

Q3:

a) i)

$$\begin{cases} [2]_5 x + [3]_5 y = [4]_5 & \text{--- (1)} \\ [3]_5 x + [-2]_5 y = [1]_5 & \text{--- (2)} \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \leftarrow (2) \Rightarrow [5]_5 x + [1]_5 y = [5]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [-1]_5 y - [0]_5 x + [1]_5 y = [0]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [y]_5 = [0]_5 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(3) \rightarrow (2) \Rightarrow [3]_5 x + [-2]_5 [0]_5 = [1]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [3]_5 x = [1]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [2]_5 [3]_5 x = [2]_5 [1]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [1]_5 x = [2]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [x]_5 = [2]_5$$

Therefore $x = [2]_5$, $y = [0]_5$

NB: Scalar multiplication is not defined for congruence classes, we should have $[3][x]$ etc

b) ii)

$$\begin{cases} [2]_5 x + [3]_5 y = [4]_5 & \text{--- (1)} \\ [3]_5 x + [-2]_5 y = [1]_5 & \text{--- (2)} \end{cases}$$

$$(1) \leftarrow (2) \Rightarrow [3]_5 x + [-1]_5 y = [6]_5$$

$$(2) \leftarrow (1) - 2 \times (2) \Rightarrow [-3]_5 x + [0]_5 y = [-1]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [-3]_5 x = [-1]_5 y$$

$$\Rightarrow [-4]_5 [-3]_5 x = [-1]_5 [-1]_5 y$$

$$\Rightarrow [1]_5 x = [0]_5 y$$

$$\Rightarrow [x]_5 = [0]_5$$

$$\therefore x = [0]_5 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$(3) \rightarrow (1) \Rightarrow [2]_5 [0]_5 + [3]_5 y = [4]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [y]_5 = [4]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [y]_5 = [4]_5$$

$$\Rightarrow [y]_5 = [4]_5$$

$$\therefore y = [4]_5$$

Therefore $x = [0]_5$, $y = [4]_5$