

# CSE 015: Discrete Mathematics

## Homework #10 Solutions

### Chapter 4.3

- 31: Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  and  $l = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ . Notice that  $\frac{ab}{d}$  is a common multiple of both  $a$  and  $b$ , since  $\frac{a}{d}$  and  $\frac{b}{d}$  are integers, by definition. By euclidean algorithm,  $\frac{a}{d}$  and  $\frac{b}{d}$  are relatively prime. Now assume  $n$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ ; then we can find integers  $k$  and  $k'$  such that  $n = ka$  and  $n = kb'$ , so  $ka = k'b$ . We divide both sides by  $d$  to get  $k'\frac{b}{d} = k\frac{a}{d}$ . Hence,  $\frac{a}{d}$  divides  $\frac{b}{d}k'$  and since  $\frac{a}{d}$  and  $\frac{b}{d}$  are relatively prime then  $\frac{a}{d}$  divides  $k'$ . Hence  $n = k'b = q\frac{ab}{d}$  for some integer  $q$ . So  $\frac{ab}{d}$  divides  $n$ . Hence,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{d} = \frac{ab}{\gcd(a, b)}$ .
- 32(c):  $\gcd(123, 277) = \gcd(123, 31) = \gcd(31, 30) = \gcd(30, 1) = \gcd(1, 0) = 1$
- 32(d):  $\gcd(1529, 14039) = \gcd(1529, 278) = \gcd(278, 139) = \gcd(139, 0) = 139$
- 42: We take  $a = 356$  and  $b = 252$  to avoid a needless first step. When we apply the Euclidean algorithm we obtain the following quotients and remainders:  $q_1 = 1, r_2 = 104, q_2 = 2, r_3 = 44, q_3 = 2, r_4 = 16, q_4 = 2, r_5 = 12, q_5 = 1, r_6 = 4, q_6 = 3$ . Note that  $n = 6$ . Thus we compute the successive  $s$ 's and  $t$ 's as follows, using the given recurrences:
 

$s_2 = s_0 - q_1 s_1 = 1 - 1 \cdot 0 = 1,$	$t_2 = t_0 - q_1 t_1 = 0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1$
$s_3 = s_1 - q_2 s_2 = 0 - 2 \cdot 1 = -2,$	$t_3 = t_1 - q_2 t_2 = 1 - 2 \cdot (-1) = 3$
$s_4 = s_2 - q_3 s_3 = 1 - 2 \cdot (-2) = 5,$	$t_4 = t_2 - q_3 t_3 = -1 - 2 \cdot 3 = -7$
$s_5 = s_3 - q_4 s_4 = -2 - 2 \cdot 5 = -12,$	$t_5 = t_3 - q_4 t_4 = 3 - 2 \cdot (-7) = 17$
$s_6 = s_4 - q_5 s_5 = 5 - 1 \cdot (-12) = 17,$	$t_6 = t_4 - q_5 t_5 = -7 - 1 \cdot 17 = -24$

 Thus we have  $s_6 a + t_6 b = 17 \cdot 356 + (-24) \cdot 252 = 4$ , which is  $\gcd(356, 252)$
- 50: From  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  we know that  $b = a + sm$  for some integer  $s$ . Now if  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ , then it divides the right-hand side of this equation, so it also divides  $b$ . We can rewrite the equation as  $a = b - sm$ , and then by similar reasoning, we see that every common divisor of  $b$  and  $m$  is also a divisor of  $a$ . This shows that the set of common divisors of  $a$  and  $m$  is equal to the set of common divisors of  $b$  and  $m$ , so certainly  $\gcd(a, m) = \gcd(b, m)$ .

### Chapter 4.4

- 6(a): The first step of the procedure in Example 1 yields  $17 = 8 \cdot 2 + 1$ , which means that  $17 - 8 \cdot 2 = 1$ , so  $-8$  is an inverse. We can also report this as  $9$ , because  $-8 \equiv 9 \pmod{17}$ .
- 6(b): We need to find  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $34s + 89t = 1$ . Then  $s$  will be the desired inverse, since  $34s \equiv 1 \pmod{89}$  (i.e.,  $34s - 1 = -89t$  is divisible by  $89$ ). To do so, we proceed as in Example 2. First we go through the Euclidean algorithm computation that  $\gcd(34, 89) = 1$ :
 
$$89 = 2 \cdot 34 + 21$$

$$34 = 1 \cdot 21 + 13$$

$$\begin{aligned}
21 &= 13+8 \\
13 &= 8 + 5 \\
8 &= 5 + 3 \\
5 &= 3+2 \\
3 &= 2+1
\end{aligned}$$

Then we reverse our steps and write 1 as the linear combination:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= 3-2 \\
&= 3 - (5-3) = 2 \cdot 3 - 5 \\
&= 2 \cdot (8-5) - 5 = 2 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 5 \\
&= 2 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot (13-8) = 5 \cdot 8 - 3 \cdot 13 \\
&= 5 \cdot (21-13) - 3 \cdot 13 = 5 \cdot 21 - 8 \cdot 13 \\
&= 5 \cdot 21 - 8 \cdot (34-21) = 13 \cdot 21 - 8 \cdot 34 \\
&= 13 \cdot (89 - 2 \cdot 34) - 8 \cdot 34 = 13 \cdot 89 - 34 \cdot 34
\end{aligned}$$

Thus  $s = -34$ , so an inverse of 34 modulo 89 is  $-34$ , which can also be written as 55.

- 10: We know that 9 is an inverse of 2 modulo 17. Therefore, if we multiply both sides of this equation by 9 we will get  $x \equiv 9 \cdot 7 \pmod{17}$ . Since  $63 \pmod{17} = 12$ , the solutions are all integers congruent to 12 modulo 17, such as 12, 29, and -5. We can check, for example, that  $2 \cdot 12 = 24 \equiv 7 \pmod{17}$ . This answer can also be stated as all integers of the form  $12 + 17k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 12(a): We know that 55 is an inverse of 34 modulo 89, so  $x \equiv 77 \cdot 55 = 4235 \equiv 52 \pmod{89}$ . Check:  $34 \cdot 52 = 1768 \equiv 77 \pmod{89}$ .

## Chapter 4.5

- 2(a): 58
- 2(b): 60
- 6: We just calculate using the formula. We are given  $x_0 = 3$ . Then  $x_1 = (4 \cdot 3 + 1) \pmod{7} = 13 \pmod{7} = 6$ ;  $x_2 = (4 \cdot 6 + 1) \pmod{7} = 25 \pmod{7} = 4$ ;  $x_3 = (4 \cdot 4 + 1) \pmod{7} = 17 \pmod{7} = 3$ . At this point the sequence must continue to repeat 3, 6, 4, 3, 6, 4, . . . forever.

## Chapter 4.6

- 2(a) WXST TSPPYXMSR
- 2(b) NOJK KJHHPODJI