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**Problem 0.** Define the greatest common divisor of two integers  $a$  and  $b$ .

The greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  is the integer  $d$  s.t.

- 1)  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ , and
- 2) For any integer  $c$  s.t.  $c|a$  and  $c|b$ ,  $d \geq c$ .

**Problem 1.** Use the Euclidean algorithm to write  $(315, 525)$  as a linear combination of 315 and 525.

$$525 = 1 \cdot 315 + 210$$

$$315 = 1 \cdot 210 + 105$$

$$210 = 2 \cdot 105 + 0$$

The GCD is 105.

$$105 = 315 - 1 \cdot 210$$

$$= 315 - (525 - 315)$$

$$= (-1) \cdot 525 + 2 \cdot 315.$$

(other answers are possible)

**Problem 2.** True or false? Justify your answer with a proof if it is true or a counterexample if it is false.

For any positive integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $d$ , if  $au + bv = d$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $(a, b) = d$ .

False: For a counterexample, let  $a = b = u = v = 1$  and  $d = 2$ :

$$1 \cdot 1 + 1 \cdot 1 = 2, \text{ but } (a, b) = (1, 1) = 1.$$

$$a \cdot u + b \cdot v = d$$