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Access GeoGebra at <https://www.geogebra.org/m/tuf7y6sh>.

Two stills from the GeoGebra interactive are in Figure 1 and Figure 2.

**In-class Problem 1** The steps below outline the proof in the general case, when  $p = 7$  and  $q = 5$ . This case is in Figure 1.

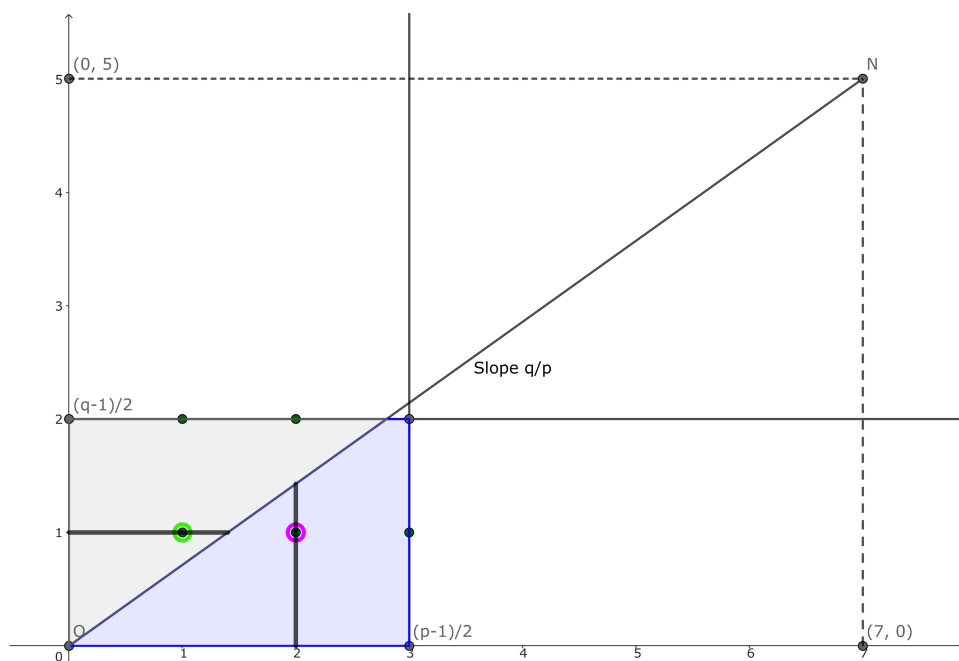


Figure 1: The lattice for the  $p = 7, q = 5$  problem, with the  $j = 1$  and  $k = 2$  cases highlighted

- (a) The line segment between the origin and  $(7, 5)$  has slope \_\_\_\_\_. Since  $p = 7$  and  $q = 5$  are distinct primes, there are no lattice points on line segment except the endpoints.
- (b) First, we will count the number of points  $N_1$  where  $\frac{5-1}{2} \geq y > \frac{5}{7}x > 0$ . This triangle is grey in the GeoGebra. We will count how many lattice points on each horizontal lines  $j = 1, 2$ . Let's just check the numbers we should get:

- When  $j = 1$ , there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.
- When  $j = 2$ , there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.

For each  $j$ , we are counting positive integers  $x < \frac{7}{5}j$ . Which is,

Thus, the total number of lattice points in this triangle,  $N_1$ , is

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- (c) Next we will count the rest of the lattice points in the rectangle, the blue region in the GeoGebra. We will call this number  $N_2$ .

The region is bounded by  $0 < x \leq \frac{7-1}{2}$ ,  $0 < y < \frac{5}{7}x$ , and  $y \leq \frac{5-1}{2}$ . Now, the point  $A$  where  $y = \frac{5}{7}x$  intersects  $y = \frac{5-1}{2}$  is between two consecutive lattice points, with coordinates  $(\frac{7-1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2})$ . Similarly, the point  $B$  where  $y = \frac{5}{7}x$  intersects  $x = \frac{7-1}{2}$  is between two consecutive lattice points, with coordinates  $(\frac{7-1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2})$ . Thus, the only lattice point in the triangle  $A, B$  and  $(\frac{7-1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2})$  is  $(\frac{7-1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2})$ . Therefore, there are also  $N_2$  lattice points in the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0), (\frac{7-1}{2}, 0), (\frac{7-1}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2})$ .

- (d) We use the same method as  $N_1$  to find  $N_2$ . We will count how many lattice points on each vertical lines  $k = 1, 2, 3$ . Let's just check the numbers we should get:

- When  $k = 1$ , there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.
- When  $k = 2$ , there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.
- When  $k = 3$ , there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.

For each  $k$ , we are counting positive integers  $y < \frac{5}{7}k$ . Which is,

Thus, the total number of lattice points in this triangle is

Thus, the total number of lattice points is  $N_1 + N_2 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

**In-class Problem 2** The steps below outline the proof in the general case, when  $p = 23$  and  $q = 13$ .

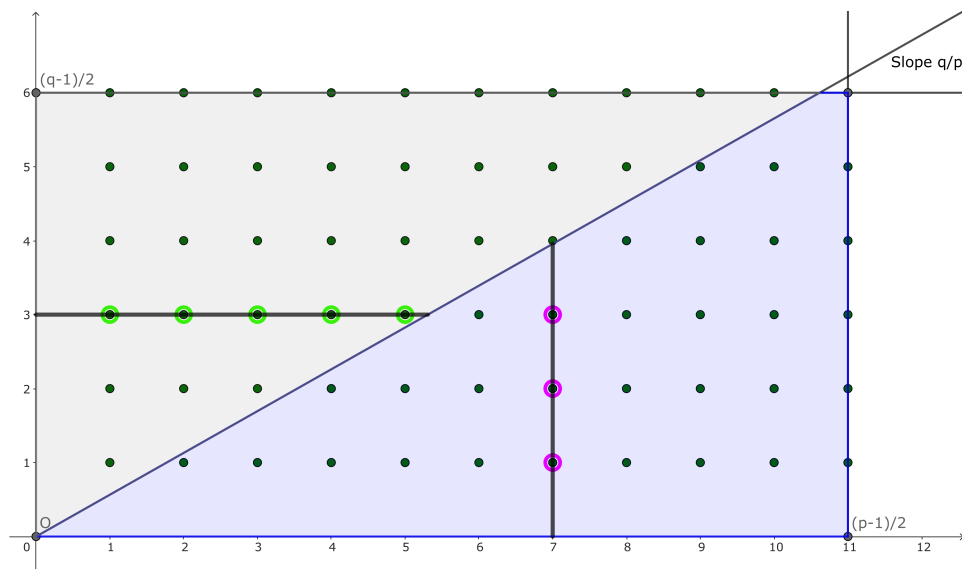


Figure 2: The lattice for the  $p = 23, q = 13$ , with the  $j = 3$  and  $k = 7$  cases highlighted

- (a) The line segment between the origin and  $(23, 13)$  has slope \_\_\_\_\_. Since  $p = 23$  and  $q = 13$  are distinct primes, there are no lattice points on line segment except the endpoints.
- (b) First, we will count the number of points  $N_1$  where  $\frac{13-1}{2} \geq y > \frac{13}{23}x > 0$ . This triangle is grey in the GeoGebra. We will count how many lattice points on each horizontal lines  $j = 1, 2, \dots, \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ . Let's just check one case, we should get:
- When  $j = 3$ , as in Figure 2, there are \_\_\_\_\_ lattice points.

For each  $j$ , we are counting positive integers  $x < \text{---}j$ . Which is,

Thus, the total number of lattice points in this triangle is

- (c) Next we will count the rest of the lattice points in the rectangle, the blue region in the GeoGebra. We will call this number  $N_2$ .

The region is bounded by  $0 < x \leq \frac{23-1}{2}$ ,  $0 < y < \frac{13}{23}x$ , and  $y \leq \frac{13-1}{2}$ . Now, the point  $A$  where  $y = \frac{13}{23}x$  intersects  $y = \frac{13-1}{2}$  is between two consecutive lattice points, with coordinates  $(\frac{23-1}{2}, \frac{13-1}{2})$ . Similarly, the point  $B$  where  $y = \frac{13}{23}x$  intersects  $x = \frac{23-1}{2}$  is between two consecutive lattice points, with coordinates  $(\frac{23-1}{2}, \frac{13-1}{2})$ . Thus, the only lattice point in the triangle  $AB$  and  $(\frac{23-1}{2}, \frac{13-1}{2})$  is  $(\frac{23-1}{2}, \frac{13-1}{2})$ . Therefore, there are also  $N_2$  lattice points in the triangle with vertices  $(0, 0), (\frac{23-1}{2}, 0), (\frac{23-1}{2}, \frac{13-1}{2})$ .

- (d) We use the same method as  $N_1$  to find  $N_2$ . We will count how many lattice points on each vertical lines  $k = 1, 2, \dots, \text{---}$ . Let's just check the numbers we should get:

- When  $k = 7$ , as in Figure 2, there are  $\text{---}$  lattice points.

For each  $k$ , we are counting positive integers  $y < \text{---}k$ . Which is,

Thus, the total number of lattice points in this triangle is

Thus, the total number of lattice points is  $N_1 + N_2 = \text{---}$ .