

1st basic algebra

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division $a = bq + r$ (division algorithm). ①

GCD (greatest common divisor) ②

Euclidean algorithm. ③

Bézout's identity ④

Corollary. ⑤

Contents.

\mathbb{Z} : integers. $\{ \dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \}$

addition: +

$$a+b=c$$

subtraction: -

$$c-a=b$$

$$\exists b, \text{s.t. } a+b=c$$

multiplication: \times

$$a \times b = b+b+\dots$$

Definition: a factor of an integer n is a nonzero integer k s.t.
 $n=kl$ for some integer l .

In this case we say that k divides n , that k is a divisor of n and n is a multiple of k .

We write $k | n$ for this relationship.

If n is non-zero, any product formula $n = k l_1 \dots l_r$ is a factorization of n . $8 = \underline{\underline{2}} \times \underline{\underline{2}} \times \underline{\underline{2}}$ = $8 \times 1 = -8 \times (-1)$ trivial

a unit in \mathbb{Z} is a divisor of 1.

hence is either +1 or -1.

$$n=1$$

$$\exists k, \text{s.t. } \exists l, kl=1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \frac{1}{-1} \times \frac{1}{-1} = 1 \\ \frac{-1}{1} \times \frac{1}{-1} = 1 \end{array}$$

The factorization $n = kl$ of $n \neq 0$ is called nontrivial if either k nor l is a unit.

An integer $p > 1$ is said to be prime if it has no nontrivial factorization $p = kl$.

$$7 = 7 \times 1 \\ \rightarrow x \rightarrow$$

proposition: If a and b are integers with $b \neq 0$, then there exist division algorithm: unique integers q and r s.t. $a = bq + r$ and $0 \leq r < |b|$.

$$0 = b \cdot q + r \Rightarrow q = 0, r = 0.$$

proof: Replace q by $-q$ (r possible) \Leftarrow we want $b > 0$.
we may assume $b > 0$.

The integers $n = q$ with $bn \leq a$ are bound above by $|a|$.

and there is a largest such integer. say it is q . $bq \leq a$.

$$\text{Set } r = a - bq \geq 0 \Rightarrow a = bq + r.$$

If $r \geq b$, then $r - b \geq 0$ says that:

$$a = b(q+1) + (r-b) \geq b(q+1) \quad (q+1) \cdot b \leq a$$

contradicts the maximality of q .

we conclude $r < b$. this proves existence.

For uniqueness, when $b > 0$, suppose $a = bq_1 + r_1 = bq_2 + r_2$.

$$bq_1 - bq_2 = r_2 - r_1$$

$$b(q_1 - q_2) = r_2 - r_1 \quad |r_2 - r_1| < b$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 - q_2 = 0. \quad q_1 = q_2, \\ r_1 = r_2.$$

□

Definition: Let a and b be integers not both 0.

The greatest common divisor of a and b is the

largest integer $d > 0$ s.t. $d | a$, and $d | b$.

$$a=21, b=9$$

$$d=3, 3|a, 3|b.$$

existence. $1 | a$ $1 | b$.

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Euclidean algorithm: Let us suppose that $b \neq 0$.

The Euclidean algorithm consists of iterated application of the division algorithm to a and b until the remainder term r disappears.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow a &= bq_1 + r_1 & 0 \leq r_1 < b \\ b &= r_1 q_2 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 \\ r_1 &= r_2 q_3 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 \\ &\vdots \\ \Rightarrow r_{n-2} &= r_{n-1} q_n + r_n & 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} \quad (\text{with } r_n \neq 0). \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{r_{n-1} = r_n q_{n+1} + r_{n+1}} \quad (r_{n+1} = 0)$$

Example: $a = 13$. $b = 5$.

$$13 = 5 \times 2 + 3$$

$$5 = 3 \times 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 \times 1 + \boxed{1}$$

$$2 = 1 \times 2$$

Proposition: Let a and b be integers with $b \neq 0$ and let $d = \text{GCD}(a, b)$. Then.

(a) the number r_n in the Euclidean algorithm is exactly d .

(b). any divisor d' of both a and b necessarily divides d .

Bezout's identity.
(c) there exist integers x and y such that. $ax + by = d$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Example: } 13 &= 5 \times 2 + 3 & 3 = 13 - 5 \times 2 & \leftarrow \\ 5 &= 3 \times 1 + 2 & 2 = 5 - 3 \times 1 = 5 - (13 - 5 \times 2) \times 1 = 5 \times 3 - 13 \times 1 & \leftarrow \\ &\vdots & & \vdots \end{aligned}$$

$$5 = 3 \times 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 \times 1 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 5 - 3 \times 1 = 5 - (13 - 5 \times 2) \times 1 = 5 \times 3 - 13 \times 1 \\ 1 &= 3 - 2 \times 1 = 13 - 5 \times 2 - (5 \times 3 - 13 \times 1) \cdot 1 \\ &= 13 \times 2 - 5 \times 5. \end{aligned}$$

$$1 = 13x + 5y \text{ with } x=2, \text{ and } y=-5. \quad \triangle$$

proof: Put $r_0 = b$ $r_1 = a$ so that:

$$r_{k-2} = r_{k-1} q_k + r_k \quad \text{for } 1 \leq k \leq n. \quad \Leftarrow$$

Step 1: show that r_n is a divisor of both a and b .

$$\text{From } r_{n-1} = r_n \cdot q_{n+1} \Rightarrow r_n \mid r_{n-1}. \quad \vdots$$

Let $k \leq n$. assume r_n divides $r_{k-1}, \dots, r_{n-1}, r_n$ (inductively)

$$\begin{aligned} r_n \mid r_{k-1} &\Rightarrow r_{k-2} = r_n \cdot q_{n+1} \cdot q_k + r_n \\ &= r_n (q_{n+1} \cdot q_k + 1), \Rightarrow r_n \mid r_{k-2}. \end{aligned}$$

induction allows us to conclude that

r_n divides $\frac{r_1}{a}, \frac{r_0}{b}, \dots, r_{n-1}$. r_n divides a and b .

Step 2: we prove that $ax + by = r_n$ for suitable x and y .

by induction on k for $k \leq n$ that there exist integers x and y .

with $ax + by = r_k$.

$k=-1$ and $k=0$. trivial ✓

1) $n=1$
assume

2) $n=k$ $k+1 \Rightarrow$ holds.
holds

If $k \geq 1$ is give. and the result is known for $k-2$ and $k-1$. ✓

$$\begin{aligned} ax_2 + by_2 &= r_{k-2} \\ ax_1 + by_1 &= r_{k-1} \end{aligned} \quad \text{for suitable integers } x_2, y_2, x_1, y_1.$$

multiply by q_k

$$ax_1 q_k + by_1 q_k = r_{k-1} q_k.$$

$$* \quad r_k = r_{k-2} - r_{k-1} \cdot q_k = ax_2 + by_2 - ax_1 q_k - by_1 q_k$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_k &= \underline{r_{k-2}} - \underline{r_{k-1}} \cdot q_k = ax_2 + by_2 - a\underline{x_1q_{jk}} - b\underline{y_1q_{jk}} \\ &= \underline{a(x_2 - x_1q_{jk})} + \underline{b(y_2 - q_{jk}y_1)}. \end{aligned}$$

the induction is complete. $ax+by = r_n$ for suitable x and y .

Step 3: step 1 shows r_n divides a and b .

If $d' > 0$ divides both a and b . the $\underline{d' | r_n}$ (step 2)

Thus $d' \leq r_n \Rightarrow r_n$ is the greatest common divisor.

$\Rightarrow \frac{(a)}{r_n=d} \Rightarrow (b) \quad (c) \text{ from step 2.}$

□.

Corollary: Within \mathbb{Z} . if c is nonzero integer. that divides a product. mn and if $\text{GCD}(c, m) = 1$ then c divides n .

proof: $cx + my = 1$ (Bezout's identity).

$$\begin{array}{l} c=3 \\ m=7 \\ n=9 \\ 3 \mid 63 \end{array}$$

$$n \cdot cx + my \cdot n = n. \quad c \mid mn.$$

$$\underline{c \cdot nx + mn \cdot y = n}$$

c divides both terms on the left side. \Rightarrow

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{GCD}(3, 7) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 3 \text{ divides } 9. \\ c \mid n. \end{array}$$

□

Corollary: within \mathbb{Z} , if a and b are nonzero integers with $\text{GCD}(a, b) = 1$,

and if both of them divide the integer m , then ab divides m .

$$a=3, b=7$$

$$a \mid 42 \Rightarrow a \cdot b \mid 42$$

$$b \mid 42 \quad 21 \mid 42 \quad \checkmark$$

$\frac{m}{b}$ $\frac{m}{a}$ are integers

✓

proof: $ax + by = 1$ (Bezout's identity)

$$a \cdot x \cdot m + b \cdot y \cdot m = m.$$

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$$axm + bym = m.$$

$$a \cdot x \cdot b \cdot \frac{m}{b} + by \cdot a \cdot \frac{m}{a} = m \Rightarrow \underline{ab \cdot x \cdot \frac{m}{b} + ab \cdot y \cdot \frac{m}{a}} = m$$

ab divides each term
on the left side. \square

$$ab \mid m.$$