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**Problem 1:** Give one integer solution for the equation

$$6 = 24x + 138y.$$

Note that gcd(24, 138) = 6.

Solution: The first step is to do the Euclidean algorithm:

$$138 = 5 \times 24 + 18$$
  
24 = 1 × 18 + 6  
18 = 3 × 6.

(We see that indeed the gcd is 6.)

The second step is to solve for the remainder in each step but the last:

$$18 = 138 - 5 \times 24$$
  
6 = 24 - 18.

Now we back-substitute upwards:

$$6 = 24 - 18$$
  
= 24 - (138 - 5 × 24)  
= 24 - 138 + 5 × 24  
= 6 × 24 - 138.

Therefore one integer solution of the equation is x = 6 and y = -1.