

Week 1 (Friday)

Euclidean Algorithm

inputs: $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

output: $\gcd(a, b)$

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1. Let $c = a \bmod b$
 2. If $c = 0$, then \gcd is b
 3. Otherwise, then answer is $\gcd(b, c)$

Uses the following thm:

Let $a = bq + r$
(a, b, q, r obtained using Div. Alg.)
Then, $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$

$\gcd(360, 84)$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad 24 &= 360 \bmod 84 \\ \textcircled{2} \quad 12 &= 84 \bmod 24 \\ 0 &= 24 \bmod \underline{12} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \gcd(360, 84) = 12$$

$\gcd(a, b)$ as a linear combination of a, b :

$\gcd(a, b) = d$ can be written as

$$d = ax + by \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Continuing ex. from prev. page, we want:

$$12 = 360x + 84y$$

$$\textcircled{1} 360 = 84(4) + 24 \Rightarrow 24 = 360 + 84(-4)$$

$$\textcircled{2} 84 = 24(3) + 12 \Rightarrow 12 = 84 + 24(-3)$$

$$\textcircled{2} 12 = 84 + [360 + 84(-4)](-3)$$

$$= 84 + 360(-3) + 84(12)$$

$$= 84(13) + 360(-3)$$

$$x = -3, y = 13$$

Ex. $\gcd(1205, 37)$

$$\textcircled{1} 1205 = 37(32) + 21 \rightarrow 21 = 1205 + 37(-32)$$

$$\textcircled{2} 37 = 21(1) + 16 \rightarrow 16 = 37 + 21(-1)$$

$$\textcircled{3} 21 = 16(1) + 5 \rightarrow 5 = 21 + 16(-1)$$

$$\textcircled{4} 16 = 5(3) + 1 \rightarrow 1 = 16 + 5(-3)$$

$$\textcircled{5} 5 \stackrel{b}{=} 1(5) + 0$$

$$\gcd(1205, 37) = 1$$

1205 and 37 are relatively prime

Find x, y s.t. $1 = 1205x + 37y$?

$$1 = 16 + 5(-3)$$

$$= [37 + 21(-1)] + [21 + 16(-1)](-3)$$

$$= 37 + [1205 + 37(-32)](-4) + 16(3)$$

$$= 37 + 1205(-4) + 37(128) + 16(3)$$

$$= 37(129) + 1205(-4) + [37 + 21(-1)](3)$$

$$= 37(129) + 1205(-4) + 37(3) + [1205 + 37(-32)](-3)$$

$$= 37(229) + 1205(-7)$$

Doing two substitutions in the same step as I did in class unnecessarily overcomplicates the subsequent steps. Instead, take it slow and one step at a time like on the next page.

Let's try this again more carefully and only one substitution at a time:

Better idea to start by substituting 5 (not 16), since we see from eqn. 3 on prev. page that the expression contains 16, which we can then collect with the 16 term that is already here.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 16 + 5(-3) \\ &= 16 + [21 + 16(-1)](-3) \\ &= 16(4) + 21(-3) \\ &= [37 + 21(-1)](4) + 21(-3) \\ &= 37(4) + 21(-7) \\ &= 37(4) + [1205 + 37(-32)](-7) \\ &= 37(228) + 1205(-7) \\ \text{So, } y &= 228 \text{ and } x = -7 \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we will substitute 16 first (not 21) because we see from eqn 2 on prev. page that the expression for 16 contains 21, which we can then collect with the 21 term that is already here.