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Theorem 3.6

g) $d = (a, b)$ and d' is any common divisor of a and b , then $d' \mid d$

Proof:-

Since $d = (a, b)$ using the previous theorem there exists α and β such that $d = \alpha a + \beta b$. Since $d' \mid a$ and $d' \mid b$, $d' \mid (\alpha a + \beta b)$ so, $d' \mid d$.

Thus, every common divisor d' of a and b is a factor of their gcd d , and $d' \leq d$. Suppose that,

→ $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ and

→ if $d' \mid a$ and $d' \mid b$, then $d' \mid d$, then $d' \leq d$
so $d = (a, b)$

An Alternate definition of gcd.

A positive integer d is the gcd of a and b if.

→ $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ and

→ if $d' \mid a$ and $d' \mid b$, then $d' \mid d$, where d' is a positive integer.

Theorem 3.7.

Let a, b and c be any positive integers. Then $(ac, bc) = c(a, b)$.

Theorem 3.8

Two positive integers a and b are relatively prime if and only if there are integers α and β such that $\alpha a + \beta b = 1$.

proof:-

If a and b are relatively prime, then $(a, b) = 1$

there are integers α and β such that $\alpha a + \beta b = 1$.
So demonstrate that $(a, b) = 1$, let $d = (a, b)$,

$d \mid (\alpha a + \beta b)$ that is $d \mid 1$ so, $d = 1$

thus a and b are relatively prime.

Corollary 3.1

if $d = (a, b)$, then $(a/d, b/d) = 1$

~~the next corollary follows~~

Corollary 3.2

if $(a, b) = 1 = (a, c)$ then $(a, bc) = 1$