

# RP-115: Formulation of a Class of Standard Cubic Congruence of Even Composite Modulus- an Even-Multiple of a Power of an Odd Prime

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## ABSTRACT

*In this study, the solutions of a class of standard cubic congruence of even composite modulus- an even multiple of power of prime- is considered for study and is formulated. The problem is studied in three different cases. A different formula is developed for each case. The established formulae are tested and found true by citing some examples. No need to use Chinese Remainder Theorem. Here lies the merit of the paper.*

**KEY-WORDS:** Cubic Congruence, Composite modulus, Chinese Remainder Theorem, Formulation.

## INTRODUCTION

A congruence of the type:  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{m}$ ,  $m$  being a composite positive integer, is a standard cubic congruence of composite modulus. If  $a$  is a cubic residue of  $m$ , then the congruence is solvable [2]. If  $r$  is a residue of  $m$ , then  $r^3$  is a cubic residue of  $m$  [1].

Author already has formulated some standard cubic congruence of composite modulus. Here is one more cubic congruence considered for its formulation entitled "Formulation of solutions of a class of standard cubic congruence of even composite modulus- a power of an even multiple of power of an odd prime.

## PROBLEM-STATEMENT

Here, the problem is

"To establish a formulation for the solutions of the standard cubic congruence of the type:

$x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$ ;  $p$  being an odd positive prime;  $m, n$  are positive integers in three cases:

**Case-I:** when  $a$  is any even positive integer;

**Case-II:** when  $a$  is an odd positive integer such that  $a = p$ .

**Case-III:** when  $a$  is any other odd positive integer.

**LITERATURE REVIEW**

The standard cubic congruence has not been considered and discussed systematically in the literature of mathematics. Much had been written on standard quadratic congruence and a detailed study is found in the literature. Not more literature on cubic congruence is found but only a definition of it [2].

The author’s previous formulations of standard cubic congruence of the type are [3], [4], [5], [6], [7].

Here the congruence under consideration is one more cubic congruence of even composite modulus.

**ANALYSIS & RESULT**

**CASE-I:** Let  $a$  be an even positive integer and the congruence:  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m p^n}$ .

For its solutions, let  $x = 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k + a$ ;  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \dots \dots$

Then,  $x^3 = (2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k + a)^3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k)^3 + 3 \cdot (2^{m-2} \cdot p^n \cdot k)^2 \cdot a + 3 \cdot 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k \cdot a^2 + a^3 \\ &= a^3 + 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n (2^{2m-4} \cdot p^{2n} k^3 + 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k^2 \cdot 3a + 3ka^2) \\ &\equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}; \text{ if } a \text{ is an even positive integer.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is a solution of the said congruence.

But for  $k = 4$ , it can be seen easily that  $x \equiv a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  which gives the same result as for  $k = 0$ ; similar results are for other higher values of  $k$ .

Therefore, it is concluded that the said congruence has only four solutions for  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

These solutions are:

$$x \equiv 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n} \text{ with } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \text{ if } a \text{ is an even positive integer.}$$

**CASE-II:** Let  $a$  be an odd positive integer and  $a = p$  and the congruence:  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m p^n}$ .

For its solutions, let  $x = 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k + a$ ;  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \dots \dots$

Then,  $x^3 = (2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k + a)^3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k)^3 + 3 \cdot (2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k)^2 \cdot a + 3 \cdot 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} k \cdot a^2 + a^3 \\ &= a^3 + 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot (2^{2m} \cdot p^{2n-4} k^3 + 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} k^2 \cdot 3a + 3ka^2) \\ &= a^3 + 2^m \cdot p^n \cdot (t); \text{ if } a = p. \\ &\equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, it is a solution of the said congruence.

But for  $k = p^2$  the solutions are

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

$\equiv 2^m \cdot p^n + a \equiv a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  which is the same result as for  $k = 0$ .

Similarly for other values of  $k = p^2 + 1, p^2 + 2, \dots$ , the same result is obtained as for  $k = 1, 2, \dots$ .

These are the  $p^2$ - solutions of the congruence  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p^2 - 1$ .

**Case-III:** Let  $a$  be any other odd positive integer.

Then it is found that the cubic congruence  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  has only one solution

$x \equiv a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$ ; it has no other solution.

### ILLUSTRATION

Consider the congruence:  $x^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{96}$

It can be written as  $x^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{32 \cdot 3}$  i. e.  $x^3 \equiv 2^3 \pmod{2^5 \cdot 3}$ .

It is of the type:  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  with  $a = 2, n = 1, m = 5$ .

Such congruence has four solutions.

The solutions are given by  $x \equiv 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$

$$\equiv 2^{5-2} \cdot 3k + 2 \pmod{2^5 \cdot 3^1}$$

$$\equiv 24k + 2 \pmod{96} \text{ with } k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

$$\equiv 0 + 2, 24 + 2, 48 + 2, 72 + 2 \pmod{96}$$

$$\equiv 2, 26, 50, 74 \pmod{96}.$$

Consider the congruence:  $x^3 \equiv 216 \pmod{576}$ .

It can also be written as:  $x^3 \equiv 6^3 \pmod{2^6 \cdot 3^2}$

It is of the type:  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  with  $a = 6$ , an even positive integer,  $n = 2, m = 6$ .

Such congruence always has four solutions.

The solutions are given by  $x \equiv 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n \cdot k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$ ;  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3$ .

$$\equiv 2^{6-2} \cdot 3^2 k + 6 \pmod{2^6 \cdot 3^2}$$

$$\equiv 144k + 6 \pmod{64 \cdot 9} \text{ with } k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

$$\equiv 0 + 6, 144 + 6; 288 + 6; 432 + 6 \pmod{64 \cdot 9}$$

$$\equiv 6, 150, 294, 438 \pmod{576}.$$

Consider the congruence  $x^3 \equiv 343 \pmod{38416}$ .

It can be written as  $x^3 \equiv 343 = 7^3 \pmod{2^4 \cdot 7^4}$

It is of the type  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  with  $a = 7, m = 4, n = 4$ .

It has  $p=7^2 = 49$  solutions given by

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}, & k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 48. \\ &\equiv 2^4 \cdot 7^2 \cdot k + 7 \pmod{2^4 \cdot 7^4} \\ &\equiv 784k + 7 \pmod{38416} \\ &\equiv 7, 791, 1575, 2359, \dots, 3143, \dots, 37639 \pmod{38416}. \end{aligned}$$

Consider the congruence  $x^3 \equiv 125 \pmod{576}$ .

It can be written as  $x^3 \equiv 5^3 \pmod{2^6 \cdot 3^2}$

It is of the type  $x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$  with  $a = 5, m = 6, n = 2$ .

It has single solution given by  $x \equiv a \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$ .

$$\equiv 5 \pmod{576}.$$

## CONCLUSION

Therefore, it can be concluded that the standard cubic congruence of the type:

$x^3 \equiv a^3 \pmod{2^m \cdot p^n}$ ;  $p$  any odd prime integer, has exactly four solutions given by

$$x \equiv 2^{m-2} \cdot p^n \cdot k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot 3^n}; k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \text{ if } a \text{ is an even positive integer.}$$

But if  $a$  is an odd positive integer and  $a=p$ , then the  $p^2$ -solutions are given by

$$x \equiv 2^m \cdot p^{n-2} \cdot k + a \pmod{2^m \cdot 3^n \cdot b}, k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p^2 - 1.$$

Then it has exactly  $p^2$ -solutions.

If  $a$  is any other odd positive integer, then the congruence has unique solution  $x \equiv a \pmod{2^m p^n}$ .

## MERIT OF THE PAPER

In this paper, a class of standard cubic congruence of the said type is considered for study and a formulation is established to find all the solutions. The problem is discussed in different cases. It is the merit of the paper.

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