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# Discrete Mathematics

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## Chap 4 Properties the Integers: Mathematical Induction

### § 4.3 The Division Algorithm: Prime Numbers (2)

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## § 4.3 The Division Algorithm: Prime Numbers

**Ex 4.26** :  $\because$  乘法為“連加”，故考慮以“連減”來計算除法。  
See Fig 4.10, 連減並用 Ex 4.25 (d)

**Ex 4.27** : 利用上述 Algorithm 計算“改進位制”：  
Write 6137 in the octal system (base 8)

i.e. find  $r_0, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k$  with  $r_k > 0$  s.t.  $(r_k \dots r_1 r_0)_8 = 6137$

**Sol.**  $\because 6137 = r_0 + r_1 \cdot 8 + r_2 \cdot 8^2 + \dots + r_k \cdot 8^k = r_0 + 8(r_1 + 8(r_2 + \dots + 8(r_k) \dots))$

$$\text{and } 6137 = 1 + 8 \cdot 767 \quad \Rightarrow r_0 = 1$$

$$= 1 + 8[7 + 8(95)] \quad \Rightarrow r_1 = 7$$

$$= 1 + 8[7 + 8(7 + 8 \cdot 11)] \quad \Rightarrow r_2 = 7$$

$$= 1 + 8\{7 + 8[7 + 8(3 + 8 \cdot 1)]\} \quad \Rightarrow r_3 = 3$$

$$r_4 = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } 6137 = 1 \cdot 8^4 + 3 \cdot 8^3 + 7 \cdot 8^2 + 7 \cdot 8^1 + 1 = (13771)_8$$

8	6137	Remainders
8	767	$1(r_0)$
8	95	$7(r_1)$
8	11	$7(r_2)$
8	1	$3(r_3)$
	0	$1(r_4)$



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### Ex 4.28 : (1/3)

① 2位進: see book, Table 4.3

four bits:  $0 \sim 15 = 0 \sim 2^4 - 1$

leading 1:  $8 \sim 15 = 2^3 \sim 2^4 - 1$

six bits:  $0 \sim 63 = 0 \sim 2^6 - 1$

$n$  bits:  $0 \sim 2^n - 1$

{ leading 0:  $0 \sim 2^{n-1} - 1$

{ leading 1:  $2^{n-1} \sim 2^n - 1$

② eight bits = one bytes

one bytes:  $0 \sim 2^8 - 1 = 0 \sim 255$

two bytes:  $0 \sim 2^{16} - 1 = 0 \sim 65535$

four bytes:  $0 \sim 2^{32} - 1 = 0 \sim 4294967295$

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**Ex 4.28 : (2/3)**

**(base - 16)**

③ **Table 4.4:**

Base 10	Base2	Base 16
10	1010	A
11	1011	B
12	1100	C
13	1101	D
14	1110	E
15	1111	F

**Represent the integer 13874945 in the hexadecimal system:**

$$\begin{array}{r|l} 16 & 13874945 \\ 16 & 867184 \\ 16 & 54199 \\ 16 & 3387 \\ 16 & 211 \\ 16 & 13 \\ & 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{Remainders} \\ 1 \quad (r_0) \\ 0 \quad (r_1) \\ 7 \quad (r_2) \\ 11=B \quad (r_3) \\ 3 \quad (r_4) \\ 13=D \quad (r_5) \end{array} \quad \therefore 13874945=(D3B701)_{16}$$

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**Ex 4.28 : (3/3)**

④ **Converting between base 2 and base 16.**

(i) **Convert the binary integer 01001101 to its base-16 counterpart**

$$\begin{array}{cc} \mathbf{01001101} \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad} \quad \underbrace{\quad\quad} \\ \mathbf{4} \quad \mathbf{D} \end{array} \quad \therefore (\mathbf{01001101})_2 = (\mathbf{4D})_{16}$$

(ii) **Convert the two-byte number (A13F)<sub>16</sub> in base 2**

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \mathbf{A} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{F} \\ \underbrace{\quad\quad} & \underbrace{\quad\quad} & \underbrace{\quad\quad} & \underbrace{\quad\quad} \\ \mathbf{1010} & \mathbf{0001} & \mathbf{0011} & \mathbf{1111} \end{array} \quad \therefore (\mathbf{A13F})_{16} = (\mathbf{1010000100111111})_2$$



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### Ex 4.29 :

負數如何表示： $n < 0$ : **two's complement method.**

- ① First consider the binary representation of  $|n|$ ,
- ② Replace each 0 by 1, 1 by 0; the result is called **the one's complement** of  $|n|$ .
- ③ Add 1 to ②; the result is called **the two's complement** of  $|n|$ .

ex:     $-6$ : ①  $6 \rightarrow 0110$   
          ②  $0110 \leftrightarrow 1001$   
          ③  $1001 + 0001 = 1010$

- Note:
- ① See Table 4.5 (p. 225):  $7 \sim -8$  need four-bit patterns
  - ② Other obtained:  $-8 \leq n \leq -1 \leftrightarrow 7 \geq n^c \geq 0$
  - ③ nonnegative integer start with 0, negative integer start with 1 (first bit).

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**Ex 4.30 : (1/2)**

① Perform  $33 - 15$  in base 2, using the two's complement of 8 bits.

**Sol.**

$$\because 33 - 15 = 33 + (-15);$$

$$33 = (00100001)_2$$

$$15 = (00001111)_2$$

$$\rightarrow -15 = (11110000 + 00000001)_2 = (11110001)_2$$

$\begin{array}{r} 33 \\ - 15 \\ \hline \end{array}$	→	$\begin{array}{r} 00100001 \\ + 11110001 \\ \hline 100010010 \end{array}$
		$\text{discarded } \underbrace{100010010}_{\text{Answer} = (00010010)_2 = 18}$

*nonnegative*

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Ex 4.30 : (2/2)

②  $15 - 33 = ?$   $15 + (-33)$

$$15 = (00001111)_2$$

$$33 = (00100001)_2$$

$$\rightarrow -33 = (11011110 + 00000001)_2 = (11011111)_2$$

$15$	→	$00001111$	
$-33$		$+ 11011111$	① Take the one's complement
		$11101110$	→ $(00010001)_2$
		negative	→ $(00010010)_2 = 18$

∴ Answer = -18

② Add 1

③ [overflow error] ex:  $117 + 88$

$117$	→	$01110101$	
$+ 88$		$+ 01011000$	
		$11001101$	Negative!! →←





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**Remark :** In general, let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  with  $x > y$ ,  $2^{n-2} \leq x < 2^{n-1}$

Then the binary rep. for  $x$  is made up of  $n - 1$  bits  $\rightarrow n$  bits

The one's complement of  $y = (2^n - 1) - y = \underbrace{11\dots1}_n - y$

The two's complement of  $y = (2^n - 1) - y + 1$   $n$ 個1

$\therefore x - y = x + [(2^n - 1) - y + 1] - 2^n$   
 $\rightarrow$  removal of the extra bit



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**Ex 4.31** : If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n$  is composite, then  $\exists p$ : a prime  
s.t.  $p \mid n$  and  $p \leq \sqrt{n}$  .

**Proof.**

①  $\because n$  is composite

$\therefore$  We can write  $n = n_1 n_2$ , where  $1 < n_1 < n$ ,  $1 < n_2 < n$ .

If  $(n_1 > \sqrt{n})$  and  $(n_2 > \sqrt{n})$ ,

then  $n = n_1 n_2 > (\sqrt{n})(\sqrt{n}) = n \rightarrow \leftarrow$

$\therefore n_1 \leq \sqrt{n}$  or  $n_2 \leq \sqrt{n}$  , **W.L.O.G.** say  $n_1 \leq \sqrt{n}$  .

(without loss of generality)


② If  $n_1$  is a prime: the result follows.

If  $n_1$  is not a prime: by Lemma 4.1,

$\exists$  a prime  $p < n_1$  s.t.  $p \mid n_1$ ,

$\because p \mid n_1 \wedge n_1 \mid n$ ,

$\therefore p \mid n$  and  $p \leq \sqrt{n}$  .



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## § 4.4 The Greatest Common Divisor : The Euclidean Algorithm

Def4.2 : For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is said to be a **common divisor** of  $a$  and  $b \equiv c \mid a \wedge c \mid b$ .

EX4.32 : The common divisors of 42 and 70 = 1, 2, 7, 14

G.C.D.

Def4.3 : Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , either  $a \neq 0$  or  $b \neq 0$ .  $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is called a **greatest common divisor (G. C. D.)** of  $a$  and  $b \equiv$

a)  $c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b$ ,

b)  $\forall$  common divisor  $d$  of  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $d \mid c$ .

Question : ① A G. C. D. always exist? If so, how to find?

② How many G. C. D. can a pair of integers have?

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**Thm4.6** :  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \exists! c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a, b$ . (denoted by  $\mathit{gcd}(a, b)$ .)

**Proof.**(1/2)

$\exists$ : Let  $S = \{as + bt \mid s, t \in \mathbb{Z}, as + bt > 0\}$ .

$\because S \neq \emptyset,$

$\therefore$  by the Well-Ordering Principle,  $S$  has a least element  $c$ .

b)  $\because c \in S, \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $c = ax + by$ .

$\forall d \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ , by Thm4.3(f),  $d \mid ax + by$ , i.e.  $d \mid c$ .

a) If  $c \nmid a$ , then  $\exists g, r \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $0 < r < c$  s.t.  $a = gc + r$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore r &= a - gc = a - g(ax + by) \\ &= (1 - gx)a + (-gy)b.\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore r \in S. \rightarrow \leftarrow (\because 0 < r < c). \qquad \therefore c \mid a.$

In the same way,  $c \mid b$ .

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### Proof.(2/2)

!∴ If  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  both satisfy Def 4.3 (a), (b),  
then  $c_1, c_2$  both are common divisor of  $a, b$ .  
by (b), ∴  $c_1$  as a greatest common divisor, ∴  $c_2 \mid c_1$ ;  
and, ∴  $c_2$  as a greatest common divisor, ∴  $c_1 \mid c_2$ .  
⇒ By Thm4.3(b),  $c_1 = c_2$  ∴  $c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Note :  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  :

①  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a)$ .

②  $\gcd(a, 0) = |a|$ , if  $a \neq 0$ .

③  $\gcd(-a, b) = \gcd(a, -b) = \gcd(-a, -b) = \gcd(a, b)$ .

④  $\gcd(0, 0)$  is not defined.

⑤  $\gcd(a, b)$  is the smallest positive integer we can  
write a linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .

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Def :  $\forall a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ ,  $a, b$  are called *relatively prime* when  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .  
i.e.  $\exists x, y \in \mathbf{Z}$  such that  $ax + by = 1$ .

EX4.33 : ①  $\gcd(42, 70) = 14$  :

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ such that } 42x + 70y = 14,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbf{Z} \text{ such that } 3x + 5y = 1.$$

$$\text{let } x_0 = 2, y_0 = -1 : 3(2) + 5(-1) = 1.$$

$$\text{but } \forall k \in \mathbf{Z} : 3(2 - 5k) + 5(-1 + 3k) = 1,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbf{Z} : 42(2 - 5k) + 70(-1 + 3k) = 14.$$

$\therefore$  the solution for  $x, y$  are not unique!

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**EX4.33** : ② In general, if  $\gcd(a, b) = d$  :

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } ax + by = d,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } (a/d)x + (b/d)y = 1,$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \gcd(a/d, b/d) = 1.$$

let  $x_0, y_0$  be a solution, i.e.  $(a/d)x_0 + (b/d)y_0 = 1$ .

then  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z} : (a/d)(x_0 - (b/d)k) + (b/d)(y_0 + (a/d)k) = 1$ ,

$$\Leftrightarrow \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} : a(x_0 - (b/d)k) + b(y_0 + (a/d)k) = d.$$

$\therefore \exists$  infinitely many solution for  $ax + by = d$ .

**Remark** : ① If  $a \mid b$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) = a$ .

② If  $b \mid a$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) = b$ .

③ Otherwise?

**Solution:** use *Euclidean Algorithm*.



## § 4.4 The Greatest Common Divisor : The Euclidean Algorithm

**Thm 4.7 : *Euclidean Algorithm* :**

If  $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ , then apply the division algorithm :

$$a = q_1 b + r_1, \quad 0 < r_1 < b.$$

$$b = q_2 r_1 + r_2, \quad 0 < r_2 < r_1.$$

$$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3, \quad 0 < r_3 < r_2.$$

$\vdots$

$$r_{k-2} = q_k r_{k-1} + r_k, \quad 0 < r_k < r_{k-1}$$

$$r_{k-1} = q_{k+1} r_k$$

Then  $r_k$ , the last nonzero remainder, = gcd ( $a, b$ ).

**Proof.(1/2)**

②  $\forall c \in \mathbf{Z}^+$  with  $c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b$ ,

$$\therefore a = q_1 b + r_1, \therefore c \mid r_1;$$

$$\therefore b = q_2 r_1 + r_2, \therefore c \mid r_2;$$

$\vdots$

$$\therefore r_{k-2} = q_k r_{k-1} + r_k, \therefore c \mid r_k.$$

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Proof.(2/2)

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{a} \quad & \because r_{k-1} = q_{k+1} r_k, & \therefore r_k \mid r_{k-1} \\ & \because r_{k-2} = q_k r_{k-1} + r_k, & \therefore r_k \mid r_{k-2} \\ & \quad \quad \quad \vdots \\ & \because r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3, & \therefore r_k \mid r_1; \\ & \because b = q_2 r_1 + r_2, & \therefore r_k \mid b; \\ & \because a = q_1 b + r_1, & \therefore r_k \mid a. \\ & \text{i.e. } (r_k \mid a) \wedge (r_k \mid b). \\ & \text{By } \textcircled{a}, \textcircled{b}, \text{ hence } r_k = \gcd(a, b). \end{aligned}$$

Note : ① **Algorithm** : precise instruction, not just for one special case, input, output, same result, unambiguous manner, cannot go on indefinitely (finite instruction).

② Thm 4.5 : 基於傳統才稱之為 algorithm,  $\therefore$  其不具有 “precise instructions”.  $\therefore$  以 EX 4.36 中 Fig 4.9 之 procedure 補足此缺點.

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**EX 4.34 : ① Find the greatest common divisor of 250 and 111.**

**② Express the result as a linear combination of 250 and 111.**

**Sol.**

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 250 = 2(111) + 28, \quad 0 < 28 < 111$$

$$111 = 3(28) + 27, \quad 0 < 27 < 28$$

$$28 = 1(27) + 1, \quad 0 < 1 < 27$$

$$27 = 27(1). \quad (\text{the last nonzero remainder is } 1)$$

$\therefore 1 = \gcd(250, 111)$ . i.e. 250, 111 are relatively prime.

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 1 = 28 - 1(27) = 28 - 1[111 - 3(28)]$$

$$= (-1)111 + 4(28) = (-1)111 + 4[250 - 2(111)]$$

$$= 4(250) - 9(111) = 250(4) + 111(-9),$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = 250(4 - 111k) + 111(-9 + 250k), \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

**note:**  $\gcd(-250, 111) = \gcd(250, -111) = \gcd(-250, -111)$   
 $= \gcd(250, 111) = 1.$

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**EX 4.35** :  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , prove  $8n + 3$  and  $5n + 2$  are relatively prime.

**Proof.**

① when  $n = 1$ ,  $\gcd(8n + 3, 5n + 2) = \gcd(11, 7) = 1$ .

when  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\because 8n + 3 > 5n + 2$  :

$$8n + 3 = 1(5n + 2) + (3n + 1), \quad 0 < 3n + 1 < 5n + 2$$

$$5n + 2 = 1(3n + 1) + (2n + 1), \quad 0 < 2n + 1 < 3n + 1$$

$$3n + 1 = 1(2n + 1) + n, \quad 0 < n < 2n + 1$$

$$2n + 1 = 2(n) + 1, \quad 0 < 1 < n$$

$$n = n(1). \quad (\text{the last nonzero remainder is } 1)$$

$\therefore \gcd(8n + 3, 5n + 2) = 1, \forall n \geq 1$ .

② 另解:  $\because (8n + 3)(-5) + (5n + 2)8 = -15 + 16 = 1$ ,

$\therefore 1$  is expressed as a linear combination of  $8n + 3, 5n + 2$ .

and no smaller positive integer can have this property,

$\therefore$  the G. C. D. of  $8n + 3$  and  $5n + 2$  is  $1, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

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**EX 4.36 : Def :**  $\forall x, y \in \mathbf{Z}^+$ ,  $x \bmod y$  = the remainder after  $x$  is divided by  $y$ .

**ex :**  $7 \bmod 3 = 1$ ;  $18 \bmod 5 = 3$ .

**ex :**  $a = 168$ ,  $b = 456$ :

```
procedure gcd (a, b : positive integers)
begin
  r := a mod b
  d := b
  while r > 0 do
    begin
      c := d
      d := r
      r := c mod d
    end
  end {gcd(a, b) is d, the last nonzero remainder}
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$r_0 = 168$  and

$d_0 = 456$ .

$\therefore r > 0$

$\therefore c_1 = 456, d_1 = 168,$

$r_1 = 456 \bmod 168 = 120 > 0;$

$c_2 = 168, d_2 = 120,$

$r_2 = 168 \bmod 120 = 48 > 0;$

$c_3 = 120, d_3 = 48,$

$r_3 = 120 \bmod 48 = 24 > 0;$

$c_4 = 48, d_4 = 24,$

$r_4 = 48 \bmod 24 = 0.$

**STOP.**

$\therefore \gcd(a, b) = 24 (= d_4).$

Figure 4.9

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**EX 4.37** : 2 containers : 17 ounces and 55 ounces. How to use this two containers to measure exactly one ounce?

(一盎司 = 0.283494 kg    17 → 4.8 kg    55 → 15.6 kg )

**Sol.**

$$55 = 3(17) + 4, \quad 0 < 4 < 17$$

$$17 = 4(4) + 1, \quad 0 < 1 < 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 1 &= 17 - 4(4) = 17 - 4[55 - 3(17)] \\ &= 13(17) - 4(55). \end{aligned}$$

∴ 小的裝13次, 逐次倒至大的;  
清掉大的4次, 最後會只剩 1 ounce.

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**EX 4.38 : Debug a Pascal program in 6 minutes. Debug a C++ program in 10 minutes. Work 104 minutes and doesn't waste any time. How many programs can he debug in each language?  
Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Let } x, y \in \mathbb{N}, 6x + 10y = 104 \Leftrightarrow 3x + 5y = 52 \\ & \because \gcd(3, 5) = 1, \text{ and } 3(2) + 5(-1) = 1 \\ & \therefore 3(104) + 5(-52) = 52 \\ & \Rightarrow 3(104 - 5k) + 5(-52 + 3k) = 52, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ & \quad x = 104 - 5k \geq 0 \text{ and } y = -52 + 3k \geq 0 \\ & \Rightarrow 17 + 1/3 = 52/3 \leq k \leq 104/5 = 20 + 4/5 \\ & \therefore \exists 3 \text{ possible solution:} \\ & \text{a) } (k = 18) : x = 14, y = 2. \\ & \text{b) } (k = 19) : x = 9, y = 5. \\ & \text{c) } (k = 20) : x = 4, y = 8. \end{aligned}$$

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**Thm 4.8** : If  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the *Diophantine equation*  $ax + by = c$  has an integer solution  $x = x_0, y = y_0 \Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b) \mid c$ .

**Def 4.4** :  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

- ①  $c$  is called a *common multiple* of  $a, b \equiv a \mid c$  and  $b \mid c$ .
- ②  $c$  is the *least common multiple* of  $a, b$   $\text{lcm}(a, b) \equiv$  the smallest of all common multiple of  $a, b$ .

**EX 4.39** : a)  $12 = 3 \cdot 4, \therefore \text{lcm}(3, 4) = 12 = \text{lcm}(4, 3)$ .

$90 = 6 \cdot 15$ , but  $\text{lcm}(6, 15) \neq 90, \text{lcm}(6, 15) = 30$ .

b)  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{lcm}(1, n) = \text{lcm}(n, 1) = n$ .

c)  $\forall a, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{lcm}(a, na) = na$ .

d)  $\forall a, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , with  $m \leq n, \text{lcm}(a^m, a^n) = a^n$ ,  
 $\gcd(a^m, a^n) = a^m$ .



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**Thm 4.9** : Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , with  $c = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

If  $d$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $c \mid d$ .

**Proof.**

If not, then by division algorithm,  $d = qc + r$ , where  $0 < r < c$ .

$\because c = \text{lcm}(a, b), \therefore \exists m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $c = ma$ ,

$\because d$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b, \therefore \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  s.t.  $d = na$ .

$$\Rightarrow na = d = qc + r = qma + r$$

$$\Rightarrow (n - qm) a = r > 0$$

$$\therefore a \mid r.$$

In a similar way,  $b \mid r$ .

$\therefore (a \mid r \text{ and } b \mid r) \Rightarrow r$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ .

but  $0 < r < c \rightarrow \leftarrow (\because c$  is the least common multiple of  $a, b)$

Hence  $c \mid d$ .

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**Thm 4.10** :  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+, ab = \text{lcm}(a, b) \cdot \text{gcd}(a, b)$

**Proof.** (reader)

**EX 4.40** : a)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , if  $a, b$  are relatively prime, then  
 $\text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$ .

b)  $\because \text{gcd}(168, 456) = 24$  (by EX 4.36)

$\therefore \text{lcm}(168, 456) = (168)(456) / 24 = 3192$ .



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## § 4.5 The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

**Lemma 4.2** : If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $p$  is a prime,  $p \mid ab \Rightarrow p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

**Proof.**

If  $p \mid a$ , then we are finished.

If  $p \nmid a$ :  $\because p$  is prime,

$\therefore \gcd(p, a) = 1$ . i.e.  $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $px + ay = 1$ .

Then for  $p(bx) + (ab)y = b$  :

$\because p \mid p \wedge p \mid ab$ ,

$\therefore p \mid p(bx) \wedge p \mid (ab)y$ . (by Thm 4.3(d))

$\because [p(bx) + (ab)y = b] \wedge p \mid p(bx) \wedge p \mid (ab)y$ ,

$\therefore p \mid b$ . (by Thm 4.3(e))

**Lemma 4.3** : Let  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .

$[(p \text{ is prime}) \wedge (p \mid a_1 a_2 \dots a_n)] \Rightarrow \exists i \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, p \mid a_i$ .

**Proof. (reader)**



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**EX 4.38** : Show that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. (Aristotle (384 – 322 B. C.))

**Proof.**

Suppose  $\sqrt{2}$  is not irrational. say  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{c}{b}$ ,

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

$\therefore \sqrt{2} = \frac{c}{b}, \therefore 2 = \frac{c^2}{b^2} \Rightarrow 2b^2 = c^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid c^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid c$  (by Lemma 4.2)

Let  $c = 2d$  for some  $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$\therefore 2b^2 = c^2, \therefore 2b^2 = 4d^2 \Rightarrow 2d^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid b^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid b$  (by Lemma 4.2)

$\therefore 2 \mid c \wedge 2 \mid b \Rightarrow 2 \mid \gcd(c, b)$ , i.e.  $\gcd(c, b) \geq 2 \rightarrow \leftarrow$

$\therefore \sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

**Note** :  $\sqrt{p}$  is irrational for every prime  $p$  (exercise)

**Thm 4.11** : *The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic*

$\forall n > 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n$  can be written as a product of primes uniquely, up to the order of the primes.



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$\forall n > 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n$  can be written as a product of primes uniquely, up to the order of the primes.

**Proof. (1/3)**

$\exists$ : If not exist such product :

Let  $m > 1$  be the smallest integer

not expressible as a product of primes.

- $\therefore m$  is not a prime, (o.w. prime is a product of one factor  $\rightarrow\leftarrow$ )
- $\therefore$  Let  $m = m_1 m_2$ , where  $1 < m_1 \leq m_2 < m$ .
- $\therefore m_1 < m, m_2 < m,$
- $\therefore m_1, m_2$  can be written as product of primes.
- $\therefore m = m_1 m_2$
- $\therefore$  we can obtain a prime factorization of  $m$ .  $\rightarrow\leftarrow$



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$\forall n > 1, n \in \mathbf{Z}^+, n$  can be written as a product of primes uniquely, up to the order of the primes.

**Proof. (2/3)**

**! : Prove by induction on  $n$  :**

**Let  $S(n) : n$  have a unique prime factorization**

**$n = 2 : S(2)$  is true.**

**Suppose  $n = 2, 3, 4, \dots, h - 1, S(n)$  is true.**

**Now, consider  $n = h$  :**

**Suppose  $h = p_1^{s(1)} p_2^{s(2)} \dots p_k^{s(k)} = q_1^{t(1)} q_2^{t(2)} \dots q_r^{t(r)}$ .**

**Where  $p_i, q_j$  are primes,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq r$ .**

**and  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$  and  $q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_r$ .**

**and  $s(i) \in \mathbf{Z}^+, t(j) \in \mathbf{Z}^+, \forall 1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq r$ .**



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$\forall n > 1, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, n$  can be written as a product of primes uniquely, up to the order of the primes.

**Proof. (3/3)**

$$\because p_1 \mid h, \therefore p_1 \mid q_1^{t(1)} q_2^{t(2)} \dots q_r^{t(r)}.$$

By Lemma 4.3,  $\exists 1 \leq j \leq r, p_1 \mid q_j$ .

$$\because p_1, q_j \text{ are primes.} \quad \therefore p_1 = q_j.$$

In the same way,  $\because q_1 \mid h \Rightarrow \exists 1 \leq e \leq k, q_1 = p_e$ .

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \leq p_e = q_1 \leq q_j = p_1, \therefore e = j = 1, \text{ i.e. } p_1 = q_1.$$

$$\text{Let } n_1 = h / p_1 = p_1^{s(1)-1} p_2^{s(2)} \dots p_k^{s(k)} = q_1^{t(1)-1} q_2^{t(2)} \dots q_r^{t(r)}.$$

$\because n_1 < h, \therefore$  by I. H.:

$$k = r, p_i = q_i \quad \forall 1 \leq i \leq k,$$

$$s(1) - 1 = t(1) - 1, \text{ and } s(i) = t(i) \quad \forall 2 \leq i \leq k = r.$$

$$\therefore s(1) - 1 = t(1) - 1 \Rightarrow s(1) = t(1).$$

$\Rightarrow$  The prime factorization of  $h$  is unique.





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**EX 4.39** : Find the prime factorization of 980220.

**Sol.**

$$\begin{array}{l} 2 \mid 980220 = 2^1 (490110) \\ 2 \mid 490110 = 2^2 (245055) \\ 3 \mid 245055 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 (81685) \\ 5 \mid 81685 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 (16337) \\ 17 \mid 16337 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 \cdot 17^1 (961) \\ 31 \mid 961 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 \cdot 17^1 \cdot 31^2 \\ \quad 31 \end{array}$$



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**EX 4.40** : Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and

$$10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot n = 21 \cdot 20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14,$$

$17 \mid n$  or not?

**Sol.**

$$\because 17 \mid (21 \cdot 20 \cdot 19 \cdot 18 \cdot 17 \cdot 16 \cdot 15 \cdot 14),$$

$$\because 17 \mid (10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot n).$$

But  $17 \nmid 10, 17 \nmid 9, 17 \nmid 8, 17 \nmid 7, 17 \nmid 6, 17 \nmid 5,$

$$17 \nmid 4, 17 \nmid 3, 17 \nmid 2,$$

$\therefore$  By Lemma 4.3,  $17 \mid n$ .



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**EX 4.41** : For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , Find the number of positive divisors of  $n$ .

**ex** :  $2 : 1, 2 \approx 2$

$3 : 1, 3 \approx 2$

$4 : 1, 2, 4 \approx 3$

**Sol.**

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , by Thm4.11, let  $n = p_1^{e(1)} p_2^{e(2)} \dots p_k^{e(k)}$ ,

where  $p_i$  is prime  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$ ,  $e(i) > 0 \forall 1 \leq i \leq k$ .

If  $m \mid n$ , then  $m = p_1^{f(1)} p_2^{f(2)} \dots p_k^{f(k)}$

where  $0 \leq f(i) \leq e(i)$ .  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$ .

$\therefore$  the number of positive divisors of  $n$  is

$$(e(1) + 1) (e(2) + 1) \dots (e(k) + 1).$$

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ex: ①  $29338848000 = 2^8 3^5 5^3 7^3 11$  :

有  $(8 + 1)(5 + 1)(3 + 1)(3 + 1)(1 + 1) = 9 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 2$   
 $= 1728$  個 positive divisors.

② 其中有多少個為  $360 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$  的倍數:

it must satisfy :  $2^{t(1)} 3^{t(2)} 5^{t(3)} 7^{t(4)} 11^{t(5)}$  where

$3 \leq t(1) \leq 8, 2 \leq t(2) \leq 5, 1 \leq t(3) \leq 3, 0 \leq t(4) \leq 3, 0 \leq t(5) \leq 1$

$\Rightarrow [(8 - 3) + 1][(5 - 2) + 1][(3 - 1) + 1][(3 - 0) + 1][(1 - 0) + 1]$   
 $= 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 = 576.$

③ 其中有多少個為 perfect square :

it must satisfy :  $2^{s(1)} 3^{s(2)} 5^{s(3)} 7^{s(4)} 11^{s(5)}$  where

$s(1) = 0, 2, 4, 6, 8; s(2) = 0, 2, 4; s(3) = 0, 2; s(4) = 0, 2; s(5) = 0.$

i.e.  $(2^2)^{r(1)} (3^2)^{r(2)} (5^2)^{r(3)} (7^2)^{r(4)}$  where

$0 \leq r(1) \leq 4, 0 \leq r(2) \leq 2, 0 \leq r(3) \leq 1, 0 \leq r(4) \leq 1,$

$\Rightarrow 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 60.$

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Def :  $(\prod_{i=m}^n)$  =  $\prod_{i=m}^n x_i = \underbrace{x_m \cdot x_{m+1} \cdot \dots \cdot x_n}_{n - m + 1 \text{ terms}}$  where  $m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$ .

$i$  : *index*,  $m$  : *lower limit*,  $n$  : *upper limit*.

ex : ①  $\prod_{i=3}^7 x_i = x_3 \cdot x_4 \cdot x_5 \cdot x_6 \cdot x_7 = \prod_{j=3}^7 x_j$

②  $\prod_{i=3}^6 i = 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 = 6! / 2!$

③  $\prod_{i=m}^n i = m(m+1)(m+2) \dots (n-1)n = \frac{n!}{(m-1)!}$   
 $\forall m, n \in \mathbf{Z}^+$  with  $m \leq n$ .

④  $\prod_{i=7}^{11} x_i = x_7 \cdot x_8 \cdot x_9 \cdot x_{10} \cdot x_{11}$   
 $= \prod_{j=0}^4 x_{7+j} = \prod_{j=0}^4 x_{11-j}$

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**EX 4.42** :  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , let  $m = p_1^{e(1)} p_2^{e(2)} \dots p_t^{e(t)}$ ,  $n = p_1^{f(1)} p_2^{f(2)} \dots p_t^{f(t)}$ , where  $p_i$  is prime,  $e(i) \geq 0$ ,  $f(i) \geq 0$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq t$ .

Let  $a_i = a(i) = \mathbf{min}\{e(i), f(i)\} \equiv$  the smaller of  $e(i)$  and  $f(i)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq t$

$b_i = b(i) = \mathbf{max}\{e(i), f(i)\} \equiv$  the larger of  $e(i)$  and  $f(i)$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq t$

then ①  $\gcd(m, n) = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{a(i)}$ , ②  $\text{lcm}(m, n) = \prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{b(i)}$

**ex** :  $m = 491891400 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^1 \cdot 13^2$

$$n = 1138845708 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^1 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^3 \cdot 17^1$$

$$\rightarrow p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, p_3 = 5, p_4 = 7, p_5 = 11, p_6 = 13, p_7 = 17.$$

$$\rightarrow a_1 = 2, a_2 = 2, a_3 = 0, a_4 = 1, a_5 = 1, a_6 = 2, a_7 = 0$$

$$\therefore \gcd(m, n) = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^0 \cdot 7^1 \cdot 11^1 \cdot 13^2 \cdot 17^0 = 468468.$$

$$\rightarrow b_1 = 3, b_2 = 3, b_3 = 2, b_4 = 2, b_5 = 2, b_6 = 3, b_7 = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{lcm}(m, n) = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11^2 \cdot 13^3 \cdot 17^1 \\ = 1195787993400.$$



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**Note : Any two consecutive integers are relatively prime.**  
**(HW 19. § 4.4)**

**EX 4.39 : Can we find three consecutive positive integers whose product is a perfect square?**

**(i.e.  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . s.t.  $m(m + 1)(m + 2) = n^2$  ?)**

**Sol. (1/2)**

**Suppose  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , s.t.  $m(m + 1)(m + 2) = n^2$ .**

- $\because \gcd(m, m + 1) = 1 = \gcd(m + 1, m + 2)$ ,**  
 **$\therefore \forall$  prime  $p_i, p_i \mid (m + 1) \Rightarrow p_i \nmid m$  and  $p_i \nmid (m + 2)$ .**  
 **$\because m(m + 1)(m + 2) = n^2, \therefore p_i \mid (m + 1) \Rightarrow p_i \mid n^2$ .**  
 **$\because n^2$  is a perfect square,**  
 **$\therefore$  the exponents  $t_i$  of  $p_i$  in the prime factorizations of  $n^2$  must be even.**



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**EX 4.39** : Can we find three consecutive positive integers whose product is a perfect square?

(i.e.  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . s.t.  $m(m+1)(m+2) = n^2$  ?)

**Sol.** (2/2)

$\therefore$  the exponents  $t_i$  of  $p_i$  in the prime factorizations of  $n^2$  must be even.

$\therefore m+1$  is a perfect square.

2.  $\because n^2 = m(m+1)(m+2)$  and  $n^2, m+1$  are perfect square,  
 $\Rightarrow m(m+2)$  is a perfect square.

but  $m^2 < m^2 + 2m = m(m+2) < m^2 + 2m + 1 = (m+1)^2$

$\therefore m(m+2)$  cannot be a perfect square.  $\rightarrow \leftarrow$

$\therefore$  There are no three consecutive positive integer whose product is a perfect square.