

## MATH 347 Worksheet 3

Friday 9/21/18

Prove the following.

- (1) Use the Euclidean algorithm to find the greatest common divisor of the following pairs, and use it to express the gcd as an integer combination
  - (a)  $(7, 5)$
  - (b)  $(1071, 462)$
  - (c)  $(69, 128)$
  - (d)  $(187, 221)$
- (2) Show that if  $a|b$  and  $b|a$  then  $a = b$ .
- (3) Show that if  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then  $a|c$ .
- (4) Show that if  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ , then  $a|b + c$ .
- (5) Here, you will give a nonconstructive proof of the following result (shown in class):  
Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(a, b) = (d)$  where  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Do this in the following steps,
  - (a) First, assume that at least one of  $a, b$  is nonzero. Define  $d$  to be the least positive element in  $(a, b)$ . Show that  $(a, b) = (d)$ .
  - (b) Show that  $d$  is necessarily the greatest common divisor.