

Solution for Homework 2

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Exercise 1.4.2 Prove that if $a, b, c, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a | b$, and $a | c$, then $a | (mb + nc)$.

$a | b \implies$ There exists $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = \alpha a$.

$a | c \implies$ There exists $\beta \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $c = \beta a$.

Hence, $mb + nc = m(\alpha a) + n(\beta a) = (m\alpha + n\beta)a$.

Since $m, n, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$, then there exists $(m\alpha + n\beta) \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $mb + nc = (m\alpha + n\beta)a$.

We conclude that $a | (mb + nc)$.

Exercise 1.4.3 For each of the pairs $(a, b) = (130, 95), (1295, 406), (1351, 165)$,

find $\gcd(a, b)$ using the Euclidean Algorithm and express it in the form $\gcd(a, b) = m_0a + n_0b$ for $m_0, n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- $(a, b) = (130, 95)$

$$\begin{aligned} 130 &= 1(95) + 35 \\ 95 &= 2(35) + 25 \\ 35 &= 1(25) + 10 \\ 25 &= 2(10) + 5 \\ 10 &= 2(5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= 25 - 2(10) \\ &= (95 - 2(35)) - 2(35 - 1(25)) \\ &= \left(95 - 2(130 - 1(95))\right) - 2\left(35 - 1(95 - 2(35))\right) \\ &= (3(95) - 2(130)) + (2(95) - 6(35)) \\ &= (3(95) - 2(130)) + \left(2(95) - 6(130 - 1(95))\right) \\ &= (3(95) - 2(130)) + (8(95) - 6(130)) \\ &= -8(130) + 11(95) \end{aligned}$$

$\gcd(130, 95) = 5$ and $5 = -8(130) + 11(95)$.

- $(a, b) = (1295, 406)$

$$\begin{aligned} 1295 &= 3(406) + 77 \\ 406 &= 5(77) + 21 \\ 77 &= 3(21) + 14 \\ 21 &= 1(14) + 7 \\ 14 &= 2(7) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
7 &= 21 - 1(14) \\
&= (406 - 5(77)) - 1(77 - 3(21)) \\
&= 406 - 6(77) + 3(21) \\
&= 406 - 6(77) + 3(406 - 5(77)) \\
&= 4(406) - 21(77) \\
&= 4(406) - 21(1295 - 3(406)) \\
&= -21(1295) + 67(406)
\end{aligned}$$

$\gcd(1295, 406) = 7$ and $7 = -21(1295) + 67(406)$.

- $(a, b) = (1351, 165)$

$$\begin{aligned}
1351 &= 8(165) + 31 \\
165 &= 5(31) + 10 \\
31 &= 3(10) + 1 \\
10 &= 10(1)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
1 &= 31 - 3(10) \\
&= (1351 - 8(165)) - 3(165 - 5(31)) \\
&= 1351 - 11(165) + 15(31) \\
&= 1351 - 11(165) + 15(1351 - 8(165)) \\
&= 16(1351) - 131(165)
\end{aligned}$$

$\gcd(1351, 165) = 1$ and $1 = 16(1351) - 131(165)$.

Exercise 1.4.4 Suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, $a \mid c$, $b \mid c$, then $ab \mid c$.

Since $a \mid c$, there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $c = ma$. Then $b \mid ma$. By **Proposition 1.4.10**, since $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, which means a and b are relatively prime, and $b \mid ma$, then $b \mid m$. Hence, there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $m = nb$. Hence, $c = nba$. Then $ab \mid c$.

We conclude that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, $a \mid c$, $b \mid c$, then $ab \mid c$.

Exercise 1.5.2 Write down the addition and multiplication tables for \mathbb{Z}_5 .

+	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[0]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[1]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[0]
[2]	[2]	[3]	[4]	[0]	[1]
[3]	[3]	[4]	[0]	[1]	[2]
[4]	[4]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]

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[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]	[0]
[1]	[0]	[1]	[2]	[3]	[4]
[2]	[0]	[2]	[4]	[1]	[3]
[3]	[0]	[3]	[1]	[4]	[2]
[4]	[0]	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]

Exercise 1.5.3 List all elements of \mathbb{Z}_5^\times , \mathbb{Z}_6^\times , \mathbb{Z}_8^\times and \mathbb{Z}_{20}^\times .

Note that 5 is a prime. Then $\mathbb{Z}_5^\times = \{[1], [2], [3], [4]\}$.

$\gcd(1, 6) = 1, \gcd(5, 6) = 1$. Then $\mathbb{Z}_6^\times = \{[1], [5]\}$.

$\gcd(1, 8) = 1, \gcd(3, 8) = 1, \gcd(5, 8) = 1, \gcd(7, 8) = 1$. Then $\mathbb{Z}_8^\times = \{[1], [3], [5], [7]\}$.

$\gcd(1, 20) = 1, \gcd(3, 20) = 1, \gcd(7, 20) = 1, \gcd(9, 20) = 1$,

$\gcd(11, 20) = 1, \gcd(13, 20) = 1, \gcd(17, 20) = 1, \gcd(19, 20) = 1$

Then $\mathbb{Z}_{20}^\times = \{[1], [3], [7], [9], [11], [13], [17], [19]\}$.

Exercise 1.5.4 Prove that if $m \mid n$, then $\pi_{m,n} : \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m$ is well-defined.

Let $[a]_n, [b]_n \in \mathbb{Z}_n$, where $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Assume $[a]_n = [b]_n$. Then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. Hence, $n \mid (a - b)$.

Since $m \mid n$, $m \mid (a - b)$. Then we have $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, which implies $[a]_m = [b]_m$.

We conclude that $\pi_{m,n}$ is well-defined.