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**Topic: Extended Euclidian Algorithm**

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## Greatest common divisor

**Definition:** The greatest common divisor of two non zero integer  $a$  and  $b$  is the largest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  .we denote this integer by  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

A greatest common divisor of two integer  $a$  and  $b$  is a positive integer  $d$  such that

- i).  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$
- ii). if, for an integer  $c$ ,  $c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b$ , then  $c \mid d$

GCD of  $a$  and  $b$  denoted by  $(a, b) = d$

### Example:

- i)  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \pm 6, \pm 12$  are common divisors of 24 and 60
- ii) 12 is the greatest common divisor of 24 and 60. i.e.  $12 = (24, 60)$

## Well ordering principle:

*Every non empty set of positive integers contains a smallest member.*

## Extended Euclidian Algorithm/GCD is a Linear combination

### Theorem:

For any non zero integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = as + bt$ .

Moreover,  $\gcd(a, b)$  is the smallest positive integer of the form  $as + bt$ .

### Proof:

Consider the set  $S = \{ am + bn : m, n \text{ are integers and } am + bn > 0 \}$ . Since  $S$  is non empty set, the well ordering principle asserts that  $S$  has a smallest member, say member is  $d$  such that  $d = as + bt$ . We claim that  $d = (a, b)$ .

By DAT for  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $a = dq + r$ , where  $0 \leq r < d$ .

If  $r > 0$ , then  $r = a - dq = a - (as + bt)q = a - asq - btq = a(1 - sq) + b(- tq) \in S$ , but  $r < d$

This is contradicting the fact that  $d$  is a smallest member of  $S$ . So  $r = 0$ .

Then  $a = dq \Rightarrow d \mid a$ . analogously  $d \mid b$ . This proves that  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Now suppose that  $d'$  is another divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  i.e.  $d' \mid a$  and  $d' \mid b$

$\Rightarrow a = d' h$  and  $b = d' k$  for some  $h, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . then

$$\mathbf{d = as + bt = (d' h)s + (d' k)t = d'(hs + kt),}$$

**so that ,  $d'$  is a divisor of  $d$ .**

Thus  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**Theorem:** If  $a, b \in I$ ,  $b \neq 0$  and  $a = bq + r$ , where  $0 \leq r < b$ , then  $(a, b) = (b, r)$ .

**Proof:** let  $(a, b) = c$  and  $(b, r) = d$ . Now  $(a, b) = c \Rightarrow c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b \Rightarrow c \mid (a - bq)$

Then  $c \mid r$   $(r = a - bq)$

Hence we have  $c \mid b$  and  $c \mid r$  i.e.  $c$  is a common divisor of both  $b$  and  $r$ .

therefore  $c \leq (b, r) \Rightarrow c \leq d$  ....1

Similarly  $(b, r) = d \Rightarrow d \mid b$  and  $b \mid r \Rightarrow c \mid (bq + r)$

Then  $d \mid a$

Thus  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$  i.e.  $d$  is a common divisor of both  $a$  and  $b$ .

therefore  $d \leq (a, b) \Rightarrow d \leq c$  ...2

$\Rightarrow c = d$  i.e.  $(a, b) = (b, r)$

# The Euclidian algorithm

**Theorem:** Let  $a = r_0$  and  $b = r_1$  be positive integers. If the division algorithm is successively Applied to obtain

$$r_i = r_{i+1} q_{i+1} + r_{i+2} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq r_{i+2} < r_{i+1} \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1 \quad \dots\dots 1$$

and  $r_{n+1} = 0$ , Then  $(a, b) = r_n$ ; the last non zero integer.

**Proof:** Let  $a = r_0$  and  $b = r_1$  be positive integers with  $a > b$ . Now put  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1$  till the remainder becomes zero. We can tabulate the result as follow

$$r_0 = r_1 q_1 + r_2 \quad 0 \leq r_2 < r_1$$

$$r_1 = r_2 q_2 + r_3 \quad 0 \leq r_3 < r_2$$

$$r_2 = r_3 q_3 + r_4 \quad 0 \leq r_4 < r_3$$

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$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + r_n \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1}$$

$$r_{n-1} = r_n q_n + r_{n+1} \quad (r_{n+1} = 0)$$

**Example:** Find the GCD of 26 and 118 and express it in the form  $26s + 118t$ .

**Solution:**

By Euclidean algorithm, we have

$$118 = 26 \cdot 4 + 14$$

$$26 = 14 \cdot 1 + 12$$

$$14 = 12 \cdot 1 + 2$$

$$12 = 6 \cdot 2 + 0$$

Hence  $(26, 118) = 2$

Now from the last but one equation i.e.  $d = as + bt$

$$\begin{aligned}2 &= 14 - 12.1 \\ &= 14 - [26 - 14.1].1 \\ &= 14 - 26.1 + 14.1 \\ &= [118 - 26.4].2 - 26.1 \\ &= 118.2 - 26.8 - 26.1 \\ &= 118.2 - 26.9 \\ &= 118.(2) + 26.(-9)\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  **$s = 2$  and  $t = -9$**



by previous theorem each of the above equation ,we get

$$(r_0, r_1) = (r_1, r_2) = (r_2, r_3) = \dots\dots\dots = (r_{n-2}, r_{n-1}) = (r_{n-1}, r_n) = (r_n, 0) = r_n.$$

therefore  $(a, b) = r_n$ , where  $r_0 = a$  and  $r_1 = b$ .

**Example:** Find the GCD of 427 and 616 and express it in the form  $427 s + 616 t$ .

**Solution:**

By Euclidean algorithm, we have

$$616 = 427. 1 + 189$$

$$427 = 189. 2 + 49$$

$$189 = 49. 3 + 42$$

$$49 = 42. 1 + 7$$

$$42 = 7.6 + 0$$

Hence  $(427, 616) = 7$

Now from the last but one equation i.e.  $d = as + bt$

$$\begin{aligned}7 &= 49 + 42.1 \\ &= 49 - [189 - (49).3].1 \\ &= (49).4 - 189.1 \\ &= [427 - (189).2].4 - 189.1 \\ &= (427).4 - (189).9 \\ &= (427).4 - [616 - (427).1].9 \\ \mathbf{7} &= \mathbf{427.13 + 161. (-9)}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore  $s = 13$  and  $t = -9$

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