

# Math312 Test #3 Solutions

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Typo correction: In solutions to test #2, question 4a, the solution is  $x = (-11) \times 11 + 47t$ ,  $y = (-11) \times (-7) - 30t$ . Similarly the  $s$  in question 4b should be  $t$ .

1a

$$3x = 6 \pmod{9}$$

Using division rule for modulo

$$x = 2 \pmod{3}$$

So the solutions is

$$x = 2, 5, 8 \pmod{9}$$

1a

$$17x = 14 \pmod{21}$$

$$5 \times 17x = 5 \times 14 \pmod{21}$$

$$x = 7 \pmod{21}$$

2a Since

$$5 = 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$11 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$2 = 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$3 = 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$19 = 4 \pmod{5}$$

Therefore  $\{2, 3, 5, 11, 19\}$  is a complete system of residues  $\pmod{5}$ .

2b

$$\{f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_3 = 2, f_4 = 3, f_5 = 5, f_6 = 8, f_9 = 34, f_{11} = 89, 6, 7\}$$

forms a complete system of residues  $\pmod{10}$

3 The solution is

$$x = 7 \times 13 \times 17m_1 + 8 \times 11 \times 17m_2 + 9 \times 11 \times 13m_3 \pmod{11 \times 13 \times 17}$$

where  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  are solutions of the following equations

$$13 \times 17m_1 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$11 \times 17m_2 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$11 \times 13m_3 = 1 \pmod{17}$$

After solving these equations, we have

$$m_1 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$m_2 = 8 \pmod{13}$$

$$m_3 = 5 \pmod{17}$$

Therefore, the solution to the system of linear congruences is

$$x = 7 \times 13 \times 17 \times 1 + 8 \times 11 \times 17 \times 8 + 9 \times 11 \times 13 \times 5 \pmod{11 \times 13 \times 17}$$

which is

$$x = 502 \pmod{2431}$$

4 The lowest common multiple of 6, 10, 15 is  $2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$ . The original system of linear congruences is equivalent to,

$$x = 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x = 3 \pmod{5}$$

The solution to the above system of linear congruences is

$$x = 1 \times 3 \times 5m_1 + 2 \times 2 \times 5m_2 + 3 \times 2 \times 3m_3 \pmod{2 \times 3 \times 5}$$

where  $m_1, m_2, m_3$  are solutions of the following equations

$$3 \times 5m_1 = 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$2 \times 5m_2 = 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$2 \times 3m_3 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

After solving these equations, we have

$$m_1 = 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$m_2 = 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$m_3 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

Therefore, the solution to the system of linear congruences is

$$x = 23 \pmod{30}$$

5a It is easy to spot that  $x = -2, y = 1$  is a solution to  $5x + 11y = 1$ . So the general solution to  $5x + 11y = n$  is

$$x = -2n + 11t, y = n - 5t$$

For  $x, y$  to be nonnegative integers, we require that

$$5t \leq n \leq \frac{11t}{2}$$

When  $t = 7$ ,  $n = 35, 36, 37, 38$  while when  $t = 8$ ,  $n = 40, 41, 42, 43, 44$ . Therefore, the largest  $n = 39$ .

5b It is easy to spot that  $x = -1, y = 4$  is a solution of

$$5x + 11y = 39$$

Therefore, the general solution is

$$x = -1 + 11t, y = 4 - 5t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$