

1. Question 1

(a)  $-17 \bmod 4 = 3$

$$1 = a *_4 -17(\bmod 4)$$

$$1 = a *_4 3$$

$$(3a)(\bmod 4) = 1$$

$$a = 3$$

In this case,  $m$  must equal 4, since it is the modulo of the original value for “ $b$ ”. The equation can then be easily solved for  $a$ , which could be 3.

(b)  $-17 \div 4 = -5 \text{ rem } 3$

This follows from the definition of the modulo operator, where when  $a \bmod b$ , this means that  $a = bq + r$ , where  $r$  is always a positive integer. Since  $r$  must be positive, we obtain the value  $-20$  from  $bq$ , giving us the smallest positive  $r$ . Therefore,  $a = 3$ .

(c)  $a \equiv -17 \pmod{4}$

$$4|(a + 17)$$

$$a = 3$$

2. Question 2

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$m \mid a - b$$

Definition of congruency

$$\exists c, mc = a - b$$

Definition of the “divisible” operator

$$p = \gcd(a, m); q = \gcd(b, m)$$

Assignment of gcd operations

$$\frac{a}{p} = \frac{mc}{p} + \frac{b}{p}$$

Rewriting of “divisible” operator. Here,  $\frac{a}{p}$  and  $\frac{m}{p}$  are both integers.

$$\frac{b}{p} = \frac{-a}{p} + \frac{mc}{p}$$

Reorganization of expression

Since the two parts of the equation that make up  $\frac{b}{p}$  are both integers,  $\frac{b}{p}$  must be an integer. Therefore,  $p \mid b$ . In addition,  $p \leq q$ , since  $q$  is the largest number that can divide  $b$ .

$$\frac{a}{q} = \frac{mc}{q} + \frac{b}{q} \quad \text{Rewriting of “divisible” operator. Here, } \frac{mc}{q} \text{ and } \frac{b}{q} \text{ are both whole numbers.}$$

Again, the two parts making up  $\frac{a}{q}$  are integers, so  $\frac{a}{q}$  must be an integer. This time, however,  $q \leq p$ , for the same reason that  $p \leq q$ . The only possible conclusion then, is that  $p = q$ .

$$\therefore \gcd(a, m) = \gcd(b, m)$$

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## 3. Question 3

$gcd(124, 323) = d, d \in \mathbb{Z}$		Representation of $gcd$
$d = sa + tb$		Bezout's Theorem
Now begin stepping through the given algorithm		
Representation of gcd		Reformatting of representation
$323 = 2 * 124 + 75$		$75 = 323 - (2 * 124)$
(a) $124 = 1 * 75 + 49$		$49 = 124 - (1 * 75)$
$75 = 1 * 49 + 26$		$26 = 75 - (1 * 49)$
$49 = 1 * 26 + 23$		$23 = 49 - (1 * 26)$
$26 = 1 * 23 + 3$		$3 = 26 - (1 * 23)$
$23 = 7 * 3 + 2$		$2 = 23 - (7 * 3)$
$3 = 1 * 2 + 1$		$1 = 3 - (1 * 2)$
$2 = 2 * 1$		$gcd(124, 323) = 1$

These two numbers are relatively prime since their  $gcd = 1$ . We must now go “backwards” through these steps and find the coefficients associated with the two numbers ( $s, t$ ) to make  $124s + 323t = 1$  true.

$1 = 3 - (1 * 2)$	Starting premise
$2 = 23 - (7 * 3)$	Starting premise
$1 = 3 - 1 * (23 - 7 * 3)$	$8 * 3 - 1 * 23$
$8 * (26 - 1 * 23) - 1 * 23$	$8 * 26 - 9 * 23$
$8 * 26 - 9 * (49 - 1 * 26)$	$17 * 26 - 9 * 49$
$17 * (75 - 1 * 49) - 9 * 49$	$17 * 75 - 26 * 49$
$17 * 75 - 26 * (124 - 1 * 75)$	$43 * 75 - 26 * 124$
$43 * (323 - 2 * 124) - 26 * 124$	$43 * 323 - 112 * 124$

The final item in the table contains both of the original numbers, and the expression is equal to 1 the whole way down. Therefore, the Bezout Coefficients of 124,323 are -112, 43 respectively.

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(b) This calculation is done through the same steps as part (a).

$gcd(3457, 4669) = d, d \in \mathbb{Z}$	Representation of $gcd$
$4669 = 1 * 3457 + 1212$	$1212 = 4669 - 1 * 3457$
$3457 = 2 * 1212 + 1033$	$1033 = 3457 - 2 * 1212$
$1212 = 1 * 1033 + 179$	$179 = 1212 - 1 * 1033$
$1033 = 5 * 179 + 138$	$138 = 1033 - 5 * 179$
$179 = 1 * 138 + 41$	$41 = 179 - 1 * 138$
$138 = 3 * 41 + 15$	$15 = 138 - 3 * 41$
$41 = 2 * 15 + 11$	$11 = 41 - 2 * 15$
$15 = 1 * 11 + 4$	$4 = 15 - 1 * 11$
$11 = 2 * 4 + 3$	$3 = 11 - 2 * 4$
$4 = 1 * 3 + 1$	$1 = 4 - 1 * 3$
$3 = 3 * 1$	$gcd(3457, 4669) = 1$

Now repeat the steps from before, going backwards to find the Bezout Coefficients.

All expressions in the table are equal to 1.

$1 = 4 - 1 * (11 - 2 * 4)$	$3 * 4 - 1 * 11$
$3 * (15 - 1 * 11) - 1 * 11$	$3 * 15 - 4 * 11$
$3 * 15 - 4 * (41 - 2 * 15)$	$11 * 15 - 4 * 41$
$11 * (138 - 3 * 41) - 4 * 41$	$11 * 138 - 37 * 41$
$11 * 138 - 37 * (179 - 1 * 138)$	$48 * 138 - 37 * 179$
$48 * (1033 - 5 * 179) - 37 * 179$	$48 * 1033 - 277 * 179$
$48 * 1033 - 277 * (1212 - 1 * 1033)$	$325 * 1033 - 277 * 1212$
$325 * (3457 - 2 * 1212) - 277 * 1212$	$325 * 3457 - 927 * 1212$
$325 * 3457 - 927 * (4669 - 1 * 3457)$	$1252 * 3457 - 927 * 4669 = 1$

Bezout Coefficients:  $s = 1252, t = -927$

4. Question 4

We begin with a proof by contradiction

Assume there are a finite number of primes of form  $q = 3k + 2$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_n\} & Q \text{ is the set of ALL primes of the form } 2k + 1 \\ N &= 3(q_1 * q_2 * \dots * q_n) + 2 & 3 \nmid N \wedge q_i \nmid N, q_i \in Q \end{aligned}$$

It is known that  $\nexists q_i \in Q$  S.T.  $q_i | N$ , since  $q_i | N - 2$ . If  $q_i | N$ , then  $q_i | 2$ , which cannot be true, since  $q_i$  is an odd prime.

$$N = \text{odd} * \text{even} + \text{even} \rightarrow N = \text{odd} \quad 2 \nmid N$$

According to the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, any integer (in this case  $N$ ), can be represented uniquely as a product of primes. According to the initial assumption,  $N$  is not divisible by any  $q_i \in Q$ . Then if  $N$  is the product of primes of the form  $p_i = 3k + 1$ ,  $N$  would have the form  $3k + 1$ .

$$N = 3k + 1, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

However, the premise was that  $N$  is of the form  $3k + 2$

Therefore,  $\exists p, p = 3k + 2 \wedge p \notin Q$

Because  $Q$  was defined to be the set of ALL prime numbers of the form  $3k+2$ , we have a contradiction.

$$\therefore |Q| = \infty$$