

MthSc 119, EXTRA PRACTICE

32.1 (a) $\gcd(20, 25) = 5$.

(b) $\gcd(0, 10) = 10$.

(c) $\gcd(123, -123) = 123$.

(d) Here we use the Euclidean Algorithm, noting first that $\gcd(-89, -98) = \gcd(89, 98)$.:

$$\begin{aligned}98 &= 1 \times 89 + 9 \\89 &= 9 \times 9 + 8 \\9 &= 1 \times 8 + 1 \\8 &= 8 \times 1 + 0\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $\gcd(89, 98) = 1$.

(e) Here we use the Euclidean Algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned}54321 &= 1086 \times 50 + 21 \\50 &= 2 \times 21 + 8 \\21 &= 2 \times 8 + 5 \\8 &= 1 \times 5 + 3 \\5 &= 1 \times 3 + 2 \\3 &= 1 \times 2 + 1 \\2 &= 2 \times 1 + 0\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $\gcd(54321, 50) = 1$. Unless you're required to use the Euclidean Algorithm here, though, it is not hard to see that the only prime divisors of 50 are 2 and 5, neither of which are divisors of 54321, hence the greatest common divisor of 50 and 54321 must be 1.

(f)

$$\begin{aligned}29341 &= 16 \times 1739 + 1517 \\1739 &= 1 \times 1517 + 222 \\1517 &= 6 \times 222 + 185 \\222 &= 1 \times 185 + 37 \\185 &= 5 \times 37 + 0\end{aligned}$$

We conclude that $\gcd(29341, 1739) = 37$.

32.2

(d) Using back substitution together with our work above for question 32.1 (d), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 9 - 1 \times 8 \\ &= 9 - (89 - 9 \times 9) \\ &= 10 \times 9 - 89 \\ &= 10(98 - 89) - 89 \\ &= 10 \times 98 - 11 \times 89 \end{aligned}$$

So $1 = 10 \times 98 - 11 \times 89$.

(e) Using back substitution together with our work above for question 32.1 (e), we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 2 \\ &= 3 - (5 - 3) \\ &= 2 \times 3 - 5 \\ &= 2(8 - 5) - 5 \\ &= 2 \times 8 - 3 \times 5 \\ &= 2 \times 8 - 3(21 - 2 \times 8) \\ &= 8 \times 8 - 3 \times 21 \\ &= 8(50 - 2 \times 21) - 3 \times 21 \\ &= 8 \times 50 - 19 \times 21 \\ &= 8 \times 50 - 19(54321 - 1086 \times 50) \\ &= -19(54321) + 20642(50) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore $1 = -19(54321) + 20642(50)$.

33.1

- (a) 6
- (b) 2
- (c) 0
- (d) 7

(e) undefined because $12 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{10}$.

Other practice problems.

1. Find 8^{-1} in \mathbb{Z}_{25} . Show your work.

$$\begin{aligned} 25 &= 3 \times 8 + 1 \\ 8 &= 8 \times 1 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Back-substitution, which in this case is very simple, gives us $1 = 25 - 3 \times 8$. It follows that $8^{-1} = 3$.

2. Which integers in \mathbb{Z}_{26} have inverses?

1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25.

4. Alice uses the Caesar Cypher and sends Bob the message below.
What is she saying?

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