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## Greatest Common Division :- gcd

Let a and b are any two integers in which at least one is non-zero. Then the greatest common divisor of a and b denoted by  $\gcd(a, b)$  or  $[a, b]$  is positive integer d such that

- (i)  $d|a$  and  $d|b$
- (ii) If  $c|a$  and  $c|b$  then  $c \leq d$

ex -  $\gcd(8, 12) = 4$  and

$\gcd(10, 15) = 5$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = a$   
if  $a|b$ .

## 19. Euclid's Algorithm

The gcd of two integers a and b can be determined by a process known as Euclid's algorithm which is as follows:

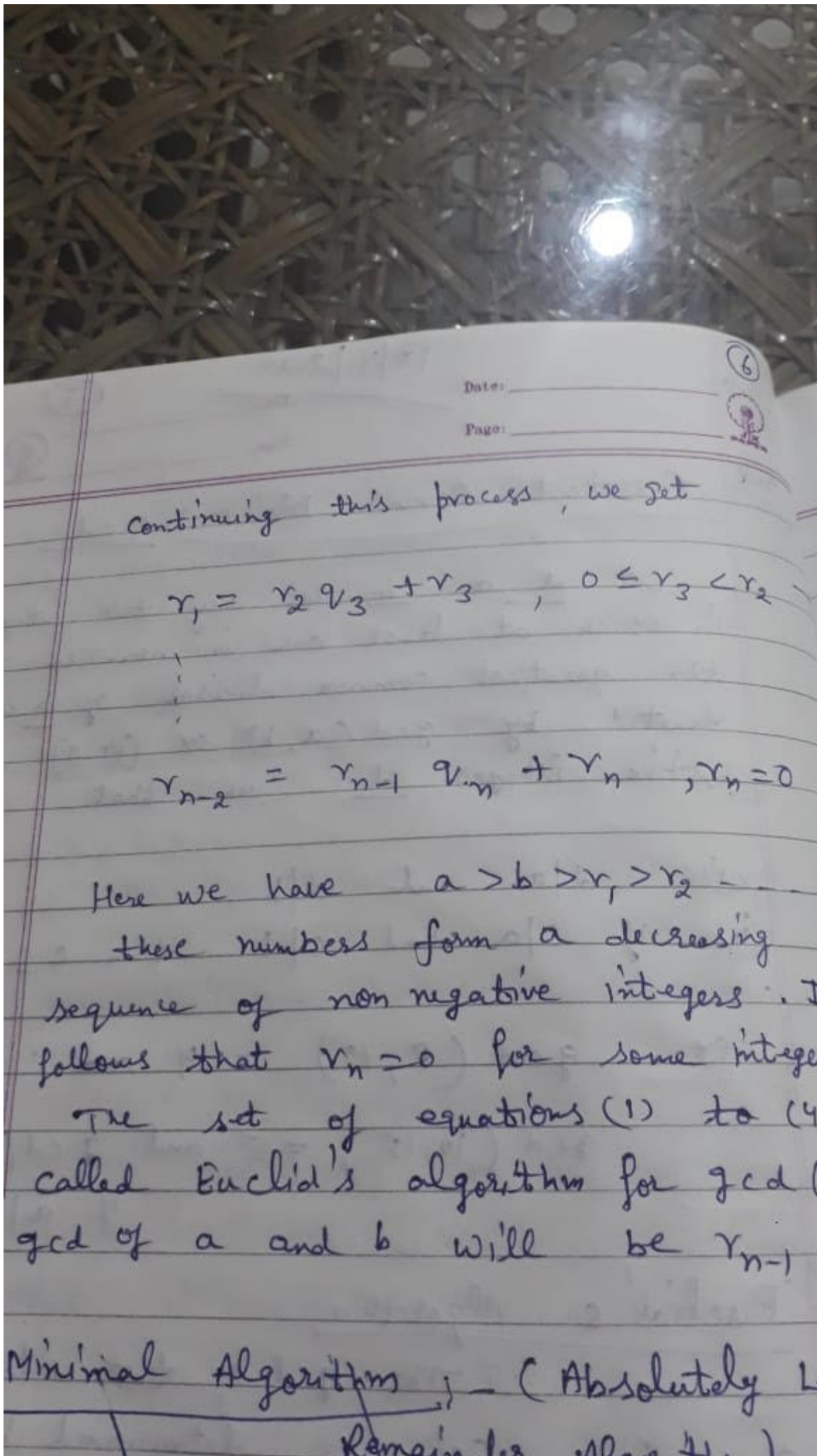
Let a and b both positive and  $a > b$ . Then there exist integers  $q_1$  and  $r_1$  such that

$$\boxed{a = bq_1 + r_1}, \quad 0 \leq r_1 < b \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

(division algo)

again there exist integer  $q_2$  and  $r_2$  such that

$$\boxed{b = r_1q_2 + r_2}, \quad 0 \leq r_2 < r_1$$



Prime Number - A positive integer other than 1 is said to be prime if its only positive divisors are 1 and itself.  
 Ex. - 2, 3, 5, 7, ... are prime numbers.

relatively prime: - Two integers, not zero, are said to be relatively prime (coprime) if  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .  
 Ex. -  $\therefore 7$  &  $9$  are relatively prime.

Thm 1 - Two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , not both zero, are relatively prime iff  $\exists$  integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = 1$ .

Proof - Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two relatively prime integers that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ . Therefore, there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = ax + by = 1$ .

Conversely suppose  $ax + by = 1$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$  and  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ .

$d|a$  and  $d|b \Rightarrow d|ax + by$  or since  $d$  is a +ive integer and  $d|1$  we have  $d = 1$ .