

1. Compute the least positive  $x$  such that  $25x - 6$  is divisible by 1001.

**Answer: 761**

**Solution:** Just use the Chinese Remainder Theorem, and note that  $1001 = 7 \times 11 \times 13$ . Reducing modulo 7, 11, 13, respectively, we have

$$n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$$

$$n \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$$

Now applying the Chinese remainder theorem, we have

$$n \equiv \boxed{761} \pmod{1001}$$

2. An integer  $a$  is a *quadratic nonresidue* modulo a prime  $p$  if there does not exist  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . How many ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  modulo 29 exist such that

$$a + b \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$$

where both  $a$  and  $b$  are quadratic nonresidues modulo 29?

**Answer: 7 Solution: Solution 1:** We shall see that the quadratic nonresidues modulo 29 are

$$2, 3, 8, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 21, 26, 27$$

We just pick the number of ordered pairs that sum to 30, which is 4, and we have to multiply by 2, and subtract 1 (because  $(15, 15)$ ) to get  $\boxed{7}$

**Solution 2:** We compute the following sum:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{28} \left(1 - \left(\frac{j}{29}\right)\right) \left(1 - \left(\frac{1-j}{29}\right)\right) = 28 - 0 - (-1) + (-1) = 28$$

Now dividing by 4, we get  $\boxed{7}$ .

3. Let  $f : \mathbb{Z}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$  be a function such that  $f(x+11, y) = f(x, y+11) = f(x, y)$ , and  $f(x, y)f(z, w) = f(xz - yw, xw + yz)$ . How many possible values can  $f(1, 1)$  have?

**Answer: 41**

**Solution:** Note that the multiplication for the function corresponds to multiplication of complex numbers. This shows that  $f$  is multiplicative over the complex numbers which have integer parts. The periodicity conditions suggest that we are working over the integers modulo 11. Note that  $f(1, 0)^2 = f(1, 0) \implies f(1, 0) = 0$  or  $f(1, 0) = 1$ . Also, we can easily compute that the order of  $1 + i$  modulo 11 is 40. This means that  $f(1, 1)^{40} = f(1, 0)$ . If  $f(1, 0) = 0$ , then  $f \equiv 0$ . If  $f(1, 0) = 1$ , then there are 40 values that  $(1, 1)$  can be sent to. Hence, the answer is  $\boxed{41}$ .