

- We want to find $\gcd(m, n)$. Say $n < m$. Then we use the Division Algorithm to obtain

$$m = q_1 n + r_1.$$

If $r_1 = 0$, we are done, because $n|m$ and the answer is n .

- If not, we solve

$$n = q_2 r_1 + r_2.$$

If $r_2 = 0$, the answer is r_1 . If not, keep going:



$$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3$$

etc.

- When this algorithm terminates, the last non-zero remainder is the gcd!!!!