



Consider Ron Graham's sequence for LCM, that is, look at sequences such that

$$n = b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_t = k \text{ and } \text{LCM}(b_1, \dots, b_t) \text{ is square.}$$

Question. Let $A300516(n)$ be the least k (as a function of n) such that such a sequence exists?

$a(1) = 1$ via (1)	$a(11) = 121$ via (11, 121)	$a(21) = 49$ via (21, 36, 49)
$a(2) = 4$ via (2, 4)	$a(12) = 18$ via (12, 18)	$a(22) = 121$ via (22, 64, 121)
$a(3) = 3$ via (3, 9)	$a(13) = 169$ via (13, 169)	$a(23) = 529$ via (23, 529)
$a(4) = 4$ via (4)	$a(14) = 49$ via (14, 16, 49)	$a(24) = 48$ via (24, 36, 48)
$a(5) = 25$ via (5, 25)	$a(15) = 25$ via (15, 16, 18, 25)	$a(25) = 25$ via (25)
$a(6) = 12$ via (6, 9, 12)	$a(16) = 16$ via (16)	$a(26) = 169$ via (26, 64, 169)
$a(7) = 49$ via (7, 49)	$a(17) = 289$ via (17, 289)	$a(27) = 81$ via (27, 81)
$a(8) = 16$ via (8, 16)	$a(18) = 25$ via (18, 20, 25)	$a(28) = 49$ via (28, 49)
$a(9) = 9$ via (9)	$a(19) = 361$ via (19, 361)	$a(29) = 841$ via (29, 841)
$a(10) = 25$ via (10, 16, 25)	$a(20) = 25$ via (20, 25)	$a(30) = 50$ via (30)

Figure 1: Examples of $A300516(n)$ for $1 \leq n \leq 30$.

Related.

1. For what values n is $A300516(n)$ nonsquare?
2. For what values n does the corresponding sequence have three or more terms?
3. What is the analogous sequence for perfect cubes, etc?

References.

<https://oeis.org/A300516>