

GCD II'

Here's a more general version of the lemma

~~Ex: Let $a = 60$ and $b = 350$.
Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(60, 350) = 10$.
Note that $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = \gcd\left(\frac{60}{10}, \frac{350}{10}\right) = 1$.
This always happens!~~

Lemma: Let a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n be integers, not all zero.
Let $d = \gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$. Then $\gcd\left(\frac{a_1}{d}, \frac{a_2}{d}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{d}\right) = 1$.

In particular, for two integers $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ not both zero with $d = \gcd(a, b)$, then $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$.

proof: Since $d = \gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ we have that $d \mid a_i$ for each i . Hence ~~there exist integers $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$~~ there exist integers $k_i \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $dk_i = a_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Let $d' = \gcd\left(\frac{a_1}{d}, \frac{a_2}{d}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{d}\right)$.

Then $d' \mid \frac{a_i}{d}$ for all i , so there exist $l_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

with $d'l_i = \frac{a_i}{d}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$.

Thus, $a_i = (dd')l_i$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$. the

So, dd' is a positive common divisor of ~~each~~ a_i .

Hence $dd' \leq d$ (since d is the greatest positive common divisor of the a_i).

Thus, $d' \leq 1$ (dividing by d).

Since d' is positive, $d' = 1$. 