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Represent

$$6 = ax + by$$

$$6 = 24 - 18$$

$$= 24 - (138 - 5 \cdot 24)$$

$$= 6 \cdot 24 - 138$$

$$= 6(162 - 138) - 138$$

$$= 6 \cdot 162 - 7 \cdot 138$$

$$= 6 \cdot 162 - 7 \cdot (3054 - 18 \cdot 162)$$

$$= 132 \cdot 162 - 7 \cdot 3054$$

$$= 132 \cdot (12378 - 4 \cdot 3054) - 7 \cdot 3054$$

$$= 132 \cdot 12378 + (-535) \cdot 3054$$

$$= 12378x + 3054y$$

$$x = 132$$

$$y = -535$$

 This representation is not unique

$$6 = 3186 \cdot 12378 + (-12913) \cdot 3054$$

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Least Common Multiple: The l.c.m

m of two non-zero integers a and b, denoted by $\text{lcm}(a,b)$ is the positive integer m satisfying the following :

$$(a) \quad a|m \quad \text{and} \quad b|m$$

$$(b) \quad \text{If } a|c + b|c \text{ with } c > 0$$

$$\text{then } m \leq c.$$

Theorem: For positive integers a and b

$$\text{gcd}(a,b) \text{lcm}(a,b) = ab$$

$$\text{Hint: } d = \text{gcd}(a,b)$$

$$a = dr, \quad b = ds$$

$$\text{If } m = \frac{ab}{d} \quad \text{then} \quad m = as = sb$$

$$\Rightarrow a|m + b|m$$

$$\text{Let } c|a + c|b$$

$$c = au = bv \quad \text{for } u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$d = (a,b) \Rightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } d = ax + by$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{c}{m} &= \frac{cd}{ab} \\
 &= \frac{c}{ab}(ax + by) \\
 &= \frac{c}{b}x + \frac{c}{a}y \\
 &= vx + uy \\
 \Rightarrow m \leq c \quad \Rightarrow \quad m &= \text{l.c.m}(a, b)
 \end{aligned}$$

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Diophantine Equation:

→ Linear Diophantine Equation in One Variable

$$\text{is } ax = b; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ (= \frac{b}{a})$$

→ Linear Diophantine Equation in two
Variable is of the form

$$ax + by = c;$$

$$a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, a+b \text{ not zero}$$

Theorem: The Linear Diophantine Equation

$ax + by = c$ has a solution iff

$d | c$ where $d = \gcd(a, b)$. If x_0, y_0

is any particular solution of this

equation, then all other solutions

are given by

$$x = x_0 + \frac{b}{d} t$$

$$y = y_0 - \frac{a}{d} t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

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Proof: Assume that x_0, y_0 is a

solution of $ax + by = c$ and $d = (a, b)$.

To prove : $d \mid c$

$$\text{As } d = (a, b) \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} a = ds \\ + b = ds \end{array}$$

for some $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Also } ax_0 + by_0 = c$$

$$\Rightarrow c = drx_0 + dsy_0 = d(rx_0 + sy_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid c$$

conversely: $d \mid c \Rightarrow c = dt$ for some $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

$d = (a, b) \Rightarrow \exists$ integers x_0 and y_0

such that $d = ax_0 + by_0$.

$$\therefore c = (ax_0 + by_0) + t$$

$$= a(tx_0) + b(ty_0)$$

Hence $ax + by = c$ has tx_0, ty_0

as a particular solution.

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Let x', y' be any other solution,

$$\text{then } ax_0 + by_0 = c = ax' + by'$$

$$\equiv a(x' - x_0) = b(y_0 - y') \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = d \Rightarrow \exists r, s \in \mathbb{Z}, (r, s) = 1$$

$$\text{such that } a = dr \\ b = ds$$

Equation (1) becomes

$$r(x' - x_0) = s(y_0 - y')$$

$$r | s(y_0 - y') \text{ with } (r, s) = 1$$

$$\text{By Euclid's Lemma } r | y_0 - y'$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 - y' = rt \text{ for some } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x' - x_0 = st$$

$$x' = x_0 + st = x_0 + \frac{b}{d}t$$

$$y' = y_0 - rt = y_0 - \frac{a}{d}t$$

$$ax' + by' = c$$

Thus there are infinite number of solutions of the given equation, one for each value of t .

Example:

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Solve

$$172x + 20y = 1000$$

$$\gcd(172, 20) = ? \quad (\text{Euclidean Algo})$$

$$172 = 8 \cdot 20 + 12$$

$$20 = 1 \cdot 12 + 8$$

$$12 = 1 \cdot 8 + 4$$

$$8 = 2 \cdot 4$$

$$\gcd(172, 20) = 4 \quad \boxed{4} \mid 1000$$

\Rightarrow solution exists.

Express 4 as a Linear Combination of
172 and 20.

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= 12 - 1 \cdot 8 = 12 - (20 - 1 \cdot 12) \\ &= 2 \cdot 12 - 20 \\ &= 2(172 - 8 \cdot 20) - 20 \\ &= 2 \cdot 172 + (-17) \cdot 20 \quad \text{--- (1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1000 = 500 \cdot 172 + (-4250) \cdot 20$$

$$x_0 = 500, \quad y_0 = -4250$$

$$x = x_0 + \frac{b}{d}t = 500 + 5t \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y = y_0 - \frac{a}{d}t = -4250 - 43t$$

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Congruence:

Def: Let n be a fixed positive integer. Two integers a and b are said to be congruent modulo n , symbolized by

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

if n divides the difference $a-b$, i.e., $a-b = kn$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

e.g. $3 \equiv 24 \pmod{7}$

$$-31 \equiv 11 \pmod{7}$$

→ If $n \nmid a-b$, we say a is incongruent to b modulo n and written as $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$.

→ Given a , Let q and r be its quotient and remainder upon division by n , i.e. $a = qn + r$, $0 \leq r < n$
 $\therefore a \equiv r \pmod{n}$

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- r is residue or remainder of a congruence.
 - There are n choices of r , every integer is congruent modulo n to exactly one of the values $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$. In particular
- $$a \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \text{ iff } n \mid a.$$
- The set of n integers $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ is called the set of least non-negative residue modulo n .

Theorem: For arbitrary integers a and b , $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ iff a and b leave the same non-negative remainder upon division by n .

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Proof: Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$$\Rightarrow a = b + kn \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$+ b = qn + r \text{ for some}$$

(By Division algorithm to b and n)

$$\therefore a = qn + r + kn = (q+k)n + r$$

$\Rightarrow a$ and b leaves the same remainder r .

Conversely: a and b leave the

same remainder upon dividing by n .

$$a = q_1 n + r$$

$$+ b = q_2 n + r$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = (q_1 - q_2) n$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

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Theorem: Let $n > 1$ be fixed and a, b, c, d be arbitrary integers. Then the following properties hold:

- (a) $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- (b) If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- (c) If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$
then $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$
- (d) If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$
then $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n}$
and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$
- (e) If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then
 $a+c \equiv b+c \pmod{n}$ and $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$
- (f) If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then
 $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$ for any positive integer k .