

► **Problem 4.4-9(i)(j)** Find all integers  $x$ ,  $0 \leq x < n$ , satisfying each of the following congruences mod  $n$ . If no such  $x$  exists, explain why not.

(b)  $65x \equiv 27 \pmod{n}$ ,  $n = 169$ .

(c)  $4x \equiv 320 \pmod{n}$ ,  $n = 592$ .

**Solution.** (i) No  $x$  exists. If  $65x \equiv 27 \pmod{169}$ , then  $169 \mid (65x - 27)$ , so  $13 \mid (65x - 27)$ . Since  $13 \mid 65x$ , it implies  $13 \mid 27$ , a contradiction.

(j) If  $4x \equiv 320 \pmod{592}$ , then  $4x = 320 + 592k$  for some  $k \in \mathbf{Z}$ . That is,  $x = 80 + 148k$ . The value of  $x$  are 80, 288, 376, 524. □