

1. For  $m = 6$  and  $n = 15$ , list some positive linear combinations  $mx + ny$  for integers  $x, y$ . What is the smallest positive linear combination you can get? What is  $\gcd(m, n)$ ?

$$x=1, y=1 \text{ give } mx+ny = 21;$$

$$x=-1, y=1 \text{ gives } mx+ny = 3;$$

You can't get linear combination that smaller than 3 and  $\gcd(6, 15) = 3$

2. Show that if  $d \mid mn$ , then  $d \mid \gcd(m, d) \cdot n$ .

Suppose  $d \mid mn$ . By Bezout, there're  $x, y$  for which  $\gcd(m, d) = mx + dy$ .

Multiply both side by  $n$  to get  $\gcd(m, d) \cdot n = xmn + ynd$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$d$  divide the second term on RHS (it's a multiple of  $d$ ).  $d$  also divides the first term on the RHS because

$$d \mid mn, \text{ so } mn = \alpha d; \alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore$  the RHS is  $(\alpha x + y)n$ , that is  $d$  divides the sum on the RHS.

$\therefore d$  must divide the LHS which was to be shown

3. Let  $d, d'$  be relatively prime. Show that if  $d \mid n$  and  $d' \mid n$ , then  $dd' \mid n$ .

We're given that  $\gcd(d, d') = 1 = dx + d'y$  (Bezout identity).

Multiply both sides by  $n$  to get  $n = xdn + yd'n$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Since  $d \mid n$ ,  $n = \alpha d$ ;  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

since  $d' \mid n$ ,  $n = \alpha' d'$ ;  $\alpha' \in \mathbb{Z}$

Rewriting the equation above,  $n = x\alpha d d' + y\alpha' d d' = (\alpha x + \alpha' y) d d'$ , which means  $dd' \mid n$  as was to be shown.

4. Show that  $\gcd(\gcd(\ell, m), n) = \gcd(\ell, \gcd(m, n))$ .

Let  $D = \gcd(\gcd(\ell, m), n)$  and  $D' = \gcd(\ell, \gcd(m, n))$ . We have to show  $D \leq D'$  and  $D' \leq D$ .

5. Compute the remainder when  $5^{2015}$  is divided by: (i) 3 and (ii) 11

$$5^2 \bmod 3 \equiv 1$$

$$(5^2)^{1007} \bmod 3 \equiv 1^{1007} \bmod 3$$

$$5[(5^2)^{1007}] \bmod 3 \equiv 5(1^{1007}) \bmod 3$$

$$\equiv 5 \bmod 3$$

$$5^{2015} \bmod 3 \equiv 2$$

$$5^5 \bmod 11 \equiv 1$$

$$(5^5)^{403} \bmod 11 \equiv 1^{403} \bmod 11$$

$$5^{2015} \bmod 11 \equiv 1$$

6. Show that 15 does not have a multiplicative inverse for modulus 6.

With contradiction, assume 15 has a multiplicative inverse  $k$

1. Use the Euclidean algorithm to express  $\gcd(30, 78)$  as linear combination of 30 and 78.

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(30, 78) &= \gcd(18, 30) & 18 &= 78 - 2(30) \\ &= \gcd(12, 18) & 12 &= 30 - 1(18) \\ &= \gcd(6, 12) & 6 &= 18 - 1(12) \\ &= \gcd(0, 6) & 0 &= 12 - 3(6) \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

2. Which integers in  $\{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$  have multiplicative inverse modulo of 9?

We need to show that which numbers has gcd with 9 not equal to 1: They are 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8