

Euclidean Algorithm

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1 Proof

Suppose a and b are positive integers. By *Euclidean division lemma*,

$$(\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z})(b \neq 0)(\exists b, r \in \mathbb{Z})(0 \leq r < |b|)(a = bq + r)$$

Thus,

$$(\exists b, r \in \mathbb{Z})(0 \leq r < |b|)(a = bq + r \wedge r = a - bq)$$

Let $h = \gcd(a, b)$ and $g = \gcd(b, r)$.

$$\begin{aligned} & g = \gcd(b, r) \\ \implies & g \mid b \wedge g \mid r \\ \implies & (\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z})(gm = b \wedge gn = r) \\ \implies & gqm = bq \wedge gn = r \\ \implies & gqm + gn = bq + r \\ \implies & g(qm + n) = bq + r \\ \implies & g \mid bq + r \\ \implies & g \mid a \\ g \mid a \wedge g \mid b & \implies g \mid h \implies g \leq h \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & h = \gcd(a, b) \\ \implies & h \mid a \wedge h \mid b \\ \implies & (\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z})(hk = a \wedge hj = b) \\ \implies & hk = a \wedge hj = qb \\ \implies & hk - hj = a - qb \\ \implies & h(k - qj) = a - qb \\ \implies & h \mid a - qb \\ \implies & h \mid r \\ h \mid b \wedge h \mid r & \implies h \mid g \implies h \leq g \end{aligned}$$

$$g \leq h \wedge h \leq g \implies h = g$$

$$\therefore a = bq + r \implies \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r) \quad \square$$

2 Example Application

Compute $\gcd(2322, 654)$.

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
\gcd(2322, 654) & 2322 = 654 \cdot 3 + 360 \\
= \gcd(654, 360) & 654 = 360 \cdot 1 + 294 \\
= \gcd(360, 294) & 360 = 294 \cdot 1 + 66 \\
= \gcd(294, 66) & 294 = 66 \cdot 4 + 30 \\
= \gcd(66, 30) & 66 = 30 \cdot 2 + 6 \\
= \gcd(30, 6) & 30 = 6 \cdot 5 + 0 \\
= \boxed{6} &
\end{array}$$

Solve for all integer solutions of $2322x + 654y = \gcd(2322, 654)$.

By rearranging the equations above,

$$360 = 2322 - 654 \cdot 3$$

$$294 = 654 - 360 \cdot 1$$

$$66 = 360 - 294 \cdot 1$$

$$30 = 294 - 66 \cdot 4$$

$$6 = 66 - 30 \cdot 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\gcd(2322, 654) &= 6 \\
&= 66 - 30 \cdot 2 \\
&= 66 - (294 - 66 \cdot 4) \cdot 2 \\
&= 66 - 294 \cdot 2 + 66 \cdot 8 \\
&= 66 \cdot 9 - 294 \cdot 2 \\
&= (360 - 294 \cdot 1) \cdot 9 - 294 \cdot 2 \\
&= 360 \cdot 9 - 294 \cdot 9 - 294 \cdot 2 \\
&= 360 \cdot 9 - 294 \cdot 11 \\
&= 360 \cdot 9 - (654 - 360 \cdot 1) \cdot 11 \\
&= 360 \cdot 9 - 654 \cdot 11 + 360 \cdot 11 \\
&= 360 \cdot 20 - 654 \cdot 11 \\
&= (2322 - 654 \cdot 3) \cdot 20 - 654 \cdot 11 \\
&= 2322 \cdot 20 - 654 \cdot 60 - 654 \cdot 11 \\
&= 2322 \cdot 20 - 654 \cdot 71
\end{aligned}$$

$$2322(20) + 654(-71) = \gcd(2322, 654)$$

Now solve for the homogeneous case: $2322x + 654y = 0$.

Notice that $2322 = 6 \cdot 387$ and $654 = 6 \cdot 109$.

Hence, the lowest common multiple of 2322 and 654 is $6 \cdot 109 \cdot 387$.

Thus, $2322(109t) + 654(-387t) = 0$

$$\therefore 2322(20 + 109t) + 654(-71 - 387t) = \gcd(2322, 654)$$

$$\begin{cases} x = \boxed{20 + 109t} \\ y = \boxed{-71 - 387t} \end{cases}, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$