

GCD Characterization Theorem GCD CT: If  $d$  is positive common divisor of the integers  $a$  and  $b$ , and  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax+by=d$ , then  $d = \gcd(a, b)$

ex.  $\forall b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  Prove if  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ , then  $\gcd(a, c), \gcd(b, c) = 1$ .  
By the EEA,  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ab(x) + cy = 1$ .

Since  $1|a$  and  $1|c$  and  $a(bx) + c(y) = 1$ , by GCD CT.  
where  $bx, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

thus,  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$

Since  $1|b$  and  $1|c$  and  $b(ax) + c(y) = 1$   
where  $ax, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Ex. 2. State converse and prove it's true. If  $\gcd(a, c) = \gcd(b, c) = 1$  then  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$

$\underline{\gcd(17, 59) = \gcd(34)}$  true. If  $a, c$  are relatively prime if  $b, c$  are relatively prime then  $a, b, c$  are pairwise prime.  $\therefore$  true.

Proof: If  $\gcd(a, c) = 1$  then by EEA there exist  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax+cy=1$ . Likewise, if  $\gcd(b, c) = 1$  then by EEA  $\exists k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $bk+cm=1$ . Multiplying them gives:  $(ax+cy)(bk+cm) = 1$

Since  $1|abc$  and  $1|c$  and  $ab(\ ) + c(\ ) = 1$ , then by GCD CT  
 $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$

$\Rightarrow ab(xk + c(m)) = 1$  where  $xk, am + bk + cm \in \mathbb{Z}$

Observation: EEA is useful with gcd in the hypothesis, GCD CT is useful with gcd in the conclusion

Proposition: GGD of One (GCD of 0)

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  iff  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $ax+by = 1$ .

Proof of GCD OO

1. ( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\text{GCD}(a, b) = 1$ . Then by EEA  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + by = 1$   
 $= 1$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Suppose  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + by = 1$

Since  $1/a$  and  $1/b$ , by EEDCT,  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = 1$ . ■

Division by the GCD (DB GCD)

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = d$  and  $d \neq 0$ , then  $\text{gcd}\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$

ex. Let  $a = 91$  and  $b = 70$ . Then  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = 7$  and by DB GCD,  $\text{gcd}\left(\frac{91}{7}, \frac{70}{7}\right) = \text{gcd}\left(\frac{91}{7}, \frac{70}{7}\right) = \text{gcd}(13, 10) = 1$

Pf: Suppose  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = d \neq 0$ . Then by EEA,  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  
 $ax + by = d$

Dividing by  $d$  gives  $\frac{a}{d}x + \frac{b}{d}y = 1$

By GCD OO, since  $\frac{a}{d}x + \frac{b}{d}y = 1$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
thus  $\text{gcd}\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$ .

Def'n: Coprime : Two integers  $a$  and  $c$  are coprime if  $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1$

Proposition: Coprimeness and Divisibility (CAD)

If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $c \mid ab$  and  $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1$  then  $c \mid b$ .

ex. (CAD). Let  $a = 14$ ,  $b = 30$ ,  $c = 15$ . Then  $c \mid ab$  since  $15 \mid 420$  and  $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1 = \text{gcd}(14, 15)$ . Thus by CAD,  $c \mid b$  or  $15 \mid 30$ .

Proof of CAD Suppose  $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1$  and  $c \mid ab$ . Since  
 $\text{gcd}(a, c) = 1$ , then by EEA  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + cy = 1$ .

Multiplying by  $b$  gives  $abx + cby = b$

Since  $c \mid ab$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ab = ck$ . Substituting into \* gives

$$cx + cy = b$$

$c(kx+by) = b$  where  $(k, k(b)) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$  so  $c/b$