

<u>Def</u>: For ints. x,y: gcd(x,y) is the greatest common divisor of x,y

Example: $\gcd(12, 18) = 6$

Fact: for all ints. x,y there exist ints. a,b such that

 $a \cdot x + b \cdot y = \gcd(x,y)$

a,b can be found efficiently using the extended Euclid alg.

If gcd(x,y)=1 we say that x and y are relatively prime