Math 255

(Reading) Quiz 23

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Problem 1: Does

$$x^2 \equiv 33 \pmod{64}$$

have a solution?

Solution: Since $64 = 2^6$, we apply Theorem 9.12. Because 6 is greater than or equal to 3, this equation has a solution if and only if $33 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$. This is the case, so this equation has a solution. In fact it has four solutions: $x \equiv 15, 17, 47, 49 \pmod{64}$.