

1. Question 1

(a) $a *_4 - 17 = 1$
 $a = 3$

Here, a value of $a = 3$ makes $(-17 * a) \bmod 4$ a true statement. $-51 \bmod 4 = 1$

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

This follows from the definition of the modulo operator, where $a \bmod b$ means that $a = bq + r$, and 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) $a \equiv -17 \pmod{4}$
 $4|(a + 17)$
 $a = 3$
 $4|20$

2. Question 2

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

$$m \mid a - b$$

Definition of congruency

$$\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}, mc = a - b$$

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 $p = q$.

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

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)	$124 = 1 * 75 + 49$	$49 = 124 - (1 * 75)$
	$75 = 1 * 49 + 26$	$26 = 75 - (1 * 49)$
	$49 = 1 * 26 + 23$	$23 = 49 - (1 * 26)$
	$26 = 1 * 23 + 3$	$3 = 26 - (1 * 23)$
	$23 = 7 * 3 + 2$	$2 = 23 - (7 * 3)$
	$3 = 1 * 2 + 1$	$1 = 3 - (1 * 2)$
	$2 = 2 * 1$	$gcd(124, 323) = 1$

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.

- (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 $q = 3k + 2$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= \{q | q \in \mathbb{P} \cap 3\mathbb{N} + 2\} & Q \text{ is the set of ALL primes of the form } 3k + 2 \\ N &= 3(q_1 * q_2 * \cdots * q_n) + 2 & 3 \nmid N \wedge q_i \nmid N, q_i \in Q \end{aligned}$$

It is known that $\nexists q_i \in Q(q_i | N)$, 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, $\forall q \in Q(q \nmid N)$. Then N must be the product of primes of the form $p_i = 3k + 1$, and 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.

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

5. Question 5

$$(A - B) - C$$

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$$(A - B) - C = \{x|x \in A \cap \neg B \cap \neg C\}$$

$$A - C = \{x|x \in A \cap \neg C\}$$

$$B - C = \{x|x \in B \cap \neg C\}$$

$$(A - C) - (B - C) = \{x|x \in (A - C) \cap \neg(B - C)\}$$

$$\neg(B - C) = \{x|x \in \neg(B \cap \neg C)\}$$

$$\neg(B - C) = \{x|x \in (\neg B \cup C)\}$$

$$(A - C) - (B - C) = \{x|x \in (A \cap \neg C) \cap (\neg B \cup C)\}$$

$$= \{x|x \in (A \cap \neg B \cap \neg C) \cup (A \cap C \cap \neg C)\}$$

$$= \{x|x \in (A \cap \neg B \cap \neg C) \cup (\emptyset)\}$$

$$= \{x|x \in A \cap \neg B \cap \neg C\}$$

$$\therefore (A - B) - C = (A - C) - (B - C)$$

Premise

Definition of set difference

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Combination of previous two steps

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Negation of set difference

DeMorgan's law

Combination of previous steps

Distributive property

Complement laws

Identity laws

6. Question 6

(a) $A_i = \{i, i + 1, i + 2, \dots\}$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = '\infty'$$

Because of the way A_i is defined, the only number that is common amongst all the sets is “the largest number”, which is not exactly a real thing. $A_1 \cap A_2 = [2, \infty)$ $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 = [3, \infty)$, and so on. Each time i increments, the final set loses the lowest value, thus just leaving the “highest number”, represented here as ∞ .

(b) $A_i = \{0, i\}$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \emptyset$$

(c) $A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | 0 < x < i\}$

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\bigcap_{i=1}^{\infty} A_i = \{x \in \mathbb{R} | 0 < x \leq 1\}$$