

### Ciphers and Number Theory 3

1. Calculate the greatest common divisor of each of the following pairs of numbers:

- (a) 35 and 82.
- (b) 51 and 238.
- (c) 154 and 84.

2. For each of the following equations, determine whether it is possible to find  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$  so that they hold. If it is possible, solve the equations for  $u$  and  $v$ .

- (a)  $35u + 82v = 1$ .
- (b)  $51u + 238v = 1$ .
- (c)  $51u + 238v = 17$ .
- (d)  $154u + 84v = 14$ .
- (e)  $154u + 84v = -42$ .

3. Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , suppose that  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$  are a solution of the equation

$$(a, b) = au + bv.$$

Is the choice of  $u$  and  $v$  unique?

4. Show that if  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $c$  divides  $b$  then  $(a, c) = 1$ .

5. Find all solutions to the equation

$$42x + 12y = 6$$

with  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .