Math 122 In-Class Assignment 10 - Solutions

- 1. (a) Use the Euclidean Algorithm to find gcd(493, 221).
 - (b) Use your answer to part (a) to find a solution to 493x + 221y = 17 where x and y are integers.

Solutions:

1. (a)

$$493 = 221(2) + 51$$

$$221 = 51(4) + 17$$

$$51 = 17(3) + 0$$

Therefore gcd(493, 221) = 17.

(b) Use the steps from part (a) and solve for all non-zero remainders:

$$51 = 493 - 221(2)$$

 $17 = 221 - 51(4)$

Therefore

$$17 = 221 - 51(4)
= 221 - [493 - 221(2)](4)
= 221(9) + 493(-4)$$

And so a solution to 493x + 221y = 17 is x = -4 and y = 9.