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Inverting Modulo

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Number

15

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26

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First Part: Euclidean Algorithm

Iter 1:

1

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{---} \\ 15 \mid 26 \\ -15 \\ \text{---} \\ 11 \end{array}$$

Iter 2:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \text{---} \\ 11 \mid 15 \\ -11 \\ \text{---} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

Iter 3:

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 \\ \text{---} \\ 4 \mid 11 \\ - 8 \\ \text{---} \\ 3 \end{array}$$

Iter 4:

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ \hline - \\ 3 \mid 4 \\ -3 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

Thus, $\text{GCD}(15, 26) = 1$

Euclidean algorithm gives us the following equations.

$$26 = 15 * 1 + 11 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$15 = 11 * 1 + 4 \quad \dots (2)$$

$$11 = 4 * 2 + 3 \quad \dots (3)$$

$$4 = 3 * 1 + 1 \quad \dots (4)$$

Second Part: Reversing

Isolating 1 from (4)

$$1 = 4 * 1 + 3 * -1 \quad \dots (5)$$

Isolating 3 from (3) and putting in (5).

Rearrange to keep as a linear combination of 11 and 4:

$$1 = 11 * -1 + 4 * 3 \quad \dots (6)$$

Isolating 4 from (2) and putting in (6).

Rearrange to keep as a linear combination of 15 and 11:

$$1 = 15 * 3 + 11 * -4 \quad \dots (7)$$

Isolating 11 from (1) and putting in (7).

Rearrange to keep as a linear combination of 26 and 15:

$$1 = 26 * -4 + 15 * 7 \quad \dots (8)$$

Bézout's coefficients are -4 and 7 .

The multiplicative inverse of $15 \bmod 26$ is 7 .
