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MATH 407 HW 03

1.1 **4** Use the Euclidean algorithm to find the following greatest common divisors.

a $(6643, 2873)$

Ans

$$6643 = 2873 \cdot 2 + 897, r_1 = 897$$
$$2873 = 897 \cdot 3 + 182, r_2 = 182$$
$$897 = 182 \cdot 4 + 169, r_3 = 169$$
$$182 = 169 \cdot 1 + 13, r_4 = 13$$
$$169 = 13 \cdot 13 + 0, r_5 = 0$$

$\therefore (6643, 2873) = 13$ □

c $(26460, 12600)$

Ans

$$26460 = 12600 \cdot 2 + 1260, r_1 = 1260$$
$$12600 = 1260 \cdot 10 + 0, r_2 = 0$$

$\therefore (26460, 12600) = 1260$ □

e $(12091, 8439)$

Ans

$$12091 = 8439 \cdot 1 + 3652, r_1 = 3652$$
$$8439 = 3652 \cdot 2 + 1135, r_2 = 1135$$
$$3652 = 1135 \cdot 3 + 247, r_3 = 247$$
$$1135 = 247 \cdot 4 + 147, r_4 = 147$$
$$247 = 147 \cdot 1 + 100, r_5 = 100$$
$$147 = 100 \cdot 1 + 47, r_6 = 47$$
$$100 = 47 \cdot 2 + 6, r_7 = 6$$
$$47 = 6 \cdot 6 + 5, r_8 = 5$$

$$6 = 5 \cdot 1 + 1, r_9 = 1$$

$$5 = 1 \cdot 5 + 0, r_{10} = 0$$

$\therefore (12091, 8439) = 1$ □

6 For each part of Exercise 4, find integers m and n such that (a, b) is expressed in the form $ma + nb$.

a $(6643, 2873)$

Ans $\because (6643, 2873) = 13$

$\Rightarrow 13 = n \cdot 6643 + m \cdot 2873$

$$\begin{aligned}
r_1 = 897 &= 1 \cdot 6643 - 2 \cdot 2873 \\
r_2 = 182 &= 1 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 897 \\
&= 1 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot (1 \cdot 6643 - 2 \cdot 2873) \\
&= 1 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 6643 + 6 \cdot 2873 \\
&= 7 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 6643 \\
r_3 = 169 &= 1 \cdot 897 - 4 \cdot 182 \\
&= 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 6643 - 2 \cdot 2873) - 4 \cdot (7 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 6643) \\
&= 1 \cdot 6643 - 2 \cdot 2873 - 28 \cdot 2873 + 12 \cdot 6643 \\
&= 13 \cdot 6643 - 30 \cdot 2873 \\
r_4 = 13 &= 1 \cdot 182 - 1 \cdot 169 \\
&= 1 \cdot (7 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 6643) - 1 \cdot (13 \cdot 6643 - 30 \cdot 2873) \\
&= 7 \cdot 2873 - 3 \cdot 6643 - 13 \cdot 6643 + 30 \cdot 2873 \\
&= 37 \cdot 2873 - 16 \cdot 6643
\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore 13 = 37 \cdot 2873 - 16 \cdot 6643$, with $n = -16, m = 37$ □

c $(26460, 12600)$

Ans $\because (26460, 12600) = 1260$

$\Rightarrow 1260 = n \cdot 26460 + m \cdot 12600$

$$r_1 = 1260 = 1 \cdot 26460 - 2 \cdot 12600$$

$\therefore 1260 = 1 \cdot 26460 - 2 \cdot 12600$, with $n = 1, m = -2$ □

e $(12091, 8439)$

Ans $\because (12091, 8439) = 1$

$\Rightarrow 1 = n \cdot 12091 + m \cdot 8439$

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\begin{aligned}
r_1 = 3652 &= 1 \cdot 12091 - 1 \cdot 8439 \\
r_2 = 1135 &= 1 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 3652 \\
&= 1 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot (1 \cdot 12091 - 1 \cdot 8439) \\
&= 1 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 12091 + 2 \cdot 8439 \\
&= 3 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 12091 \\
r_3 = 247 &= 1 \cdot 3652 - 3 \cdot 1135 \\
&= 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 12091 - 1 \cdot 8439) - 3 \cdot (3 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 12091) \\
&= 1 \cdot 12091 - 1 \cdot 8439 - 9 \cdot 8439 + 6 \cdot 12091 \\
&= 7 \cdot 12091 - 10 \cdot 8439 \\
r_4 = 147 &= 1 \cdot 1135 - 4 \cdot 247 \\
&= 1 \cdot (3 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 12091) - 4 \cdot (7 \cdot 12091 - 10 \cdot 8439) \\
&= 3 \cdot 8439 - 2 \cdot 12091 - 28 \cdot 12091 + 40 \cdot 8439 \\
&= 43 \cdot 8439 - 30 \cdot 12091 \\
r_5 = 100 &= 1 \cdot 247 - 1 \cdot 147 \\
&= 1 \cdot (7 \cdot 12091 - 10 \cdot 8439) - 1 \cdot (43 \cdot 8439 - 30 \cdot 12091) \\
&= 7 \cdot 12091 - 10 \cdot 8439 - 43 \cdot 8439 + 30 \cdot 12091 \\
&= 37 \cdot 12091 - 53 \cdot 8439 \\
r_6 = 47 &= 1 \cdot 147 - 1 \cdot 100 \\
&= 1 \cdot (43 \cdot 8439 - 30 \cdot 12091) - 1 \cdot (37 \cdot 12091 - 53 \cdot 8439) \\
&= 43 \cdot 8439 - 30 \cdot 12091 - 37 \cdot 12091 + 53 \cdot 8439 \\
&= 96 \cdot 8439 - 67 \cdot 12091 \\
r_7 = 6 &= 1 \cdot 100 - 2 \cdot 47 \\
&= 1 \cdot (37 \cdot 12091 - 53 \cdot 8439) - 2 \cdot (96 \cdot 8439 - 67 \cdot 12091) \\
&= 37 \cdot 12091 - 53 \cdot 8439 - 192 \cdot 8439 + 134 \cdot 12091 \\
&= 171 \cdot 12091 - 245 \cdot 8439 \\
r_8 = 5 &= 1 \cdot 47 - 7 \cdot 6 \\
&= 1 \cdot (96 \cdot 8439 - 67 \cdot 12091) - 7 \cdot (171 \cdot 12091 - 245 \cdot 8439) \\
&= 96 \cdot 8439 - 67 \cdot 12091 - 1197 \cdot 12091 + 1715 \cdot 8439
\end{aligned}
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$$= 1811 \cdot 8439 - 1264 \cdot 12091$$

$$r_9 = 1 = 1 \cdot 6 - 1 \cdot 5$$

$$= 1 \cdot (171 \cdot 12091 - 245 \cdot 8439) - 1 \cdot (1811 \cdot 8439 - 1264 \cdot 12091)$$

$$= 171 \cdot 12091 - 245 \cdot 8439 - 1811 \cdot 8439 + 1264 \cdot 12091$$

$$= 1435 \cdot 12091 - 2056 \cdot 8439$$

$\therefore 1 = 1435 \cdot 12091 - 2056 \cdot 8439$, with $n = 1435, m = -2056$ □

7 Let a, b, c be integers. Give a proof for these facts about divisors:

a If $b \mid a$, then $b \mid ac$.

Ans Let $a = mb$, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Multiplying both sides by c:

$a \cdot c = mb \cdot c$

$a \cdot c = mc \cdot b$ (commutative law of multiplication)

Let $n = mb$, $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$a \cdot c = n \cdot c$

$\therefore b \mid ac$ if $b \mid a$ □

b If $b \mid a$ and $c \mid b$, then $c \mid a$.

Ans Let $a = m \cdot b$ and $b = n \cdot c$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\because a = m \cdot b$, $b = \frac{a}{m}$.

$$\therefore \frac{a}{m} = n \cdot c$$

$$\Rightarrow a = mn \cdot c$$

$\therefore c \mid a$ □

c If $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$, then $c \mid (ma + nb)$ for any integers m, n.

Ans Since $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$, they can be expressed as

$a = m \cdot c$ and $b = n \cdot c$ for $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then:

$$ma + nb = m(mc) + n(nc)$$

$$= m^2c + n^2c$$

$$= (m^2 + n^2)c$$

Thus $c \mid (m^2 + n^2)$ for some $(m^2 + n^2) \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\therefore c \mid (ma + nb)$ □

11 Show that if $a > 0$, then $(ab, ac) = a(b, c)$

Ans Let $d = (b, c)$, so $d \mid b$ and $d \mid c$.

$\therefore b = m \cdot d$, $c = n \cdot d$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $ab = m \cdot ad$ and $ac = n \cdot ad$.

Thus $ad \mid ab$ and $ad \mid ac$

$\therefore a(b, c) \Rightarrow (ab, ac)$

Conversely,

Let $x \mid ab$ and $x \mid ac$.

$\therefore ab = k \cdot x$ and $ac = l \cdot x$, for some $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Since $d = (b, c)$, $d = mb + nc$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} ad &= a \cdot mb + a \cdot nc \\ &= x \cdot km + x \cdot ln \\ &= x(km, ln) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $x \mid ad$

$\therefore (ab, ac) = a(b, c)$ if $a > 0$. □

14 For what positive integers n is it true that $(n, n + 2) = 2$? Prove your claim.

Ans Assume n is even, such that $(n, 2) = 2$.

Let d be a divisor of n and $n + 2$.

So $d \mid n$ and $d \mid (n + 2)$.

Since $(n, 2) = 2$, then $(n + 2, 2) = 2$. Therefore, 2 is a divisor of both n and $n + 2$.

Since $d \mid n$ and $d \mid (n + 2)$, then $d \mid (|n - (n + 2)|) \Rightarrow d \mid 2$.

Therefore, d must be 1 or 2.

$\therefore n$ can be any positive even integer. □

17 Let a, b, n be integers with $n > 1$. Suppose that $a = nq_1 + r_1$ with $0 \leq r_1 < n$ and $b = nq_2 + r_2$ with $0 \leq r_2 < n$. Prove that $n \mid (a - b)$ if and only if $r_1 = r_2$.

Ans Suppose $r_1 \leq r_2$

If $n \mid (a - b)$, then $a - b = nq_3$ for $q_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} a - b &= nq_3 \\ \Rightarrow a - b + b &= nq_3 + b \\ \Rightarrow a &= nq_3 + b \end{aligned}$$

Since $b = nq_2 + r_2$:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= nq_3 + nq_2 + r_2 \\ &= n(q_3 + q_2) + r_2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $a = nq_1 + r_1$:

$$\begin{aligned} nq_1 + r_1 &= n(q_3 + q_2) + r_2 \\ nq_1 - n(q_3 + q_2) &= r_2 - r_1 \\ n(q_1 - q_2 - q_3) &= r_2 - r_1 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $n \mid (r_2 - r_1)$, $0 \leq r_2 - r_1 < r_2 < n$.
Therefore, $r_2 - r_1 = 0$, $\Rightarrow r_2 = r_1$.
Conversely, suppose $n \mid (a - b)$ if $r_1 = r_2$.
Therefore, $a - b = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$.
$\therefore n \mid (a - b)$ □

19 Let a, b, q, n be integers such that $b \neq 0$ and $a = bq + r$. Prove that $(a, b) = (b, r)$ by showing that (b, r) satisfies the definition of the greatest common divisor of a and b.

Ans Suppose (a, b), then $(a, b) \mid a$ and $(a, b) \mid b$.
Since $a = bq + r$,
$\Rightarrow (a, b) \mid a - bq = (a, b) \mid r$
Therefore $(a, b) \mid b$ and $(a, b) \mid r$
$\Rightarrow (a, b) \mid (b, r)$
Conversely, suppose (b, r), then $(b, r) \mid b$ and $(b, r) \mid r$.
Since $a = bq + r$,
$\Rightarrow (b, r) \mid bq + r = (b, r) \mid a$
Therefore $(b, r) \mid a$ and $(b, r) \mid b$
$\Rightarrow (b, r) \mid (a, b)$
$\therefore (a, b) = (b, r)$ □