Primitive geodesic lengths and (almost) arithmetic progressions

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I will present some results on the arithmetic structure within the set of lengths of primitive geodesics in spaces of negative (or non-positive) curvature. For example, one can always find "almost" arithmetic progressions. In contrast, genuine arithmetic progressions seem quite rare. I will explain how to find such arithmetic progressions in the special case of arithmetic locally symmetric spaces.