

Project Euler Problem 5

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Find the least common multiple of the numbers 1-20.

We know the least common multiple of any list of numbers is to take the max power of all primes in the prime factor decomposition of each of the numbers and multiply accordingly.

ie for example uses the numbers 1 through 20

$$1 = 1$$

$$2 = 2$$

$$3 = 3$$

$$4 = 2 * 2 = 2^2$$

$$\vdots$$

$$20 = 2 * 2 * 5 = 2^2 * 5$$

so we see that the max power of each prime in the list less than or equal to 20 is as follows: $\max(2)=4$, $\max(3)=2$, $\max(\text{other primes})=1$. So our desired number n is: $n = 2^4 * 3^2 * 5^1 * \dots * 19^1$

Solution: 232792560