

# TD: “Images et géométrie discrète”

## Extended Euclid’s Algorithm

Let us consider the following Euclidean division algorithm.

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**Procedure** *Convergents*(  $(a,b)$ ,  $(p,q)$ ,  $(p',q')$ ,  $i$  )

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**Input:**  $(a,b)$ ,  $(p,q)$ ,  $(p',q')$ ,  $i$

**Output:**  $(p',q')$

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1 Let  $r$  be the remainder of the Euclidean division  $b/a$ ;
2 Let  $u$  be the quotient of the Euclidean division  $b/a$ ;
3  $p'' \leftarrow up' + p$ ;
4  $q'' \leftarrow uq' + q$ ;
5 if  $r > 0$  then
6   | return Convergents(( $r,a$ ),  $(p',q')$ ,  $(p'',q'')$ ,  $i+1$ );
7 else
8   | return  $(p',q')$ 

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**Question 1** Let  $(p_{-1}, q_{-1}) = (1, 0)$  and  $(p_0, q_0) = (0, 1)$ , what is the output of *Convergents*((5, 8),  $(p_{-1}, q_{-1})$ ,  $(p_0, q_0)$ , 0) ?

**Question 2** Let us consider *Convergents*(( $a,b$ ),  $(p_{-1}, q_{-1})$ ,  $(p_0, q_0)$ , 0) (with  $0 \leq a < b$  and  $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ ). We index the recursive calls by  $i = 1 \dots n$ . Show that

$$\forall i = 1 \dots n, p_i = u_i p_{i-1} + p_{i-2} \text{ and } q_i = u_i q_{i-1} + q_{i-2}.$$

**Question 3** Similarly, with  $r_{-1} = b$  and  $r_0 = a$ , show that

$$\forall i = 1 \dots n, r_i = r_{i-2} - u_i r_{i-1}$$

**Question 4** Following previous results, prove the following statements:

1.  $\forall i = 1 \dots n, p_{i-1}q_i - q_{i-1}p_i = \pm 1$
2.  $\forall i = -1 \dots n, p_i b - q_i a = \pm r_i$

Since  $r_n = \gcd(a,b) = 1$ , what is  $p_n b - q_n a$  ?

**Question 5** Give the definition of uni-modularity. What is the geometrical interpretation of this definition ?

**Question 6** In the domain in appendix, draw the Euclidean segment  $[(0,0) - (b,a)]$  and all convergents  $(q_i, p_i)$  for the input given in Question 1. With respect to the parity of  $i$ , can you say something on the position of convergents with respect to the segment ? If we construct a polygonal curve with only convergents  $(q_i, p_i)$  with even index  $i$  (plus a last point  $(b,a)$ ). What kind of geometrical object I have constructed ?

**Question 7** Let  $L_{\text{odd}}$  (resp.  $L_{\text{even}}$ ) be the polygonal curve of convergents with odd index (resp. even index). Furthermore, we add the point  $(b,a)$  to the end of each list. For the input given in Question 1, are there integer points between  $L_{\text{odd}}$  and  $L_{\text{even}}$  ? Why ?

**Question 8** For a general setting *Convergents*(( $a,b$ ),  $(p_{-1}, q_{-1})$ ,  $(p_0, q_0)$ , 0), can you prove the statement of the previous question ?

**Question 9** What is the complexity of *Convergents* with respect to  $a$  and  $b$  ?

