

# Greatest Common Divisor.

$$\textcircled{1} d|a \text{ } \textcircled{2} d|b.$$

$$\textcircled{3} \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}. c|a.$$

$$\wedge c|b \Rightarrow c \leq d.$$

1. Definition:  $d$  is said to be  $\gcd(a, b)$ , if  $d|a$  and  $d|b$  and if any num  $c$  is also a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $c \leq d$ .

2. Relatively Prime: The integers  $a, b$  is said to be R.P. if their only common divisor is 1, i.e.,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

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

$$\gcd(m, n) \geq 1.$$

e.g. Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove  $\gcd(a^n, b^n) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

proof: WTS:  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Assume for contradiction.  $\gcd(a, b) \neq 1$ . gives.

$\exists d \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $d|a, d|b, d > 1$ . as  $\gcd(a, b) \geq 1$ .

Since  $d|a, d|b$ , gives  $d|a^n, d|b^n, d > 1$ . give  $\gcd(a^n, b^n) \geq d > 1$ .

contradicts. ■

e.g. Let  $a, b, m, n \in \mathbb{N}, m, n > 1$ . Assume  $m, n$  R.P.; Prove if  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{mn}$ .

proof: Assume  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , and  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ .

Since  $m, n$  R.P. gives  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ .

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , gives  $mk_1 = a - b$ .

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , gives  $nk_2 = a - b$ .

Thus  $mk_1 = nk_2$ , which  $n|mk_1$ .

Since  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ , and  $n > 1$ , gives  $n|k_1, \exists l \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $nl = k_1$ .

$m \cdot n \cdot l = a - b \Rightarrow m \cdot n | a - b \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{mn}$ . ■

if  $n|m, n|n$ .  
 $\gcd(n, n) = n$ .  
 $n > 1$ , contra.

1) Thm 7.2.9: If  $s$  divides  $tu$  and  $s$  is R.P. to  $u$ , then  $s$  divides  $t$ .

proof: Assume  $s|tu$  and  $s$  is R.P. to  $u$ . i.e.  $\gcd(s, u) = 1$ .

WTS:  $s|t$ .

Since  $s|tu$ .  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $sk = tu$ .

By FTA:  $u = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ , where  $p_i$  are prime and  $\alpha_i \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow t p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k} = sk.$$

Since  $\gcd(s, u) = 1$ ,  $\forall p_i$ ,  $p_i \nmid s$ .  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ . ( $\because p_i | u$ ).

Thus all factors of  $s$  occurs in  $t$ , which  $s|t$ .

3. GCD with remainder: If  $a = qb + r$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ .

1). Euclid Theorem: Use GCDWR to find  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

e.g. find  $\gcd(1239, 735)$ .

align with.  
Euclid Theo-  
rem.

$$\gcd(1239, 735).$$

$$= \gcd(735, 504).$$

$$= \gcd(504, 231).$$

$$= \gcd(231, 42).$$

$$= \gcd(42, 21).$$

$$= 21$$

$$a \quad q \quad b \quad r$$

$$1239 = 1 \times 735 + 504.$$

$$735 = 1 \times 504 + 231.$$

$$504 = 2 \times 231 + 42.$$

$$231 = 5 \times 42 + 21.$$

$$42 = 2 \times 21.$$

e.g. prove  $\{\gcd(8n+31, 3n+11) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{1, 5\}$ .

$$\gcd(8n+31, 3n+11).$$

$$= \gcd(3n+11, 2n+9).$$

$$= \gcd(2n+9, n+2).$$

$$= \gcd(n+2, 5).$$

$$8n+31 = 2 \cdot (3n+11) + (2n+9).$$

$$3n+11 = 1 \cdot (2n+9) + (n+2).$$

$$2n+9 = 2 \cdot (n+2) + 5.$$

Since 5 is prime, the only divisor is 1 or 5. gives.

$$\gcd(n+2, 5) = 1 \text{ or } 5.$$

e.g. Prove  $(5a+2)$  and  $(7a+3)$  are R.P. for  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\gcd(7a+3, 5a+2)$$

$$= \gcd(5a+2, 2a+1).$$

$$= \gcd(2a+1, a).$$

$$= \gcd(a, 1).$$

$$= 1.$$

$$7a+3 = 1 \cdot (5a+2) + (2a+1).$$

$$5a+2 = 2 \cdot (2a+1) + a.$$

$$2a+1 = 2 \cdot a + 1.$$

e.g. Suppose.  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . s.t.  $am + bn = 1$ . Prove.  $a, b$  are R.P.

WTS:  $a, b$  are R.P. i.e.  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Assume for contradiction.  $\gcd(a, b) \neq 1$  i.e.

$$\gcd(a, b) = d. \quad d \in \mathbb{N}. \quad d > 1.$$

From def<sup>n</sup>, gives.  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ . which.  $\exists k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $k_1 d = a$ .  
 $k_2 d = b$ .

Since.  $am + bn = 1$ .

$$\Rightarrow k_1 d m + k_2 d n = 1.$$

$$\Rightarrow d(k_1 m + k_2 n) = 1. \quad \Rightarrow d|1. \quad \text{which } d=1, \text{ contradicts.} \quad \blacksquare$$