

# The Euclidean Algorithm

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Find GCD of two positive numbers using The Euclidean Algorithm.

Recall that the Greatest Common Divisor (GCD) of two numbers  $m$  and  $n$  is the largest number that divides both  $m$  and  $n$ .

The Euclidean Algorithm is a technique for quickly finding the GCD of two integers.

Define function named *find\_gcd* which takes two numbers and returns a number. Use euclidean algorithm to implement *find\_gcd* function. Call *find\_gcd* function from main with input numbers as arguments and print number returned by *find\_gcd* function.

The Euclidean Algorithm for finding GCD(A,B) is as follows:

If  $A = 0$  then  $\text{GCD}(A,B)=B$ , since the  $\text{GCD}(0,B)=B$ , and we can stop.  
If  $B = 0$  then  $\text{GCD}(A,B)=A$ , since the  $\text{GCD}(A,0)=A$ , and we can stop.  
Write A in quotient remainder form ( $A = B \cdot Q + R$ )  
Find  $\text{GCD}(B,R)$  using the Euclidean Algorithm since  $\text{GCD}(A,B) = \text{GCD}(B,R)$

Example:

Find the GCD of 270 and 192

A=270, B=192  
A  $\neq$  0  
B  $\neq$  0  
Use long division to find that  $270/192 = 1$  with a remainder of 78. We can write this as:  $270 = 192 * 1 + 78$   
Find  $\text{GCD}(192,78)$ , since  $\text{GCD}(270,192)=\text{GCD}(192,78)$

A=192, B=78  
A  $\neq$  0  
B  $\neq$  0  
Use long division to find that  $192/78 = 2$  with a remainder of 36. We can write this as:  
 $192 = 78 * 2 + 36$   
Find  $\text{GCD}(78,36)$ , since  $\text{GCD}(192,78)=\text{GCD}(78,36)$

A=78, B=36  
A  $\neq$  0  
B  $\neq$  0  
Use long division to find that  $78/36 = 2$  with a remainder of 6. We can write this as:  
 $78 = 36 * 2 + 6$   
Find  $\text{GCD}(36,6)$ , since  $\text{GCD}(78,36)=\text{GCD}(36,6)$

A=36, B=6  
A  $\neq$  0  
B  $\neq$  0  
Use long division to find that  $36/6 = 6$  with a remainder of 0. We can write this as:  
 $36 = 6 * 6 + 0$   
Find  $\text{GCD}(6,0)$ , since  $\text{GCD}(36,6)=\text{GCD}(6,0)$

A=6, B=0

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A ≠ 0
B = 0, GCD(6, 0) = 6
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For more details on how Euclidean algorithm works, please refer following link:

<https://www.khanacademy.org/computing/computer-science/cryptography/modarithmetic/a/the-euclidean-algorithm>

Input Format

Two positive integers ( $m$  and  $n$ ) separated by space.

Constraints

$1 \leq m, n \leq 1000000000000000000$

Output Format

One integer - GCD of numbers in input.

Sample Input 0

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270 192
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Sample Output 0

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6
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Sample Input 1

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91 93
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Sample Output 1

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1
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Sample Input 2

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44 22
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Sample Output 2

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22
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Sample Input 3

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97 91
```

Sample Output 3

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1
```

Sample Input 4

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33 66
```

Sample Output 4

33

Sample Input 5

1 2

Sample Output 5

1

Sample Input 6

1 1

Sample Output 6

1

Sample Input 7

3243434443434344838 9897347893459873458

Sample Output 7

6



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#include <stdio.h>
#include <string.h>
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3 | #include <math.h>
4 | #include <stdlib.h>
5 |
6 ▼ int main() {
7 |
8 ▼     /* Enter your code here. Read input from STDIN. Print output to STDOUT */
9 |     return 0;
10 | }
11 |
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