

Math 55 Lecture 7 §4.3, start 4.4

Def: A positive integer  $p$  greater than 1 is prime if

Recall:  $\star$  If  $a|b$  and  $a|c$  then

Theorem: There are infinitely many primes.

Proof:  
Assume there are only finitely many primes

Consider the pos. number

Def: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . The largest integer  $d$  s.t.  $d|a$  and  $d|b$  is called the

Ex:

Def: Integers  $a, b$  are relatively prime if

Def: Integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are pairwise relatively prime if

To calculate gcd of  $a$  and  $b$ ,

Q:

Algorithm: If  $a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_n^{a_n}$  and  $b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \dots p_n^{b_n}$  are prime factorizations, then  $\gcd(a, b) =$

Def: The least common multiple  $\text{lcm}(a, b)$  of pos. integers  $a$  and  $b$  is the

Algo: If  $a = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_n^{a_n}$  and  $b = p_1^{b_1} \dots p_n^{b_n}$  as before,  
 $\text{lcm}(a, b) =$

Ex:

Exercise: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  
 $\frac{a}{b} =$

Euclidean algo: Divide larger # by smaller,  
then smaller by remainder, then

Example:

Euclidean algo works because of

Lemma: Let  $a = bq + r$  where  $a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .  
Then

Pf: Enough to show that every common factor  
of  $a$  and  $b$  is

Suppose  $d$  divides  $a$  and  $b$ .  
Then

Suppose  $d$  divides  $b$  and  $r$ . Then

∴  $a$  and  $b$  have the same common  
factors that

Bezout's Theorem: If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , there exist  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

To find  $s$  and  $t$ , go backwards through Euclidean algo:

Ex:

Euclid. algo : ①  
②  
③  
④

Step ③  $\Rightarrow$

Step ②  $\Rightarrow$

Step ①  $\Rightarrow$

Lemma 1: If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $a \mid bc$ , then

Pf: Since  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , Bezout  $\Rightarrow$

Cor: If  $p$  prime, and  $p \mid a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$  (where  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) then

Fund Thm of Arithmetic: Each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  can be written uniquely as  
 $n =$

We'll prove that each  $n$  has at most one such expression. (rest of proof - later)

Pf: (Contradiction)

Suppose  $n$  can be written

## § 4.4 Inverses

Def: If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfies  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ ,  
we say  $x$  is  
Notation for inverse:

Thm: If  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then

Furthermore, it is

Pf:

