

# gcdSum(n) and lcmSum(n)

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## 1 GCD SUM FUNCTION

Given a positive integer  $n$ ,  $gcdSum(n)$  function is like:

$$gcdSum(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n gcd(i, n)$$

Example:  $n = 6$

$$gcd(1, 6) = 1$$

$$gcd(2, 6) = 2$$

$$gcd(3, 6) = 3$$

$$gcd(4, 6) = 2$$

$$gcd(5, 6) = 1$$

$$gcd(6, 6) = 6$$

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$$gcdSum(6) = 15$$

Notice that gcd of each pair  $(i, n)$  must be one of the divisors of  $n$ .

For  $n = 6$ , divisors are 1, 2, 3, 6. So we can think in reverse way, for each divisors how many pairs  $(i, n)$  exist. For example, when  $n = 6$ , the divisor 2 has 2 pairs (2, 6) and (4, 6). So lets calculate  $gcdSum(n)$  in another way. We will denote each divisor by  $d$ .

Example:  $n = 6$

Divisor  $d = 1$  has 2 pairs. So,  $1 * 2 = 2$

Divisor  $d = 2$  has 2 pairs. So,  $2 * 2 = 4$

Divisor  $d = 3$  has 1 pairs. So,  $3 * 1 = 3$

Divisor  $d = 6$  has 1 pairs. So,  $6 * 1 = 6$

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Now the problem turns into counting pairs of  $(i, n)$  for a specific divisor  $d$ . There is a nice theorem using ETF (Euler Totient Function) to count this.

**Theorem 1** *Given a positive integer  $n$  and let  $d$  is a divisor of  $n$ , then number of pairs  $(i, n)$  where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $\gcd(i, n) = d$  is:*

$$\phi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

So, again lets check for  $n = 6$

$$d = 1 : \phi\left(\frac{6}{1}\right) * 1 = 2 * 1 = 2$$

$$d = 2 : \phi\left(\frac{6}{2}\right) * 2 = 2 * 2 = 4$$

$$d = 3 : \phi\left(\frac{6}{3}\right) * 3 = 1 * 3 = 3$$

$$d = 6 : \phi\left(\frac{6}{6}\right) * 6 = 1 * 6 = 6$$

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Finally we can write,

$$\gcdSum(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \gcd(i, n) = \sum_{d|n} \phi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) * d$$

In above formula, we have to find all divisors of  $n$  to get the result of  $\gcdSum(n)$ . Theoretically, we have to traverse from 1 to  $\sqrt{n}$  to get all divisors. We can find more efficient formula which doesn't need to generate divisors but only prime factors.

Lets check  $\gcdSum(n)$  for only positive prime integer like  $\gcdSum(p)$ :  
When  $n$  is prime, all pairs except the pair  $(p, p)$  has gcd value 1. For example,  $n = 5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\gcd(1, 5) &= 1 \\
\gcd(2, 5) &= 1 \\
\gcd(3, 5) &= 1 \\
\gcd(4, 5) &= 1 \\
\gcd(5, 5) &= 5
\end{aligned}$$


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$$\text{So, } \gcd\text{Sum}(p) = (p-1) + p = 2p - 1$$

Now, let's check  $\gcd\text{Sum}(n)$  for power of a prime like  $\gcd\text{Sum}(p^a)$ :  
At first an example for  $n = 3^3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}
\gcd(1, 3^3) &= 1 \\
\gcd(2, 3^3) &= 1 \\
\gcd(3, 3^3) &= 3 \\
&\dots \\
\gcd(4, 3^3) &= 1 \\
\gcd(5, 3^3) &= 1 \\
\gcd(6, 3^3) &= 3 \\
&\dots \\
\gcd(3^2, 3^3) &= 3^2 \\
&\dots \\
\gcd(12, 3^3) &= 3 \\
\gcd(13, 3^3) &= 3 \\
&\dots \\
\gcd(3^3, 3^3) &= 3^2
\end{aligned}$$

Notice that in case of  $n = p^a$ , divisors of  $n$  will be  $1, p, p^2, \dots, p^a$ . So,

$$\begin{aligned}
d = 1 : \phi\left(\frac{p^a}{1}\right) * 1 &= \phi(p^a) \\
d = p : \phi\left(\frac{p^a}{p}\right) * p &= \phi(p^{a-1}) * p \\
d = p^2 : \phi\left(\frac{p^a}{p^2}\right) * p^2 &= \phi(p^{a-2}) * p^2 \\
&\dots \\
d = p^a : \phi\left(\frac{p^a}{p^a}\right) * p^a &= \phi(1) * p^a
\end{aligned}$$


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$$gcdSum(p^a) = \phi(p^a) + \phi(p^{a-1}) * p + \phi(p^{a-2}) * p^2 + \phi(1) * p^a$$

$$\text{We know, } \phi(p^a) = p^a - p^{a-1}$$

$$gcdSum(p^a) = (p^a - p^{a-1}) + (p^a - p^{a-1}) + (p^a - p^{a-1}) + \dots + p^a$$

$$gcdSum(p^a) = a * (p^a - p^{a-1}) + p^a$$

$$gcdSum(p^a) = (a + 1) * p^a - p^{a-1}$$

When n is composite integer and n is prime factorized as following:

$$n = p_1^{a_1} * p_2^{a_2} * \dots * p_m^{a_m}$$

$$gcdSum(n) = gcdSum(p_1^{a_1}) * gcdSum(p_2^{a_2}) \dots gcdSum(p_m^{a_m})$$

$$gcdSum(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n gcd(i, n) = \prod (a_i + 1) * p_i^{a_i} - p_i^{a_i-1}$$

\*It can be proved that gcdSum(N) is multiplicative like euler function.

## 2 LCM SUM FUNCTION

Given a positive integer n, lcmSum(n) function is like:

$$lcmSum(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n lcm(i, n)$$

Example: n = 6

$$lcm(1, 6) = 6$$

$$lcm(2, 6) = 6$$

$$lcm(3, 6) = 6$$

$$lcm(4, 6) = 12$$

$$lcm(5, 6) = 30$$

$$lcm(6, 6) = 6$$

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$$lcmSum(6) = 66$$

Notice that when  $i$  is a divisor of  $n$  lcm is  $n$ . So number of divisors of  $n$  multiplied with  $n$  is a part of the final answer. But we can't find the value of  $lcm(i, n)$  when  $i$  isn't a divisor of  $n$ . Anyway as we know the relationship between gcd and lcm which is:

$$a * b = gcd(a, b) * lcm(a, b)$$

Now we can write the  $lcmSum(n)$  function in a different way like following:

$$lcmSum(n) = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{i.n}{gcd(i, n)}$$

Still there is  $i$  exist which we want to remove so that overall complexity to find  $lcmSum()$  will be reduced. We will use above identity later.

For now, let's discard  $lcm(n, n)$  from the  $lcmSum(n)$  function. We have to solve following function first.

$$X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} lcm(i, n)$$

$$X = lcm(1, n) + lcm(2, n) + \dots + lcm(n-1, n) \quad (1)$$

Reverse the term of above function:

$$X = lcm(n-1, n) + lcm(n-2, n) + \dots + lcm(1, n) \quad (2)$$

Sum (1) and (2):

$$2X = lcm(1, n) + lcm(n-1, n) + lcm(2, n) + lcm(n-2, n) + \dots + lcm(n-1, n) + lcm(1, n)$$

$$2X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} [lcm(i, n) + lcm(n-i, n)] \quad (3)$$

**Lemma 1**

$$lcm(a, n) + lcm(n - a, n) = \frac{an}{\gcd(a, n)} + \frac{(n - a)n}{\gcd(n - a, n)} = \frac{n \times n}{\gcd(a, n)}$$

Notice that  $\gcd(a, n)$  and  $\gcd(n - a, n)$  are equal.

**Lemma 2**

$$\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{n}{\gcd(i, n)} = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \times \phi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) \cdot d$$

Notice that we can prove this lemma using Theorem 1.

**Lemma 3**

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n}{\gcd(i, n)} = \sum_{d|n, d \neq n} \frac{n}{d} \times \phi\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n, d \neq 1} \phi(d) \cdot d$$

Notice since it goes up to  $n - 1$ ,  $\gcd(i, n)$  won't be  $n$ . So we shouldn't consider  $d = n$ .

Now we can rewrite eq 3:

$$2X = \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n \times n}{\gcd(i, n)}$$

$$2X = n \times \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \frac{n}{\gcd(i, n)}$$

$$2X = n \times \sum_{d|n, d \neq 1} \phi(d) \cdot d$$

$$2X = n \times \sum_{d|n, d \neq 1} \phi(d) \cdot d$$

When  $d = 1$ ,  $\phi(d) \times 1 = 1$ , if we subtract 1 then we shouldn't mention  $d \neq 1$  below the sum function. right?

$$2X = n \times \left( \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) \cdot d - 1 \right)$$

$$X = \frac{n}{2} \times \left( \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) \cdot d - 1 \right)$$

Now we can put back the discarded term  $lcm(n, n) = n$  again and calculate  $lcmSum(n)$  finally,

$$lcmSum(n) = X + lcm(n, n)$$

$$lcmSum(n) = \frac{n}{2} \times (\sum_{d|n} \phi(d).d - 1) + n$$

$$lcmSum(n) = \frac{n}{2} \times \sum_{d|n} \phi(d).d - \frac{n}{2} + n$$

$$lcmSum(n) = \frac{n}{2} \times \sum_{d|n} \phi(d).d + \frac{n}{2}$$

$$lcmSum(n) = \frac{n}{2} \times (\sum_{d|n} \phi(d).d + 1)$$

Ah...Cool... Isn't it?

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