

Given

n, a, b return n^{th} magical no. A positive integer is magical when it is divisible by a or b

$$n=1, a=2, b=3 \\ O/P = 2$$

$$n=4, a=2, b=3$$

$$O/P = 6 \quad 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 6$$

$$\text{count} = 0$$

$$\text{num} = \min(a, b)$$

Brute Force

while ($\text{count} != n$) {

 if ($\text{num} \% a == 0 \ || \ \text{num} \% b == 0$) {

 count ++;

 } num ++;

return num;

Well due to constraints $1 \leq n \leq 10^9$

num can overflow, TLE hit

So we will use different Approach

$a=2$, multiples of 2: 2, 4, 6, 8, ...

$b=3$, multiples of 3: 3, 6, 9, 12, ...

$$\left(\text{mul}_2 \text{ of } \right) \cup \left(\text{mul}_3 \text{ of } \right) = \{ 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 10, 12, \dots \}$$

So we will look into this series only

App \Rightarrow

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if ( $\text{num} \% a == 0$ )
    count += 1;
    num += a;
}
if ( $\text{num} \% b == 0$ )
    count += 1;
    num += b;
}

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WHAT About LCM?

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    if ( $\text{num} \% a == 0 \ \& \ \text{num} \% b == 0$ )
        count -= 1;
}

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This approach greatly optimises the algorithm.