

## Prime Chapter 11

$$\begin{aligned}
 1. \quad 111,111 &= 11 \times 10101 \\
 &= 11 \times 7 \times 1443 \\
 &= 11 \times 7 \times 3 \times 481 \\
 &= 11 \times 7 \times 3 \times 13 \times 37
 \end{aligned}$$

3. The positive integers dividing  $N = 2^{n-1}p$  are  $1, 2, 2^2, \dots, 2^{n-1}, p, 2p, 2^2p, \dots, 2^{n-1}p$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Let } D &= 1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1} + p + 2p + 2^2p + \dots + 2^{n-1}p \\
 &= [2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}] + p[2^0 + 2^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}] \\
 &= \frac{1(2^n - 1)}{2 - 1} + p \frac{(1)(2^n - 1)}{2 - 1} \\
 &= (2^n - 1) + p(2^n - 1) \\
 &= 2^n - 1 + p2^n - p \\
 &= p + p2^n - p \quad ; \quad p = 2^n - 1 \\
 &= 2^n p \\
 &= N \quad \text{as required.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$n$	2	3	5	7
$p = 2^n - 1$	$2^2 - 1 = 3$	$2^3 - 1 = 7$	$2^5 - 1 = 31$	$2^7 - 1 = 127$
$2^{n-1}p$	$2(3) = 6$	$4(7) = 28$	$16(31) = 496$	$2^6(127) = 8128$

6, 28, 496, 8128 are four perfect numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4 \quad (i) \quad LHS &= \text{lcm}(a, b) \\
 &= \text{lcm}(70, 120) \\
 &= 7 \times 120 \\
 &= 840
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 RHS &= \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(70, 120)} \\
 &= \frac{70 \times 120}{10} \\
 &= 7 \times 120 \\
 &= 840 \\
 &= LHS
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$   
holds for  $a = 70, b = 120$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (ii) \quad LHS &= \text{lcm}(5, 11) \\
 &= 5 \times 11 \\
 &= 55
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 RHS &= \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(5, 11)} \\
 &= \frac{5 \times 11}{1} \\
 &= LHS
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$   
holds for  $a = 5, b = 11$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 (iii) \quad LHS &= \text{lcm}(272, 1749) \\
 &= 272 \times 1749
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 RHS &= \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)} \\
 &= \frac{272 \times 1749}{\text{gcd}(272, 1749)}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  
 Aside:  $\text{gcd}(272, 1749) = d$   
 $1749 = 6(272) + 117$   
 $272 = 2(117) + 38$   
 $117 = 3(38) + 3$   
 $38 = 12(3) + 2$   
 $3 = 1(2) + 1$   
 $2 = 2(1) + 0$

$$\text{So } d = 1$$

$$RHS = \frac{272 \times 1749}{1}$$

$$= LHS$$

Thus,  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$   
holds for  $a = 272, b = 1749$ .



4. We want to prove that  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$ .

Let  $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ .

Thus,  $d|a$  and  $d|b$  and  $d \geq 1$ .

SO  $a = dr$  and  $b = ds$  for  $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

Let  $m = \frac{ab}{d}$  which is really  $\frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } m &= \frac{(dr)b}{d} \quad \text{and} \quad m = \frac{a(ds)}{d} \\ m &= br \quad \quad \quad m = as \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $m$  is a positive common multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Now let  $c$  be any positive integer multiple of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Thus,  $c = au$  and  $c = bv$  for some  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . — (1)

Since  $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ , then there exist  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $d = ax + by$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{consider } \frac{c}{m} &= \frac{c}{\left(\frac{ab}{d}\right)} \\ &= \frac{cd}{ab} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{c(ax + by)}{ab} \quad \because d = ax + by$$

$$= \left(\frac{c}{b}\right)x + \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)y \quad \text{and from (1) we have}$$

$$\frac{c}{m} = vx + uy$$

$$c = m(vx + uy)$$

Thus,  $m | c$

So  $m \leq c$ .

Thus,  $m = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

Reversing the steps above will give us if  $m = \text{lcm}(a, b)$   
then  $m = \frac{ab}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$ .



5a) Proof by contradiction.

Let  $2^{1/3}$  be rational; i.e.

$$2^{1/3} = \frac{x}{y} \quad ; \text{ where } x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \gcd(x, y) = 1.$$

$$\text{So } 2 = \frac{x^3}{y^3}$$

$$2y^3 = x^3$$

$$\text{Let } x = 2^{a_1} p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$$

$$\text{and } y = 2^{b_1} q_1^{b_1} q_2^{b_2} \dots q_l^{b_l}$$

where each  $p_i$  and  $q_j$  is a prime and each  $a_i$  and  $b_j$  is an integer with  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$  and  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ .

Then

$$2(2^{b_1} q_1^{b_1} q_2^{b_2} \dots q_l^{b_l})^3 = (2^{a_1} p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k})^3$$

By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

$1+3b = 3a$  but this is impossible because both  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

Thus,  $2^{1/3}$  is irrational.

Same argument can be applied to  $3^{1/3}$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ )

5b) If  $m$  is an  $n$ th power then  $m^{1/n}$  is rational.

$$\text{i.e. } m = c^n \quad ; \quad c \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{then } c = m^{1/n}$$

since  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $m^{1/n}$  is rational.

( $\Rightarrow$ ) If  $m^{1/n}$  is rational then  $m$  is an  $n$ th power.

$$\text{Let } m^{1/n} = \frac{x}{y} \quad ; \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{then } ym^{1/n} = x$$

Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $p^a, p^b, p^c$  be the largest powers of  $p$  which divide  $x, y, m$  respectively.

Then the power of  $p$  dividing  $x^n$  is  $pa_n$ , while the power of  $p$  dividing  $ym^n$  is  $p^{c+bn}$ .

By the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, we must have

$$an = c + bn$$

$$\Rightarrow c = an - bn = n(a - b)$$

so  $c$  is divisible by  $n$ .

Thus, the power to which each prime divides  $m$  is a multiple of  $n$ , i.e.

$$m = p_1^{na_1} p_2^{na_2} \dots p_k^{na_k}$$

for some integers  $a_i$ .

$$\text{Hence } m = (p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k})^n$$

and so  $m$  is  $n$ th power as required.

$$6. E = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots, 2n, \dots\};$$

$$n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$e = \{2, 6, 10, 14, 18, \dots, 2(2m+1), \dots\}$$

$$m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

(i)  $6 = 2 \times 3$  but 3 is not even.

Since 3 is not even then  $\{3\} \notin E$

Thus, 6 cannot be expressed as a product of two other members of  $E$ .

So 6 is a prima.

$$4 = 2 \times 2. \quad 2 \text{ is even and } \{2\} \in E.$$

Since the definition of prima did not specify the members to be unique then 4 is not a prima.

(ii) The general form of a prima is  $2(2m+1)$ ;  
 $m \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

(iii) The general form of an element of  $E$  is  $2n$ ;  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

We want to prove that every element of  $E$  is a product of primas; i.e.  $2n = 2(2m+1) \times 2(2p+1)$

where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $m, p \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  and  $m$  and  $p$  may not be unique.

Case 1: an element  $e$  of  $E$  is a prima. In this case  $e$  is already a product of primas; namely itself.

Case 2: an element  $e$  of  $E$  is not a prima.

$$e = \{4, 8, 12, \dots, 4k, \dots\}; \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Any  $e$  can be written as

$$e = 4k \quad ; \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Case 2.1

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Since  $4k$  is even then  $4k$  can be expressed as the product of two even integers.

$$\begin{aligned} e &= (2a)(2b) \quad ; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ &= [2(p+1)] \times [2(q+1)] \quad ; p, q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e$  is a multiple of 4.

Case 2.2. Let  $4k$  be a product of an odd integer and an even integer

$$\begin{aligned} e &= (4a)[(b+1)] \quad ; a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \\ &= 2[2(p+1)][q+2] \quad ; p, q \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\} \\ &= 2(p+1)2(q+1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $e$  is also a multiple of 4.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(iv)} \quad \text{Let } e &= 2 \times 10 \times 6 \quad ; \{2, 6, 10\} \in \{\text{primes}\} \\ e &= 2 \times 2 \times 30 \quad ; \{2, 30\} \in \{\text{primes}\} \end{aligned}$$

Note:  $30 = 2(15)$  which is the form of a prime.

Thus, there is no unique prime factorization theorem.



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7. a) Want  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $\gcd(m, n) = 50$   
and  $\text{lcm}(m, n) = 1500$

$$\text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{mn}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

$$\text{so } 1500 = \frac{mn}{50}$$

$$\text{so } mn = 1500(50)$$

$$= (30 \times 50)(2 \times 5^2)$$

$$= (2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 2 \times 5^2)(2 \times 5^2)$$

$$= 2^3 \times 3 \times 5^5$$

$$= (2 \times 5^2)(2^2 \times 3 \times 5^3)$$

OR

$$= (2 \times 5^2 \times 3)(2^2 \times 5^3)$$

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$$= (2 \times 5^3 \times 3)(2^2 \times 5^2)$$

Note that each solution has  $\gcd(m, n) = 2 \times 5^2$ .

b) Want to prove that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then  $\gcd(m, n) \mid \text{lcm}(m, n)$ .

Let  $d = \gcd(m, n)$  and  $d \mid m$ .

Since  $d \mid m$  and  $\text{lcm}(m, n)$  is a multiple of  $m$   
then it must be the case  $d \mid \text{lcm}(m, n)$

• When does  $d = \text{lcm}(m, n)$ ?

$$\text{Since } \text{lcm}(m, n) = \frac{mn}{\gcd(m, n)}$$

$$\text{then } \text{lcm}(m, n) \times \gcd(m, n) = mn$$

$\text{lcm}(m, n) = \gcd(m, n)$  when  $\text{lcm}(m, n) = m$  and  $\gcd(m, n) = m$ .

or  $\text{lcm}(m, n) = n$  and  $\gcd(m, n) = n$ .



7c) If  $m, n$  are positive integers then  
 $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  such that  $x | m$ ,  $y | n$  and  
 $xy = \text{lcm}(m, n)$ .

$$\text{let } m = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \dots p_k^{r_k}, \quad n = p_1^{s_1} p_2^{s_2} \dots p_k^{s_k}$$

where  $p_i$  is a prime for  $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, k\}$ ,  
each  $r_i$  and  $s_i$  is a positive integer.

we let  $x$  to be the product of all  $p_i^{r_i}$  such  
that  $r_i \geq s_i$  and  
 $y$  to be the product of all the  $p_j^{s_j}$   
for which  $r_j < s_j$ .

Since  $x$  and  $y$  do not have common primes then  
 $\gcd(x, y) = 1$ .

Since  $m = kx$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then  
 $x | m$  and  $k$  is the product of all  $p_i^{r_i}$  such that  $r_i < s_i$ .

Since  $n = ly$  where  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  then  
 $y | n$  and  $l$  is the product of all  $p_j^{s_j}$  such that  $r_j \geq s_j$ .

Since  $\gcd(x, y) = 1$  then there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$   
such that  $sx + ty = 1$   
specifically  $s = k$  and  $t = l$ .

