

Strengthening proof of Bezout theorem

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Abstract:

Bezout theorem is a very important theorem of elementary number theory. That is when an integer array a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n has the property that a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are relatively prime, (i.e. $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$), there exist an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) which makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$. Here, there is no particular limits to (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , however, can we add some conditions to it and still keep the conclusion? Firstly, our findings show that when an integer array a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n satisfies $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) which can make $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$ and $x_i | x_{i+1}$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, n-2$) was established at the same time. Further, we found that when $n + k$ integers $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k$ meet $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays $(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$ which can make $x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n + y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_k b_k = 1$, $x_i | x_{i+1}$ ($i=1, \dots, n-1$) and $y_j | y_{j+1}$ ($j = 1, \dots, k-1$) meet the standard at the same time. In addition, our findings show that when n integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n meet $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, it has an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) which can make $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$ and $(x_i, x_j) \geq 2$ meet the standard at the same time, here $1 \leq i < j \leq n$. In short, in this paper, through the concise proof, we found a series of strengthening Bezout theorem, which make it more rich and interesting.

裴蜀定理的加强证明

摘要：裴蜀定理是初等数论中一个非常重要的定理，即当 n 个整数 a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n 满足 $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$ 时，存在无穷多组整数 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) 可以使得 $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$ 。这里的 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) 并没有特别的限制，是否可以给 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) 一些限制条件而使裴蜀定理依然成立呢？我们的研究结果表明当 n 个整数 a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n 满足 $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$ 时，存在无穷多组整数 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) 可以使得 $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$ 和 $x_i | x_{i+1}$ ($i=1, 3, \dots, n-2$) 同时成立。进一步我们发现，当 $n+k$ 个整数 $a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k$ 满足 $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k) = 1$ 时，存在无穷多组整数 $(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$ 可以使得 $x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n + y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_k b_k = 1$ 和 $x_i | x_{i+1}$ ($i=1, \dots, n-1$) 和 $y_j | y_{j+1}$ ($j=1, \dots, k-1$) 同时满足。此外，我们的研究结果表明当 n 个整数 a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n 满足 $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$ 时，存在无穷多组整数 (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) 可以使得 $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$ 和 $(x_i, x_j) \geq 2$ 同时满足，这里 $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ 。总之，在该论文中，我们通过简洁而巧妙的证明，发现了一系列加强的裴蜀定理，使得裴蜀定理更加丰富而有趣。

Strengthening proof of Bezout theorem

Bezout theorem is a very important theorem of elementary number theory, by which lots of mathematic questions at various levels can be solved. Therefore, the further understanding of this theorem is very necessary.

First, let's look at the content of the theorem, set n integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n , d is their greatest common divisor (i.e. $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = d$), then it has an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) which makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = d$. Specially, if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, then there will be an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) which makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$.

There are many proof methods of the theorem, it is not difficult to prove it, our idea is to take some restrictions to the integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , which make this theorem still succeed. We start from the $n = 2$, if $(a_1, a_2) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2) makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 = 1$. We guess that here (x_1, x_2) can satisfy $x_1 | x_2$ (i.e. x_1 divide exactly into x_2), which makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 = 1$. If the conditions set up, we will get $x_1 | 1$, and we also can say the $x_1 = 1$ or -1 , which $x_2 a_2 = 1 \pm a_1$. Obviously, the equation may not have integer solutions, such as $a_1 = 5$, $a_2 = 7$.

Then we came to see the case when $n = 3$, if $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = 1$, there are

infinite integer arrays (x_1, x_2, x_3) which makes $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 = 1$, we wonder if here in (x_1, x_2, x_3) , there is a relation of being divided? Assumed that $x_1 | x_2$ and $x_2 | x_3$, we will learn $x_1 | 1$, namely $x_1 = 1$ or -1 . If the conditions are set up, we may get the equation $x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 = 1 \pm a_1$, apparently which may not have integer solutions, as the example that $a_1 = 77, a_2 = 119, a_3 = 187$ shows. So the conclusion is not established. So when $n = 3$, whether there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, x_3) , and two of them have the relations of division, for example $x_1 | x_2$, makes the $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 = 1$ established. Fortunately, the theorem is set up.

We first prove a **lemma 1: if $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer k , which make $(ka_1 + a_2, a_3) = 1$**

Prove 1: if $(a_1, a_3) = 1$, prove there are infinite integer k easily, making that $ka_1 + a_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{a_3}$. The conclusion is established

If $(a_1, a_3) = d \geq 2$, unique decomposition theorem is expressed as below

$$a_1 = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_l^{\alpha_l} q \quad (\alpha_i \geq 1, \text{ and } p_i \text{ is prime number})$$

$$a_3 = p_1^{\beta_1} \dots p_l^{\beta_l} r \quad (\beta_i \geq 1, \text{ and } p_i \text{ is prime number})$$

$$(a_1, a_3) = d = p_1^{\min(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \dots p_l^{\min(\alpha_l, \beta_l)}$$

And it is easy to know that $(r, a_1) = 1$, $(p_i, a_2) = 1$

It is easy to prove any integer k all have $(ka_1 + a_2, p_i) = 1$, then

$$(ka_1 + a_2, p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_l^{\alpha_l}) = 1$$

And there is an infinite number of integer k which makes

$ka_1 + a_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{r}$, then $(ka_1 + a_2, r) = 1$,

$(ka_1 + a_2, a_3) = 1$ is established.

Prove 2: the unique decomposition theorem will be expressed as

$$a_3 = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k} q_1^{\beta_1} \dots q_l^{\beta_l} r_1^{\gamma_1} \dots r_m^{\gamma_m}$$

($p_1, \dots, p_k, q_1, \dots, q_l, r_1, \dots, r_m$ are prime numbers, and $\alpha_i, \beta_i, \gamma_i \geq 1$)

1) assumed that $p_i | a_1$, and $(p_i, a_2) = 1$, no matter what's value of k,

$$(ka_1 + a_2, p_i) = 1$$

2) assumed that $(q_i, a_1) = 1$, and $q_i | a_2$ only requires $k \equiv 1 \pmod{q_i}$, which

$$\text{makes } (ka_1 + a_2, q_i) = 1$$

3) assumed that $(r_i, a_1) = 1$, $(r_i, a_2) = 1$, just need $ka_1 + a_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{r_i}$

That is $ka_1 \equiv 1 - a_2 \pmod{r_i}$, there must be integer b_i makes $a_1 b_i \equiv 1 \pmod{r_i}$,

That is to say $k \equiv b_i(1 - a_2) \pmod{r_i}$, from $q_1, \dots, q_l, r_1, \dots, r_m$, any two of these are

relatively prime, according to the Chinese remainder theorem, the

following more than equations must have an infinite number of integer

solutions

$$\begin{cases} k \equiv 1 \pmod{q_1} \\ \dots \\ k \equiv 1 \pmod{q_l} \\ k \equiv b_1(1 - a_2) \pmod{r_1} \\ \dots \\ k \equiv b_m(1 - a_2) \pmod{r_m} \end{cases}$$

$(ka_1 + a_2, a_3) = 1$ is established

Using the above lemma 1, we prove the following theorem 1

Theorem 1: if $(a_1, a_2, a_3) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, x_3) , satisfy

$$1) \ x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + x_3 a_3 = 1$$

$$2) \ x_1 | x_2$$

Proof: from the above lemma 1, we know that there are infinite k which makes $(ka_2 + a_1, a_3) = 1$,

From Bezout theorem, there are infinite integer arrays (s, t) , which makes $s(ka_2 + a_1) + ta_3 = 1$

Set $x_1 = s, x_2 = sk, x_3 = t$, it is easy to know $x_1 | x_2$, the theorem 1 was set up.

Furthermore, let's guess the above conclusions are established to all n ($n \geq 3$), that is the following guess: if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, it has an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , satisfy

$$1) \ x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$$

$$2) \ x_i | x_{i+1} \ (i=1, 2, \dots, n-2)$$

In order to prove the guess, we should first prove the following lemma 2

Lemma 2: if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, there are infinite number of integer arrays $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n-2})$ which makes $(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-2} a_{n-1}, a_n) = 1$

Prove: from the lemma 1 we know that when $n = 3$, the conclusions are established.

Assumed $n = k$ is set up, let's prove that when $n = k + 1$ it was set up

$(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, a_{k+1}) = 1$, set $a_{k+1} = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_l^{\alpha_l} q_1^{\beta_1} \dots q_h^{\beta_h}$

$(p_1, \dots, p_l, q_1, \dots, q_h)$ are prime numbers, and $\alpha_i, \beta_i \geq 1$

1) assumed $(a_1, p_1 \dots p_l) = 1$,

Make $m_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p_1 \dots p_l}$, then $(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{k-1} a_k, p_1 \dots p_l) = 1$

2) assumed $q_1 \dots q_h | a_1$, it is easy to know that $(a_2, a_3, \dots, a_k, q_1 \dots q_h) = 1$, from

inductive assumption we know that there are an infinite number of integer

arrays (m_2, \dots, m_{k-1}) , satisfy $(a_2 + m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_2 \dots m_{k-1} a_k, q_1 \dots q_h) = 1$,

Then make $m_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{q_1 \dots q_h}$, we can infer that

$$(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{k-1} a_k, q_1 \dots q_h) = 1,$$

It is easy to know that $(p_1 \dots p_l, q_1 \dots q_h) = 1$, By the Chinese remainder

theorem, we know that the number of integer m_1 which meet the

conditions is infinite. Then there are an infinite number of integer arrays

$$(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{k-1}), \text{ which make } (a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{k-1} a_k, a_{k+1}) = 1.$$

Namely when $n = k + 1$ is set up, by mathematical induction we

know that when $n \geq 3$, if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, then there are an infinite

number of integer arrays $(m_1, m_2, \dots, m_{n-2})$,

Which make $(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-2} a_{n-1}, a_n) = 1$

From the above lemma 2, it is easy to prove the theorem 2 which we

guessed before is established, namely

Theorem 2: if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer

arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) , satisfy

$$1) x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$$

$$2) x_i | x_{i+1} \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, n-2)$$

Prove: from the lemma 2, it can be seen that there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x, y) which makes

$$x(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-2} a_{n-1}) + y a_n = 1 \quad \text{established}$$

$$\text{Set } x_1 = x, x_2 = x m_1, x_3 = x m_1 m_2, \dots, x_{n-1} = x m_1 m_2 \dots m_{n-2}, x_n = y$$

It is easy to know theorem 2 was set up

Furthermore, we proposed the following guess: $n \geq 2$, $k \geq 2$, if

$(a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k) = 1$, then there are an infinite number of integer arrays

$(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$, satisfy

$$1) x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n + y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_k b_k = 1$$

$$2) x_i | x_{i+1} \quad (i=1, \dots, n-1) \text{ and } y_j | y_{j+1} \quad (j=1, \dots, k-1)$$

In order to prove the guess, we first prove the lemma 3 below

Lemma 3: If $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays $(m_1, \dots, m_{n-1}, t_1, \dots, t_{k-1})$ which make

$$(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-1} a_n, b_1 + t_1 b_2 + t_1 t_2 b_3 + \dots + t_1 \dots t_{k-1} b_k) = 1$$

Prove: set $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = d$, so $(b_1, \dots, b_k, d) = 1$

From lemma 2, we can infer that there are an infinite number of integer arrays (t_1, \dots, t_{k-1}) which make $(b_1 + t_1 b_2 + t_1 t_2 b_3 + \dots + t_1 \dots t_{k-1} b_k, d) = 1$,

So, it is easy to know that $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n, b_1 + t_1 b_2 + t_1 t_2 b_3 + \dots + t_1 \dots t_{k-1} b_k) = 1$

From lemma2, we also infer that there are an infinite number of integer arrays (m_1, \dots, m_{n-1}) which make

$$(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-1} a_n, b_1 + t_1 b_2 + t_1 t_2 b_3 + \dots + t_1 \dots t_{k-1} b_k) = 1$$

From the above lemma 3, it is easy to prove that the theorem 3 we guessed before is established, namely

Theorem 3: $n \geq 2$, $k \geq 2$, if $(a_1, \dots, a_n, b_1, \dots, b_k) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays $(x_1, \dots, x_n, y_1, \dots, y_k)$, satisfy

$$1) x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n + y_1 b_1 + \dots + y_k b_k = 1$$

$$2) x_i | x_{i+1} \text{ (i=1, \dots, n-1) and } y_j | y_{j+1} \text{ (j=1, \dots, k-1)}$$

Prove: from the lemma 3, it can be seen that there are an infinite number of integer arrays (m, t) which makes

$$m(a_1 + m_1 a_2 + m_1 m_2 a_3 + \dots + m_1 \dots m_{n-1} a_n) + t(b_1 + t_1 b_2 + t_1 t_2 b_3 + \dots + t_1 \dots t_{k-1} b_k) = 1 ,$$

$$\text{set } x_1 = m, x_2 = mm_1, \dots, x_n = mm_1 m_2 \dots m_{n-1}, y_1 = t, y_2 = tt_1, \dots, y_k = tt_1 t_2 \dots t_{k-1}$$

It easy to know that theorem 3 was set up

Now, let's prove the interesting theorem 4

Theorem 4: $n \geq 3$, if $(a_1, \dots, a_n) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, \dots, x_n) , satisfy

$$1) x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$$

$$2) (x_i, x_j) \geq 2 , 1 \leq i < j \leq n$$

$$\text{Prove: Set } a_t = p_{1,t}^{\alpha_{1,t}} \dots p_{k_t,t}^{\alpha_{k_t,t}} \quad 1 \leq t \leq n$$

Set $B = q_1 q_2 \dots q_n$, $B_i = \frac{B}{q_i}$ (q_1, \dots, q_n are prime numbers which are different from $p_{1,t}, \dots, p_{k_t,t}$, $1 \leq t \leq n$)

Set $c_i = B_i a_i$, $1 \leq i \leq n$

Then it is easy to know that $(c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n) = 1$, from the Bezout theorem, we know that there are an infinite number of integer arrays (y_1, \dots, y_n)

which make $y_1 c_1 + \dots + y_n c_n = 1$

Therefore $y_1 B_1 a_1 + \dots + y_n B_n a_n = 1$

Set $x_i = y_i B_i$ then $(x_i, x_j) \geq \frac{B}{q_i q_j} \geq 2$

We can also strengthen the theorem 2 into the theorem 5

Theorem 5: if $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = 1$, there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, \dots, x_n) , satisfy

- 1) $x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$
- 2) $x_i \mid x_{i+1}$ ($i=1, 2, \dots, n-2$)
- 3) $(x_i, x_n) \geq 2$ ($i=2, \dots, n-1$)

Prove: Set $a_t = p_{1,t}^{\alpha_{1,t}} \dots p_{k_t,t}^{\alpha_{k_t,t}}$ $1 \leq t \leq n$

Set $b_1 = q_1 a_1, b_n = q_2 a_n, b_i = q_1 q_2 a_i$, $2 \leq i \leq n-1$

(q_1, q_2 are prime numbers which are different from $p_{1,t}, \dots, p_{k_t,t}$, $1 \leq t \leq n$)

Therefore $(b_1, \dots, b_n) = 1$

From the theorem 2, we can infer that there are an infinite number of

integer arrays (y_1, y_2, \dots, y_n) , satisfy

$$1) \ y_1 b_1 + y_2 b_2 + \dots + y_n b_n = 1, \quad ,$$

$$2) \ y_i \mid y_{i+1} \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, n-2)$$

From 1), we can infer that $y_1 q_1 a_1 + y_2 q_1 q_2 a_2 + \dots + y_{n-1} q_1 q_2 a_{n-1} + y_n q_2 a_n = 1$

Set $x_1 = y_1 q_1, x_n = y_n q_2, x_i = y_i q_1 q_2, \quad 2 \leq i \leq n-1$

Therefore there are an infinite number of integer arrays (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) ,

$$\text{satisfy } 1) \ x_1 a_1 + x_2 a_2 + \dots + x_n a_n = 1$$

$$2) \ x_i \mid x_{i+1} \quad (i=1, 2, \dots, n-2)$$

$$3) \ (x_i, x_n) \geq 2 \quad (i=2, \dots, n-1)$$

After continuous exploration, we get a series of very interesting theorems 1-5 as well as important lemmas 1-3. Finally, we proved theorems 2-5 which are stronger than Bezout theorem. To the best of our knowledge, the similar conclusion on Bezout theorem was scarcely reported. Therefore, we could see if we continue to explore some old and classic theorem, we can get some interesting new results. We wish this article can play a valuable role on Bezout theorem.

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