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Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be a finite field and  $p$  be a prime integer. For an element  $a$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  finding a  $p^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$  (if exists) is an active research topic in computational number theory. The problem has been long investigated for  $p = 2$  and several theoretical and practical solutions were presented. For  $p = 3$  the well known Lucas sequences were employed. In this research, we present a method of finding  $p^{\text{th}}$  root of elements in  $\mathbb{F}$  finite field for  $p = 3, 5, 7$ . We exploit elliptic curves and their corresponding torsion subgroups to construct an efficient algorithm in practice. (Received September 16, 2019)