

Topics to discuss

- Find HCF/GCD of two numbers
- Brute force and Optimal Solution.
- Its time & space complexity.
- Add to Github

GCD or HCF of two Numbers

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Greatest common divisor

Highest common factor.

For example:

$$a = 10, b = 32$$

{ divisors of 10 is 1, 2, 5, 10
divisors of 32 is 1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32

Common divisors = 1, 2

Greatest common divisor = 2

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static int gcd(int a, int b) {
    int min = Math.min(a, b);
    int result = 1;
    for (int i = 1; i <= min; i++) {
        if (a % i == 0 && b % i == 0) {
            result = i;
        }
    }
    return result;
}

```

$i = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10$
 (Note: In the original image, '1' and '2' are circled, and arrows point down to '2' and '3' respectively.)

~~ans = 1~~ ans = 2

Test case I: #DSAWithArfin

I/p : $a = 10, b = 32$

O/p : 2

Test case II:

I/p : $a = 50, b = 100$

O/p : 50

Euclidean Algorithm / Euclid's MethodExample : $a=35$, $b=25$

Note : Let 'b' be smaller than 'a'

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a-b, b)$$

$$5 = \gcd(10, 25)$$

$$= \gcd(10, 15)$$

$$= \gcd(10, 5)$$

$$= \gcd(5, 5)$$

$$= 5$$

$$\min = 25$$

$$25 \overline{) 35} \begin{matrix} (1 \\ 25 \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 10 \\ \hline 25 \overline{) 25} \begin{matrix} (2 \\ 20 \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} (5) \overline{) 10} \begin{matrix} (2 \\ 10 \end{matrix} \\ \hline \text{xx} \end{array}$$

HCF is 5

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Static int ESolution(int a, int b){  
    int min = Math.min(a,b);  
    int max = Math.max(a,b);  
    if (a==b) return a;  
    else return ESolution(max-min,min);  
}
```

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(a-b, b)$$

$b < a$

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a \% b)$$

example : $a = 8$, $b = 36$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{gcd}(8, 36) &= \text{gcd}(36, 4) \\ &= \text{gcd}(4, 0) \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$$8 \% 36 = 4$$

$$36 \% 4 = 0$$

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Static int ESolution2(int a, int b){  
    if (b == 0) return a;  
    else return ESolution(b, a % b);  
}
```

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a \% b)$$

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