

► **Problem 4.2-20** If $k \in \mathbf{N}$, prove that $\gcd(3k + 2, 5k + 3) = 1$.

Proof. Let x be the greatest common divisor of $3k + 2$ and $5k + 3$ for any $k \in \mathbf{N}$. Then, $x|3k + 2$ and $x|5k + 3$. Clearly, $x|5(3k + 2)$ and $x|3(5k + 3)$, and it further implies $x|[5(3k + 2) - 3(5k + 3)]$. Thus $x|1$. From the fact that 1 can be divided by an integer x , we have $x = 1$, and so $\gcd(3k + 2, 5k + 3) = 1$. \square