

## 7. EUCLIDIAN ALGORITHM

Robert Claussen

General Electric Co., Cincinnati 15, Ohio

```
comment Every pair of numbers a, b not both zero have a
          positive greatest common divisor: gcd;
procedure EUC (a, b) = : (gcd)
begin
EUC:
if      (a = 0)
begin   gcd := b ;  return end
if      (b = 0)
begin   gcd := a ;  return end
        r2 := a
        r1 := b
here:   g := r2/r1
comment Assumption is made that truncation takes place
          in the above statement;
        r := r2 - r1 × g
if      (r = 0)
begin   gcd := r1 ;  return end
begin   r2 := r1
        r1 := r
        go to here end
integer
end
```