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Sure! Let’s solve this problem step-by-step.

The **GCD (Greatest Common Divisor)** of two positive integers A and B is the largest positive integer that divides both A and B without leaving a remainder. One of the most common algorithms to find the GCD is the **Euclidean algorithm**.

Euclidean Algorithm

The Euclidean algorithm is based on the principle that the GCD of two numbers also divides their difference. The steps are as follows:

1. If B is 0, then GCD(A, B) is A.
2. Otherwise, replace A with B and B with the remainder of A divided by B.
3. Repeat the process until B becomes 0. The value of A at this point will be the GCD.

Implementation in R

Let’s write a function in R to find the GCD of two positive integers using the Euclidean algorithm.

```r
# Function to find GCD using Euclidean algorithm
gcd <- function(A, B) {
  while (B != 0) {
    remainder <- A %% B
    A <- B
    B <- remainder
  }
  return(A)
}

# Example usage
A <- 56
B <- 98
result <- gcd(A, B)
print(paste("The GCD of", A, "and", B, "is", result))
```

Explanation

1. **Function Definition**: We define a function `gcd` that takes two arguments, A and B.
2. **While Loop**: The loop continues until B becomes 0.
3. **Remainder Calculation**: We calculate the remainder of A divided by B using the `%%` operator.
4. **Update A and B**: We update A to be B, and B to be the remainder.
5. **Return GCD**: Once B is 0, the loop ends, and we return the value of A, which is the GCD.

Example

In the example provided, we find the GCD of 56 and 98. The function will output:

```
[1] "The GCD of 56 and 98 is 14"
```

Feel free to ask if you have any questions or need further clarification!