

**Worksheet #8; date: 09/25/2018**  
**MATH 55 Discrete Mathematics**

1. (*Rosen 4.4.6c*) Find an inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$  for the following pairs of relatively prime integers.

$$a = 144, \quad m = 233.$$

2. (*Rosen 4.4.7*) Show that if  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime positive integers, then the inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$  is unique modulo  $m$ . *Hint:* Assume that there are two solutions  $b$  and  $c$  of the congruence  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , and show that  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .
3. (*Rosen 4.4.12b*) Solve the following congruences using the modular inverses found in Question 1:

$$144x \equiv 4 \pmod{233}$$

4. (*Rosen 4.4.21, 24*) Find all solutions to the system of congruences  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ , and  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$  with two methods:
- (a) The construction in the proof of the Chinese remainder theorem
  - (b) Back substitution.
5. (*Challenging*) This questions put all techniques above together. Try this now, or after the lecture!

$$\begin{cases} 9x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\ 5x \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 4 \pmod{7} \end{cases}$$