

1. (7 points) Use the euclidean algorithm to

(a) Find $\gcd(98, 26)$.

(b) Find integers x and y such that $98x + 26y = \gcd(98, 26)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 98 &= (3)26 + 20 \\ 26 &= (1)20 + 6 \\ 20 &= (3)6 + 2 \\ 6 &= 3 \cdot 2 \\ \Rightarrow \gcd &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 20 - 3(6) \\ &= 20 - 3(26 - 20) = 4 \cdot 20 - 3 \cdot 26 \\ &= 4(98 - 3(26)) - 3(26) \\ &= 4 \cdot 98 - 15(26) \\ &= 4 \cdot 98 - 15 \cdot 26 \end{aligned}$$

2. (4 points) Show that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and c divides a , then $\gcd(b, c) = 1$.

$$\text{let } a = cz \quad z \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{if } d|b \quad \Rightarrow \quad d|cz \Rightarrow d|a \\ \text{and } d|c$$

so common divisors of b and c are ~~the same as~~ ^{also} the common divisors of a, b which is $\{\pm 1\}$ [since $\gcd(a, b) = 1$].

$$\text{hence } \gcd(b, c) = 1$$

3. (4 points) Prove that 8 divides $3^{2n} + 7$ for all n (positive integer).

$$n=1, \quad 8 \mid 3^2 + 7 \quad \checkmark \quad \left| \quad \text{Assume } 8 \mid 3^{2n} + 7 \right.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then } 3^{2(n+1)} + 7 &= 3^{2n} \cdot 3^2 + 7 \\ &= 9 \cdot 3^{2n} + 7 = 9(3^{2n} + 7) + 7 - 63 \\ &= 9(3^{2n} + 7) - 56 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{But } 8 \mid 56 \text{ and } 8 \mid (3^{2n} + 7) \Rightarrow 8 \mid 3^{2(n+1)} + 7 \text{ as desired}$$