

## 397.

SPECIMEN TABLE  $M \equiv a^{\alpha} b^{\beta} \pmod{N}$  FOR ANY PRIME OR  
COMPOSITE MODULUS.

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pp. 95—96 and plate.]

If  $N$  be a prime number, and  $a$  one of its primitive roots, then any number  $M$  prime to  $N$ , or what is the same thing, any number in the series  $1, 2, \dots, N-1$ , may be exhibited in the form  $M \equiv a^{\alpha} \pmod{N}$ ; where  $\alpha$  is said to be the index of  $M$  in regard to the particular root  $a$ . Jacobi's *Canon Arithmeticus* (Berlin, 1839), contains a series of tables, giving the indices of the numbers  $1, 2, 3 \dots, N-1$  for every prime number  $N$  less than 1000, and giving conversely for each such prime number the numbers  $M$  which correspond to the indices  $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, (N-1)$  (*Tabulae Numerorum ad Indices datos pertinentium et Indicium Numero dato correspondentium*). A similar theory applies, it is well known, to the composite numbers; the only difference is, that in order to exhibit for a given composite number  $N$  the different numbers less than  $N$  and prime to it, we require not a single root  $a$ , but two or more roots  $a, b, \dots$  and that in terms of these we have  $M \equiv a^{\alpha} b^{\beta} \dots \pmod{N}$ . For each root  $a$  there is an index  $A$  (or say the Indicator of the root), such that  $a^A \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ ,  $A$  being the least index for which this equation is satisfied; and the indices  $\alpha, \beta, \dots$  extend from 1 to  $A, B, \dots$  respectively; the number of different combinations or the product  $AB \dots$ , being precisely equal to  $\phi(N)$ , the number of integers less than  $N$  and prime to it. The least common multiple of  $A, B, \dots$ , is termed the Maximum Indicator, and representing it by  $I$ , then for any number  $M$  not prime to  $N$ , we have  $M^I \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ , a theorem made use of by Cauchy for the solution of indeterminate equations of the first order. Thus  $N=20$ , the roots may be taken to be 3, 11; the corresponding exponents are 4, 2 (viz.  $3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$   $11^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$ ), and the product of these is 8, the number of integers less than 20 and prime to it; the series [go to p. 86]

s.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
ors		1	2	3	2	5	3	3, 5	2	3	2	5, 7	6	3	2, 11	3, 7	10	5	10	3, 11	2, 13	7	10	5, 7, 13	2	7	2	3, 13	10	7, 11	
D.		1	2	2	4	2	6	2, 2	6	4	10	2, 2	12	6	4, 2	4, 2	16	6	18	4, 2	6, 2	10	22	2, 2, 2	20	12	18	6, 2	28	4, 2	
r.		1	2	2	4	2	6	2	6	4	10	2	12	6	4	4	16	6	18	4	6	10	22	2	20	12	18	6	28	4	
b	0	1	2	2	4	2	6	4	6	4	10	4	12	6	8	8	16	6	18	8	12	10	22	8	20	12	18	12	28	8	
	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0, 0	0	0	0	0, 0	0, 0	0	0	0	0, 0	0, 0	0	0	0, 0, 0	0	0	0	0, 0	0	0, 0	
	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	1, 0	
	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7	7
	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9	9
	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11	11
	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12	12
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	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17	17
	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18	18
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	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26	26
	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27	27
	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28	28
	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29	29
	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30

31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
17	3, 15	2, 10	3	2, 6	5, 19	5	3	2, 14	3, 11, 21	6	5, 13	28	3, 21	2, 26	5	10	5, 7, 17	3	3	
30	8, 2	10, 2	16	12, 2	6, 2	36	18	12, 2	4, 2, 2	40	6, 2	42	10, 2	12, 2	22	46	4, 2, 2	42	20	
30	8	10	16	12	6	36	18	12	4	40	6	42	10	12	22	46	4	42	20	
30	16	20	16	24	12	36	18	24	16	40	12	42	20	24	22	46	16	42	20	
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12		1, 0		1, 0		11		1, 0			26	39		1, 0		30		26	2	
13	1, 0		1	11, 0		34	1		1, 0, 0	15		17	1, 0		16	18		1	3	
24		2, 0		2, 0		22		2, 0			36			2, 0		14		10	4	
20	7, 1	9, 1	5		1, 0	1	4	9, 0			12	1, 0	5	8, 0		17	1, 0, 0	29	5	
25				0, 1		9				1		14				2		27	6	
4	2, 1	2, 1	11		2, 1	28	6	11, 1	3, 0, 1	39		7	9, 1	1, 1	19	38	0, 1, 0	15	7	
6		3, 0		3, 0		33		3, 0		38		33		3, 0		44		36	8	
26	2, 0		2	10, 0		32	2		2, 0, 0	30		34	2, 0		10	36		2	9	
2		0, 1				12		10, 0		8		2			1			13	10	
29	7, 0		7	8, 0	5, 1	6	12	7, 0	0, 1, 0	3	5, 1	6		4, 1	9	27	3, 1, 0	40	8	11
7				1, 1		20				27		11				32		11	12	
23	1, 1	6, 1	4	3, 1	4, 0	13	17		1, 1, 1	31	0, 1	40	2, 1	11, 1	14	3	3, 0, 1	33	17	13
16		3, 1				3		0, 1		25		4		2, 1		22			14	
3	0, 1		6			35	5			37		22	9, 0		17	35		30	15	
18		4, 0		4, 0		8		4, 0		24		30		4, 0		28		20	16	
1	4, 0	9, 0		5, 1	3, 0	5	16	2, 1		33	5, 0	16	8, 1	9, 0	7	42	0, 0, 1	25	19	17
8				11, 0		7				16		31				20		28	18	
22	5, 0	8, 1	14	10, 1	0, 1	25		5, 1	2, 1, 0	9	4, 1	29	1, 1	6, 0	15	29	1, 1, 1	35	14	19
14		1, 1				23		11, 0		34		41				31		39	20	
17	3, 1		12			26	7		0, 0, 1	14		24	0, 1		13	10		16	21	
11				9, 0		17		8, 0		29		3		5, 1		11		24	22	
21	6, 1	5, 1	15	7, 0	1, 1	21	14	10, 1	1, 0, 1	36	1, 1	20	5, 0	11, 0		39	0, 1, 1	38	13	23
19				2, 1		31				13		8				16		37	24	
10	6, 0	8, 0	10		2, 0	2	8	6, 0		4	2, 0	10	6, 0		2	34	2, 0, 0	16	25	
5		7, 1		4, 1		24				17		37		0, 1		33		17	26	
9	3, 0		3	9, 1		30	3		3, 0, 0	5		9	3, 0		4	8		3	3	27
28		4, 1				14		1, 1		11		1		3, 1		6			28	
27	5, 1	7, 0	13	6, 0	5, 0	15	11	4, 1	2, 0, 1	7	3, 1	25	4, 1	10, 1	18	43	3, 0, 0	18	6	29
15						10				23		19				19		14	30	
31	4, 1	6, 0	9	8, 1	4, 1	27	15	9, 1	0, 1, 1	28	2, 1	32	7, 0	8, 0	6	5	2, 1, 0	7	4	31
	32	5, 0		5, 0		19		5, 0		10		27		5, 0		12		4		32
		33	8	7, 1		4	13		1, 1, 0	18		23			3	45		41	9	33
			34	6, 1		16		3, 1		19		13		10, 0		26		9		34
				35	31	29	10	8, 1		21		12	7, 1		20	9	1, 1, 0			35
					36	18				2		28				4		12		36
						37	9	7, 1	3, 1, 1	32	4, 0	35	4, 0	9, 1	21	24	1, 0, 1	32	7	37
							38	6, 1		35		26		7, 0		13		19		38
								39	2, 1, 1	6		15	3, 1		8	21		34	18	39
									40	20		38			15		23			40
										41	3, 0	18	6, 1	8, 1	12	25	2, 0, 1	15	12	41
											42	21			40					42
												43	5, 1	7, 1	5	37	3, 1, 1	6	5	43
													44	6, 1	41			8		44
														45	11	7		31		45
															46			22		46
																47	2, 1, 1	5	11	47
																	48	21		48
																		49	10	49
																		50		50

[from p. 83] of these is in fact 1, 3, 7, 9, 11, 13, 17, 19, each of which is expressible in the required form, viz.  $1 \equiv 3^0 \cdot 11^0$ ,  $3 \equiv 3^1 \cdot 11^0$ ,  $7 \equiv 3^3 \cdot 11^0$ , &c. (Mod. 20): the maximum indicator is 4; viz.  $1^4 \equiv 1$ ,  $3^4 \equiv 1$ ,  $7^4 \equiv 1$ , &c. (Mod. 20).

The table pp. 84, 85 gives the Indices for the numbers less than  $N$  and prime to it, for all values of  $N$  from 1 to 50; the arrangement may be seen at a glance; of the five lines which form a heading, the first contains the numbers  $N$ ; the second the root or roots belonging to each number  $N$ , the third the indicators of these roots, the fourth the maximum indicator, the fifth the number  $\phi(N)$ . The remaining lines contain the index or indices of each of the  $\phi N$  numbers  $M$  less than  $N$  and prime to it, the number corresponding to such index or indices, being placed outside in the same horizontal line. For example, 30 has the roots 7, 11, indices 4, 2 respectively; the Maximum Indicator is 4, and the number of integers less than 30 and prime to it is 8; taking any such number, say 17, the indices are 1, 1, that is, we have  $17 \equiv 7^1 \cdot 11^1 \pmod{30}$ .

The foregoing corresponds to the *Tabulæ Indicum Numero dato correspondentium* of Jacobi; on account of multiplicity of roots there does not appear to be any mode of forming a single table corresponding to the *Tabulæ Numerorum ad Indices datos pertinentium*; and there would be no adequate advantage in forming for each number  $N$  a separate table in some such form as

$$N = 20.$$

Roots		Nos.
3	11	
0	0	1
0	1	11
1	0	3
1	1	13
2	0	9
2	1	19
3	0	7
3	1	17

which I have written down in the form of a table of single entry; for although (whenever, as in the present case, the number of roots is only two) it might have been better exhibited as a table of double entry, when the number of roots is three or more it could not of course be exhibited as a table of corresponding multiple entry.