

- (1) Give a careful proof by induction that the Euclidean algorithm always allows to express (a, b) as $(a, b) = ax + by$ for some integer x, y .
Hint: Use induction in the number of steps in the Euclidean algorithm.
- (2) Let a, b, c be natural numbers.
 Let x_0, y_0 be integers satisfying $ax_0 + by_0 = c$.
 Find the general integer solution of the equation $ax + by = c$.
Note: a and b are not assumed to be relatively prime.
- (3) (a) Find $\gcd(165, 63)$ using the Euclidean algorithm.
 (b) Write $\gcd(165, 63)$ as $\gcd(165, 63) = 165x_0 + 63y_0$ for some integer x_0, y_0 using the Euclidean algorithm.
 (c) Find the general integer solution of the equation $165x + 63y = 18$.
- (4) Without using the uniqueness of prime factorization prove that if d is a common divisor of a and b then d divides $\gcd(a, b)$.
- (5) Let a, b, c be natural numbers. Let (a, b, c) be the largest natural number that divides a, b and c .
 (a) Prove that $(a, b, c) = ((a, b), c)$.
 (b) Prove that the equation $ax + by + cz = (a, b, c)$ has an integer solution.
- (6) Let m be a natural number.
 For what values of c does the equation $((m - 1)!)x + my = c$ have an integer solution?
Hint: the answer depends on whether or not m is prime.