

**Theorem (The Euclidean Algorithm).** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers. Then there exist integers  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k$  and a descending sequence of positive integers,  $r_1, \dots, r_k, r_{k+1} = 0$ , such that:

$$\begin{aligned}x &= q_1y + r_1 \\y &= q_2r_1 + r_2 \\r_1 &= q_3r_2 + r_3 \\&\vdots \\r_{k-1} &= q_kr_k + 0\end{aligned}$$

Furthermore,  $\gcd(x, y) = r_k$ .

**EX.** Find a greatest common divisor of 4095 and 165 by using the Euclidean Algorithm.

$$4095 = 24 \times 165 + 135 \quad (1)$$

$$165 = 1 \times 135 + 30 \quad (2)$$

$$135 = 4 \times 30 + 15 \quad (3)$$

$$30 = 2 \times 15. \quad (4)$$

**Theorem.** Let  $g$  be the greatest common divisor of  $b$  and  $c$ . Then, there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $g = bx + cy$ .

From the previous example, let's find integers  $x$  and  $y$ . From the Euclidean Algorithm, by working backward we have

$$\begin{aligned}15 &= 135 - 4 \times 30 \quad \text{From Eq (3)} \\&= 135 - 4 \times (165 - 1 \times 135) \quad \text{From Eq (2)} \\&= 135 - 4 \times 165 + 4 \times 135 \\&= 5 \times 135 - 4 \times 165 \\&= 5 \times (4095 - 24 \times 165) - 4 \times 165 \quad \text{From Eq (1)} \\&= 5 \times 4095 - 5 \times 24 \times 165 - 4 \times 165 \\&= 5 \times 4095 - 124 \times 165\end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

Therefore  $x = 5$  and  $y = -124$ .

Then, are  $x$  and  $y$  unique?

**No!** For example, we can think the following case :

$$\begin{aligned} 15 &= 5 \times 4095 - 124 \times 165 \\ &= 5 \times 4095 - 165 \times 4095 + 165 \times 4095 - 124 \times 165 \\ &= (5 - 165) \times 4095 + (4095 - 124) \times 165 \\ &= -160 \times 4095 + 3971 \times 165 \end{aligned} \tag{6}$$

Here  $x = -160$  and  $y = 3971$ . In conclusion, we can find so many different pairs of  $x$  and  $y$ . There is no uniqueness for  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\gcd(b, c) = xb + cy$ .