

Euclidian Algorithm In \mathbb{Z}

Definition: -----

for $c \in \mathbb{Z}_+^*$ to be the Greatest Common Divisor(gcd) of a and b

i) c must divid a and b

ii) any divisor of a and b must divid c

$$c = \max[k \in \mathbb{Z}^*, k|a \text{ and } k|b]$$

iii) we define $\gcd(0,0) = 0$

and because gcd must be positive

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(-a, b) = \gcd(a, -b) = \gcd(-a, -b) = \gcd(|a|, |b|) = c$$

* \rightarrow Algorithm for finding $\gcd(a, b)$

for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ because $\gcd(a, b)$ is positive and for sake of the argument we suppose $a \geq b > 0$, negative value is just change of sign the value will be the same.

algstart:

$$\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad d = \gcd(a, b)$$

$$\exists q_1, r_1 \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad a = q_1 * b + r_1 \text{ with } q_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \right\rfloor \text{ and } 0 \leq r_1 < b$$

if $r_1 = 0$ then $\gcd(a, b) = b$

else

so we know that $d|a$ and $d|b$ by the fifth property of the normal division $d|a - q_1b$, hence $d|r_1$ the next step is to find the gcd of r_1 and b because $a|q_1*b + r_1$, wich will be equal to d lets prove it. suppose that $c|r_1$ and $c|b$ that means $c|q_1*b + r_1$ implying $c|a$ so c is a divisor of both a and b by definition $d \geq c$ both divid r_1 and b , hence $\gcd(b, r_1)$. (this step is true for every iteration) now lets find d in the next step

$$\exists q_2, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad a = q_2 * b + r_2 \text{ with } q_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{b}{r_1} \right\rfloor \text{ and } 0 \leq r_2 < r_1$$

if $r_2 = 0$ then $\gcd(b, r_1) = r_1$

else

if we continue like this we can notice that we started by $0 \leq r_1 < b$ and now we have $0 \leq r_2 < r_1$ because of the nature of the set \mathbb{Z} this cant continue for ever so

$$\forall b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} < \dots < r_1 < b \implies r_n = 0$$

this is true because if we take the oposite sence

$\exists b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} < \dots < r_1 < b \text{ and } r_n \neq 0$

the most major value can r_i take is $r_i = b - i$ so we take $n = b + 1$, which contradicts that $0 \leq r_n$, hence the order property, so we are sure that this algorithm will eventually for some larger finite n , $r_n = 0$ so after n iteration

$\exists q_n, r_n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad r_{n-2} = q_n * r_{n-1} + r_n \text{ with } q_n = \left\lfloor \frac{r_{n-2}}{r_{n-1}} \right\rfloor \text{ and } 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} \text{ with } r_n = 0$

*meaning $\gcd(r_{n-1}, r_n) = \gcd(r_{n-1}, 0) = r_{n-1}$ because everything divides 0, hence $d = r_{n-1}$
:endalg*