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Problem 1: Give one pair of integers x and y such that

$$314x + 159y = 1.$$

(Note that $(314, 159) = 1$, so this is possible.)

To receive credit for this question, you must show your work.

Solution: We will do the Euclidean Algorithm and then back-substitution.

We have

$$314 = 159 \cdot 1 + 155$$

$$159 = 155 \cdot 1 + 4$$

$$155 = 4 \cdot 38 + 3$$

$$4 = 3 \cdot 1 + 1$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 3 + 0.$$

Then we solve for all of the remainders:

$$155 = 314 - 159$$

$$4 = 159 - 155$$

$$3 = 155 - 4 \cdot 38$$

$$1 = 4 - 3.$$

Finally, we back-substitute each remainder into the next equation, starting at the bottom. We start with putting the second equation from the bottom into the bottom equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 4 - 3 \\ &= 4 - (155 - 4 \cdot 38) \\ &= 4 - 155 + 38 \cdot 4 \\ &= 39 \cdot 4 - 155. \end{aligned}$$

Then we put the third equation from the bottom into our equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 39 \cdot 4 - 155 \\ &= 39 \cdot (159 - 155) - 155 \\ &= 39 \cdot 159 - 39 \cdot 155 - 155 \\ &= 39 \cdot 159 - 40 \cdot 155. \end{aligned}$$

Finally we put the top equation into our equation:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 39 \cdot 159 - 40 \cdot (314 - 159) \\ &= 39 \cdot 159 - 40 \cdot 314 + 40 \cdot 159 \\ &= 79 \cdot 159 - 40 \cdot 314. \end{aligned}$$

We get the solution $x = -40$ and $y = 79$.