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P Berrizbetia, S Muller and Hugh C Williams* (williams@math.ucalgary.ca), Dr. H. Williams, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, University of Calgary, Calgary, Alberta T2N 1N4, Canada. *Pseudopowers and Primality Proving.*

The so-called pseudosquares yield a very powerful machinery for the primality testing of large integers N . In fact, assuming reasonable heuristics (which have been confirmed for numbers to 2^{80}) this gives a deterministic primality test in time $O((\lg N)^{3+o(1)})$, which many believe to be best possible. In the 1980s D.H. Lehmer posed a question tantamount to whether this could be extended to pseudo r -th powers. Very recently this was accomplished for $r=3$. In fact, the results obtained indicate that $r=3$ might lead to an event more powerful algorithm than $r=2$. This naturally leads to the challenge if and how anything can be achieved for $r>3$. The extension from $r=2$ to $r=3$ relied on properties of the arithmetic of the Eisenstein ring of integers $Z[\zeta_3]$, including the Law of Cubic Reciprocity. In this paper we present a generalization of our result for any odd prime r . The generalization is obtained by studying the properties of Gaussian and Jacobi sums in cyclotomic ring of integers, which are tools from which the r -th power Eisenstein Reciprocity Law is derived, rather than from the law itself. While $r=3$ seems to lead to a more efficient algorithm than $r=2$, we show that extending to any $r>3$ does not appear to lead to any further improvements. (Received February 26, 2007)