

Homework 2

1. Let $p = 1 \pmod{4}$ be a prime number. Then

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) a = 0.$$

2. Let $p > 5$ be a prime. Show that

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) a^2 = 0 \pmod{p}.$$

3. For p prime, $p \nmid b$

$$\sum_{a=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{a(a+b)}{p}\right) = -1.$$

4. Find the number of non-trivial solutions of

$$x^3 + y^3 + z^3 + t^3 = 0 \pmod{5}.$$

5. Show that the congruence

$$x^4 - 17y^4 \equiv 2z^2 \pmod{p}$$

has nontrivial solutions, for all primes p .