

Discrete Mathematics



Lecture 5

Number Theory

Division

- **Definition:**

If a and b are integers with $a \neq 0$,

$$\frac{b}{a} = c \quad \underline{b = ac}$$

we say that a *divides* b if there is an integer c such that $b = ac$. (or equivalently, if $\frac{b}{a}$ is an integer)

$$\frac{a}{b} \quad a \mid b \rightarrow \frac{b}{a} = \text{integer}$$

we say that a is a *factor* of b and that b is a *multiple* of a .

notation $a \mid b$ denotes that a divides b .

We write $a \nmid b$ when a does not divide b .

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \quad 12 \\ 3 \mid 12 \\ 12 = 3 \times 4 \end{array}$$

Division

Example 1

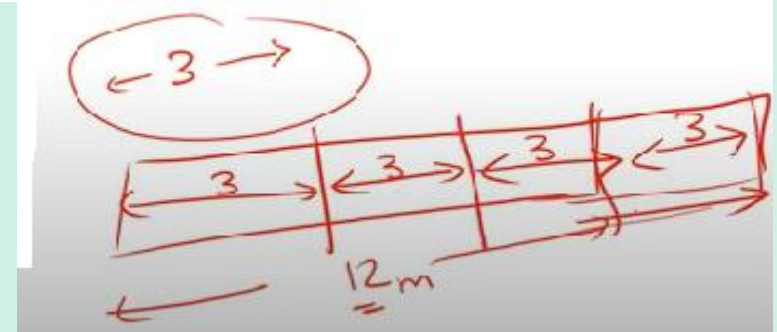
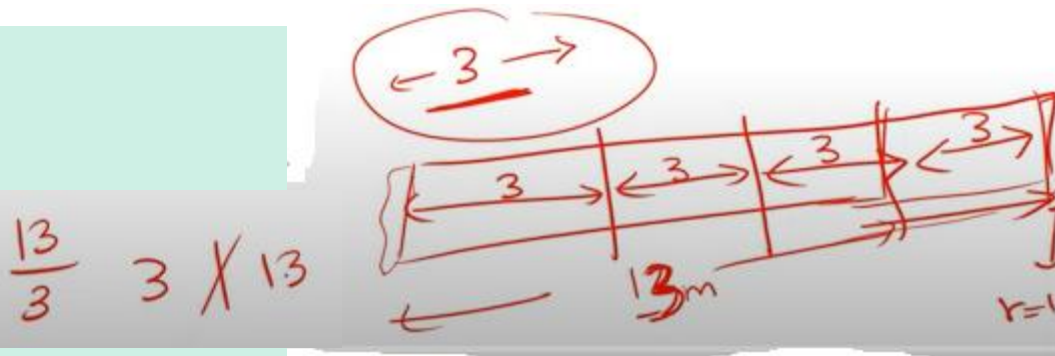
Determine whether $3 \mid 7$ and whether $3 \mid 12$.

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 \mid 7 \\ a \mid b \end{array}$$

It follows that $3 \nmid 7$, because $7/3$ is not an integer.

$3 \mid 12$ because $12/3 = 4$, which is an integer.

$$r = 0$$

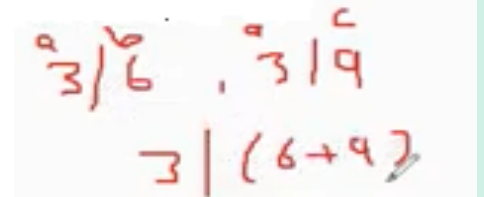


Division

Theorem

Let a, b , and c be integers, where $a \neq 0$. Then

- (i) if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid (b + c)$
- (ii) if $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc$ for all integers c
- (iii) if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$



Handwritten examples illustrating the theorem:

$$\begin{array}{l} a \quad b \quad c \\ 3 \mid 6, \quad 3 \mid 9 \\ 3 \mid (6+9) \end{array}$$

As a result:

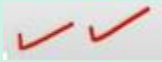
If $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid mb + nc$ whenever m and n are integers

$3 \mid 12$ and $3 \mid 15$, then $3 \mid 12m + 15n$ for all integers m and n .

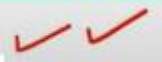
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Examples

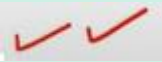
1) Does 2 divides 4?



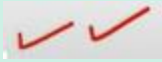
2) Does 2 divides 8?



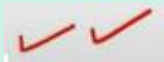
3) 2 divides 4 + 8 ?



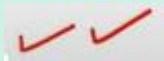
4) Does 2 divides 4?



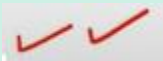
5) Does 2 divides 4 * 5?



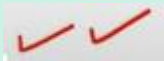
6) Does 2 divides 4 * 4?



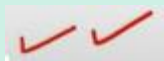
7) Does 2 divides 4?



8) Does 4 divides 16?



9) Does 2 divides 16?



Handwritten work showing the division of 4 by 2. It includes the long division $2 \overline{)4}$, the calculation $4/2 = 2 \text{ } r=0$, and a multiplication check $2 \overline{)4} \times 2$ with the result 4 written below the line.

Division

$$\frac{1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

The Division Algorithm

Let a be an integer and d a positive integer. Then

dividend $\rightarrow a$
divisor $\rightarrow d$

$$\frac{a}{d} = \text{quotient } (q), \quad \text{remainder } (r)$$

with, $0 \leq r < d$

$$a = dq + r$$

The remainder r cannot be negative!

$$q = a \text{ div } d$$
$$r = a \text{ mod } d$$

$$12 = 3 \times 4 + 0$$
$$10 = 3 \times 3 + 1$$

$$q = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \right\rfloor$$
$$r = a - qd$$

Division

Example 1

What are the quotient and remainder when 101 is divided by 11?

$$q = \lfloor 101/11 \rfloor = \lfloor 9.18 \rfloor = 9,$$

$$r = 101 - (9)(11) = 2$$

$$\underline{r} = 101 - \overset{a}{(9)} \overset{q}{(11)} = \boxed{2}$$

Solution: We have

$$\underline{r} = \underline{a} - \underline{d} \underline{q}$$

$$\boxed{a = dq + r}$$

$$101 = 11 \cdot 9 + 2.$$

Hence, the quotient when 101 is divided by 11 is $9 = 101 \overset{q}{\text{div}} 11$,
and the remainder is $2 = 101 \underset{r}{\text{mod}} 11$.

Division

Example 2

What are the quotient and remainder when -11 is divided by 3 ?

$$q = \lfloor -11/3 \rfloor = \lfloor -3.6 \rfloor = -4,$$

$$r = -11 - (3)(-4) = 1 \quad 0 \leq r < 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} -11 - (-9) &= -2 \\ r &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Solution: We have

$$-11 = 3(-4) + 1. \quad a = dq + r$$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= (-11) - (3)(-4) = 1 \\ &= \underset{a}{(-11)} - \underset{d}{(3)} \underset{q}{(-4)} = \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the quotient when -11 is divided by 3 is $-4 = -11 \text{ div } 3$, and the remainder is $1 = -11 \text{ mod } 3$.

Division

Example 3

Evaluate:

➤ $11 \bmod 2 = 1$

$$q = \lfloor 11/2 \rfloor = 5,$$
$$r = 11 - (2)(5) = 1$$

➤ $-11 \bmod 2 = 1$

$$q = \lfloor -11/2 \rfloor = -6,$$
$$r = -11 - (2)(-6) = 1$$

Primes

Definition

A positive integer p greater than 1 is called *prime* if the only positive factors of p are 1 and p .

A positive integer that is greater than 1 and is not prime is called *composite*.

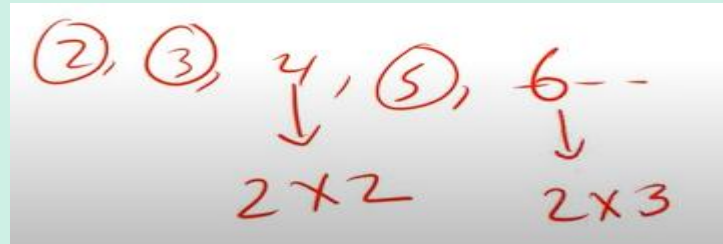
Ex: The integer 7 is prime because its only positive factors are 1 and 7, whereas the integer 9 is composite because it is divisible by 3.

Primes

Theorem 1

The Fundamental Theorem OF Arithmetic

Every integer greater than 1 can be written uniquely as a prime or as the product of two or more primes.



Theorem 2

If n is a composite integer,

then n has a prime divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} .

Primes

Example 1: The integer 100 is prime or not ?

The prime numbers $\leq \sqrt{100}$ are 2, 3, 5, and 7

$$2|100, \quad \text{and} \quad 5|100$$

So, 100 is not a prime integer. 100 is a composite integer.

Example 2

The integer 101 is prime or not ?

2, 3, 4, ---, (101)

$\leq \sqrt{101}$

The prime numbers $\leq \sqrt{101}$ are 2, 3, 5, and 7

$$2 \nmid 101, \quad 3 \nmid 101, \quad 5 \nmid 101, \quad \text{and} \quad 7 \nmid 101$$

So, 101 is a prime integer.

Primes

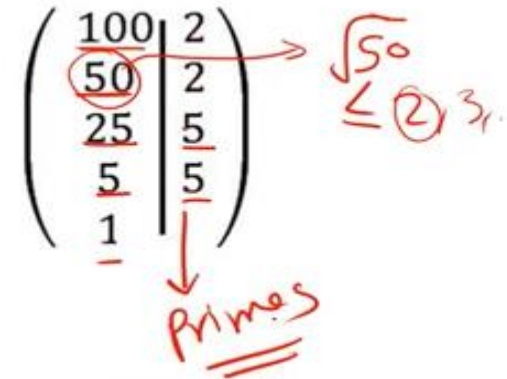
Example 3

Find the prime factorization of 100?

The prime numbers $\leq \sqrt{100}$ are 2, 3, 5, and 7

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 100 & 2 \\ 50 & 2 \\ 25 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 100 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 5^2 \end{aligned}$$



Handwritten prime factorization of 100 using a division ladder:

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 100 & 2 \\ 50 & 2 \\ 25 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right)$$

Handwritten notes:

- An arrow points from the first division step to $\sqrt{50}$.
- Below $\sqrt{50}$ is the inequality $\leq 2, 3, \dots$.
- An arrow points from the final quotient 1 to the word "Primes" which is underlined.

Primes

Example 4

Find the prime factorization of 1001?

The prime numbers $\leq \sqrt{1001}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23 ...

$\sqrt{143}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11

$\sqrt{13}$ are 2, 3

$\leq \sqrt{1001}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23 ...

$\sqrt{143}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11

$\sqrt{13}$ are 2, 3

A handwritten division table for 1001. The table is written as $\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1001 & 7 \\ 143 & 11 \\ 13 & 13 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right)$. Red circles are drawn around the numbers 7, 11, 13, and 13 in the right column. Red arrows point from the 7, 11, and 13 in the right column to the corresponding numbers in the list of primes $\leq \sqrt{1001}$ above. A red arrow also points from the 13 in the right column to the 13 in the list of primes $\leq \sqrt{143}$ above. A red arrow points from the 13 in the right column to the 13 in the list of primes $\leq \sqrt{13}$ above. A red arrow points from the 13 in the right column to the 13 in the list of primes $\leq \sqrt{1001}$ above.

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 1001 & 7 \\ 143 & 11 \\ 13 & 13 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right)$$

$$1001 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$$

Primes

Example 5

Find the prime factorization of 999?

A handwritten diagram showing the prime factorization of 999. On the left, a large curly brace groups the prime factors: 3, 3, 3, and 37. To the right of the brace, the number 999 is divided by 3 three times, resulting in 333, 111, and 37, with a final remainder of 1. To the right of this, the sum of the prime factors is written as $\sum 3, 3, 3, 37 \Rightarrow$. Below the division steps, the final factorization is written as $999 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 37$ with a checkmark.

- $999 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 37 = 3^3 \cdot 37$

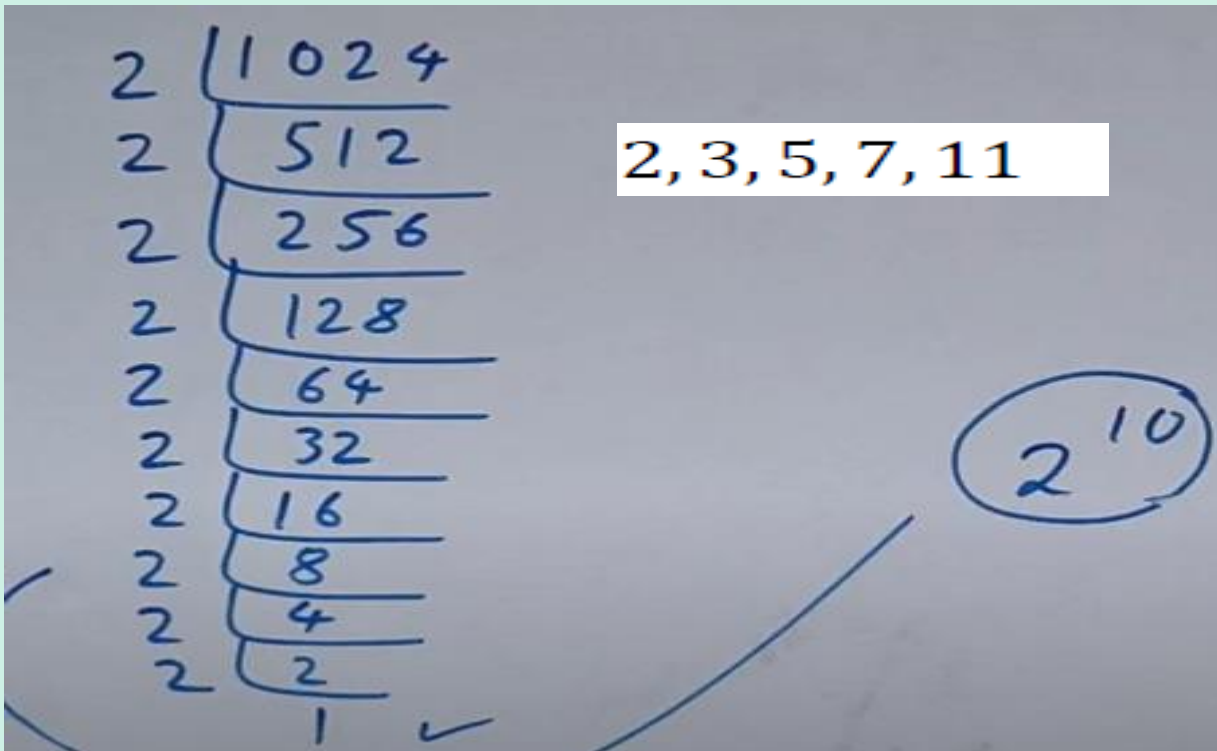
Example

$$641 = 641$$

Primes

Example 6

Find the prime factorization of 1024?



- $1024 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^{10}$

Greatest Common Divisors

Definition “gcd”

Let a and b be integers, not both zero.

The largest integer d such that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ is called the *greatest common divisor* of a and b .
is denoted by $\gcd(a, b)$.

$$\underline{a} = \underline{p_1}^{\underline{a_1}} \underline{p_2}^{\underline{a_2}} \cdots \underline{p_n}^{\underline{a_n}}, \quad \underline{b} = \underline{p_1}^{\underline{b_1}} \underline{p_2}^{\underline{b_2}} \cdots \underline{p_n}^{\underline{b_n}},$$

$$a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_n^{a_n}, \quad b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \cdots p_n^{b_n},$$

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

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

Greatest Common Divisors

Definition “gcd”

For 12 and 18, what is the greatest common factor?

We have four common factors $\{1, 2, 3, 6\}$

The greatest one is $\{6\}$.

Example 1

What is the greatest common divisor of 24 and 36?

Solution: The positive common divisors of 24 and 36 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, and 12. Hence,
 $\gcd(24, 36) = 12$.

Greatest Common Divisors

Example 1

What is the greatest common divisor of 24 and 36?

$\sqrt{24}$ are 2, 3

$\sqrt{36}$ are 2, 3, 5

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 24 & 2 \\ 12 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) = 2^3 \cdot 3$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 36 & 2 \\ 18 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 \end{array} \right) = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$\gcd(24, 36) = 2^2 \cdot 3 = 12$$

Greatest Common Divisors

Example 2

What is the $\gcd(120, 500)$?

$\sqrt{120}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7

$\sqrt{500}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 120 & 2 \\ 60 & 2 \\ 30 & 2 \\ 15 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

2³ · 3¹ · 5¹

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 500 & 2 \\ 250 & 2 \\ 125 & 5 \\ 25 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^2 \cdot 5^3$$

2² · 5³ · 3⁰

$$\gcd(120, 500) = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5 = 20$$

2² · 3⁰ · 5¹ = 20

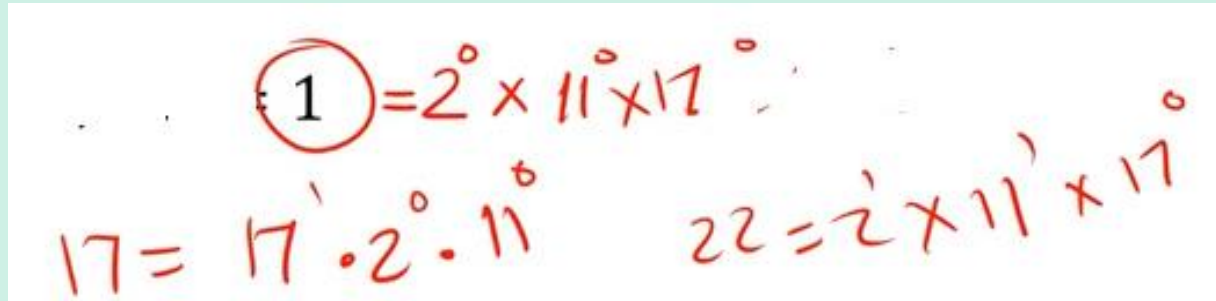
Greatest Common Divisors

Definition 1

The integers a and b are *relatively prime* if their greatest common divisor is 1.

Is 17 and 22 are relatively prime? (Yes)

$$\gcd 17, 22 = 1$$



Handwritten prime factorizations:

$$1 = 2^0 \times 11^0 \times 17^0$$
$$17 = 17^1 \cdot 2^0 \cdot 11^0 \quad 22 = 2^1 \times 11^1 \times 17^0$$

Greatest Common Divisors

Definition 2

The integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are pairwise relatively prime if $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$ whenever $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.

Example:

Determine whether the integers 10, 17, and 21 are pairwise relatively prime and whether the integers 10, 19, and 24 are pairwise relatively prime.

Solution:

Because $\gcd(10, 17) = 1$, $\gcd(10, 21) = 1$, and $\gcd(17, 21) = 1$, we conclude that 10, 17, and 21 are pairwise relatively prime.

Because $\gcd(10, 24) = 2 > 1$, we see that 10, 19, and 24 are not pairwise relatively prime.

Least Common Multiple

Definition “lcm”

The *least common multiple* of the positive integers a and b is the smallest positive integer that is divisible by both a and b .

The least common multiple of a and b is denoted by $\text{lcm}(a, b)$.

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

Least Common Multiple

Example 1

What is the lcm 24, 36 ?

$\sqrt{24}$ are 2, 3

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 24 & 2 \\ 12 & 2 \\ 6 & 2 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^3 \cdot 3$$

$\sqrt{36}$ are 2, 3, 5

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 36 & 2 \\ 18 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$\text{lcm}(24, 36) = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 = 72$$

Least Common Multiple

Example 2

What is the lcm 120, 500 ?

$\sqrt{120}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 120 & 2 \\ 60 & 2 \\ 30 & 2 \\ 15 & 3 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

$\sqrt{500}$ are 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19

$$\left(\begin{array}{c|c} 500 & 2 \\ 250 & 2 \\ 125 & 5 \\ 25 & 5 \\ 5 & 5 \\ 1 & \end{array} \right) = 2^2 \cdot 5^3$$

$$\text{lcm}(120, 500) = 2^3 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^3 = 3000$$

Questions?