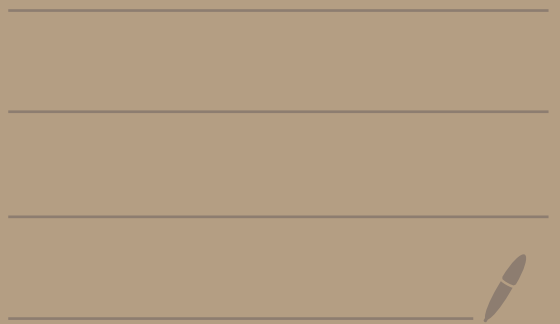


Math 4460

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proof of theorem from Weds:

Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Suppose a and b are not both zero.

Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$.

① (\Rightarrow) Suppose there exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

where $ax + by = c$

The goal will be to show that $d \mid c$.

Since $d = \gcd(a, b)$ we know $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

Thus, $a = dk$ and $b = dk'$ where $k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Hence,

$$c = ax + by$$

$$= dkx + dk'y$$

$$= d \underbrace{[kx + k'y]}$$

this is an integer

because $k, x, k', y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\therefore d \mid c$$

(\Leftarrow) Now assume $d|c$.

Our goal is to find $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
where $ax + by = c$.

Since $d|c$ we know $c = dq$ where
 $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

We know there exist $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$
where $d = ax_0 + by_0$ (thm in class)

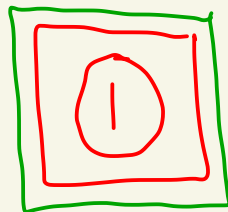
Multiply by q to get

$$\underbrace{dq}_c = a(qx_0) + b(qy_0)$$

Thus,

$$c = ax + by$$

where $x = qx_0$ and $y = qy_0$.



② Suppose $ax + by = c$ has integer solutions and $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ is a particular solution.

That is, $ax_0 + by_0 = c$.

Our goal is to show that all the solutions are of the form

$$x = x_0 - t \left(\frac{b}{d} \right)$$

$$y = y_0 + t \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)$$

} (*)

where $t \in \mathbb{Z}$.

First let's check that (*) gives a solution to $ax + by = c$ by plugging it in to the left side.

We have that

$$a \underbrace{\left(x_0 - t \frac{b}{d}\right)}_x + b \underbrace{\left(y_0 + t \frac{a}{d}\right)}_y$$

$$= ax_0 - t \frac{ab}{d} + by_0 + t \frac{ab}{d}$$

$$= ax_0 + by_0$$

$$= c$$

particular
solution

But why does (*) give
vs all the solutions ?

We are assuming $ax_0 + by_0 = c$.

Suppose $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ is another
solution, that is, $ax + by = c$.

Subtracting these two equations gives

$$a(x-x_0) + b(y-y_0) = 0$$

Dividing by d gives

$$\frac{a}{d}(x-x_0) + \frac{b}{d}(y-y_0) = 0$$

$\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$ because $d|a$ and $d|b$

Thus,

$$\frac{a}{d}(x-x_0) = -\frac{b}{d}(y-y_0)$$

Multiplying by -1 gives

$$\frac{a}{d}(x_0 - x) = \frac{b}{d}(y - y_0) \quad (**)$$

(**) tells us that $\frac{a}{d} \mid \frac{b}{d}(y - y_0)$

We know from a previous theorem that $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$.

Thus, from another previous theorem, since $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$ and $\frac{a}{d} \mid \frac{b}{d}(y - y_0)$ we know that $\frac{a}{d} \mid (y - y_0)$.

Hence, thus, ergo there exists

$$t \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ where } y - y_0 = t \left(\frac{a}{d}\right).$$

$$\text{So, } y = y_0 + t \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)$$

Plug $y - y_0 = t \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)$ into (**)

to get that

$$\frac{a}{d} (x_0 - x) = \frac{b}{d} \left(\underbrace{t \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)}_{y - y_0} \right)$$

Thus,

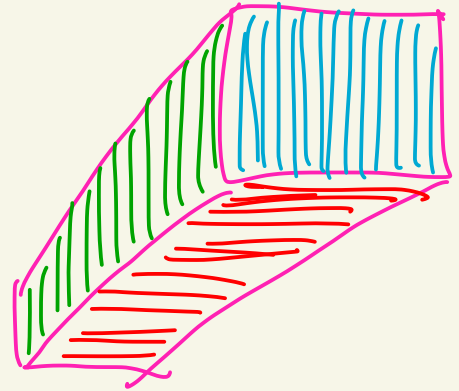
$$x_0 - x = t \left(\frac{b}{d} \right)$$

Hence,

$$x = x_0 - t \left(\frac{b}{d} \right)$$

Thus, every solution to $ax + by = c$
is of the form (*). 2

③ Follows from ① and ②



Ex: (HW 2 #4(f))

Solve

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

What is $\gcd(39, 17)$?

$$39 = 2 \cdot 17 + 5$$

$$17 = 3 \cdot 5 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$\gcd(39, 17) = 1$$

Since $\gcd(39, 17) = 1$ divides 22
there must exist integer solutions
to $39x + 17y = 22$

Let's find a particular solution.
Solve the first 3 equations
above for the remainders.

$$5 = 1 \cdot 39 - 2 \cdot 17$$

$$2 = 1 \cdot 17 - 3 \cdot 5$$

$$1 = 1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

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So,

$\gcd(39, 17)$

$$1 = 1 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

$$= 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 39 - 2 \cdot 17) - 2 \cdot (1 \cdot 17 - 3 \cdot 5)$$

$$= 1 \cdot 39 - 4 \cdot 17 + 6 \cdot 5$$

$$= 1 \cdot 39 - 4 \cdot 17 + 6 \cdot (1 \cdot 39 - 2 \cdot 17)$$

$$= 7 \cdot 39 - 16 \cdot 17$$

Thus,

$$39(7) + 17(-16) = 1$$

Multiply by 22 to get

$$39(154) + 17(-352) = 22$$

$$\underbrace{\quad}_{7 \cdot 22}$$

$$-16 \cdot 22$$

Thus a particular solution to

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

is $x_0 = 154, y_0 = -352$

Thus, every solution to

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

is of the form

$$ax + by = c$$

$$d = 1$$

$$c = 22$$

$$a = 39$$

$$b = 17$$

$$x = 154 - t \left(\frac{17}{1} \right) = 154 - 17t$$

$$x_0 - t \left(\frac{b}{d} \right)$$

$$y = -352 + t \left(\frac{39}{1} \right) = -352 + 39t$$

$$y_0 + t \left(\frac{a}{d} \right)$$

Plug in different t such

as $t = 0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots$

to get some solutions.

