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Formally, for every two numbers $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, there always exist number $q \in \mathbb{N}$ and $r \leq n$ (called the **remainder**) such that

$$n = m \cdot q + r$$
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Using integer division and modulus, we can write the operation of division with remainder like this:

$$n = m \cdot (n \operatorname{div} m) + n \operatorname{mod} m$$
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CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM



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孙子 then determines, that there are 1431 soldiers standing before him.



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A number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is **prime** if it has **exactly two divisors** – 1 and itself. We denote the set of all prime numbers by \mathbb{P} .



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We divide the number in question as many times as possible and proceed to find the next prime factor of the resulting quotient.

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This means that $16335 = 3^3 \cdot 5 \cdot 11^2$.

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Given two numbers $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$, their **Greatest Common Divisor** (GCD) or Highest Common Factor (HCF) is the largest natural number $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $k \mid n$ and $k \mid m$.

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We'll denote the GCD of n and m as gcd(n, m) or simply as (n, m).

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$$\operatorname{lcm}(n,m) = \frac{n \cdot m}{\gcd(n,m)}.$$

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The other option how to calculate the least common multiple of two numbers is to take their prime factors elevated on the highest power that appears in at least one of the numbers.





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$$3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11^2 = 571725.$$