IA Assignment 3

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1. (a) First of all, we use the basic division theorem:

$$47 = (1)27 + 20$$
$$27 = (1)20 + 7$$
$$20 = (2)7 + 6$$
$$7 = (1)6 + 1$$

So we know that gcd(47,27) = 1, i.e. they are coprime, so there exists a number b such that 1 = 27b + 47k, for some integer k, which is the inverse of 27 (mod 47), or more generally $[27]^{-1}$. We can find this b using the extended division algorithm:

$$1 = 7 - 6$$

$$= 7 - (20 - (2)7)$$

$$= (3)7 - 20$$

$$= (3)(27 - 20) - 20$$

$$= (3)27 - (4)20$$

$$= (3)27 - (4)(47 - 27)$$

$$= (7)27 - (4)47$$

and so we have $27^{-1} = 7 \pmod{47}$.

(b) Given the congruence $[135][x] = [15] \pmod{235}$ we must first check if 135 and 235 are coprime. To do this we use the division algorithm:

$$235 = 135 + 100$$
$$135 = 100 + 35$$
$$100 = (2)35 + 30$$
$$35 = 30 + 5$$
$$30 = (6)5$$

So they are not coprime, but we can see that our congruence can be divided by 5, so we have

$$[27][x] = [3] \pmod{47}$$

To solve this we need the inverse of 27 (mod 47), but we already know this from (a), so we have

$$[x] = [3][27]^{-1}$$

= $[3][7]$
= $[3 \cdot 7]$
= $[21]$

And we're done.

(c) As we saw above in (b), 135 and 235 are not coprime, but this time we have the congruence

$$[135][x] = [14] \pmod{235}$$

and $5 \nmid 14$, so there is no solution for x.