

# Section 3 - Linear Diophantine Eqs.

WS-02 Intro Linear Dioph.

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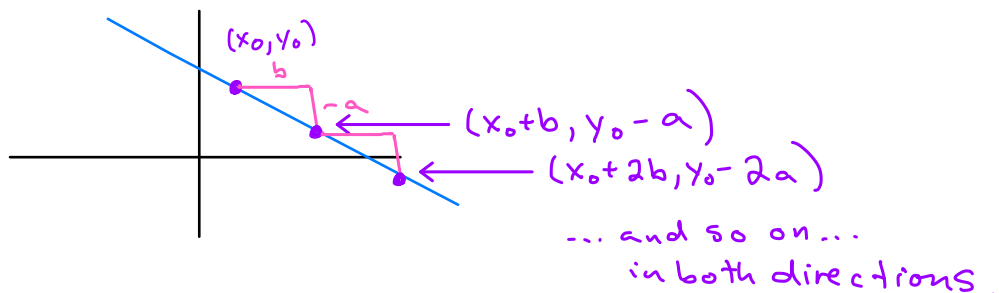
Lingering question: were there other solutions

Important take-away: If there is one integer solution, then there are infinitely many (ignoring additional restrictions).

solutions

So, one integer solution  $(x_0, y_0)$  to  $ax + by = c$  yielded  $\infty$ -many integer solutions. How exactly?

$$ax + by = c \iff y = -\frac{a}{b}x + \frac{c}{b} \quad (\text{if } b \neq 0)$$



omitted in book,  
but it is always implied!!

Lemma 1 Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is an integer solution of  $ax + by = c$ , then so is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + bt & \longrightarrow & (x_0 + bt, y_0 - at) \quad \text{for all } t \in \mathbb{Z}. \\ y &= y_0 - at \end{aligned}$$

# 02 – Introduction to linear Diophantine equations

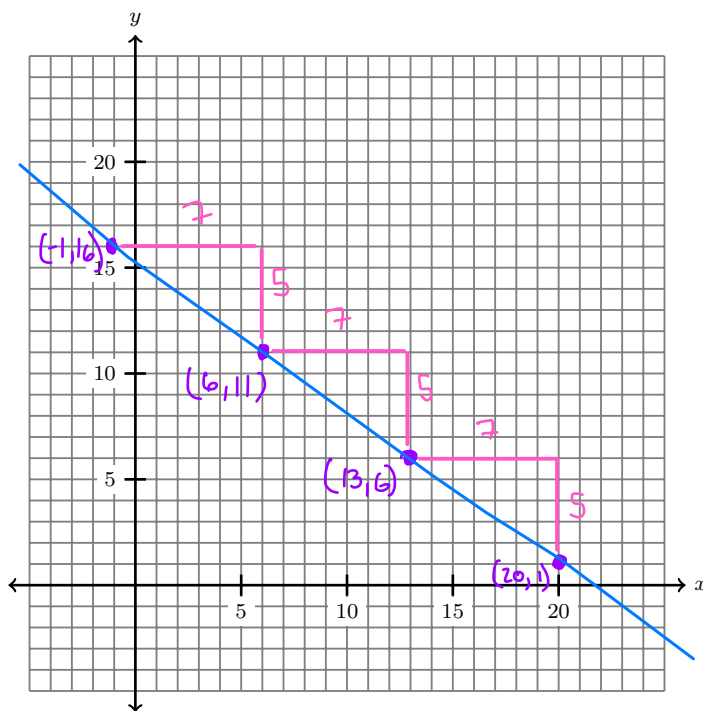
It's my first day selling burgers and burritos on the beach. At end of my shift, I sold \$107 of food. Then I remember that my boss wanted me to keep track of how many of each I sold. All I remember is that I sold more burritos than burgers. Can you help me? Also, burgers are \$5 and burritos are \$7.

- Let  $x$  denote the number of burgers sold and  $y$  the number of burritos sold. Based on the story, what equation do you want to solve? What are the restrictions on the variables?

$$5x + 7y = 107 \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$0 \leq x < y$$

- Graph the equation you found in the previous part.



$$5x + 7y = 107$$

$$y = -\frac{5}{7}x + \frac{107}{7}$$

key observation: (20, 1) is on the graph

point: (20, 1)  
slope:  $-\frac{5}{7}$

- First, *ignore* the fact that I sold more burritos than burgers. Find as many solutions as possible to your equation.

(20, 1), (13, 6), (6, 11), (1, 16), ... infinitely-many more if variables can be negative

- Now, *make use* of the fact that I sold more burritos than burgers to determine how many burritos and burgers I sold? Why? Could there possibly be a different answer?

burgers:  $x = 6$   
burritos:  $y = 11$

Between these integer solutions there do not seem to be other integer solutions, so (6, 11) seems to be the only one with  $0 \leq x < y$ .

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we are assuming  $ax_0 + by_0 = c$ . Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} a(x_0 + bt) + b(y_0 - at) &= ax_0 + \cancel{abt} + bx_0 - \cancel{bat} \\ &= ax_0 + bx_0 \\ &= c \end{aligned}$$

So,  $x = x_0 + bt$ ,  $y = y_0 - at$  is also a solution.  $\square$

Ex Find  $\infty$ -many integer solutions to

$5x + 7y = 107$ , if possible. trial and error for now

① Find 1 solution:  $x = 20, y = 1$  is a solution since

$$5 \cdot 20 + 7 \cdot 1 = 107$$

② use Lemma 1:

$$x = 20 + 7t, y = 1 - 5t \text{ for } t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

For example:  $\dots, (13, 6), (20, 1), (27, -4), (34, -9), \dots$   
 $t = -1 \quad t = 0 \quad t = 1 \quad t = 2$

Ex Find  $\infty$ -many integer solutions to

$6x + 8y = 107$ , if possible.

No solutions.  $2 \mid \text{LHS}$  but  $2 \nmid \text{RHS}$

Ex Find  $\infty$ -many integer solutions to

$6x + 9y = 107$ , if possible.

No solutions.  $3 \mid \text{LHS}$  but  $3 \nmid \text{RHS}$

Lemma 2 Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then

it has  $\iff$   $ax+by=c$  has  $\iff$   $\gcd(a,b) \mid c$   
co-many integer solutions an integer solution

p.p

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

- ① Assume  $ax+by=c$  has an integer solution  $(x_0, y_0)$ .  
Then  $ax_0+by_0=c$ . Since  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ ,  $d \mid c$ .
- ② Assume  $d \mid c$ . Then  $c=md$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Theorem 4 section 1  $\implies ax_0+by_0=d$  for some  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $\implies a(mx_0)+b(my_0)=md=c$   
 $\implies x=mx_0, y=my_0$  is an integer solution to  $ax+by=c$   $\square$

Summary so far about  $ax+by=c$ :

it has co-many integer solutions  $\iff$  it has one integer solution  $\iff \gcd(a,b) \mid c$

But, we have not determined how to find all solutions.

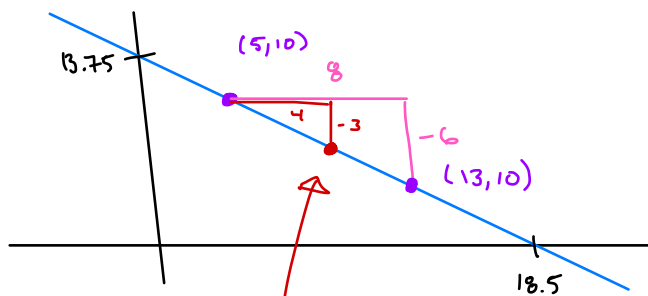
If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a solution to  $6x + 8y = 110$ , is it true that every solution is of the form

think  $(5, 10)$

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + 8t \\ y &= y_0 - 6t \end{aligned}$$

what is the slope?

$$-\frac{6}{8} = -\frac{3}{4}$$



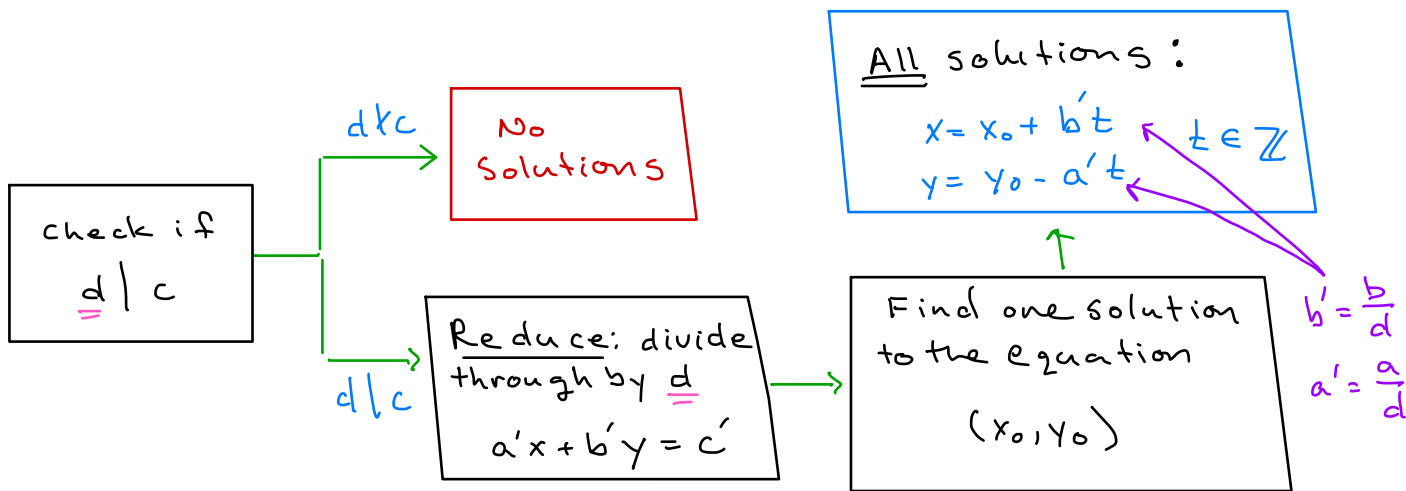
$(9, 7)$  we missed this one!

! need to reduce the equation first:

$$6x + 8y = 110 \longrightarrow 3x + 4y = 55$$

use this one

Strategy Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Suppose you want all integer solutions to  $ax + by = c$ . Let  $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ .



$$a' = \frac{a}{d}, b' = \frac{b}{d}, c' = \frac{c}{d}$$

But how do we know that we get all solutions?

Lemma 3 Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $(x_0, y_0)$  be any integer solution to  $ax + by = c$ . If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then all integer solutions are given by

$$\begin{aligned}x &= x_0 + bt \\ y &= y_0 - at\end{aligned} \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

this means  
the equation  
is reduced.

p.f Let  $(r, s)$  be any integer solution. Then

$$ar + bs = c$$

$$- \underline{ax_0 + by_0 = c}$$

$$\implies ar - ax_0 + bs - by_0 = 0$$

$$\implies a(r - x_0) + b(s - y_0) = 0$$

$$\implies a(r - x_0) = -b(s - y_0)$$

$$\implies a(r - x_0) = b(y_0 - s)$$

$$\implies a \mid b(y_0 - s) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Cor. 1, Sect. 1} \\ \implies \\ (a, b) = 1 \end{array} \implies a \mid (y_0 - s)$$

$$\implies \boxed{y_0 - s = a \cdot t} \quad \text{for some } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\implies a(r - x_0) = ba \cdot t$$

$$\implies \boxed{r - x_0 = bt}$$

$$\implies \begin{aligned}r &= x_0 + bt \\ s &= y_0 - at\end{aligned} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

□

Optional

Ex Find all integer solutions to  $-8x + 20y = 148$ .

① compute  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

$$\gcd(-8, 20) = 4$$

② Does  $\gcd(a, b)$  divide  $c$ ?

Yes!  $148 = 4 \cdot 37$

So there are solutions — keep going.

③ Reduce: divide through by  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

divide through by 4

$$\boxed{-2x + 5y = 37} \leftarrow \text{reduced equation}$$

④ Find one solution

Hmmm...  $x = -1, y = 7$  (guess & check)

⑤ Write down all solutions (using reduced eq.)

$$\begin{aligned} x &= x_0 + b't \\ y &= y_0 - a't \end{aligned} \quad t \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{from reduced equation}$$

so

$$\boxed{\begin{aligned} x &= -1 + 5t \\ y &= 7 + 2t \end{aligned} \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

Warm-up Revisit Burger & Burrito problem but now burgers are \$3 and burritos are \$7. I sold \$108 in total and I know I sold an even number of burgers. What are the possibilities for the number of each I sold (see WS-02)

Hint: 108 is divisible by 3.

Let  $x = \# \text{burgers sold}$   
 $y = \# \text{burritos sold}$

$$3x + 7y = 108 \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and  $x$  is even,  $x, y \geq 0$

- ①  $\gcd(3, 7) = 1$
- ②  $1 \mid 108$  so there are solutions
- ③ equation is already reduced
- ④ Find one solution:

$$108 = 3 \cdot 36 \Rightarrow 3 \cdot 36 + 7 \cdot 0 = 108$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 36 \text{ is a solution} \\ y = 0$$

- ⑤ Find all solutions

$$\begin{aligned} x = x_0 + bt &\Rightarrow x = 36 + 7t \\ y = y_0 - at & \quad y = 0 - 3t \end{aligned} \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- ⑥ Answer the question

$t$	1	0	-1	-2	-3	-4	-5	-6	...
$(x, y)$	<del>(43, -3)</del>	(36, 0)	<del>(29, 3)</del>	(22, 6)	<del>(15, 9)</del>	(8, 12)	<del>(1, 15)</del>	<del>(-6, 18)</del>	

$$(36, 0), (22, 6), (8, 12)$$