

4-4 Number Theory

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For each of the following pairs of numbers a and b , calculate $\gcd(a, b)$ and find integers r and s such that $\gcd(a, b) = ra + sb$.

(b) 234 and 165

$$\gcd(234, 165) = 3$$

$$r = 12, s = -17$$

(f) -4357 and 3754

$$\gcd(-4357, 3754) = 1$$

$$r = 1463, s = 1698$$

Let a and b be nonzero integers. If there exist integers r and s such that $ar + bs = 1$, show that a and b are relatively prime.

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- ▶ $k_1r + k_2s \neq 0$, so $t|1$; therefore, $t = 1$

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Lemma 2.13

If j, k, q , and r are positive integers such that $k = jq + r$, then

$$\gcd(j, k) = \gcd(r, j). \quad (2.7)$$

Notice that if m is negative, then $-m$ is positive. Thus, by Theorem 2.12, $-m = qn + r$ for $0 \leq r < n$. This gives $m = -qn - r$. If $r = 0$, then $m = q'n + r'$ for $0 \leq r' \leq n$ and $q' = -q$. However, if $r > 0$, then you cannot take $r' = -r$ and have $0 \leq r' < n$. Notice, though, that because you have already finished the case in which $r = 0$, you may assume that $0 \leq n - r < n$. This suggests that if you were to take r' to be $n - r$, you might be able to find a q' so that $m = q'n + r'$, with $0 \leq r' \leq n$, which would let you conclude that Euclid's division theorem is valid for negative values m as well as for nonnegative values m . Find a q' that works, and explain how you have extended Euclid's division theorem from the version in Theorem 2.12 to the version in Theorem 2.1.

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The least common multiple (LCM) of two positive integers x and y is the smallest positive integer z such that z is an integer multiple of both x and y . Give a formula for the least common multiple that involves the *GCD*.

$$xy = \gcd(x, y) \cdot \text{lcm}(x, y)$$

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$$\begin{aligned} xy &= p_1^{a_1+b_1} p_2^{a_2+b_2} \cdots p_t^{a_t+b_t} \\ &= p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)+\max(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)+\max(a_2, b_2)} \cdots p_t^{\min(a_t, b_t)+\max(a_t, b_t)} \\ &= \gcd(x, y) \cdot \text{lcm}(x, y). \end{aligned}$$

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