

# MAT2440, Classwork41, Spring2025

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1. Solve for  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  in General.

Step1. Use the Euclidean Algorithm to show  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .

Step2. Reverse the steps to find Bézout coefficient  $s$ ,  $t$ , such that

$$\underline{s} \cdot a + \underline{t} \cdot m = \underline{\gcd(a, m)} = \underline{1}.$$

Step3. Then  $s$  is the **inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$** :

$$\text{Since } s \cdot a + t \cdot m \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$sa \pmod{m} + \underline{tm \pmod{m}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow sa \pmod{m} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow sa \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow s \text{ is the inverse of } a \text{ modulo } m.$$

2. Find an inverse of 7 modulo 32. (That is, solve  $7x \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$ )

Sol: step1  $\gcd(7, 32) = \gcd(7, \underline{32 \pmod{7}}) \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} 32 = 4 \times 7 + 4 \\ 7 = 4 \times 1 + 3 \\ 4 = 3 \times 1 + 1 \\ 3 = 1 \times 3 + 0 \end{array} \right.$

(by Euclidean Algorithm)

$$= \gcd(7, 4)$$

$$= \gcd(\underline{7 \pmod{4}}, 4)$$

$$= \gcd(3, 4)$$

$$= \gcd(3, \underline{4 \pmod{3}})$$

$$= \gcd(3, 1) = 1$$

step2:

$$\boxed{1} = 4 - \underline{3} \times 1 = 4 - (7 - 4 \times 1) \times 1 = 4 - 7 \times 1 + 4 \times 1$$

$$= 4 \times 2 - 7 \times 1 = \underset{\uparrow}{(32 - 4 \times 7)} \times 2 - 7 \times 1$$

$$= 32 \times 2 - 8 \times 7 - 7 \times 1 = \boxed{32 \times 2 - 9 \times 7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \underset{\uparrow}{(-9)} \times 7 + \underset{\uparrow}{2} \times 32$$

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$$\quad \quad \quad s \quad a \quad t \quad m$$

step 3. the inverse of 7 modulo 32 is -9

$$-9 + 32 = 23$$

$$-9 \times 7 = -63 \pmod{32} = 1$$

$$\underline{23} \times 7 = 161 \pmod{32} = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 32 \\ \times 5 \\ \hline 160 \\ 161 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

Either -9 or 23 will work,

In fact,  $S = -9 + n \cdot 32$  or  $S \equiv -9 \pmod{32}$

3. Find an inverse of 22 modulo 41. (That is, solve  $22x \equiv 1 \pmod{41}$ )

Step 1:  $\gcd(22, 41) = \gcd(22, 41 \bmod 22) \mid 41 = 1 \times 22 + 19 \quad \text{--- ①}$   
 $= \gcd(22, 19) = \gcd(22 \bmod 19, 19) \mid 22 = 1 \times 19 + 3 \quad \text{--- ②}$   
 $= \gcd(3, 19) = \gcd(3, 19 \bmod 3) \mid 19 = 6 \times 3 + 1 \quad \text{--- ③}$   
 $= \gcd(3, 1) = 1$

Step 2: from ③  $1 = 19 - 6 \times 3$   
 $= 19 - 6 \times (22 - 1 \times 19) = 19 - 6 \times 22 + 6 \times 19$

from ①  $41 - 1 \times 22 = 19$   
 $= 7 \times 19 - 6 \times 22$   
 $= 7 \times (41 - 1 \times 22) - 6 \times 22$   
 $= (-13) \times 22 + 7 \times 41$

$\Rightarrow (-13)$  is the inverse of 22 modulo 41.

4. Solve Linear Congruences  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ :

(a) Solve  $7x \equiv 5 \pmod{32}$

① Find the inverse of 7 modulo 32 (solve  $7\bar{a} \equiv 1 \pmod{32}$ )  
 from Q2.  $\bar{a} = -9$ .

② Then solve  $7x \equiv 5 \pmod{32}$

$$\underbrace{-9 \cdot 7x}_{1 \pmod{32}} \equiv -9 \cdot 5 \pmod{32}$$

$$1x \equiv -45 \pmod{32} \Rightarrow x \equiv 19 \pmod{32}$$

(b) Solve  $22x \equiv 3 \pmod{41}$

① Find the inverse of 22 mod 41 (solve  $22\bar{a} \equiv 1 \pmod{41}$ )  
 $\bar{a} = -13$

② Then solve  $22x \equiv 3 \pmod{41}$

$$\underbrace{-13 \cdot 22x}_{1} \equiv -13 \cdot 3 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1x \equiv -39 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 2 \pmod{41}$$