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list all the properties of gcd all the properties

1. all properties used in cp/dsa

if  $a, b$

$\gcd(a, b)$  = greatest common factor of  $a, b$

2. all the common and basic and medium level properties used on cf/lc and mathematics

3. all uses and properties like euclidean step properties list them all

$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, a \% b)$   $a < b$   $a$  and  $b$  are coprime

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## All Properties of GCD (Greatest Common Divisor)

### 1. Basic Definition & Elementary Properties

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$\gcd(a, b)$  = largest positive integer  $d$  such that  $d|a$  and  $d|b$

#### Properties:

1. **Non-negative:**  $\gcd(a, b) \geq 0$
2. **Identity:**  $\gcd(a, 0) = |a|$
3. **Zero case:**  $\gcd(0, 0)$  is undefined (usually treated as 0)
4. **Commutativity:**  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a)$
5. **Absorption:**  $\gcd(a, a) = |a|$
6.  $\gcd(1, a) = 1$  for all integers  $a$
7.  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(|a|, |b|)$  (absolute values)

### 2. Euclidean Algorithm Properties

#### Core Recursive Property:

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$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a,b) &= \gcd(b, a \bmod b) && (\text{for } b \neq 0) \\ \gcd(a,b) &= \gcd(a-b,b) && (\text{alternative form}) \end{aligned}$$

## Extended Euclidean Algorithm:

For any integers  $a, b$ ,  $\exists$  integers  $x, y$  such that:

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$$ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$$

(Bézout's Identity)

## 3. Algebraic Properties

### Distributive Properties:

1.  $\gcd(ka, kb) = |k| \cdot \gcd(a, b)$  (Homogeneity)
2.  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, b + ka)$  for any integer  $k$
3.  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, a + b)$  (and similar combinations)

### Multi-argument GCD:

1.  $\gcd(a, b, c) = \gcd(\gcd(a, b), c)$  (Associative-like property)
2.  $\gcd(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) = \gcd(\gcd(a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}), a_n)$

### LCM Relationship:

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$$a \cdot b = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) \quad (\text{for } a, b > 0)$$

Therefore:  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = a \cdot b / \gcd(a, b)$

## 4. Number Theory Properties

### Coprime (Relatively Prime) Properties:

1.  $\gcd(a,b)=1 \Leftrightarrow a$  and  $b$  are coprime
2. If  $\gcd(a,b)=1$  and  $a|bc$ , then  $a|c$
3. If  $\gcd(a,b)=1$ , then  $\gcd(a,bc)=\gcd(a,c)$
4. If  $\gcd(a,b)=1$  and  $\gcd(a,c)=1$ , then  $\gcd(a,bc)=1$

### Division Properties:

1. If  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ , then  $d|\gcd(a,b)$
2. If  $\gcd(a,b)=d$ , then  $\gcd(a/d, b/d)=1$
3. If  $a|bc$  and  $\gcd(a,b)=1$ , then  $a|c$

### Prime Factorization:

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If  $a = \prod p_i^{a_i}$ ,  $b = \prod p_i^{\beta_i}$ , then:  
 $\gcd(a,b) = \prod p_i^{\min(a_i, \beta_i)}$

## 5. Important Theorems & Corollaries

### Euclid's Lemma:

If  $p$  is prime and  $p|ab$ , then  $p|a$  or  $p|b$

### Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) Condition:

System  $x \equiv a \pmod{m}$ ,  $x \equiv b \pmod{n}$  has solution iff  $\gcd(m,n) \mid (a-b)$

### Linear Diophantine Equations:

$ax + by = c$  has integer solutions iff  $\gcd(a,b) \mid c$

## 6. Computational Properties for CP/DSA

### Complexity:

- Euclidean Algorithm:  $O(\log(\min(a,b)))$

- Extended Euclidean:  $O(\log(\min(a,b)))$

## Useful Facts:

1.  $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(a-b,b)$  (used in binary GCD)
2.  $\gcd(2a,2b) = 2 \cdot \gcd(a,b)$
3.  $\gcd(2a,b) = \gcd(a,b)$  if  $b$  is odd
4. For Fibonacci numbers:  $\gcd(F_m, F_n) = F_{\gcd(m,n)}$

## Binary GCD (Stein's Algorithm) Properties:

1.  $\gcd(0,v)=v$
2.  $\gcd(2u,2v)=2 \cdot \gcd(u,v)$
3.  $\gcd(2u,v)=\gcd(u,v)$  if  $v$  is odd
4.  $\gcd(u,v)=\gcd(|u-v|, \min(u,v))$

## 7. Special Cases & Patterns

### Consecutive Numbers:

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$$\gcd(n, n+1) = 1$$

$$\gcd(n, n+k) \text{ divides } k$$

### Powers:

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$$\gcd(a^m - 1, a^n - 1) = a^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1$$

$$\gcd(a^m + b^m, a^n + b^n) = a^{\gcd(m,n)} + b^{\gcd(m,n)} \text{ for odd } m,n$$

### Linear Combinations:

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$$\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(a, b \pm a) = \gcd(a, b \pm ka) \text{ for any } k$$

## 8. C++ Implementations

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// Basic Euclidean Algorithm (Recursive)
int gcd(int a, int b) {
    return b == 0 ? a : gcd(b, a % b);
}

// Basic Euclidean Algorithm (Iterative)
int gcd_iterative(int a, int b) {
    while (b) {
        a %= b;
        swap(a, b);
    }
    return a;
}

// Extended Euclidean Algorithm
// Returns gcd(a,b) and finds x,y such that ax + by = gcd(a,b)
int extended_gcd(int a, int b, int &x, int &y) {
    if (b == 0) {
        x = 1;
        y = 0;
        return a;
    }
    int x1, y1;
    int d = extended_gcd(b, a % b, x1, y1);
    x = y1;
    y = x1 - y1 * (a / b);
    return d;
}

// Binary GCD (Stein's Algorithm) - efficient for large numbers
int binary_gcd(int a, int b) {
    if (a == 0) return b;
    if (b == 0) return a;

    int shift = __builtin_ctz(a | b);
    a >>= __builtin_ctz(a);

    do {
        b >>= __builtin_ctz(b);
        if (a > b) swap(a, b);
        b -= a;
    } while (b != 0);
}
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    return a << shift;
}

// LCM using GCD
int lcm(int a, int b) {
    return a / gcd(a, b) * b; // Multiply after division to avoid overflow
}

// GCD for array of numbers
int gcd_array(vector<int>& arr) {
    int result = arr[0];
    for (int i = 1; i < arr.size(); i++) {
        result = gcd(result, arr[i]);
        if (result == 1) return 1;
    }
    return result;
}

// Check if numbers are pairwise coprime
bool are_pairwise_coprime(vector<int>& arr) {
    for (int i = 0; i < arr.size(); i++) {
        for (int j = i + 1; j < arr.size(); j++) {
            if (gcd(arr[i], arr[j]) != 1) return false;
        }
    }
    return true;
}

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## 9. Common Problems & Applications

### Frequently Used in:

1. **Simplifying fractions:**  $a/b = (a/\gcd(a,b)) / (b/\gcd(a,b))$
2. **Modular inverses:**  $a^{-1} \bmod m$  exists iff  $\gcd(a,m)=1$
3. **Cipher algorithms (RSA)**
4. **Diophantine equations**
5. **Number of reduced fractions with denominator  $\leq n$**
6. **Count coprime pairs  $\leq n$**

### Optimization Properties:

- **gcd(a,b)** divides any linear combination of a and b
- If  $d = \gcd(a,b)$ , then  $\exists$  integers  $x,y$  with  $|x| \leq |b/d|$ ,  $|y| \leq |a/d|$
- For random numbers,  $P(\gcd(a,b)=1) \approx 6/\pi^2 \approx 0.6079$

## 10. Important Inequalities & Bounds

1.  $\gcd(a,b) \leq \min(|a|, |b|)$
2.  $\gcd(a,b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a,b) = |a \cdot b|$
3. For  $a,b > 0$ :  $\gcd(a,b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a,b) = a \cdot b$
4.  $\gcd(a,b) \geq 1$  for  $a,b \neq 0$

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**Save this as a comprehensive reference for GCD properties!** This covers everything from basic definitions to advanced competitive programming applications with ready-to-use C++ code.