

## The GCD-Criterion and its Consequences

**Theorem 4 (GCD-criterion):** Let  $m, n, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  be non-zero integers. Then the equation

$$(1) \quad mx + ny = c$$

has an integer solution  $(x, y)$  if and only if

$$(2) \quad \gcd(m, n) \mid c.$$

**Corollary 1:**  $\gcd(m, n) = 1 \Leftrightarrow$  there exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $mx + ny = 1$ .

**Corollary 2:** If  $g = \gcd(m, n)$ , then  $\gcd(\frac{m}{g}, \frac{n}{g}) = 1$ .

**Corollary 3:**  $\gcd(mk, nk) = \gcd(m, n) \cdot k$ , if  $k > 0$ .

**Corollary 4 (Euclid):** If  $a \mid bc$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a \mid c$ .

**Corollary 4' (Euclid):** If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a \mid c$  and  $b \mid c$  if and only if  $ab \mid c$ .

**Corollary 5:** If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then

$$\gcd(a, bc) = \gcd(a, c).$$