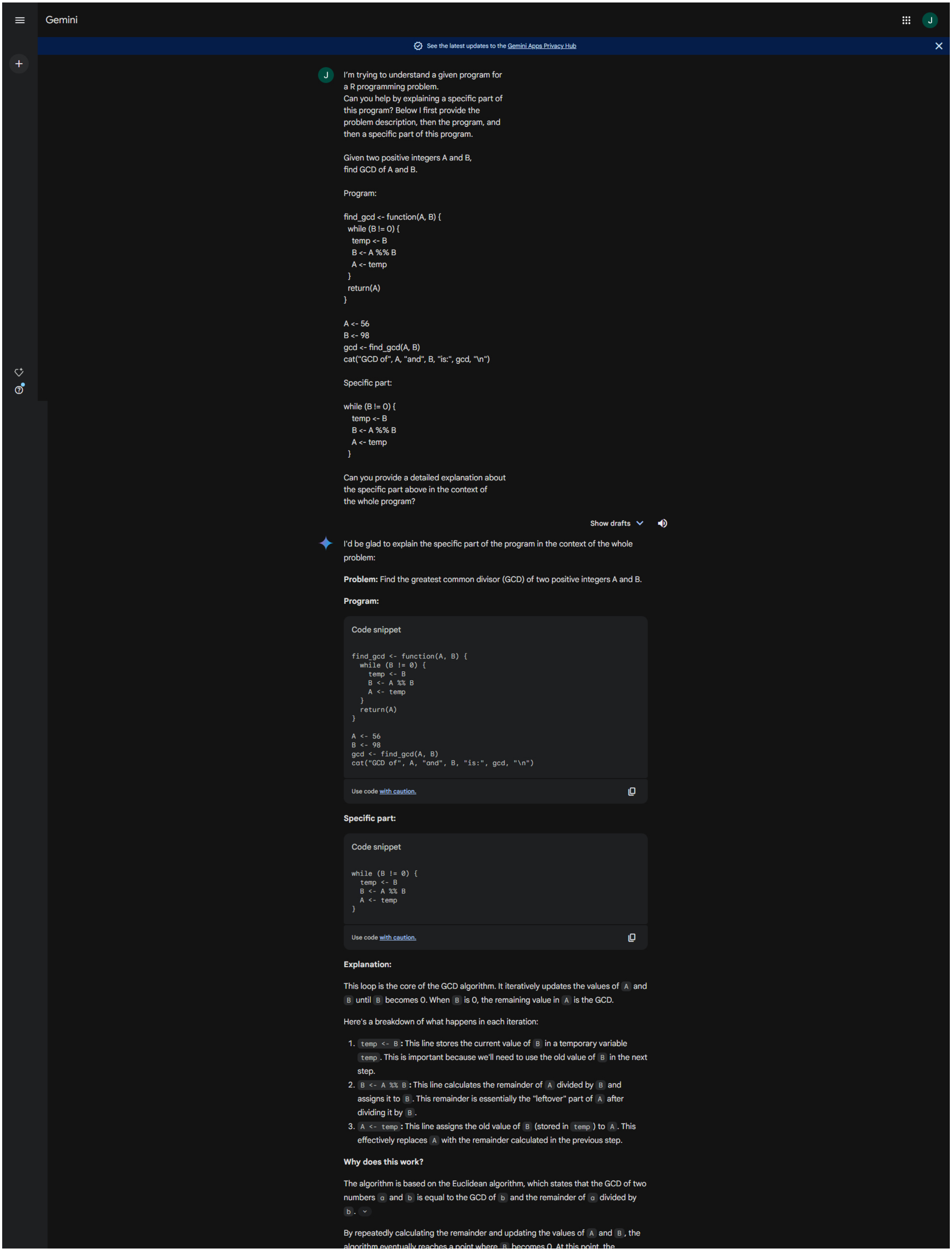

I'm trying to understand a given program for a R programming problem.
Can you help by explaining a specific part of this program? Below I first provide the problem description, then the program, and then a specific part of this program.

Given two positive integers A and B,
find GCD of A and B.

Program:

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  B <- A %% B
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B <- 98
gcd <- find_gcd(A, B)
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Specific part:

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Can you provide a detailed explanation about
the specific part above in the context of
the whole program?

I'd be glad to explain the specific part of the program in the context of the whole problem:

Problem: Find the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two positive integers A and B.

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Code snippet

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Explanation:

This loop is the core of the GCD algorithm. It iteratively updates the values of `A` and `B` until `B` becomes 0. When `B` is 0, the remaining value in `A` is the GCD.

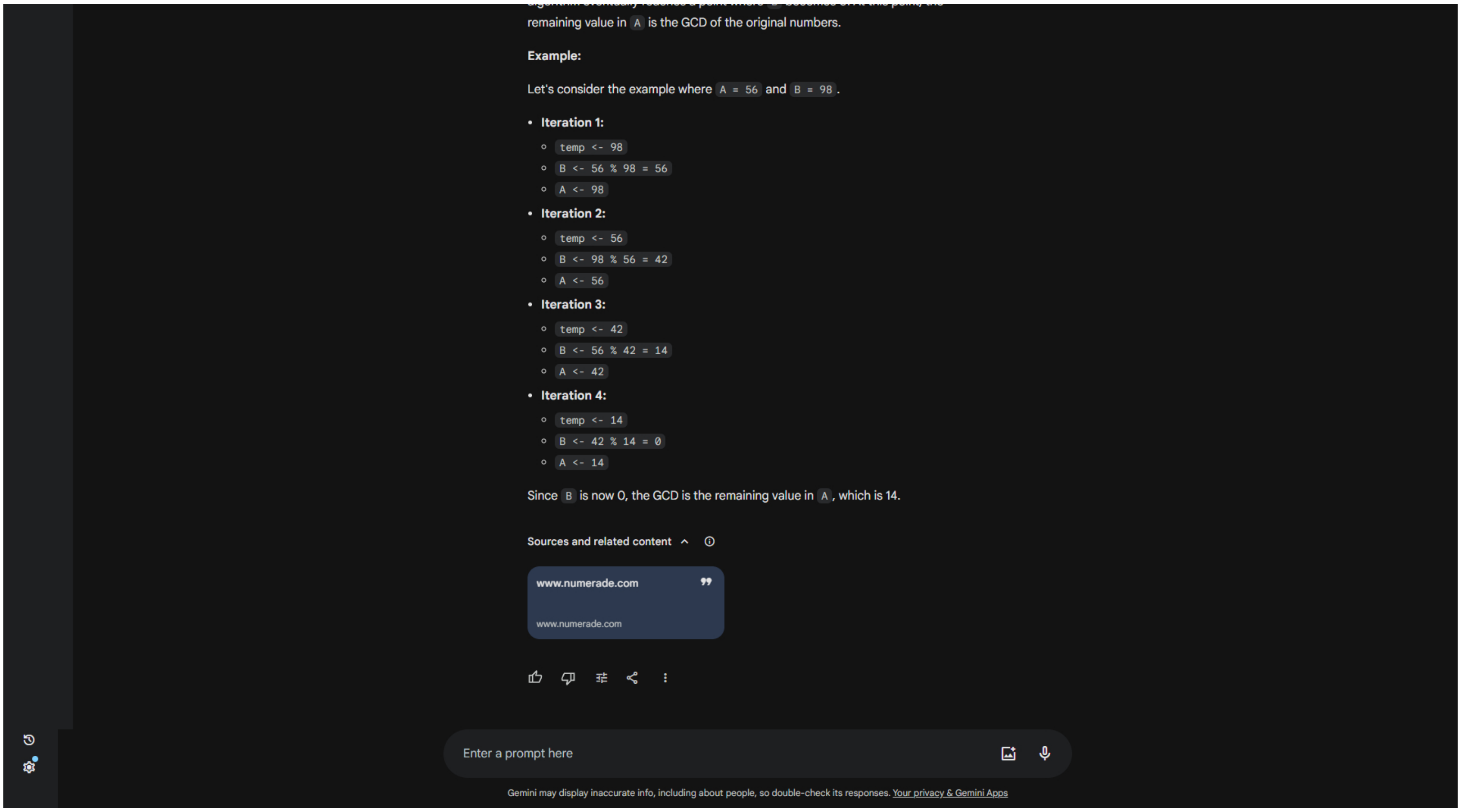
Here's a breakdown of what happens in each iteration:

1. `temp <- B`: This line stores the current value of `B` in a temporary variable `temp`. This is important because we'll need to use the old value of `B` in the next step.
2. `B <- A %% B`: This line calculates the remainder of `A` divided by `B` and assigns it to `B`. This remainder is essentially the "leftover" part of `A` after dividing it by `B`.
3. `A <- temp`: This line assigns the old value of `B` (stored in `temp`) to `A`. This effectively replaces `A` with the remainder calculated in the previous step.

Why does this work?

The algorithm is based on the Euclidean algorithm, which states that the GCD of two numbers `a` and `b` is equal to the GCD of `b` and the remainder of `a` divided by `b`.

By repeatedly calculating the remainder and updating the values of `A` and `B`, the algorithm eventually reaches a point where `B` becomes 0. At this point, the



remaining value in `A` is the GCD of the original numbers.

Example:

Let's consider the example where `A = 56` and `B = 98`.

- **Iteration 1:**
  - `temp <- 98`
  - `B <- 56 % 98 = 56`
  - `A <- 98`
- **Iteration 2:**
  - `temp <- 56`
  - `B <- 98 % 56 = 42`
  - `A <- 56`
- **Iteration 3:**
  - `temp <- 42`
  - `B <- 56 % 42 = 14`
  - `A <- 42`
- **Iteration 4:**
  - `temp <- 14`
  - `B <- 42 % 14 = 0`
  - `A <- 14`

Since `B` is now 0, the GCD is the remaining value in `A`, which is 14.

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