MATH 113: DISCRETE STRUCTURES HOMEWORK DUE FRIDAY WEEK 12

Problem 1. Show that the Euclidean algorithm can terminate in two steps for arbitrarily large positive integers with greatest common divisor 1.

Problem 2. Suppose a < b and the Euclidean algorithm applied to a and b takes k steps. Prove that $a \ge F_{k+1}$ and $b \ge F_{k+2}$.

Problem 3. Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute the gcd of 198 and 168 and find integers m and n such that

gcd(198, 168) = 198m + 168n.

(You should use the procedure described on p.104.)