

# Project 1

## Title: "Build Your Own Number Theory Calculator"

Create a simple Python tool that allows users to find the **GCD**, **LCM**, and **Prime Factors** of numbers without using built-in math functions. The project will help you understand how numbers work behind the scenes by coding the logic yourself through an interactive menu.

### Algorithm: Number Theory Calculator

#### Step 1: Start the Program

- Show a welcome message and menu:
  1. Find GCD
  2. Find LCM
  3. Find Prime Factorization
  4. Exit

#### Step 2: Ask for User Choice

- Let the user choose an option (1, 2, 3, or 4)

#### Step 3: Process the User's Choice

##### **If the user selects GCD (Option 1):**

- Ask for two numbers
- Start a loop from the smaller number down to 1
- If a number divides both numbers, that is the GCD
- Show the result

##### **If the user selects LCM (Option 2):**

- Ask for two numbers
- Start from the larger number and keep checking
- If a number is divisible by both inputs, it's the LCM
- Show the result

##### **If the user selects Prime Factorization (Option 3):**

- Ask for one number
- Start dividing by 2, then 3, 4, 5... up to that number
- If it divides, add it to the list of factors and divide again
- Repeat until number becomes 1
- Show the prime factors

##### **If the user selects Exit (Option 4):**

- Show a goodbye message
- End the program

## Step 4: Repeat

- After finishing a calculation, show the menu again
- Keep repeating until the user chooses to exit

## Pseudocode: Number Theory Calculator

PROGRAM NumberTheoryCalculator

DISPLAY welcome message and menu options:

1. Compute GCD
2. Compute LCM
3. Perform Prime Factorization
4. Exit

REPEAT

GET user choice from menu input

IF choice is 1 (GCD):

GET two integers (a, b) from user

COMPUTE GCD using Euclidean Algorithm:

WHILE b is not zero:

UPDATE a, b = b, a MOD b

OUTPUT GCD result (stored in a)

ELSE IF choice is 2 (LCM):

GET two integers (a, b) from user

COMPUTE LCM using GCD:

SET product = a \* b

COMPUTE GCD (as above)

SET LCM = product / GCD

OUTPUT LCM result

ELSE IF choice is 3 (Prime Factorization):

GET integer (n) from user

INITIALIZE empty list of factors

SET divisor = 2

WHILE divisor squared  $\leq$  n:

WHILE n is divisible by divisor:

ADD divisor to factors

UPDATE  $n = n / \text{divisor}$

INCREMENT divisor

IF remaining  $n > 1$ :

ADD n to factors

OUTPUT list of factors

ELSE IF choice is 4 (Exit):

DISPLAY exit message

TERMINATE program

ELSE:

DISPLAY invalid input error

UNTIL user chooses Exit

END PROGRAM