

Chapter 4. Number Theory

Discussion on CMath: A Foundation for CS

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The Divisible

Definition (Divisibility)

$m \mid n \iff m > 0 \wedge n = mk$ for some int k .

- That is, n is a multiple of m , and it is not possibly positive.

Greatest Common Divisor

Definition (GCD and LCM)

- Defn. $\gcd(m, n) = \max\{k : k \mid m \wedge k \mid n\}$,
- Defn. $\text{lcm}(m, n) = \max\{k : m > 0 \wedge m \mid k \wedge n \mid k\}$,

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$$m'm + n'n = \gcd(m, n).$$

- At the end of the formula, $m = 0, n = \gcd(m, n)$.
- take $m' = 0, n' = 1$.
- Otherwise, keep an eye on the derivation process:

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the derivation process, (q=quotient, r=remainder)

$$\begin{array}{ll} b = r_1 q_1 + r_1 & 0 \leq r_1 < r \\ r = r_1 q_2 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 \\ r_1 = r_2 q_3 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 \\ \dots & \\ r_{n-3} = r_{n-2} q_{n-1} + r_{n-1} & 0 \leq r_{n-1} < r_{n-2} \\ r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_n + r_n & 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} \\ r_{n-1} = r_n q_{n+1} & \end{array}$$

Euclid Algo: Substitution back

$$\begin{aligned} b &= r q_1 + r_1 & 0 \leq r_1 < r \\ r &= r_1 q_2 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 \\ r_1 &= r_2 q_3 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 \\ &\dots \\ r_{n-3} &= r_{n-2} q_{n-1} + r_{n-1} & 0 \leq r_{n-1} < r_{n-2} \\ r_{n-2} &= r_{n-1} q_n + r_n & 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1} \\ r_{n-1} &= r_n q_{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} d &= 1r_n + 0 \times 0 = 1r_{n-2} - q_n r_{n-1} \\ &= 1r_{n-2} - (r_{n-3} - q_n r_{n-2} q_{n-1}) \\ &= -q_n r_{n-3} + (1 + q_{n-1} q_n) r_{n-2} \\ &= \dots \\ &= xa + yb \quad (x, y \in \mathbb{Z}). \end{aligned}$$

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2  return( $a, 1, 0$ )
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Why $(d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$?

- Condition:
 - $ax_1 + by_1 = \text{gcd}(a, b)$
 - $bx_2 + (a \bmod b)y_2 = \text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b)$
- Derivation:
 - $ax_1 + by_1 = bx_2 + (a \bmod b)y_2$
 - and we have that $a \bmod b = a - (\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor \times b)$
 - So we get $ax_1 + by_1 = bx_2 + (a - (\lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor \times b))y_2$
 - $ax_1 + by_1 = ay_2 + bx_2 - \lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor \times by_2 = ay_2 + b(x_2 - \lfloor \frac{a}{b} \rfloor y_2)$
 - Compare the coeffs.

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An Example:

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1	3	-11	14
78	21	3	3	3	-11
21	15	1	3	-2	3
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Props about Divisions

Theorem

$$(k \mid m) \wedge (k \mid n) \Leftrightarrow k \mid \gcd(m, n)$$

- follows directly from definition.

Theorem (The conjuncture of factors)

$$\sum_{m \mid n} a_m = \sum_{m \mid n} a_{n/m}, \text{ integer } n > 0.$$

- Are there anything similar to this?

Motivation for this (by definition):

$$\sum_{m \mid n} a_m = \sum_k \sum_{m > 0} a_m [n = mk]$$

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Following above, we have

Theorem (Interchange summation order)

$$\sum_{m \mid n} \sum_{k \mid m} a_{k,m} = \sum_{k \mid n} \sum_{l \mid (n/k)} a_{k,kl}$$

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$$\sum_{j,m} \sum_{k,l>0} a_{k,kl}[n = jk][n/k = ml] = \sum_m \sum_{k,l>0} a_{k,kl}[n = mlk]$$

They are the same, standing the same meaning.

Interchange of Order Example

If $k = 12$:

$m = 1$	$k = 1$					
$m = 2$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$				
$m = 3$	$k = 1$	$k = 3$				
$m = 4$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 4$			
$m = 6$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 6$		
$m = 12$	$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 4$	$k = 6$	$k = 12$

to

$k = 1$	$k = 2$	$k = 3$	$k = 4$	$k = 6$	$k = 12$
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$m = 2$	$m = 4$	$m = 6$	$m = 12$	$m = 12$	
$m = 3$	$m = 6$	$m = 12$			
$m = 4$	$m = 12$				
$m = 6$					
$m = 12$					

Prime

Definition

A positive integer p is called prime if it has just two divisors, namely 1 and p . We will also take p to represent some prime in this chapter.

Example:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, . . .

Prime Factorization

Theorem

Any positive integer n can be written as a product of primes.

$$n = p_1 \cdots p_m = \prod_{k=1}^m p_k, \quad p_1 \leq \cdots \leq p_m$$

Proof idea.

- By Contradiction, assume $n = p_1 \cdots p_m = q_1 \cdots q_k$, $p_1 \leq \cdots \leq p_m$ and $q_1 \leq \cdots \leq q_k$
- Prove $p_1 = q_1$
 - assume $p_1 < q_1$, and they are primes, their gcd must be 1.
 - Using Euclid's Algo, we get $ap_1 + bq_1 = 1$
 - we will get $ap_1 q_2 \cdots q_k + bq_1 q_2 \cdots q_k = q_2 \cdots q_k$.
 - teal has factor of q_1
 - but $q_2 \cdots q_k < n$, contradiction, unless eq.

Alternative means for GCD and LCM

$$n = \prod_p p^{n_p}, \quad \text{where each } n_p \geq 0$$

- Unique!
- linear combination!
- just like coordinate system
- infinite dimensions

We can formally describe like this:

- $\langle n_2, n_3, n_5, \dots \rangle$
- $12 = \langle 2, 1, 0, 0, \dots \rangle$

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$$k = mn \iff k_p = m_p + n_p \quad \text{for all } p.$$

$$m \mid n \iff m_p \leq n_p \quad \text{for all } p$$

$$k = \gcd(m, n) \iff k_p = \min(m_p, n_p) \quad \text{for all } p;$$

$$k = \text{lcm}(m, n) \iff k_p = \max(m_p, n_p) \quad \text{for all } p.$$

There Are Infinitely Many primes

"Οἱ πρῶτοι ἀριθμοὶ πλείους εἰσὶ πάντας τοῦ
πλήθους πρώτων ἀριθμῶν." — Euler

- Notice that $\gcd(m, m + 1) = 1$.

List:

$$e_1 = 1 + 1 = 2;$$

$$e_2 = 2 + 1 = 3;$$

$$e_3 = 2 \cdot 3 + 1 = 7$$

$$e_4 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 + 1 = 43$$

Prime density

- the n th prime, P_n , is about n times the natural log of n :

$$P_n \sim n \ln n$$

- the number of primes $\pi(x)$ not exceeding x is

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\ln x}$$

Factorial

Definition (Factorial)

$$n! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot n = \prod_{k=1}^n k, \quad \text{integer } n \geq 0,$$

and we define that $0! = 1$.

Some fun properties:

- the number of digits in $n!$ exceeds n when $n \geq 25$
- 1×10^9 at around 10.

How fast is factorial growing?

- Take the idea of Gaussian's trick
- we have $(n!)^2 = \prod_{k=1}^n k(n+1-k)$,
- hence

$$n \leq k(n+1-k) \leq \frac{1}{4}(n+1)^2$$

Factorial: Example

Example

For any given prime p , the largest power of p divides $n!$. We denote this number by $\epsilon_p(n!)$. Pattern of $\epsilon_p(n!)$?

- Observation on $p = 2, n = 10$: