

Math 4460

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HW 2

12) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, not both zero.
Suppose there exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$
with $ax + by = 1$.

Prove: $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

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

We know $ax + by = 1$ for some $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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

So, $a = dk, b = dl$ where $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus, $1 = ax + by = dkx + dly = d[kx + ly]$.

So, $d|1$.

Thus, $d = \pm 1$.

Since $d = \gcd(a, b)$ we know $d > 0$, so $d = 1$.



HW 2 #8

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $\gcd(a, 4) = 2$ and $\gcd(b, 4) = 2$.

Prove, $\gcd(a+b, 4) = 4$.

$$4 = 2^2$$

Proof:

Since $\gcd(a, 4) = 2$ we know $2|a$ but $4 \nmid a$.

Since $\gcd(b, 4) = 2$ we know $2|b$ but $4 \nmid b$.

Since $2|a$ we know $a = 2k$ where $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We must have that k is odd, for otherwise if k was even and $k = 2s$, then $a = 2k = 2(2s) = 4s$ and $4|a$ which isn't the case.

Thus, $a = 2k$ where k is odd.

Similarly, since $2|b$ and $4 \nmid b$, we know $b = 2l$ where l is odd.

Since k and l are odd we know

$$k = 2n+1 \quad \text{and} \quad l = 2m+1$$

where $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Thus,

$$a+b = 2k+2l = 2(k+l)$$

$$= 2(2n+1+2m+1)$$

$$= 2(2n+2m+2)$$

$$= 4(n+m+1).$$

So, $4 \mid (a+b)$.

Thus, $\gcd(a+b, 4) = 4$.



HW 1 7

Let $n > 1$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(a) n is composite iff there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $n = ab$ and $1 < a < n, 1 < b < n$ } did in class

(b) n is composite iff there exist $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $n = ab$ and $1 < a, 1 < b$.

proof of (b):

(\Rightarrow) Suppose n is composite.

Then from (a) we know $n = ab$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $1 < a < n, 1 < b < n$.

Thus, $n = ab$ where $1 < a$ and $1 < b$.

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $n = ab$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
and $1 < a$ and $1 < b$.

We must show that n is composite.

Since $1 < b$ and $1 < a$ we

$$\text{Know } a(1) < \underbrace{ab}_n.$$

Thus, $a < n$

Thus a is a positive divisor of n and
 $a \neq 1$ and $a \neq n$ (because $1 < a < n$).

So, n is composite (ie not prime). 

HW 2

④ (f) Find all the solutions, if there are any, to

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

Euclidean algorithm time.

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

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

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + \textcircled{1}$$

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

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

Since $1 \mid 22$
there exist integer
solutions to

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

Let's find an integer solution.

Solve equations for remainders.

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

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

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

Thus,

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

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

$$= 1 \cdot 39 - 2 \cdot 17 - 2 \cdot 17 + 6 \cdot 5$$

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

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

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

Check: $7 \cdot 39 - 16 \cdot 17 = 273 - 272 = 1$

Thus,

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

Multiply by 22 to get

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

Particular solution to

$$39x + 17y = 22$$

is $x_0 = 154$, $y_0 = -352$

All solutions:

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= c \\ 39x + 17y &= c \end{aligned}$$

$$x = x_0 - t \frac{b}{a} = 154 - t \frac{17}{1} = 154 - 17t$$

$$y = y_0 + t \frac{c}{a} = -352 + t \frac{39}{1} = -352 + 39t$$

Some solutions:

$$\underline{t=1}: \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 154 - 17 = 137 \\ y = -352 + 39 = -313 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\underline{t=0}: \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 154 - 0 = 154 \\ y = -352 + 0 = -352 \end{array} \right\}$$



HW 2

⑦ Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a > 0$, $b > 0$.

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

Prove: $a|b$ iff $d = a$

(\Leftarrow) Suppose $d = a$.

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

Since $d = a$ and $d|b$ we know $a|b$.

(\Rightarrow) Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$, $a > 0$, $b > 0$.

Suppose $a|b$.

Thus, $a|a$ and $a|b$, so a is

a positive common divisor
of a and b .

Thus, since $d = \gcd(a, b)$ we
know $a \leq d$.

But also, $d > 0$, $a > 0$ and $d|a$,
thus by a theorem in class
we know $d \leq a$.

Since $a \leq d$ and $d \leq a$ we know
 $a = d$.



(\Rightarrow) Method 2

Suppose m is a positive common

divisor of a and b .

Since $a > 0$, $b > 0$ and

$m|a$ and $m|b$,

we know $m \leq a$ and $m \leq b$.

Since $a|b$ we know $a \leq b$.

Thus, $m \leq a \leq b$.

And since $a|a$ and $a|b$

we know a is a positive
common divisor of a and b .

Thus, a is the greatest
common divisor of a & b .

I.e. $a = \gcd(a, b)$. 