# Finding inverses: The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- Inverses exists if e and m do not have any common factor.
- To find e<sup>-1</sup> (inverse of e) such that ee<sup>-1</sup> = 1 mod m we can use the Extended Euclidean Algorithm.
  - Before doing so it is instructive to look at the Euclidean algorithm.

## GCD's and the Euclidean Algorithm

- The greatest common divisor (GCD) of two integers n<sub>1</sub> and n<sub>2</sub>, not both zero, is the largest integer that divides n<sub>1</sub> and n<sub>2</sub>.
- It is denoted gcd(n<sub>1</sub>,n<sub>2</sub>).
- Example: gcd(30, 15) = 15gcd(30, -12) = 6
- We can calculate the gcd using Euclidean algorithm.

## **Euclidean Algorithm**

- 1) Divide the larger number by the smaller and retain the remainder.
- 2) Divide the smaller original number by the remainder, again retaining the remainder.
- 3) Continue dividing the prior remainder by the current remainder until the remainder is zero, at which point the last (non-zero) remainder is the greatest common divisor.
- **Example**: gcd(84,49).
  - 84/49 → remainder 35.
  - 49/35 → remainder 14.
  - $35/14 \rightarrow$  remainder 7.
  - $14/7 \rightarrow \text{remainder 0}$ .

Therefore gcd(84,49)=7.

## **Extended GCD for integers**

The Extended GCD Theorem for Integers states:

Given integers  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ , not both zero, there exist integers a and b such that  $gcd(n_1,n_2)=a^*n_1+b^*n_2$ 

These integers are not necessarily unique though.

#### • Example:

$$gcd(15,12) = 3 = (+1)*15+(-1)*12$$

$$= (+1-12)*15+(-1+15)*12$$

$$= (-11)*15+(+14)*12$$

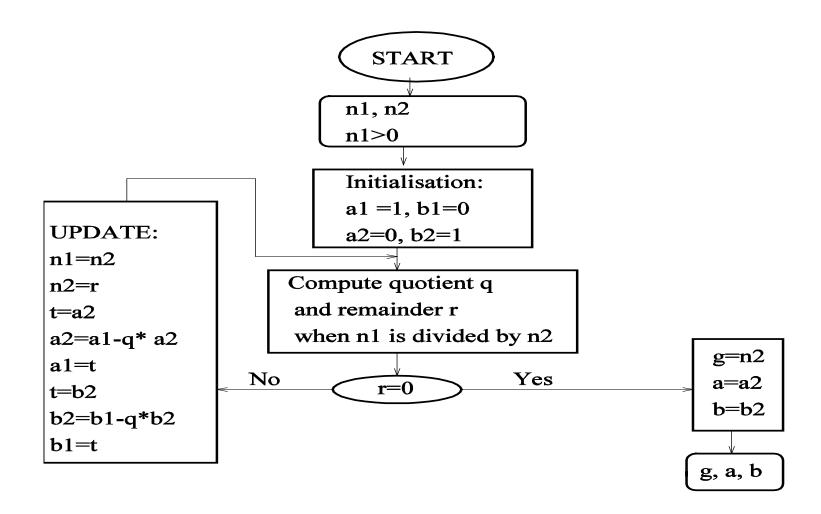
If  $gcd(n_1, n_2)=1$  then it means that we can find the inverses  $n_1 \mod n_2$  and  $n_2 \mod n_1$ .

$$gcd(n_1,n_2)=a*n_1+b*n_2=1$$

#### • Example:

$$gcd(65,14) = 1 = (-3)*65+(14)*14$$

 The Extended Euclidean algorithm calculates a, b and g=gcd(n<sub>1</sub>,n<sub>2</sub>) such that g=a\*n<sub>1</sub>+b\*n<sub>2</sub>.



#### Find gcd(39,11) and a,b, s.t 39a+11b=gcd(39,11)

	n <sub>1</sub>	n <sub>2</sub>	r	q	a <sub>1</sub>	b <sub>1</sub>	a <sub>2</sub>	b <sub>2</sub>
Initialise	39	11	6	3	1	0	0	_ 1
	11	6	5	1	0 4	1	1	-3
	6	5	1	1	1	-3	-1	_ 4
	5	1	0	5	-1 ^	4	2	-7
gcd(39,11)=1 1=39*2+11*(-7)								
a = 2, b = -7								