

## Discrete Math HW 12: Learning goals $N_3$ – $N_5$

due Monday, April 27

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$N_3$ : I can compute the greatest common divisor of two natural numbers using the Euclidean Algorithm.

(The problems for learning goal  $N_3$  in this section are the same problems from last week's homework, since we didn't make it as far last week as I thought we would. If you didn't have a chance to do them last week, you can do them now (but no need to complete them twice).)

**Exercise 1** Use the Euclidean Algorithm to compute each of the following. Be sure to show the steps of the process, not just the final result.

- (a)  $\gcd(1, 5)$
- (b)  $\gcd(123, 277)$
- (c)  $\gcd(78, 104)$
- (d)  $\gcd(88, 72)$

**Exercise 2** Write a Disco function to find the GCD of two natural numbers using the Euclidean algorithm, by filling in the following template:

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gcd : (N * N) -> N
gcd(a, 0) = ???
gcd(a, b) = ???
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Use your Disco function to find  $\gcd(518303142726377580, 169429189188136020)$ .

$N_4$ : I can compute Bézout coefficients and modular inverses using the Extended Euclidean Algorithm.

**Exercise 3** For each pair of numbers  $a$  and  $b$ , compute integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $sa + tb = \gcd(a, b)$ .

- (a)  $a = 1, b = 5$
- (b)  $a = 123, b = 277$
- (c)  $a = 78, b = 104$

**Exercise 4** For each  $a$  and  $m$  below, either find the multiplicative inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$ , or state that it does not have one.

(a)  $a = 7, m = 24$

(b)  $a = 26, m = 39$

(c)  $a = 922, m = 77$

*N5: I can solve modular equivalences in one variable involving addition, subtraction, and multiplication by a constant.*

**Exercise 5** Solve each of the following equivalences for  $x$ . Express your answers in the form  $x \equiv_m r$  where  $0 \leq r < m$ .

(a)  $34x \equiv_{89} 77$

(b)  $5x + 17 \equiv_{23} 2x - 10$

(c)  $200x - 13 \equiv_{1001} 0$

