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There are 3 questions for a total of 10 points.

1. Recall the **Extended-Euclid-GCD** algorithm discussed in class for finding the gcd of positive integers  $a \geq b > 0$  and integers  $x, y$  such that  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$ . The algorithm makes a sequence of recursive calls until the second input becomes 0. For example, the sequence of recursive calls along with the function-call returns for inputs  $(2, 1)$  are:

$$\xleftarrow{(1,0,1)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(2, 1) \xrightarrow{(1,1,0)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(1, 0)$$

- (a) (1 1/2 points) Write down the sequence of recursive calls along with function-call returns that are made when the algorithms is executed with inputs  $(995, 53)$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} &\xleftarrow{(1,22,-413)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(995, 53) \xrightarrow{(1,-17,22)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(53, 41) \\ &\xrightarrow{(1,5,-17)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(41, 12) \xrightarrow{(1,-2,5)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(12, 5) \\ &\xrightarrow{(1,1,-2)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(5, 2) \xrightarrow{(1,0,1)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(2, 1) \\ &\xrightarrow{(1,1,0)} \text{Extended-Euclid-GCD}(1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

- (b) (1/2 point) What is the inverse of 53 modulo 995? That is, give a positive integer  $x$  such that  $53 \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{995}$ . Write “not applicable” in case no such integer exists.

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ **582**

2. State true or false with reasons:

- (a) (1 point) For all positive integers  $a \geq b > 0$  there exists *unique* integers  $x, y$  such that  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$ .

(a) \_\_\_\_\_ **False**

**Solution:** We give a counterexample. Consider  $a = 5$  and  $b = 3$ . We have  $2 \cdot 5 + (-3) \cdot 3 = 1 = 5 \cdot 5 + (-8) \cdot 3$ .

- (b) (1 point) Let  $m > 2$  be a prime number and let  $1 < a < m$  be any integer. Then  $a$  has a unique inverse with respect to the operation multiplication modulo  $m$ . That is, there is a unique integer  $1 < b < m$  such that  $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

(b) \_\_\_\_\_ **True**

**Solution:** For the sake of contradiction let there be two inverses  $1 < b < c < m$  of  $a$ . Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} b &\equiv (b \cdot (ac)) \pmod{m} \\ &\equiv ((ba) \cdot c) \pmod{m} \\ &\equiv c \pmod{m}. \end{aligned}$$

This is a contradiction. So the inverse of any  $1 < a < m$  is unique with respect to multiplication modulo  $m$ .

3. Consider one of the problems in the tutorial sheet related to the possible way of leaving a certain amount of water given two jugs with integer capacities  $S$  and  $L$ . Recall that you have unlimited source of water and nothing but the two given jugs. Answer the following questions:

- (a) (3 points) Design an algorithm that takes as input three positive integers  $S, L$ , and  $B$  such that  $B < S < L$  and outputs “Not Possible” if it is not possible to leave  $B$  litres of water in any of the two jugs and otherwise it outputs the precise way to make sure that one of the jugs has exactly  $B$  litres of water.

**Solution:** Here is the pseudocode for the algorithm.

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JugProblem( $S, L, B$ )
    -  $(d, x, y) \leftarrow \text{ExtendedEuclidGCD}(L, S)$ 
    - If( $d$  does not divide  $B$ ) return (“Not possible”)
    - Compute  $q$  such that  $B = dq$ 
    - If ( $x > 0$ ) return(“Fill the smaller jug  $qx$  times and keep emptying in the larger jug.  
Whenever the larger jug becomes full, it is emptied.”)
    - else return(“Fill the larger jug  $qy$  times and keep emptying in the smaller jug.  
Whenever the smaller jug becomes full, it is emptied.”)
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- (b) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input  $S = 15, L = 21, B = 12$  and write the output below.

**Solution:** Fill the smaller jug 12 times and keep emptying in the larger jug. Whenever the larger jug becomes full, it is emptied.

- (c) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input  $S = 5, L = 8, B = 3$  and write the output below.

**Solution:** Fill the larger jug 6 times and keep emptying in the smaller jug. Whenever the smaller jug becomes full, it is emptied.

- (d) (1 point) Execute your algorithm for input  $S = 21, L = 33, B = 16$  and write the output below.

**Solution:** Not possible.