

6.8 Solution:**(a)**

$$224 = 126 + 98$$

$$126 = 98 + 28$$

$$98 = 28 \cdot 3 + 14$$

$$28 = 14 \cdot 2$$

Thus, $\gcd(224, 126) = 14$ and $14 = 98 - 28 \cdot 3 = 4 \cdot 98 - 3 \cdot 126 = 4 \cdot 98 - 3 \cdot 126 = 4 \cdot 224 - 7 \cdot 126$.

In conclusion, $\gcd(224, 126) = 14 = 4 \cdot 224 - 7 \cdot 126$.

(b)

$$299 = 221 + 78$$

$$221 = 2 \cdot 78 + 65$$

$$78 = 65 + 13$$

$$65 = 5 \cdot 13$$

Thus, $\gcd(299, 221) = 13$ and $13 = 78 - 65 = 78 - (221 - 2 \cdot 78) = 3 \cdot 78 - 221 = 3 \cdot (299 - 221) - 221 = 3 \cdot 299 - 4 \cdot 221$.

In conclusion, $\gcd(299, 221) = 13 = 3 \cdot 299 - 4 \cdot 221$.

6.18 Solution:

If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then $\gcd(a^2, b^2) = 1$ and $\gcd(a, 2b) = 1$ (if a is odd) or 2 (if a is even).

6.28 Solution:

Claim: If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $a|n, b|n$ then $ab|n$.

Proof: Since $a|n$, $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = ak_1$. And since $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $b|n$, $\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, k_1 = k_2b$. Thus, $n = abk_2$ and as a result, $ab|n$. ■

6.29 Solution:

Claim: $\text{lcm}(a, b)\gcd(a, b) = ab$.

Proof: Let $a = k_1 \gcd(a, b)$, $b = k_2 \gcd(a, b)$, obviously $\gcd(k_1, k_2) = 1$, so $ab = k_1 \gcd(a, b) k_2 \gcd(a, b) = k_1 k_2 \gcd(a, b)^2 = \text{lcm}(a, b) \gcd(a, b)$. ■

6.48 Solution:

Claim: Given $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $d = \gcd(a, b)$ and $d|c$, that the set of integer solutions to $ax + by = c$ is nonempty.

Proof: According to Euclidean Algorithm, d is a linear combination of a, b , namely $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ that $xa + yb = d$, then $akx + bky = dk = c$ must have integer solutions where $x' = kx, y' = ky$.

And if x_0, y_0 is a pair of solution, $x = x_0 + bt/d, y = y_0 - at/d$ for $t \in \mathbb{Z}$. ■