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There are 3 questions for a total of 10 points.

1. Recall the **Extended-Euclid-GCD** algorithm discussed in class for finding the gcd of positive integers $a \geq b > 0$ and integers x, y such that $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$. The algorithm makes a sequence of recursive calls until the second input becomes 0. For example, the sequence of recursive calls along with the function-call returns for inputs $(2, 1)$ are:

$$\stackrel{(1,0,1)}{\leftarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(2, 1) \stackrel{(1,1,0)}{\rightarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(1, 0)$$

- (a) (1 1/2 points) Write down the sequence of recursive calls along with function-call returns that are made when the algorithms is executed with inputs $(995, 53)$.

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &\stackrel{(1,22,-413)}{\leftarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(995, 53) \stackrel{(1,-17,22)}{\rightarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(53, 41) \\ &\quad \stackrel{(1,5,-17)}{\leftarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(41, 12) \stackrel{(1,-2,5)}{\rightarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(12, 5) \\ &\quad \quad \stackrel{(1,1,-2)}{\leftarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(5, 2) \stackrel{(1,0,1)}{\rightarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(2, 1) \\ &\quad \quad \quad \stackrel{(1,1,0)}{\leftarrow} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (1/2 point) What is the inverse of 53 modulo 995? That is, give a positive integer x such that $53 \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{995}$. Write “not applicable” in case no such integer exists.

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2. State true or false with reasons:

- (a) (1 point) For all positive integers $a \geq b > 0$ there exists *unique* integers x, y such that $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$.

 (a) False

Solution: We give a counterexample. Consider $a = 5$ and $b = 3$. We have $2 \cdot 5 + (-3) \cdot 3 = 1 = 5 \cdot 5 + (-8) \cdot 3$.

- (b) (1 point) Let $m > 2$ be a prime number and let $1 < a < m$ be any integer. Then a has a unique inverse with respect to the operation multiplication modulo m . That is, there is a unique integer $1 < b < m$ such that $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

 (b) True

Solution: For the sake of contradiction let there be two inverses $1 < b < c < m$ of a . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} b &\equiv (b \cdot (ac)) \pmod{m} \\ &\equiv ((ba) \cdot c) \pmod{m} \\ &\equiv c \pmod{m}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. So the inverse of any $1 < a < m$ is unique with respect to multiplication modulo m .

3. Consider one of the problems in the tutorial sheet related to the possible way of leaving a certain amount of water given two jugs with integer capacities S and L . Recall that you have unlimited source of water and nothing but the two given jugs. Answer the following questions:

- (a) (3 points) Design an algorithm that takes as input three positive integers S, L , and B such that $B < S < L$ and outputs “Not Possible” if it is not possible to leave B litres of water in any of the two jugs and otherwise it outputs the precise way to make sure that one of the jugs has exactly B litres of water.

Solution: Here is the pseudocode for the algorithm.

JugProblem(S, L, B)

- $(d, x, y) \leftarrow \text{ExtendedEuclidGCD}(L, S)$
- If $(d$ does not divide $B)$ return (“Not possible”)
- Compute q such that $B = dq$
- If $(x > 0)$ return(“Fill the smaller jug qx times and keep emptying in the larger jug.
Whenever the larger jug becomes full, it is emptied.”)
- else return(“Fill the larger jug qy times and keep emptying in the smaller jug.
Whenever the smaller jug becomes full, it is emptied.”)

- (b) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input $S = 15, L = 21, B = 12$ and write the output below.

Solution: Fill the smaller jug 12 times and keep emptying in the larger jug. Whenever the larger jug becomes full, it is emptied.

- (c) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input $S = 5, L = 8, B = 3$ and write the output below.

Solution: Fill the larger jug 6 times and keep emptying in the smaller jug. Whenever the smaller jug becomes full, it is emptied.

- (d) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input $S = 21, L = 33, B = 16$ and write the output below.

Solution: Not possible.