

# Dividing Sequences

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This problem is about sequences of positive integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N$ . A subsequence of a sequence is anything obtained by dropping some of the elements. For example, 3,7,11,3 is a subsequence of 6,**3**,11,5,**7**,4,3,**11**,5,**3** , but 3,3,7 is not a subsequence of 6,3,11,5,7,4,3,11,5,3 .

A *fully dividing sequence* is a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N$  where  $a_i$  divides  $a_j$  whenever  $i < j$ . For example, 3,15,60,720 is a fully dividing sequence.

Given a sequence of integers your aim is to find the length of the longest fully dividing subsequence of this sequence.

Consider the sequence 2,3,7,8,14,39,145,76,320

It has a fully dividing sequence of length 3, namely 2,8,320, but none of length 4 or greater.

Consider the sequence 2,11,16,12,36,60,71,17,29,144,288,129,432,993 .

It has two fully dividing subsequences of length 5,

- 2,11,16,**12**,**36**,60,71,17,29,**144**,**288**,129,432,993 and
- 2,11,16,**12**,**36**,60,71,17,29,**144**,288,129,**432**,993

and none of length 6 or greater.