MATHS 255

Collaborative Tutorial 5/5/03

1. Find all solutions of the Diophantine equations

35x + 25y = 12 and 35x + 25y = 15.

- **2.** (a) Find all solutions of the Diophantine equation 6x + 15y = 9.
 - (b) Use your answer to (a) to find all solutions of the equation $\overline{6} \cdot_{15} \overline{x} = \overline{9}$ in \mathbb{Z}_{15} .
- **3.** Recall that for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, a and b are relatively prime iff there exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ with ax + by = 1. Use this fact to prove that if a and c are relatively prime, and b and c are relatively prime, then ab and c are relatively prime. [Hint: write equations expressing 1 as a linear combination of a and c, and of b and c. Multiply the second equation by a and substitute this value of a into the first equation. Now rearrange to the form $1 = (ab)x^* + cy^*$.]