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We also define the Jacobi symbol:

$$\left(\frac{D}{N}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } D \text{ is a square (mod } N) \text{ i.e. } D \equiv a^2 \text{ for some } a \\ -1 & \text{if } D \text{ is not a square (mod } N) \\ 0 & \text{if } N \text{ divides } D \end{cases}$$

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