

2. To determine the  $\gcd(2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2), 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11)$  take the **lowest** power of each of the **common** factors: 2,  $3^2$ , 7 and multiply them.

The answer is:  $2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$ .

To determine the lcm, take the **highest** power of **each** factor:  $2^3, 3^3, 5, 7, 11$ , and multiply them.

Then answer is  $2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$ .

9. If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $n \geq 0$  prove that  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$  **if and only if**  $n$  divides  $a - b$ .

Proof: Assume that  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$ .

This is equivalent to saying that  $(a - b) \bmod n = 0$ . By definition, we can write  $a = nq_1 + r_1$  and  $b = nq_2 + r_2$ . But by assumption,

$$(a - b) = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2) \equiv 0 \bmod n.$$

So  $r_1 - r_2 = 0$  and  $n$  divides  $a - b$ .

Conversely, Assume that  $n$  divides  $a - b$ . By definition of “divides”, we know that  $a - b = nq$  for some integer  $q$ . But this is equivalent to saying that  $(a - b) \equiv 0 \bmod n$ , which is equivalent to saying that  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$ .

Therefore,  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$  if and only if  $n$  divides  $a - b$ .

11. Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer greater than 1. If  $a \bmod n = a'$  and  $b \bmod n = b'$ , prove that  $(a + b) \bmod n = a' + b'$  and  $(ab) \bmod n = (a'b')$ .

Proof:

Given that  $a \bmod n = a'$  and  $b \bmod n = b'$ , we know that  $a = nq_1 + a'$  and  $b = nq_2 + b'$  for some integers  $q_1, q_2$ . Then,  $a + b = n(q_1 + q_2) + (a' + b')$ .

Similarly,

$$ab = (nq_1 + a')(nq_2 + b') = n^2q_1q_2 + nq_1b' + nq_2a' + a'b' = n(nq_1q_2 + q_1b' + q_2a') + a'b'.$$

14. Show that  $5n + 3$  and  $7n + 4$  are relatively prime for all  $n$ .

We apply Theorem 0.2, and the Euclidean Algorithm to show that

$$\gcd(5n + 3, 7n + 4) = 1.$$

Follow the example on page 7.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given that : } 7n + 4 &= 1(5n + 3) + (2n + 1); \\ 5n + 3 &= 2(2n + 1) + (n + 1); \\ 2n + 1 &= 2(n + 1) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } 2n + 1 &= \\ (7n + 4) + (5n + 3)(-1); \\ n + 1 &= \\ (5n + 3) + (2n + 1)(-2) &= \\ (5n + 3) + [(7n + 4) + (5n + 3)(-1)](-2) &= \\ (5n + 3) + (-2)(7n + 4) + (2)(5n + 3) &= \\ (3)(5n + 3) + (-2)(7n + 4); \\ -1 &= (2n + 1) + (-2)(n + 1) = \\ (7n + 4) + (-1)(5n + 3) + (-2)((3)(5n + 3) + (-2)(7n + 4)) &= \\ (5)(7n + 4) + (-7)(5n + 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{So } 1 = (-5)(7n + 4) + (7)(5n + 3).$$