

Formal Proofs on Congruences

Transitivity

Let a , b , and m be non-negative integers with $m \neq 0$.

Prove that, if $a \equiv_m b$ and $b \equiv_m c$, then $a \equiv_m c$.

1.1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(b, c, m)$	Assumption
1.2.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.3.	$\text{Congruent}(b, c, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.4.	$\text{Divides}(m, a - b)$	Def of Congruent: 1.2
1.5.	$\text{Divides}(m, b - c)$	Def of Congruent: 1.3
1.6.	$\exists k, a - b = km$	Def of Divides: 1.4
1.7.	$\exists k, b - c = km$	Def of Divides: 1.5
1.8.	$a - b = sm$	Elim \exists : 1.6
1.9.	$b - c = tm$	Elim \exists : 1.7
1.10.	$a - c = (s + t)m$	Algebra: 1.8 1.9
1.11.	$\exists k, a - c = km$	Intro \exists : 1.10
1.12.	$\text{Divides}(m, a - c)$	Undef Divides: 1.11
1.13.	$\text{Congruent}(a, c, m)$	Undef Congruent: 1.12
1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(b, c, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, c, m)$	Direct Proof

English: Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$. Unrolling the definitions, we have $a - b = sm$ and $b - c = tm$ for some integers s, t . Adding these two equations, we see that $a - c = (a - b) + (b - c) = sm + tm = (s + t)m$. This shows that $a \equiv_m c$ by definition.

Congruence From Equation

Let a , b , and m be non-negative integers with $m \neq 0$.

Prove that, if $a = b$, then $a \equiv_m b$.

1.1.	$a = b$	Assumption
1.2.	$a - b = 0m$	Algebra: 1.1
1.3.	$\exists k, a - b = km$	Intro \exists : 1.2
1.4.	$\text{Divides}(m, a - b)$	Undef Divides: 1.3
1.5.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$	Undef Congruent: 1.4
1.	$a = b \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$	Direct Proof

English: Suppose that $a = b$. This tells us that $a - b = 0 = 0 \cdot m$, showing $a \equiv_m b$, by definition.

Adding Congruences

Let a , b , c , d , and m be non-negative integers with $m \neq 0$.

Prove that, if $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$, then $a + b \equiv_m c + d$.

1.1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(c, d, m)$	Assumption
1.2.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.3.	$\text{Congruent}(c, d, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.4.	$\text{Divides}(m, a - b)$	Def of Congruent: 1.2
1.5.	$\text{Divides}(m, c - d)$	Def of Congruent: 1.3
1.6.	$\exists k, a - b = km$	Def of Divides: 1.4
1.7.	$\exists k, c - d = km$	Def of Divides: 1.5
1.8.	$a - b = sm$	Elim \exists : 1.6
1.9.	$c - d = tm$	Elim \exists : 1.7
1.10.	$a + c - b + d = (s + t)m$	Algebra: 1.8 1.9
1.11.	$\exists k, a + c - b + d = km$	Intro \exists : 1.10
1.12.	$\text{Divides}(m, a + c - b + d)$	Undef Divides: 1.11
1.13.	$\text{Congruent}(a + c, b + d, m)$	Undef Congruent: 1.12
1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(c, d, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a + c, b + d, m)$	Direct Proof

English: Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$. Unrolling the definitions, we have $a - b = sm$ and $c - d = tm$ for some integers s and t . Adding these two equations, we see that $(a + c) - (b + d) = (a - b) + (c - d) = sm + tm = (s + t)m$. This shows that $a + c \equiv_m b + d$ by definition.

Multiplying Congruences

Let a, b, c, d , and m be non-negative integers with $m \neq 0$.
 Prove that, if $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$, then $ab \equiv_m cd$.

In doing this proof formally, we will need to apply a theorem for multiplying equations. It says

$$\text{MultEqns: } \forall a \forall b \forall c \forall d ((a = b \wedge c = d) \rightarrow (ac = bd))$$

1.1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(c, d, m)$	Assumption
1.2.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.3.	$\text{Congruent}(c, d, m)$	Elim \wedge : 1.1
1.4.	$\text{Divides}(m, a - b)$	Def of Congruent: 1.2
1.5.	$\text{Divides}(m, c - d)$	Def of Congruent: 1.3
1.6.	$\exists k, a - b = km$	Def of Divides: 1.4
1.7.	$\exists k, c - d = km$	Def of Divides: 1.5
1.8.	$a - b = sm$	Elim \exists : 1.6
1.9.	$c - d = tm$	Elim \exists : 1.7
1.10.	$a = b + sm$	Algebra: 1.8
1.11.	$c = d + tm$	Algebra: 1.9
1.12.	$a = b + sm \wedge c = d + tm$	Intro \wedge : 1.10, 1.11
1.13.	$ac = (b + sm)(d + tm)$	Apply MultEqns: 1.12
1.14.	$ac - bd = (bt + ds + stm)m$	Algebra: 1.13
1.15.	$\exists k, ac - bd = km$	Intro \exists : 1.14
1.16.	$\text{Divides}(m, ac - bd)$	Undef Divides: 1.15
1.17.	$\text{Congruent}(ac, bd, m)$	Undef Congruent: 1.16
1.	$\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \wedge \text{Congruent}(c, d, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(ac, bd, m)$	Direct Proof

English: Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$. Unrolling the definitions, we have $a - b = sm$ and $c - d = tm$ for some integers s and t . We can write these equivalently as $a = b + sm$ and $c = d + tm$. Multiplying these last two equations, we see that $ac = (b + sm)(d + tm) = bd + (bt + sd + stm)m$. This last equation can be rewritten $ac - bd = (bt + sd + stm)m$, which shows that $ac \equiv_m bd$.

Modular Arithmetic: A Property

Let a , b , and m be non-negative integers with $0 < m$.

Prove that $a \equiv_m b$ iff $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

This proof is longer, so we will split it into parts. We will prove each implication separately:

Lemma 1.1: $\forall a \forall b \forall m (0 < m \rightarrow \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m))$

Lemma 1.2: $\forall a \forall b \forall m (0 < m \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \rightarrow \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m))$

With those in hand, we prove this as follows. (Try it yourself here.)

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| 1. $0 < m$ | Given |
| 2. $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$ | Apply Lemma1.1: 1 |
| 3. $\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \rightarrow \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Apply Lemma1.2: 1 |
| 4. $(\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m)) \wedge$
$(\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \rightarrow \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m))$ | Intro \wedge : 2, 3 |
| 5. $\text{Congruent}(a, b, m) \leftrightarrow \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Equivalent: 4 |

Now, we can move on to proving the two lemmas we used above. . .

Lemma 1.1

Prove that $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$ implies $a \equiv_m b$.

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| 1. $0 < m$ | Given |
| 2. $a = \text{div}(a, m) m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge \text{mod}(a, m) < m$ | Apply Division: 1 |
| 3. $b = \text{div}(b, m) m + \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge \text{mod}(b, m) < m$ | Apply Division: 1 |
| 4. $a = \text{div}(a, m) m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m)$ | Elim \wedge : 2 |
| 5. $a = \text{div}(a, m) m + \text{mod}(a, m)$ | Elim \wedge : 4 |
| 6. $b = \text{div}(b, m) m + \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Elim \wedge : 3 |
| 7. $b = \text{div}(b, m) m + \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Elim \wedge : 6 |
| 8.1. $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Assumption |
| 8.2. $a = \text{div}(a, m) m + \text{mod}(b, m)$ | Substitute: 8.1, 5 |
| 8.3. $a - b = (\text{div}(a, m) - \text{div}(b, m)) m$ | Algebra: 7 8.2 |
| 8.4. $\exists k, a - b = k m$ | Intro \exists : 8.3 |
| 8.5. $\text{Divides}(m, a - b)$ | Undef Divides: 8.4 |
| 8.6. $\text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$ | Undef Congruent: 8.5 |
| 8. $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m) \rightarrow \text{Congruent}(a, b, m)$ | Direct Proof |

English: By the Division Theorem, we can write a and b in the form $a = \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m)$ and $b = \text{div}(b, m)m + \text{mod}(b, m)$.

Now, suppose that $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$. Then, we can calculate

$$\begin{aligned} a - b &= (\text{div}(a, m) - \text{div}(b, m)) m + (\text{mod}(a, m) - \text{mod}(b, m)) \\ &= (\text{div}(a, m) - \text{div}(b, m)) m \end{aligned}$$

This shows that $m \mid a - b$, which means that $a \equiv_m b$, by definition.

Lemma 1.2

Prove that $a \equiv_m b$ implies $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

In doing so, we will use the uniqueness property of the remainder, which says

$$\forall a \forall b \forall q \forall r ((a = qb + r) \wedge (0 \leq r) \wedge (r < b)) \rightarrow (q = \text{div}(a, b) \wedge r = \text{mod}(a, b))$$

1.	$0 < m$	Given
2.	$a = \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge \text{mod}(a, m) < m$	Apply Division: 1
3.	$b = \text{div}(b, m)m + \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge \text{mod}(b, m) < m$	Apply Division: 1
4.	$a = \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m)$	Elim \wedge : 2
5.	$b = \text{div}(b, m)m + \text{mod}(b, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 3
6.	$a = \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m)$	Elim \wedge : 4
7.	$b = \text{div}(b, m)m + \text{mod}(b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 5
8.1.	Congruent(a, b, m)	Assumption
8.2.	Divides($m, a - b$)	Def of Congruent: 8.1
8.3.	$\exists k, a - b = km$	Def of Divides: 8.2
8.4.	$a - b = km$	Elim \exists : 8.3
8.5.	$b = (\text{div}(a, m) - k)m + \text{mod}(a, m)$	Algebra: 6 7 8.4
8.6.	$0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m)$	Elim \wedge : 4
8.7.	$b = (\text{div}(a, m) - k)m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m)$	Intro \wedge : 8.5, 8.6
8.8.	$\text{mod}(a, m) < m$	Elim \wedge : 2
8.9.	$b = (\text{div}(a, m) - k)m + \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, m) \wedge \text{mod}(a, m) < m$	Intro \wedge : 8.7, 8.8
8.10.	$\text{div}(a, m) - k = \text{div}(b, m) \wedge \text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$	Apply DivisionUnique: 8.9
8.11.	$\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$	Elim \wedge : 8.10
8.	Congruent(a, b, m) \rightarrow $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$	Direct Proof

English: By the Division Theorem, we can write a and b in the form $a = \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m)$ and $b = \text{div}(b, m)m + \text{mod}(b, m)$.

Now, suppose that $a \equiv_m b$. Unrolling the definitions, this says that $b = a - km$ for some integer k . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} b &= \text{div}(a, m)m + \text{mod}(a, m) - km \\ &= (\text{div}(a, m) - k)m + \text{mod}(a, m) \end{aligned}$$

Since $0 \leq \text{div}(a, m) < m$, the Division Uniqueness Theorem says that $\text{mod}(a, m) = \text{mod}(b, m)$.

Useful GCD Fact

Let a and b be positive integers.

Prove that $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$.

This proof is long, so we will split it into parts. We will prove each implication separately:

Lemma 2.1: $\forall a \forall b \forall d ((d \mid a) \wedge (d \mid b)) \rightarrow ((d \mid b) \wedge (d \mid a \bmod b))$

Lemma 2.2: $\forall a \forall b \forall d ((d \mid b) \wedge (d \mid a \bmod b)) \rightarrow ((d \mid a) \wedge (d \mid b))$

Lemma 3: $\forall a \forall b \forall c \forall d (\forall x ((x \mid a) \wedge (x \mid b)) \rightarrow ((x \mid c) \wedge (x \mid d)) \rightarrow (\gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(c, d)))$

Lemma 4: $\forall a \forall b ((a \leq b) \wedge (b \leq a)) \rightarrow (a = b)$

With those in hand, we prove this as follows.

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| 1. | $\forall a, \forall b, \forall d, \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$ | Cite Lemma2.1 |
| 2. | $\forall a, \forall b, \forall d, \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b)) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b)$ | Cite Lemma2.2 |
| 3. | $\forall b, \forall d, \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$ | Elim \forall : 1 |
| 4. | $\forall b, \forall d, \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b)) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b)$ | Elim \forall : 2 |
| 5. | $\forall d, \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$ | Elim \forall : 3 |
| 6. | $\forall d, \text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b)) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b)$ | Elim \forall : 4 |
| 7. | $\gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(b, \text{mod}(a, b))$ | Apply Lemma3: 5 |
| 8. | $\gcd(b, \text{mod}(a, b)) \leq \gcd(a, b)$ | Apply Lemma3: 6 |
| 9. | $\gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(b, \text{mod}(a, b)) \wedge \gcd(b, \text{mod}(a, b)) \leq \gcd(a, b)$ | Intro \wedge : 7, 8 |
| 10. | $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, \text{mod}(a, b))$ | Apply Lemma4: 9 |

English: Applying Lemma 3 to $a, b, b, a \bmod b$, its premise becomes Lemma 2.1, so we conclude that $\gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$. Applying Lemma 3 to $b, a \bmod b, a, b$, its premise becomes Lemma 2.2, so we conclude that $\gcd(b, a \bmod b) \leq \gcd(a, b)$. Thus, by Lemma 4, we get $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$.

Lemma 2.1

Prove that $(d \mid b)$ and $(d \mid a \bmod b)$ follow from $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

1. $\text{Divides}(d, a)$	Given
2. $\text{Divides}(d, b)$	Given
3. $0 < b$	Given
4. $\exists k, a = kd$	Def of Divides: 1
5. $\exists k, b = kd$	Def of Divides: 2
6. $a = sd$	Elim \exists : 4
7. $b = td$	Elim \exists : 5
8. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge \text{mod}(a, b) < b$	Apply Division: 3
9. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, b)$	Elim \wedge : 8
10. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b)$	Elim \wedge : 9
11. $sd = \text{div}(sd, b)b + \text{mod}(sd, b)$	Substitute: 6, 10
12. $sd = \text{div}(sd, td)td + \text{mod}(sd, td)$	Substitute: 7, 11
13. $\text{mod}(sd, td) = (s - \text{div}(sd, td)t)d$	Algebra: 12
14. $\text{mod}(a, td) = (s - \text{div}(a, td)t)d$	Substitute: 6, 13
15. $\text{mod}(a, b) = (s - \text{div}(a, b)t)d$	Substitute: 7, 14
16. $\exists k, \text{mod}(a, b) = kd$	Intro \exists : 15
17. $\text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$	Undef Divides: 16
18. $\text{Divides}(d, b) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$	Intro \wedge : 2, 17

English: Since $d \mid a$, we know that $a = sd$, for some integer s , by the definition of divides. Likewise, since $d \mid b$, we know that $b = td$, for some integer t , by the definition of divides.

By the Division Theorem, we can write $a = qb + \text{mod}(a, b)$. Solving for $\text{mod}(a, b)$, we have $\text{mod}(a, b) = a - qb$. Substituting in the prior facts about a and b and pulling out a common factor of d , we have $\text{mod}(a, b) = (s - qt)d$. This shows that $d \mid \text{mod}(a, b)$ by the definition of divides.

Lemma 2.2

Prove that $(d \mid a)$ and $(d \mid b)$ follow from $d \mid b$ and $d \mid a \bmod b$.

(Note: you will need **substitute** as well as **algebra**.)

1. $\text{Divides}(d, b)$	Given
2. $\text{Divides}(d, \text{mod}(a, b))$	Given
3. $0 < b$	Given
4. $\exists k, b = kd$	Def of Divides: 1
5. $\exists k, \text{mod}(a, b) = kd$	Def of Divides: 2
6. $b = sd$	Elim \exists : 4
7. $\text{mod}(a, b) = td$	Elim \exists : 5
8. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge \text{mod}(a, b) < b$	Apply Division: 3
9. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b) \wedge 0 \leq \text{mod}(a, b)$	Elim \wedge : 8
10. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + \text{mod}(a, b)$	Elim \wedge : 9
11. $a = \text{div}(a, b)b + td$	Substitute: 7, 10
12. $a = \text{div}(a, sd)sd + td$	Substitute: 6, 11
13. $a = (\text{div}(a, sd)s + t)d$	Algebra: 12
14. $\exists k, a = kd$	Intro \exists : 13
15. $\text{Divides}(d, a)$	Undef Divides: 14
16. $\text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b)$	Intro \wedge : 15, 1

English: Since $d \mid b$, we know that $b = sd$, for some integer s , by the definition of divides. Likewise, since $d \mid a \bmod b$, we know that $a \bmod b = td$, for some integer t .

By the Division Theorem, we can write $a = qb + \text{mod}(a, b)$. Substituting in the prior facts above and pulling out a common factor of d , we have $a = (qs + t)d$. This shows that $d \mid a$ by definition.

Lemma 3

Let $a, b, c,$ and d be positive integers.

Prove that $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid \text{gcd}(c, d)$ follows from $\forall x ((x \mid a) \wedge (x \mid b)) \rightarrow ((x \mid c) \wedge (x \mid d))$.

In order to do so, we will need the following two facts about GCD (the first is its definition):

GCD Pos: $\forall a \forall b (\top \rightarrow (((\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid a) \wedge (\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid b)) \wedge \forall d (((d \mid a) \wedge d \mid b)) \rightarrow (d \mid \text{gcd}(a, b))))$

GCD Unique: $\forall a \forall b \forall x (((x \mid a) \wedge (x \mid b) \wedge \forall d (((d \mid a) \wedge (d \mid b)) \rightarrow (d \leq x))) \rightarrow (x = \text{gcd}(a, b)))$

The first fact has a (trivial) premise in order to make it easier to use with **apply**.

1.	$\forall x, \text{Divides}(x, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(x, b) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(x, c) \wedge \text{Divides}(x, d)$	Given
2.	\top	Ad Litteram Verum
3.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), a) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), b) \wedge (\forall d, \text{Divides}(d, a) \wedge \text{Divides}(d, b) \rightarrow d \leq \text{gcd}(a, b))$	Apply GCDPos: 2
4.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(c, d), c) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(c, d), d) \wedge (\forall d0, \text{Divides}(d0, c) \wedge \text{Divides}(d0, d) \rightarrow d0 \leq \text{gcd}(c, d))$	Apply GCDPos: 2
5.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), a) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), b)$	Elim \wedge : 3
6.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), a) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), b) \rightarrow \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), c) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), d)$	Elim \forall : 1
7.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), c) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), d)$	Modus Ponens: 5, 6
8.	$\forall d0, \text{Divides}(d0, c) \wedge \text{Divides}(d0, d) \rightarrow d0 \leq \text{gcd}(c, d)$	Elim \wedge : 4
9.	$\text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), c) \wedge \text{Divides}(\text{gcd}(a, b), d) \rightarrow \text{gcd}(a, b) \leq \text{gcd}(c, d)$	Elim \forall : 8
10.	$\text{gcd}(a, b) \leq \text{gcd}(c, d)$	Modus Ponens: 7, 9

English: By GCD Pos, we know that $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid a$ and $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid b$. We are given that anything that divides a and b also divides c and d . Applying that to $\text{gcd}(a, b)$, we get that $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid c$ and $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid d$. By GCD Pos, any positive integer with the latter two properties is no bigger than $\text{gcd}(c, d)$. Applying that to $\text{gcd}(a, b)$, we get that $\text{gcd}(a, b) \leq \text{gcd}(c, d)$.

Lemma 4

Let a and b be positive integers.

Prove that $a = b$ follows from $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$.

In order to do so, we will need the following facts about “ \leq ” and “ $<$ ”:

$$\text{LessOrEqual: } \forall a \forall b ((a \leq b) \rightarrow ((a = b) \vee (a < b)))$$

$$\text{LessVsGreater: } \forall a \forall b ((a < b) \rightarrow \neg(b < a))$$

The first fact is the definition of “ \leq ”. The says that “ $<$ ” is anti-symmetric.

(Hint: Prove it by cases over $a < b$ and $\neg(a < b)$.)

1.	$a \leq b$	Given
2.	$b \leq a$	Given
3.	$a = b \vee a < b$	Apply LessOrEqual: 1
4.	$b = a \vee b < a$	Apply LessOrEqual: 2
5.1.	$a < b$	Assumption
5.2.	$\neg(b < a)$	Apply LessVsGreater: 5.1
5.3.	$b = a$	Elim \vee : 4, 5.2
5.4.	$a = b$	Algebra: 5.3
5.	$a < b \rightarrow a = b$	Direct Proof
6.1.	$\neg(a < b)$	Assumption
6.2.	$a = b$	Elim \vee : 3, 6.1
6.	$\neg(a < b) \rightarrow a = b$	Direct Proof
7.	$a = b$	Simple Cases: 5, 6

English: We will prove this by cases over whether $a < b$ or $\neg(a < b)$.

Suppose that $\neg(a < b)$. Since $a \leq b$, we must have $a = b$, by the definition of “ \leq ”.

Now, suppose that $a < b$. This means that $\neg(b < a)$ by the anti-symmetry of “ $<$ ”. Since $b \leq a$, we must have $b = a$, by the definition of “ \leq ”, which can be rewritten $a = b$.