

# Math 122. I.C.A 10

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## Question 1:

First we find the prime factorization of  $!12$ :

$$!12 = 12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2$$

Then we get the prime factorization of each non-prime number in the factorization:

$$!12 = (3 \times 2^2) \times 11 \times (5 \times 2) \times (3^2) \times (2^3) \times 7 \times (3 \times 2) \times 5 \times (2^2) \times 3 \times 2$$

Then collecting the terms:

$$!12 = 11 \times 7 \times 5 \times 3^5 \times 2^{10}$$

Now we can square both sides and simplify using the distributive property:

$$\begin{aligned} (!12)^2 &= (11 \times 7 \times 5 \times 3^5 \times 2^{10})^2 \\ &= 11^2 \times 7^2 \times 5^2 \times 3^{5 \times 2} \times 2^{10 \times 2} \\ &= 11^2 \times 7^2 \times 5^2 \times 3^{10} \times 2^{20} \end{aligned}$$

## Question 2:

Since  $a|b$  and  $b|c^2$  there exists integers  $k$  and  $m$  such that  $a \times k = b$  and  $b \times m = c^2$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} c^2 &= b \times m \\ (c^2)^2 &= (b \times m)^2 \\ c^4 &= b^2 \times m^2 \end{aligned}$$

Let us now substitute  $b$  for  $b = a \times k$ :

$$\begin{aligned} c^4 &= b^2 \times m^2 \\ c^4 &= (b \times b) \times m^2 \\ &= ((a \times k) \times b) \times m^2 \\ &= (a \times b)(k \times m^2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have that  $c^4 = (a \times b) \times n$  for  $n = (k \times m^2)$  thus:

$$ab|c^4 \quad \text{or} \quad c^4 = (ab)n$$

Since  $n = (k \times m^2)$  is an integer we conclude that  $ab|c^4$ .  $\square$