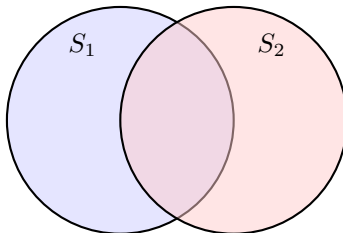


Beginning without the realization that our sets are the same, we can visualize them as:



Where  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are the sets of common divisors defined as:

$$S_1 = \{d \in \mathbb{Z} : d \mid a \text{ and } d \mid b\}$$

$$S_2 = \{d \in \mathbb{Z} : d \mid b \text{ and } d \mid r\}$$

Thus,  $S_1 \cap S_2 =$

$$\{d \in \mathbb{Z} : d \mid a \text{ and } d \mid b \text{ and } d \mid r\}$$

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**Proposition.** *Let  $a, b, q$ , and  $r$  be integers such that  $a = bq + r$ . The set of common divisors of  $a$  and  $b$  is identical to the set of common divisors of  $b$  and  $r$ . Consequently,*

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$$

*where the greatest common divisor is defined as the largest element within the set of common divisors.*

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Solving this the way I showed you at the end of class yields (for the two directions):

$$d \mid a \text{ and } d \mid b \implies d \mid r$$

and

$$d \mid b \text{ and } d \mid r \implies d \mid a$$

Since  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  contain the same divisors, they are equal:  $S_1 = S_2$ . Therefore they share the same max element, with  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ .

We can therefore say  $S_1 \cap S_2 = S_1 = S_2$ , and visualize the sets as follows:

