

# "GCD"

- Core concepts
- Problems

## Greatest Common Divisor

↳ largest no that divides both a, b

$$a = 10 \quad b = 12$$

$$\text{gcd}(10, 12) = 2$$

$$\text{gcd}(20, 12) = 4$$

$$\text{gcd}(56, 70) = 7$$

Max value of GCD

↓

$$\min(8, 12)$$

Brute  
Force

$$\text{gcd} = 1$$

for( i=1; i ≤ min(A, B) ; i++) {

if (A%i == 0 && B%i == 0) {

$$\text{gcd} = i$$

	a	b	gcd
⇒	20	12	
i=1	✓	✓	1
i=2	✓	✓	2
i=3	x	✓	2
i=4	✓	✓	4 Break

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    }
}
Print(gcd)

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Time  $\Rightarrow O(\min(A, B)) \rightarrow$  linear in terms of Input  $N$

GCD - The School Method (Euclid's Algorithm)

$\text{gcd}(28, 60)$

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28 | 60 | 2
   56
   ---
   4 | 28 | 7
     28
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Brute Force  $\rightarrow$  Linear

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i = min(A, B)
while(i > 0) {
    if i divides A, B
    [ print i
      break ]
}

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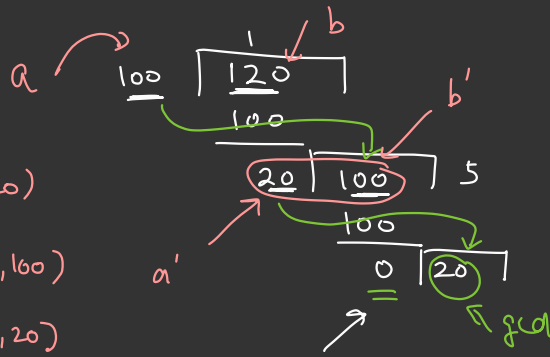
$\text{gcd}(13, 15)$   $\downarrow$  1

Worst case remains same

$$\gcd(100, 120)$$

$$= \gcd(20, 100)$$

$$= \gcd(0, 20)$$



Recursive Case

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

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

Base Case

if  $(a == 0)$

$\gcd = b$

return  $\gcd$

$$\gcd(13, 64) = 1$$

$$64 \div 13 = 4 \leftarrow$$

$$52$$

$$12 \div 13 = 1 \leftarrow$$

$$12$$

$$1 \div 12 = 12 \leftarrow$$

$$12$$

$$0 \div 1 = 1 \leftarrow$$

gcd

4 Steps

// Euclid's Algorithm

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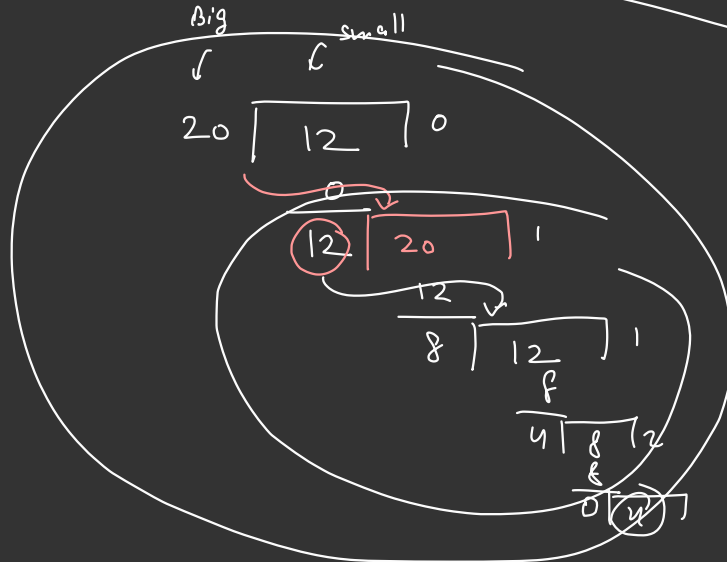
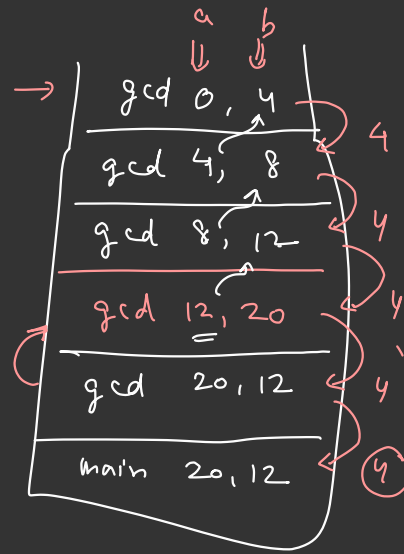
static int getGcd(int a, int b){
    if(a==0){
        return b;
    }
    return getGcd(b%a, a);
}

```

$a = 20$  one extra  
 $b = 12$  step

$a = 12$   
 $b = 20$

Base case



LCM  $\rightarrow$  Least Common Multiple

Algo-1      lcm (12, 15) = 60

$O(\text{LCM}(A, B))$   
↑

{  
    i=1      12, 15  
    =2  
    =3  
    =4  
    ⋮  
    =58      12, 15  
    =59      - -  
    =60,      12, 15  
}

```
i = 1
while (true) {
    if (i % A == 0 && i % B == 0) {
        break;
    }
    i++;
}
print(i)
```

Algo-2

$$O\left(\frac{\text{LCM}(A, B)}{\max(A, B)}\right)$$



12, 15  
30  
45  
60

$$\frac{60}{15} = 4 \text{ steps}$$

15 % 12 NO

30 % 12 NO

45 % 12 NO

60 % 12 [YES]

LCM → 60

generate multiples of 1 No and check dis by other No

large = max(A, B), other = min(A, B)

i = large

while (true) {

if (i % other) {

print(i), break;

}

i = i + large;

}

Algo-3

GCD Property (Result)

$$\boxed{\underbrace{\text{GCD}} \times \text{LCM} = a \times b}$$

↑  
Euclid's  
method

↓  
Recursively

↓  
Iteratively

LCM

=

$$\frac{12 \times 20}{\text{gcd}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \frac{12 \times 20}{1} = \boxed{60}$$

$$a = 12$$
$$b = 20$$

Same as gcd  $O(\log N)$

$$a = \underline{\underline{25}} \quad b = \underline{\underline{5}}$$

$$\text{LCM} = \frac{25 \times 5}{5} = \underline{\underline{25}}$$

$$25 \times 1 = \underline{\underline{25}} \quad \text{LCM}$$
$$5 \times 5 = \underline{\underline{25}}$$

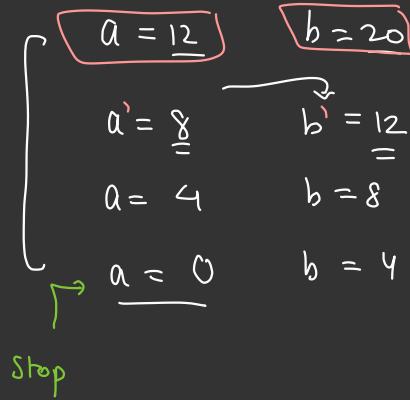
Iterative Code for GCD →

↑

Constant

Space

$O(1)$



```
static int getGcd(int a, int b){  
    if(a==0){  
        return b;  
    }  
    return getGcd(b%a, a);  
}
```

Read a, b,

while( a!=0 ) {

$a' = b \% a$ ,  $b' = a$ ; → old val

Step	a	b
Initial	12	20
1	8	12
2	4	8
3	0	4

}

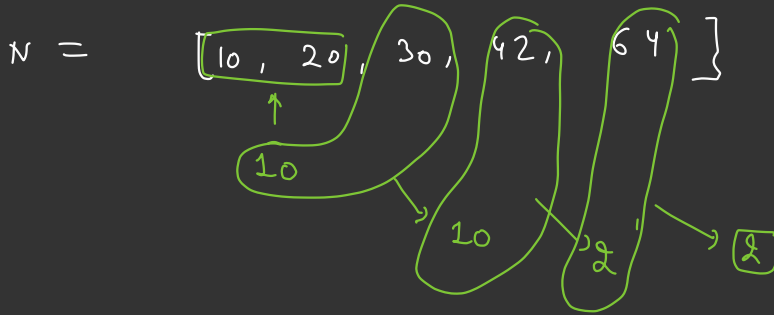


Time Complexity of Euclid's  $\rightarrow O(\log(\min(a, b)))$

Space  $\rightarrow$  Rec =  $O(\log(\min(a, b)))$   
                   $\hookrightarrow$  Iter =  $O(1)$

$\sim O(\log N)$   
fast

Q Given N numbers find their gcd.



Output  $\rightarrow$   $[2]$

Pairwise fashion

2 Mins

(5)

10, 20, 30, 64, 42

↑    ↑    ↑

→ 'h' = readNo()

→ gcd = readNo()

for (i=1; i<n; i++) {  
     no = readNo();

→ gcd = getGcd(gcd, no);

↑

→ }

return gcd,

$O(n \log(\text{Number}))$

gcd = 10

gcd(20, 10) = 10

gcd(30, 10) = 10

gcd(64, 10) = 2

gcd(2, 42) = 2

(2)



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## PROBLEMS

Q1 given an array check if there is subsequence with  $\gcd = 1$

$\{10, 20, \underline{12}, 40, \underline{13}\}$   $\downarrow$   
zero or more

$\downarrow$   
Yes

$\uparrow$

find  
 $\gcd$   
of  
array  $= 1$

Examples  $\gcd = \gcd(12, 13) = 1$   
 $\gcd = \gcd(10, 12, 13) = 1$

$\{15, 35\} \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

$\{15, 35, 25, 50\} \rightarrow \text{No}$

$\{\underline{9}, \underline{8}, 6\} \rightarrow \text{Yes}$

$[9, 8] \rightarrow 1$

Co-prime  
Two nos whose  
 $\gcd = 1$ , they  
are called  
co-prime



← sub →

← →

$$\begin{aligned} \text{gcd}(\text{subsequence}) &= 1 \\ \text{gcd}(\text{array}) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

if array gcd <sup>is</sup> 1, then such a subsequence will  
always Exist

Examples

{ 6, 12, 3, 18 }

gcd = 3

No

{  $\frac{16}{2}, \frac{10}{5}, \frac{6}{3}, \frac{15}{5}, \frac{27}{3}$  }

gcd = 1

Yes

{ 27, 6 }  
{ 27, 6, 15 }  
{ ----- }

Divisors

2, 4

2, 5

2, 3

2, 5

2, 3

Q Given an array, we can delete 1 element from the array, and take gcd of remaining elements. Find the max gcd we can generate by removing 1 element from the array. Duplicates can be present.

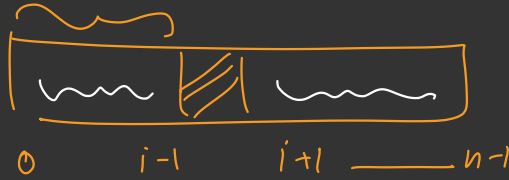
24, 16, 18, 30, 15  
 ↑  
 {  
 1

24, 18, 30, 15, (3)

24, 16, 18, 30, 15  
 4

[Brute Force]

Compute gcd at every  $i$  except  $a[i]$



$$gcd; = \underline{gcd(gcd1, gcd2)}$$

Think...

for (            i            ) {

gcd of  
    remaining array

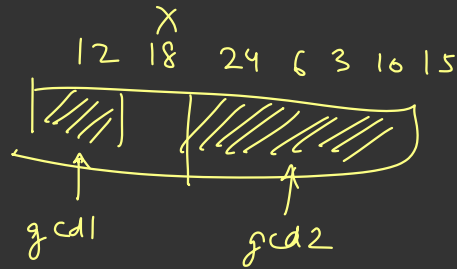
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$$O(N \cdot N \log N)$$

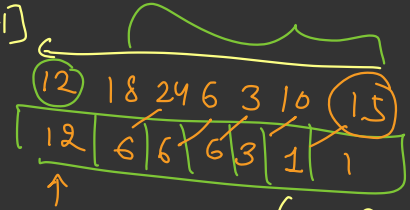
$$= O(N^2 \log(N))$$

prefix gcd  $[i] =$  gcd of All elements  $[0-i]$

Suffix gcd  $[i] =$  gcd of All elements  $[i+1-n-1]$



prefix  
gcd  
Array



suffix  
gcd



→

ans = 0

for (i = 0; i ≤ n-1) {

left gcd = pf gcd  $[i-1]$ , 0(1) if  $i=0$  left gcd = 0,

Right gcd = sf gcd  $[i+1]$ , 0(1) if  $i=n-1$  Right gcd = 0

currentAns = gcd(left gcd, right gcd), 0(log N)

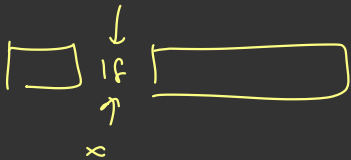
ans = max(ans, currentAns).

Algo

0(log N)



}



①

$$pfgcd = []$$

$$pfgcd[0] = arr[0]$$

$$\text{for } (i=1 \text{ --- } N-1) \{$$

$$pfgcd[i] = \underline{\text{gcd}}(pfgcd[i-1], arr[i])$$

method

$$\underline{N \log(N)}$$

②

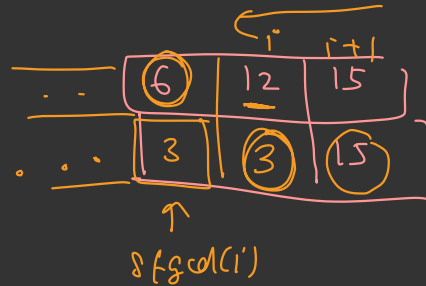
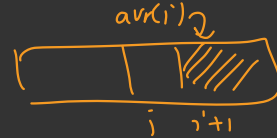
$$sfgcd = [], \quad sfgcd[n-1] = arr[n-1]$$

$$\text{for } (i = \underline{N-2}; \quad i \geq 0; \quad i--) \{$$

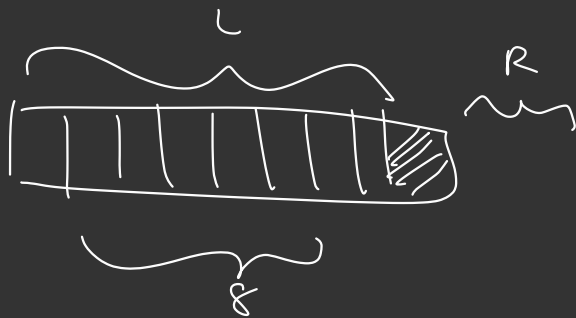
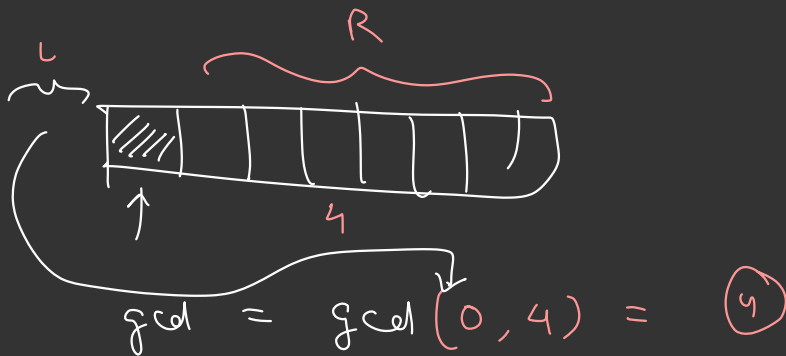
$$\underline{sfgcd[i]} = \overset{\text{gcd}}{(sfgcd[i+1], \underline{arr[i]})}$$

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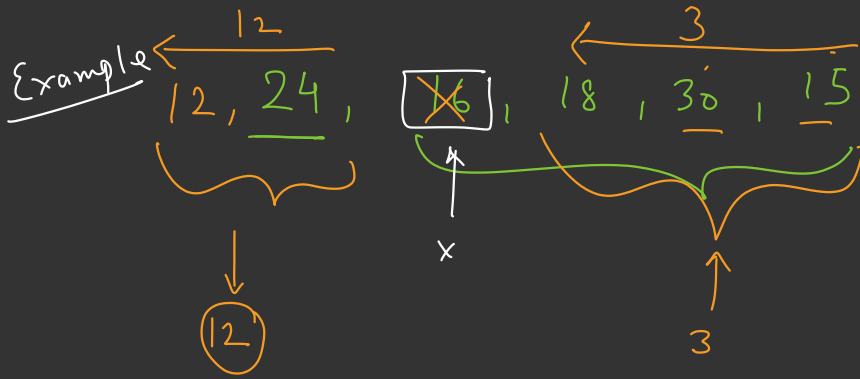
$$N \log(N)$$







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



$$\gcd(12, 3) = 3$$

Max Sub

Sum  $-1000 \leq a[i] \leq 1000$

$n = 10^5$

CS,  
MS

Input

5 3 2 6 8 -4 ...

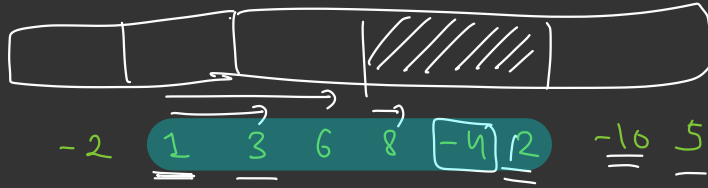
CS = 5 + 3 + 2 + -6 + ...  
for (i = 0; i < n; i++)  
CS += a[i];

$O(N)$  Time  
 $O(1)$  Space

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{if}(cs < 0) \{ \quad cs = 0 \} \\ \underline{ms} = \underline{\max}(\underline{ms}, \underline{cs}); \end{array} \right\}$$

All -ve No's is  
a spl case.

$ms = 0$



$\boxed{-ve} + \boxed{+ve} \downarrow$

$cs =$  ~~-2~~  
 $0, 1, 4, 10, 18, 14, 26, 16, 21$

$ms =$  ~~0~~, 1, 4, 10, 18, 18, 26, 26, ~~26~~