

# MST125 TMA01

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## 1 Question 1

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### 1.1 a

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### 1.2 b

1. The distance between  $A(x_1, y_1)$  and  $B(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$AB = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}.$$

Hence the distance between A(−3, 1) and B(2, −2) is

$$\begin{aligned} AB &= \sqrt{(2 - (-3))^2 + (-1 - 1)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{5^2 + (-3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{34}. \end{aligned}$$

2. The gradient  $m$  of the line through  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}.$$

Hence the gradient of the line through (−3, 1) and (2, −2) is

$$m = \frac{-2 - 1}{2 - (-3)} = -\frac{3}{5}.$$

3. The gradient of the line is  $-\frac{3}{5}$ . Hence  $\tan \alpha = -\frac{3}{5}$ . Let  $\phi$  be the acute angle that the line makes with the negative direction of the  $x$ -axis. Then

$$\tan \phi = \frac{3}{5},$$

so

$$\phi = \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{3}{5} \right) = 0.540 \dots$$

Hence

$$\alpha = \pi - 0.540 \dots = 2.601 \dots$$

Therefore the angle  $\alpha$  is 2.60 radians (to 2 d.p.).

### 1.3 c

I intend to typeset my TMA through the fact that I believe the programatic power of  $\text{\LaTeX}$  is a great advantage. Through `MST125` I have even started using  $\text{\LaTeX}$  over Markdown (with `mathjax`) for school assignments now.

Using  $\text{\LaTeX}$  in my daily school work leads me to a much DRYer (don't repeat yourself) documents where all my associate code can be referenced with great accuracy without suffering from complicated compilation scripts.

I have also configured a Vim integration so I can use my primary editor for TMAs.

## 2 Question 2

(a) Find the least residue of  $64^7$  modulo 15.

$$64^7 \equiv x \pmod{15}$$

$$4^7 \equiv x \pmod{15}$$

We observe  $4^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$ .

$$4^1 \equiv x \pmod{15}$$

$$64^7 \equiv 4 \pmod{15}$$

## 3 Question 3

### 3.1 a

#### 3.1.1 i

We find the gcd using Euler's algorithm. These variable names come from CAS tool I wrote in Rust for Unit3.

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} a & & q & & b & & r \\ 90 & = & 5 & \times & 17 & + & 5 \\ 17 & = & 3 & \times & 5 & + & 2 \\ 5 & = & 2 & \times & 2 & + & 1 \\ 2 & = & 2 & \times & 1 & + & 0 \end{array}$$

We reshape for substitution

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} \textcircled{5} & = & \textcircled{90} & - & 5 \times \textcircled{17} \\ \textcircled{2} & = & \textcircled{17} & - & 3 \times \textcircled{5} \\ \textcircled{1} & = & \textcircled{5} & - & 2 \times \textcircled{2} \end{array}$$

And then conduct said substitution

$$\begin{aligned} a \times \textcircled{17} + b \times \textcircled{90} &= \textcircled{1} \\ &= \textcircled{5} - 2 \times \textcircled{2} \\ &= (\textcircled{90} - 5 \times \textcircled{17}) - 2 \times \textcircled{2} \\ &= (\textcircled{90} - 5 \times \textcircled{17}) - 2 \times (\textcircled{17} - 3 \times \textcircled{5}) \\ &= (\textcircled{90} - 5 \times \textcircled{17}) - 2 \times (\textcircled{17} - 3 \times (\textcircled{90} - 5 \times \textcircled{17})) \\ &= 7 \times \textcircled{90} - 37 \times \textcircled{17} \end{aligned}$$

Then we find the least residual of  $-37$  and deduce that the multiplicative inverse of  $17 \pmod{90}$  is 53.

This means the solution to  $17x \equiv 9 \pmod{90}$  is  $x \equiv 53 \times 9 \equiv 477 \equiv 27 \pmod{90}$ .

### 3.1.2 ii

We begin by simplifying the congruence.

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} a & x & \equiv & b & \text{mod } n \\ 9 & x & \equiv & 12 & \text{mod } 90 \\ 3 & x & \equiv & 4 & \text{mod } 30 \end{array}$$

As we can see here  $\gcd(3, 30) \neq 1$  and  $3 \nmid 4$  so the congruence is unsolvable.

### 3.1.3 iii

We begin by simplifying the congruence.

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} a & x & \equiv & b & \text{mod } n \\ 27 & x & \equiv & 72 & \text{mod } 90 \\ 3 & x & \equiv & 8 & \text{mod } 10 \end{array}$$

This is small enough for a brute force attack but for clarities sake I will not do this.

We can see they are coprime. Hence we can skip Euler's algo.

$$\begin{aligned} 10a + 3b &= 1 \\ &= 10 - 3 \times 3 \end{aligned}$$

We find least residual and multiply with 8. So  $x \equiv -3 \times 8 \equiv 7 \times 8 \equiv 56 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$ .

## 3.2 b

### 3.2.1 i

$$7 \times 15 \equiv 105 \equiv 4 \times 26 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$$

### 3.2.2 ii

$$\begin{array}{rclcl} (8 + 24) & \times & 15 & \equiv & 12 \pmod{26} \\ (16 + 24) & \times & 15 & \equiv & 24 \pmod{26} \\ (25 + 24) & \times & 15 & \equiv & 7 \pmod{26} \\ (2 + 24) & \times & 15 & \equiv & 0 \pmod{26} \end{array}$$

Using the conversion table in Figure 1 we get

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Figure 1: Linear 0-indexed  $\alpha$ -numeric conversion table

$$\text{"IQZB"} \xrightarrow{\alpha\text{-numeric}} \{8, 16, 25, 2\} \xrightarrow{\text{affine}^{-1}} \{12, 24, 7, 0\} \xrightarrow{\alpha\text{-numeric}^{-1}} \text{"MYHA"}$$