

**Task.**

Let  $a, b, c$  be integers such that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ . Find  $\gcd(a + b, b + c, c)$ .

**Solution.** Recall that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$  if and only if there exist integer numbers  $x, y, z$  such that

$$ax + by + cz = 1.$$

We claim that  $\gcd(a + b, b + c, c) = 1$  as well. For this it suffices to find numbers  $x', y', z'$  such that

$$(a + b)x' + (b + c)y' + cz' = 1.$$

From identity

$$ax + by + cz = 1$$

we get

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= ax + by + cz \\ &= ax + bx - bx + by + cz \\ &= (a + b)x + b(y - x) + cz \\ &= (a + b)x + b(y - x) + c(y - x) - c(y - x) + cz \\ &= (a + b)x + (b + c)(y - x) - c(y - x) + cz \\ &= (a + b) \cdot \underbrace{x}_{x'} + (b + c) \cdot \underbrace{(y - x)}_{y'} + c \cdot \underbrace{(z - y + x)}_{z'}. \end{aligned}$$

So we can put

$$x' = x, \quad y' = y - x, \quad z' = z - y + x.$$

**Answer.**  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$