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Exercise: gcd iter

Finger Exercises due Aug 5, 2020 20:30 -03 *Completo*

Exercise: gcd iter

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ESTIMATED TIME TO COMPLETE: 5 minutes

The greatest common divisor of two positive integers is the largest integer that divides each of them without remainder. For example,

- $\text{gcd}(2, 12) = 2$
- $\text{gcd}(6, 12) = 6$
- $\text{gcd}(9, 12) = 3$
- $\text{gcd}(17, 12) = 1$

Write an iterative function, `gcdIter(a, b)`, that implements this idea. One easy way to do this is to begin with a test value equal to the smaller of the two input arguments, and iteratively reduce this test value by 1 until you either reach a case where the test divides both `a` and `b` without remainder, or you reach 1.

```
1 def gcdIter(a, b):
2     '''
3     a, b: positive integers
4
5     returns: a positive integer, the greatest common divisor of a & b.
6     '''
7     # Your code here
8     if a < b:
9         # Começa por a
```

```
10     inicio = a
11     else:
12         # Começa por b
13         inicio = b
14     for mdc in range(inicio, 0, -1):
15         if (a % mdc == 0) and (b % mdc == 0):
```

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```
def gcdIter(a, b):
    '''
    a, b: positive integers

    returns: a positive integer, the greatest common divisor of a & b.
    '''
    testValue = min(a, b)

    # Keep looping until testValue divides both a & b evenly
    while a % testValue != 0 or b % testValue != 0:
        testValue -= 1

    return testValue
```

Test results

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Test: gcdIter(190, 170)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(228, 342)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(136, 170)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(126, 180)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(225, 81)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(42, 42)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(414, 324)

Output:

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Test: gcdIter(160, 112)

Output:



Test: gcdIter(126, 288)

Output:

Test: gcdIter(22, 44)

Output:

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i Answers are displayed within the problem

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-  About min and max and $a > b$ and $b > a$ 1
There is no point in them. Just set your other variable that is going to be the gcd to just be a or b...
-  1 Thing i learned today :Read the output Carefully. 3
its safes time and nerves thats all i have to say after 20 min of anger and frustration
-  HINTS! Where to start... 4
1) define a variable (factor) as either a or b depending on which is the biggest (eg: if $a > b$ factor = b...
-  How do I initialize variable a ???? 2
This is the error in my code: NameError: name 'a' is not defined
-  NameError: name 'a' is not defined DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIX THIS 4 

Traceback (most recent call last): File "submission.py", line 10, in <module> x=min(a,b) NameError...

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Spoiler

This my code but if the numbers are not equal I always have the value zero

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staff debug

I keep getting this message - not sure if its my code or some problem with the grader?

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OR vs AND

why do they use `b%gcd != 0` or `a%gcd != 0` Isn't the gcd supposed to divide both of them?

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IF ELSE code, how to decide where to indent? And this code works with ****OR**** but not ****AND**** why?

`gcd = 1` if `a < b`: `gcd = a` while `b % gcd != 0` or `a % gcd != 0`: `gcd -= 1` return `gcd` elif `b < a`: `gcd = b` whi...

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Is this "recursive" ?

I didn't call the main function. I don't understand. `def gcdIter(a, b): smallest=a+b while smallest >...`

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Possible solutions

I used a similar solution to the one used in the third problem set of the first question and was ab...

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Spoiler: How Many Lines Did You Get?

I got my code down to 16 lines, including my function call.... I had fun with this problem and was c...

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