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Q - $-17 \bmod 23$:

$$\begin{array}{r} 23 \times (-1) = -23 \\ -17 - (-23) \\ \hline 6 \end{array}$$

$$-17 = (-1 \times 23) + 6$$

$$\therefore -17 \bmod 23 = 6$$

Q Multiplicative Inverse of $-13 \bmod 23$:

The multiplicative inverse of a number $a \bmod m$ is a number x such that:

$$ax \equiv 1 \bmod m$$

In our case, we are looking for a number x such that:

$$-13x \equiv 1 \bmod 23$$

To simplify, we first convert -13 into a positive equivalent modulo 23:

$$-13 \bmod 23 = -13 + 23 = 10$$

So, the equivalent equation becomes:

$$10x \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

Now, we find the integer x such that

$$10x \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

If $x = 1$, $10 \times 1 = 10 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$

If $x = 2$, $10 \times 2 = 20 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$

If $x = 3$, $10 \times 3 = 30 \equiv 7 \pmod{23}$

If $x = 4$, $10 \times 4 = 40 \equiv 17 \pmod{23}$

We found it: $10 \cdot 7 = 70 \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$

Since $-13 \equiv 10 \pmod{23}$ and $10^{-1} \pmod{23} = 7$

we conclude -

The multiplicative inverse of $-13 \pmod{23}$ is 7.