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Finding GCD (Greatest Common **Denominator**)

The GCD (Greatest Common Denominator), also known as HCF (Highest Common Factor) is the biggest number that is a common factor of both of the numbers.

Example

Find the HCF of the following two numbers:

```
import numpy as np
num1 = 6
num2 = 9
x = np.gcd(num1, num2)
print(x)
```

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Returns: 3 because that is the highest number both numbers can be divided by (6/3=2 and 9*3=3).

Finding GCD in Arrays

To find the Highest Common Factor of all values in an array, you can use the reduce() method.

The reduce() method will use the ufunc, in this case the gcd() function, on each element, and reduce the array by one dimension.

Example

Find the GCD for all of the numbers in following array:

```
import numpy as np
arr = np.array([20, 8, 32, 36, 16])
x = np.gcd.reduce(arr)
print(x)
```

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Returns: 4 because that is the highest number all values can be divided by.

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