

# Finding GCD

- We already computed it using Euclid's algorithm  $\gcd(a, 0) = a$   $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$
- Remember also:  $a \bmod b = a - b \left\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \right\rfloor$
- $\gcd(a = 1180, b = 482)$ 
  - $1180 = 482 * 2 + 216$
  - $= \gcd(482, 1180 \% 482 = 216) = 2$
- Notice the equation:
  - $216 = 1180 - 482 * 2 = 1180 + 482 * (-2)$
- Extended algorithm utilizes the quotient to compute following
$$ax + by = \gcd(a, b).$$

# Finding GCD

GCD(A, B)	A % B	[A / B]	A % B = A - BQ = A + B(-Q)
(1180, 482)	216	2	$216 = 1180 + 482 * (-2)$
(482, 216)	50	2	$50 = 482 + 216 (-2)$
(216, 50)	16	4	$16 = 216 + 50 (-4)$
(50, 16)	2	3	$2 = 50 + 16 (-3)$
(16, 2)	0	8	$0 = 16 + 2 (-8)$
(2, 0)	gcd(A, B) = 2		

# Extended GCD

GCD(A, B)	$A \% B = A + B(-Q)$	Replace A%B with its equation
(1180, 482)	$216 = 1180 + 482 * (-2)$	$2 = 482 (13) + [1180 + 482 * (-2)] (-29) = 1180 (-29) + 482 * (71)$
(482, 216)	$50 = 482 + 216 (-2)$	$2 = 216 (-3) + [482 + 216 (-2)] (13) = 482 (13) + 216 (-29)$
(216, 50)	$16 = 216 + 50 (-4)$	$2 = 50 + [216 + 50 (-4)] (-3) = 216 (-3) + 50 (13)$
(50, 16)	$2 = 50 + 16 (-3)$	$2 = 50 + 16 (-3) \Rightarrow$ <u>Replace 16 with its equation</u>
(16, 2)	$0 = 16 + 2 (-8)$	
(2, 0)	$\text{gcd}(A, B) = 2$	



We can now write code to do this replacements from bottom to up...it will be annoying code  
Let's make observations based on x and y

# Extended GCD

GCD(A, B)	[A / B]	$\text{gcd}(a, b) = a * x + b * y$	$x = \text{prev\_y}$	$y = \text{prev\_x} - q * x$
(1180, 482)	2	$2 = 1180 (-29) + 482 * (71)$	-29	$13 - 2 * (-29) = 71$
(482, 216)	2	$2 = 482 (13) + 216 (-29)$	<u>13</u>	$-3 - 2 * 13 = -29$
(216, 50)	4	$2 = 216 (-3) + 50 (13)$	-3	$1 - 4 * (-3) = 13$
(50, 16)	3	$2 = 50 + 16 (-3)$	1	$0 - 3 * 1 = -3$
(16, 2)	8	$2 = 0 * 16 + 1 * 2$	0	1
(2, 0)		$2 = 1 * 2 + 0 * 0$	1	0 (base case)

# Extended GCD: Code

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// ax + by = g = gcd(a, b)
ll extended_euclid(ll a, ll b, ll &x, ll &y) {
    if (b == 0) {
        x = 1, y = 0;
        return a;
    }
    // swap b, a and swap their x, y
    ll g = extended_euclid(b, a % b, y, x);
    // now our x = previous y
    y -= (a / b) * x;

    return g;
}
```

Note: Wiki has other iterative approach...but that should be easier to code and prove

**Your turn:** Update code to handle if  $a < 0$  or  $b < 0$

**Your turn:** Extend of case we have multiple integers [e.g.  $ax + by + cz = \gcd(a, b, c)$ ]

# Bézout's identity

- Assume  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$
- $ax + by = g = \gcd(a, b) \Rightarrow$  we know that
- Can we generate **further** solutions?
- Is following valid:
- $a(x+b) + b(y-a) = g$ 
  - Yes, we added  $ab - ab$ , so same equation
- $a(x+b/g) + b(y-a/g) = g$
- $a(x+kb/g) + b(y-ka/g) = g$
- With easy math, we can generate!

# Bézout's identity

- When one pair of Bézout coefficients  $(x, y)$  has been computed, further **pairs** can be represented in the form

$$\begin{array}{l} \vdots \\ 12 \times -10 + 42 \times 3 = 6 \\ 12 \times -3 + 42 \times 1 = 6 \\ 12 \times 4 + 42 \times -1 = 6 \\ 12 \times 11 + 42 \times -3 = 6 \\ 12 \times 18 + 42 \times -5 = 6 \\ \vdots \end{array} \left( x + k \frac{b}{\gcd(a, b)}, y - k \frac{a}{\gcd(a, b)} \right),$$

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- Among these pairs of Bézout coefficients, exactly two of them satisfy

$$|x| < \left\lfloor \frac{b}{\gcd(a, b)} \right\rfloor \quad \text{and} \quad |y| < \left\lfloor \frac{a}{\gcd(a, b)} \right\rfloor.$$

- The Extended Euclidean algorithm always produces one of these two minimal pairs.

- Extended ( $a = 12$ ,  $b = 42$ ): ( $x = -3$ ,  $y = 1$ ):  $12 \cdot -3 + 42 \cdot 1 = 6$
- $b / 6 = 7$   $a / 6 = 2$
- $|x| = 3 < 7$   $|y| = 1 < 2$



# Bézout's identity

- Bézout's identity plays role in some problems when comes to proving them
- Read its proof on wiki or may be [here](#)
- Remember  $x + kb/g$  and  $y - ka/g$  are equations
- E.g. we can arrange them to force value on X
  - $X' = x + (k*b)/g > 0 \Rightarrow -x*g/b < k$
  - $Y' = y - (k*a)/gcd > 0 \Rightarrow y*gcd/a > k$