

**Q02A** If our we set  $[a]$  to be  $[7]$  our system of equations for  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  and multiply the first equation by 5 and the second by 3 we get:

$$\begin{cases} [35][x] + [15][y] & \equiv [5](1) \\ [6][x] + [15][y] & \equiv [-3](2) \end{cases}$$

Subtracting equation (1) by equation (2) we will get the new equation:  $[29][y] = [8]$ . Note that  $[29] = [5]$  our equation will become:

$$[5][x] \equiv [8]$$

We know that  $[5]$  and 12 are co-prime, and thus by INV (with integers) we know that  $[5]$  will have a mathematical inverse, thus if we multiply both sides we will get:

$$[5]^{-1}[5][y] \equiv [8][5]^{-1}$$

By definition  $[5]^{-1}[5] = 1$  and we know that  $[5][5] = [1] \pmod{12}$  and thus the mathematical inverse of  $[5]$  is  $[5]$ . Our equation thus becomes:

$$[x] \equiv [40] \equiv [4]$$

Plugging this into equation (2) we get that:

$$\begin{aligned} [6][x] + [15][y] & \equiv [-3] \\ [15][y] & \equiv [-3] - [6][4] \\ [3][y] & \equiv [-3] - [0] \\ [3][y] & \equiv [9] \end{aligned}$$

We know this condition will be satisfied if  $[y] = [3]$  and thus our solution set is given by both:

$$\begin{aligned} \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x & \equiv 4 \pmod{12}\} \\ \{y \in \mathbb{Z} : y & \equiv 3 \pmod{12}\} \end{aligned}$$

**Q02B** To start we will mutliply the first equation by 5 and the second by 3 so we will get:

$$\begin{cases} [3][a][x] + [15][y] & \equiv [5](1) \\ [6][x] + [15][y] & \equiv [-3](2) \end{cases}$$

substracting equation (1) by equation (2) we will get the new equation:

$$\begin{aligned} [3][a][x] - [6][x] & \equiv [8] \\ [3][x]([a] - [2]) & \equiv [8] \end{aligned}$$

Let  $[b] = [a] - [2]$ :

$$[3][x]([b]) \equiv [8]$$