Assignment 2 MAT 315

Q4a: By q2a, we have that gcd(1485, 1745) = 5. Once again, by 2a, we know that  $5 = (-47) \cdot 1485 + (40) \cdot 1745$ . Thus we have a particular solution of  $x_0 = -47 \cdot 3 = -141$  and  $y_0 = 40 \cdot 3 = 120$ . Thus by Theorem 1.13, the general solution takes the form of

$$x = -141 + \frac{1745n}{5} = -141 + 349n$$

$$y = 120 - \frac{1485n}{5} = 120 - 297n$$

for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Q4b: We claim  $a_1x_1 + \dots a_nx_n = c$  if and only iff  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n)|c$ . We prove the forward implication. Suppose  $(x_1, \dots x_n)$  solves the equation. By definition of the gcd,  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n)|a_i$  for each i. Then  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n)|a_ix_i$  and so  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n)|a_1x_1 + \dots + a_nx_n = c$ . We now show the reverse implication. Assume that  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n)|c$ . By 1.11, there exists  $v_1 \dots v_n$  with  $gcd(a_1 \dots a_n) = a_1v_1 + \dots + a_nv_n$  Therefore for some  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  where  $d \cdot gcd(a_1 \dots a_n) = c$  i.e.  $a_1 \cdot d \cdot v_1 + \dots a_n \cdot d \cdot v_n = c$ . Thus a solution exists.

Q4c: We want to find a solution to 2x + 3y + 5z = 1. By above, a solution will exist since 2,3,5 are coprime. We first set y = 1. This reduces the equation to 2x + 5y = -2. Now we can choose an even y to proceed with finding x. If we choose y = 2, then we have that 2x = -12. This is solved by settings x = -6.