



MODERN ALGEBRA
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ASSIGNMENT 4.2
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Exercise 1. Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, prove that

$$\langle a, b \rangle = \{ra + sb \mid r, s \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

This fact was tacitly assumed in our proof of Bézout's Lemma.

Exercise 2. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Use the classification of the subgroups of \mathbb{Z} to prove that

$$a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z} = \text{lcm}(a, b)\mathbb{Z}.$$

Exercise 3. Use the fact that 1 has order 30 to compute the order of every element in \mathbb{Z}_{30} .