

## 0.1 Euclid's lemma

### 0.1.1 Statement

If a prime number  $p$  divides product  $a.b$  then  $p$  must divide at least of one of  $a$  or  $b$ .

### 0.1.2 Proof

From Bezout's identity we know that:

$$d = px + by$$

Where  $p$  and  $b$  are natural numbers and  $d$  is their greatest common denominator.

Let's choose a prime number for  $p$ . There are no common divisors, other than one. As a result there are exist values for  $x$  and  $y$  such that:

$$1 = px + by$$

Now, we are trying to prove that if  $p$  divides  $a.b$  then  $p$  must divide at least one of  $a$  and  $b$ , so let's multiply this by  $a$ .

$$a = pax + aby$$

We know that  $p$  divides  $pax$ , and  $p$  divides  $ab$  by definition. As a result  $p$  can divide  $a$ .