

Integers & Division - 1

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(i) If $a|b$ and $a|c$, then $a|b+c$.

Suppose $a|b$ and $a|c$. Then from the defn. of divisibility it follows that there are integers s & t with $b = a \cdot s$ and $c = a \cdot t$.

Hence, $b+c = a \cdot s + a \cdot t = a(s+t)$
This is also an integer.

Therefore, $a|b+c$. This establishes part (i) of the theorem.

(ii) if $a|b$, then $a|bc$ for all integers c .

As $b = a \cdot s$, we have $b \cdot c = a \cdot cs$.

Therefore, a divides bc . This establishes part (ii) of the theorem.

(iii) if $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$.

Suppose $a|b$ and $b|c$. Therefore, using the definition of divisibility it follows that $b = a \cdot s$ and $c = b \cdot t$ for some integers s & t .

Hence, $c = (as) \cdot t = a(st)$. Therefore, $a|c$.

This establishes part (iii) of the theorem.

Theorem: If n is a composite integer then n has a prime divisor less or equal to \sqrt{n} .

→ If n is composite, by the defn. of composite number, it has a factor a with $1 < a < n$. Hence, by the definition of a factor of a positive integer, we have $n = a \cdot b$, where b is a positive integer greater than 1. We will show $a \leq \sqrt{n}$ or $b \leq \sqrt{n}$.

If $a > \sqrt{n}$ and $b > \sqrt{n}$ then $ab > \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} = n$.

which is a contradiction. Consequently,

$a \leq \sqrt{n}$ or $b \leq \sqrt{n}$. Because a and b are divisors of n , we see that n has a positive divisor not exceeding \sqrt{n} . This divisor is either prime or by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, has a prime divisor less than itself. In either case, n has a prime divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} .

Ex: Show that 101 is prime.

→ The only primes not exceeding $\sqrt{101}$ are 2, 3, 5, and 7. Because, 101 is not divisible by 2, 3, 5, and 7, it follows that 101 is prime.



Theorem: There are infinitely many primes.

Proof: Suppose there are finitely many primes, let's say n . We denote them as p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .

Now, we construct a new number:

$$p = p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3 \times \dots \times p_n + 1.$$

Clearly, p is larger than any of the primes. So it doesn't equal to one of them. Since, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n constitute all the primes, p can't be prime.

Thus, p must be divisible by at least one of our finitely many primes. But when we divide p by p_n , we get a remainder 1. That's a contradiction, so our original assumption that there are finitely many primes must be false. Thus, there are infinitely many primes.

Theorem: Let a and b be positive integers. Then,
 $ab = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b).$

→ Let a and b can be factorized as:

$$a = p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{a_n}$$

$$b = p_1^{b_1} \cdot p_2^{b_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{b_n}$$

Product of the integers:

$$a \cdot b = p_1^{(a_1+b_1)} \cdot p_2^{(a_2+b_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{(a_n+b_n)}$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\min(a_n, b_n)}$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} \cdot p_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\max(a_n, b_n)}$$

\therefore Multiplying $\gcd(a, b)$ and $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ it follows:

$$\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1) + \max(a_1, b_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2) + \max(a_2, b_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\min(a_n, b_n) + \max(a_n, b_n)}$$

$$= p_1^{a_1+b_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2+b_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{a_n+b_n}$$

$$= \underline{ab}$$

Prob.

The given integers are 414 and 662.

Successive use of the division algorithm are:

$$662 = 1 \cdot 414 + 248$$

$$414 = 1 \cdot 248 + 166$$

$$248 = 1 \cdot 166 + 82$$

$$166 = 2 \cdot 82 + 2$$

$$82 = 4 \cdot 2 + 0$$

$x = 2 \Rightarrow \gcd(414, 662)$
(last non-zero remainder)

Lemma: Let $a = bq + r$, where a, b, q , and r are all integers. Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$

Proof: If we can show that the common divisor of a & b are the same as the common divisor of b & r , then we will show $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$.

Let d divides both a and b . Then

it follows that d divides $a - bq$, which is equal to r . Hence, any common divisor of a & b is also a common divisor of b & r . Likewise, suppose d divides both b and r . Then d divides $bq + r$ which is equal to a .

Hence, any common divisor of b and r
 is also a common divisor of a and b .
 Consequently. $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$.

Prob. Euclidean Algorithm.

$$1. \quad 252 = 1 \cdot 198 + 54$$

$$2. \quad 198 = 3 \cdot 54 + 36$$

$$3. \quad 54 = 1 \cdot 36 + 18$$

$$4. \quad 36 = 2 \cdot 18 + 0$$

Bezout's identity:

$$18 = 5 \times 252 + 4 \times 198$$

Using step-3 we get,

$$18 = 54 - 1 \cdot 36 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Using step-2 we get,

$$36 = 198 - 3 \cdot 54 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Substituting (2) in (1),

$$18 = 54 - 1 \cdot (198 - 3 \cdot 54)$$

$$18 = 4 \cdot 54 - 1 \cdot 198 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Using step-1 we get,

$$54 = 252 - 1 \cdot 198 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$54 = \underline{252 - 1 \cdot 198} \text{ --- } \textcircled{4}$$

Substituting $\textcircled{4}$ in $\textcircled{3}$ we get,

$$18 = 4 \cdot (252 - 1 \cdot 198) - 1 \cdot 198.$$

$$\therefore \boxed{18 = 4 \cdot 252 - 5 \cdot 198}$$

→ completes the solution.

with $s = 4$ and
 $t = -5$