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Linear Diophantine equation

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Equation of the form $ax+by=c$ where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and a, b are not both zero.

where x, y are two unknowns

A pair (x_0, y_0) is called solution if

$$ax_0 + by_0 = c$$

Linear Diophantine equation can have number of solutions

e.g. $3x + 6y = 18$

$(10, -2), (4, 1), (-6, 6)$ are solutions of $3x + 6y = 18$

and many more

$$3(10) + 6(-2) = 18, \quad 3(4) + 6(1) = 18, \quad 3(-6) + 6(6) = 18$$

and so on...

② $2x + 10y = 17$, it has no solution

since LHS is an even integer whatever choice of x and y and RHS is odd.

To find, whether eqn has no solution, infinite solutions or unique solution, we have theorem.

Theorem (2.9) The linear Diophantine equation $ax+by=c$ has solution iff $d|c$ where $d = \gcd(a, b)$.

If x_0, y_0 is any particular solution of this eqn then all other solutions are given by

$$x = x_0 + \left(\frac{b}{d}\right)t \quad \text{and} \quad y = y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)t$$

where t is any arbitrary integer.

Proof) Consider $ax+by=c$ has solution say (x_0, y_0)
let $d = \gcd(a, b)$

By defn of GCD, $d|a$ and $d|b$

There exists integers r and s s.t.

$$a = dr \quad \text{and} \quad b = ds$$

Now, we have $ax_0 + by_0 = c$

$$\text{then } c = drx_0 + dsy_0 \Rightarrow c = d(rx_0 + sy_0)$$

$$c = d(ax_0 + by_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow d | c$$

Conversely, let $d | c$

there exist integer say t i.e. $c = dt$

By theorem (2.3) Given integers a and b , not both of which are zero, there exist integers x and y s.t.

$$d = \gcd(a, b) = ax + by$$

By using thm (2.3)

integers x_0 and y_0 can be found s.t.

$$d = ax_0 + by_0$$

$$\Rightarrow dt = (ax_0 + by_0)t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = ax_0t + by_0t$$

$$\Rightarrow c = a(tx_0) + b(ty_0)$$

Hence, eqn $ax + by = c$ has $x = tx_0$ & $y = ty_0$ is a particular solution.

Second part let us suppose (x_0, y_0) is solution of $ax + by = c$

let (x_1, y_1) be another solution

$$\text{i.e. } ax_0 + by_0 = c = ax_1 + by_1$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x_0 - x_1) = -b(y_0 - y_1)$$

Since $\gcd(a, b) = d$, there exists integers r and s s.t. $a = dr$ and $b = ds$

we get.

$$dr(x_0 - x_1) = -ds(y_0 - y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow r(x_0 - x_1) = -s(y_0 - y_1) \Rightarrow r(x_1 - x_0) = s(y_0 - y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow r | s(y_0 - y_1) \quad (\because x_0 - x_1 \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\text{Also } \gcd(r, s) = 1$$

$$\text{Since } a = dr \Rightarrow r = \frac{a}{d}$$

$$\text{and } b = ds \Rightarrow s = \frac{b}{d}$$

$$d = \gcd(a, b)$$

explained

$$\therefore \gcd(r, s) = \gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$$

$$\text{If } \gcd(a, b) = d$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$$

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$$\text{Now, } \gcd(r, s) = \gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$$

$$\therefore \gcd(r, s) = 1$$

Now, Euclid's lemma : If $a|bc$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$
 $\Rightarrow a|c$

$\therefore$ Using Euclid's lemma

$$r | (y_0 - y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 - y_1 = r t \quad \text{for some integer } t.$$

$$\Rightarrow y_0 - r t = y_1$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = y_0 - \frac{a}{d} t \quad (\because a = dr)$$

Since, we have

$$r(x_1 - x_0) = s(y_0 - y_1)$$

$$s(x_1 - x_0) = s r t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 - x_0 = s t$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_0 + \frac{b}{d} t \quad (\because b = ds)$$

then $x_1 = x_0 + \frac{b}{d} t$ and $y_1 = y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) t$ where t
 is other solution of $ax + by = c$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sure, } ax_1 + by_1 &= a\left(x_0 + \frac{b}{d} t\right) + b\left(y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{d}\right) t\right) \\ &= (ax_0 + by_0) + \left(\frac{ab}{d} - \frac{ab}{d}\right) t \\ &= c + 0 \cdot t \\ &= c \end{aligned}$$

thus, there are an infinite number of solutions of
 given eqⁿ, one for each value of t .

Corollary: If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

and if x_0, y_0 is a particular solution of linear Diophantine equation $ax + by = c$, then all solutions are given by

$$x = x_0 + bt, \quad y = y_0 - at; \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Example (2.5) A customer bought a dozen (12) pieces of fruit, apples & oranges for \$1.32. If an apple costs 3 (cents) more than an orange and more apples than oranges were purchased, how many pieces of each kind were bought?

(Solⁿ) Let x be number of apples, y be no. of oranges and z be the cost (in cents) of an orange.

(dozen) $\therefore x + y = 12$

and given condⁿ is $(z+3)x + zy = 132$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + z(x+y) = 132$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + z(12) = 132$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 4z = 44$$

(1 dollar = 100 cents)
or 1.32 dollars = 132 cents

Now $\gcd(1, 4) = 1$

By theorem (2.9), solution exists.

we have $1 = 1 \times 4 + 1 \times (-3)$ (relation)

As $\gcd(1, 4) = 1 \Rightarrow 1$ & 4 are relatively prime.

[using thm (2.4)] let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and not both zero, then $(a, b) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$ there exists integers x and y st $1 = ax + by$

$$1 = 1(-3) + 4 \times 1$$

multiply by 44

$$44 = 1 \times (-132) + 4 \times 44$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = -132, \quad y_0 = 44$$

Hence $(132, 44)$ is one of solution

All other solution are

$$x_1 = x_0 + b t \Rightarrow x_1 = -132 + 4t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y_1 = y_0 - a t \Rightarrow y_1 = 44 - t \quad \text{for some } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Not all the choices for t

furnish solution to original problem

only values of t that ensure ~~solutions~~ should be considered.

$$12 > x > 6$$

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$$\text{i.e. } 12 > -132 + 4t > 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 > -132 + 4t$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{t \leq 36}$$

$$\text{and } -132 + 4t > 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{t > 34 \frac{1}{2}}$$

The only integral values of t satisfy both inequalities are $t = 35$ and $t = 36$

$$x = 8 = -132 + 4(35)$$

$$y = 9 = 44 - 35$$

$$t = 36$$

$$x = 12 = -132 + 4(36)$$

$$y = 8 = 44 - 36$$

apples are more than

oranges or apples

$x > y$ or $y > x$

$$6 + 6 = 12 \quad (\text{Not possible})$$

$$5 + 7 = 12 \quad (\text{Not possible})$$

$$\text{so, } 6 < x \leq 12 \quad \checkmark$$

x = number apples

y = number of oranges

Exercise (Pg 37) Q-1, 2, 3, 6, 7

(Q1) which of following Diophantine eqⁿ cannot be solved?

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 6x + 51y = 22$$

$$\text{here } a=6, \quad b=51 \quad c=22$$

$$\text{gcd}(6, 51)$$

$$51 = 8 \times 6 + 3$$

$$6 = 2 \times 3 + 0$$

$$\therefore d = 3$$

$$\text{gcd}(6, 51) = 3$$

but

$$3 \nmid 22$$

$\therefore$ solⁿ doesn't exist

$$33x + 14y = 115$$

$$\gcd(33, 14) = 1$$

$$115 \mid 115$$

$\therefore$ solⁿ exists

$$\textcircled{c} \quad 14x + 35y = 93$$

$$\gcd(14, 35) = 7$$

$$7 \nmid 93$$

No solⁿ

(Q2) Determine all solⁿ in integers of following D-E.

$$\textcircled{a} \quad 56x + 72y = 40$$

$$\gcd(56, 72)$$

$$\text{Since } 8 \mid 40$$

then solⁿ exists

$$8 = 56 - 16 \times 3$$

$$= 56 - (72 - 1 \times 56) \times 3$$

$$8 = 4 \times 56 - 72 \times 3$$

multiply by 5

$$40 = 20 \times 56 + (-15) \times 72$$

thus $x_0 = 20$, $y_0 = -15$ is one of solⁿ

All other solⁿ

$$x_1 = x_0 + \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)t, \quad y = y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x_1 = 20 + 9t$$

$$y = -15 - 7t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$33 = 14 \times 2 + 5$$

$$14 = 5 \times 2 + 4$$

$$5 = 4 \times 1 + \textcircled{1} \quad \gcd$$

$$4 = 1 \times 4 + 0$$

$$35 = 14 \times 2 + 7$$

$$14 = 7 \times 2 + 0$$

$$\therefore d = 7$$

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then $(x_0, y_0) = (18, -3)$ solⁿ

other solⁿ $x_1 = x_0 + \left(\frac{18}{2}\right)t$, $y_1 = y_0 - \left(\frac{9}{2}\right)t$

$$x_1 = 18 + 9t$$

$$y_1 = -3 - 4.5t \quad ; t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Q-3) Determine all solⁿ in positive integers of D.E

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 18x + 5y = 48$$

$$\gcd(18, 5) = 1$$

$1 \mid 48$ solⁿ exist

$$18 = 5 \times 3 + 3$$

$$5 = 3 \times 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 \times 1 + \textcircled{1}$$

$$2 = 1 \times 2 + 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 2 \\ &= 3 - (5 - 3) \\ &= 2 \times 3 - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 2(18 - 5 \times 3) - 5$$

$$= 2 \times 18 + (-7) \times 5$$

multiply by 48

$$48 = 96 \times 18 + (-336) \times 5$$

$$x_0 = 96, \quad y_0 = -336$$

$$x_1 = 96 + 5t, \quad y_1 = -336 - 18t \quad ; t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

to obtain positive solⁿ $x_1 > 0, y_1 > 0$

$$96 + 5t > 0$$

$$-336 - 18t > 0$$

$$5t > -96$$

$$-18t > 336$$

$$t > -96/5$$

$$t < -\frac{336}{18}$$

$$-\frac{96}{5} < t < -\frac{336}{18}$$

$$-19.2 < t < -18.5$$

$$t = -19$$

$$x = 96 + 5(-19)$$

$$y = -336 - 18(-19)$$

$$x = 1$$

$$y = 6$$

only positive solⁿ