

## 2197. Replace Non-Coprime Numbers in Array

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Hint

You are given an array of integers `nums`. Perform the following steps:

1. Find **any** two **adjacent** numbers in `nums` that are **non-coprime**.
2. If no such numbers are found, **stop** the process.
3. Otherwise, delete the two numbers and **replace** them with their **LCM (Least Common Multiple)**.
4. **Repeat** this process as long as you keep finding two adjacent non-coprime numbers.

Return *the final modified array*. It can be shown that replacing adjacent non-coprime numbers in **any** arbitrary order will lead to the same result.

The test cases are generated such that the values in the final array are **less than or equal to**  $10^8$ .

Two values `x` and `y` are **non-coprime** if  $\text{GCD}(x, y) > 1$  where  $\text{GCD}(x, y)$  is the **Greatest Common Divisor** of `x` and `y`.

### Example 1:

**Input:** `nums = [6,4,3,2,7,6,2]`

**Output:** `[12,7,6]`

#### Explanation:

- (6, 4) are non-coprime with  $\text{LCM}(6, 4) = 12$ . Now, `nums = [12,3,2,7,6,2]`.
- (12, 3) are non-coprime with  $\text{LCM}(12, 3) = 12$ . Now, `nums = [12,2,7,6,2]`.
- (12, 2) are non-coprime with  $\text{LCM}(12, 2) = 12$ . Now, `nums = [12,7,6,2]`.
- (6, 2) are non-coprime with  $\text{LCM}(6, 2) = 6$ . Now, `nums = [12,7,6]`.

There are no more adjacent non-coprime numbers in `nums`.

Thus, the final modified array is `[12,7,6]`.

Note that there are other ways to obtain the same resultant array.

My rough idea:

1. ~~Time Limit Exceeded~~ → probably Time Limit Exceeded.

2. assign dictionary to each number:

eg.  $6 = \{2=1, 3=1\}$

$16 = \{2=4\}$

→  $\text{GCD}(6, 16) = \{2=\min(1,4), 3=\min(1,0)\}$   
 $= \{2=1\}$

$= 2 \rightarrow \text{non-coprime}$

→  $6, 16 \Rightarrow \text{LCD}(6, 16) = \{2=\max(1,4), 3=\max(1,0)\}$

$$= \{2:4, 3:1\}$$

$$= 48$$

Stack

if order doesn't matter, always operate the  
[0] and [1], till the end.

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1 class Solution:
2     def replaceNonCoprimes(self, nums: List[int]) -> List[int]:
3         st = []
4         for n in nums:
5             while st:
6                 g = math.gcd(n, st[-1])
7                 if g == 1:
8                     break
9                 n = st.pop() * n // g
10            st.append(n)
11            #print("here: ", n)
12
13         return st
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don't use math.lcd, it's time consuming.