALYSIS & RESULT

Consider the congruence  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p^n q}$ .

Case-I:

If  $a = b^2$ , then the congruence reduces to:  $x^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$ .

Its two obvious solutions are given by  $x \equiv \pm b \pmod{p^n q}$ .

For the remaining two solutions, consider  $x \equiv \pm(p^n k \pm b) \pmod{p^n q}$ .

Then  $x^2 \equiv (p^n k \pm b)^2 \pmod{p^n q}$

$$\equiv (p^n k)^2 \pm 2 \cdot p^n k \cdot b + b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$$

$$\equiv p^n k(p^n k \pm 2b) + b^2 \pmod{p^n q}, \text{ if } k(p^n k \pm 2b) = qt.$$

$$\equiv p^n \cdot qt + b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$$

$$\equiv b^2 \pmod{p^n q}.$$

Therefore,  $x \equiv \pm(p^n k \pm b) \pmod{p^n q}$ , if  $k(p^n k \pm 2b) = qt$ , satisfies the congruence and hence gives two required solutions of the congruence for a value of  $k$ .

If  $a \neq b^2$ , then it can be expressed so as:  $a + l.p^n q = b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$ .

**Case-II:** Let  $b = p$ .

Then the congruence reduces to the form  $x^2 \equiv p^2 \pmod{p^n q}$

For the solutions, consider  $x \equiv p^{n-1} q k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } x^2 &\equiv (p^{n-1} q k \pm p)^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv (p^{n-1} q k)^2 \pm 2.p^{n-1} q k.p + p^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv p^n q k(p^{n-2} q k \pm 2) + p^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv p^2 \pmod{p^n q} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $x \equiv p^{n-1} q k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}$  gives the solutions of the congruence.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But for } k = p, \text{ the solutions becomes } x &\equiv p^{n-1} q.p \pm p \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv p^n q \pm p \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv 0 \pm p \pmod{p^n q} \end{aligned}$$

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

Similarly, for  $k = 8, 9 \dots \dots$ , the solutions repeats as for  $k = 1, 2, \dots \dots$

Therefore, all the solutions are given by

$$x \equiv p^{n-1} q.k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots \dots, (p-1).$$

These are the  $2p$  incongruent solutions of the said congruence.

**Case-III:** Let  $b = q$ .

Then the congruence reduces to the form  $x^2 \equiv q^2 \pmod{p^n q}$

For the solutions, consider  $x \equiv p^n q k \pm q \pmod{p^n q}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then, } x^2 &\equiv (p^n q k \pm q)^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv (p^n q k)^2 \pm 2.p^n q k.q + q^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv p^n q k(p^n q k \pm 2q) + q^2 \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv q^2 \pmod{p^n q} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But for } k = 1, \text{ the solutions becomes } x &\equiv p^n q \pm p \pmod{p^n q} \\ &\equiv 0 \pm p \pmod{p^n q} \end{aligned}$$

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

Similarly, for  $k = 2, 3 \dots \dots$ , the solutions repeats as for  $k = 1, 2, \dots \dots$

Therefore, all the solutions are given by

$$x \equiv p^n q.k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}; k = 0.$$

These are the two – incongruent solutions of the said congruence.

## ILLUSTRATIONS

**Example-1:** Consider the example  $x^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{175}$ .

It can be written as  $x^2 \equiv 4 \equiv 2^2 \pmod{5^2.7}$ .

It is of the type:  $x^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  with  $b = 2, p = 5, q = 7$ .

It has exactly four solutions; the two obvious solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \pm b \pmod{p^n q}. \\ &\equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5^2 \cdot 7} \\ &\equiv 2, 173 \pmod{175}.\end{aligned}$$

The remaining two solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \pm(p^n k \pm a) \pmod{p^n q}, \text{ if } k(p^n k \pm 2a) = qt. \\ &\equiv \pm(5^2 k \pm 2) \pmod{5^2 \cdot 7}, \text{ if } k(25k \pm 2 \cdot 2) = 7t. \\ &\equiv \pm 25k \pm 2 \pmod{175}, \text{ if } k(25k \pm 4) = 7t. \\ &\equiv \pm(25 \cdot 1 - 2) \pmod{5^2 \cdot 7} \text{ as for } k = 1, 1(25 \cdot 1 - 4) = 7t \\ &\equiv \pm 23 \pmod{175} \\ &\equiv 23, 175 - 23 \pmod{175} \\ &\equiv 23, 152 \pmod{175}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore all the four solutions are given by

$$x \equiv 2, 173; 23, 152 \pmod{175}.$$

**Example-2:** Consider the example  $x^2 \equiv 25 \pmod{539}$ .

It can be written as  $x^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 5^2 \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11}$  with  $b = 5, p = 7, q = 11$ .

It is of the type:  $x^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$ .

It has exactly four solutions; the two obvious solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \pm b \pmod{p^n q}. \\ &\equiv \pm 5 \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11} \\ &\equiv 5, 534 \pmod{539}.\end{aligned}$$

The remaining two solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv \pm(p^n k \pm a) \pmod{p^n q}, \text{ if } k(p^n k \pm 2a) = qt. \\ &\equiv \pm(7^2 k \pm 5) \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11}, \text{ if } k(49k \pm 2 \cdot 5) = 11t. \\ &\equiv \pm(49k \pm 5) \pmod{539}, \text{ if } k(49k \pm 10) = 11t. \\ &\equiv \pm(49 \cdot 2 - 5) \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11} \text{ as for } k = 2, 2(49 \cdot 2 - 10) = 11t \\ &\equiv \pm 93 \pmod{539} \\ &\equiv 93, 539 - 93 \pmod{175} \\ &\equiv 93, 446 \pmod{539}.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore all the four solutions are given by

$$x \equiv 5, 534; 93, 446 \pmod{539}.$$

**Example-3:** Consider the example  $x^2 \equiv 49 \pmod{539}$ .

It can be written as  $x^2 \equiv 49 \equiv 7^2 \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11}$  with  $b = 7, p = 7, q = 11$ .

It is of the type:  $x^2 \equiv p^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  and has exactly  $2p = 2 \cdot 7 = 14$  solutions,

given by:  $x \equiv p^{n-1} q k \pm p \pmod{p^n q}; k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, (p-1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}&\equiv 7^{2-1} \cdot 11k \pm 7 \pmod{7^2 \cdot 11}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6. \\ &\equiv 77k \pm 7 \pmod{539} \\ &\equiv 0 \pm 7; 77 \pm 7; 154 \pm 7; 231 \pm 7; 308 \pm 7; 385 \pm 7; 462 \pm 7 \pmod{539}\end{aligned}$$

$$\equiv 7, 532; 70, 84; 147, 161; 224, 238; 301, 315; 378, 392; 455, 469 \pmod{539}.$$

These are the fourteen incongruent solutions of the said congruence.

**Example-4:** Consider the example  $x^2 \equiv 121 \pmod{3773}$ .

It can be written as  $x^2 \equiv 121 \equiv 11^2 \pmod{7^3 \cdot 11}$  with  $b = 11, p = 7, q = 11$ .

It is of the type:  $x^2 \equiv q^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  and has exactly two solutions, given by

$$x \equiv p^n q k \pm q \pmod{p^n q}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pm q \pmod{p^n q}$$

$$\equiv \pm q \pmod{p^n q}$$

$$\equiv \pm 11 \pmod{3773}$$

$$\equiv 11, 3762 \pmod{3773}.$$

#### CONCLUSION

Therefore, it is concluded that the congruence  $x^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{p^n q}$  has exactly four incongruent solutions; two of them are given by  $x \equiv \pm b \pmod{p^n q}$ ; the other two solutions are given by  $x \equiv \pm(p^n k \pm a) \pmod{p^n q}$ , if  $k(p^n k \pm 2a) = qt$ .

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