

Problem

Find the smallest number that is divisible by all of the digits 2, ..., 9.

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Solution

Our strategy will be to keep track of the required prime factors and their highest exponents. Suppose that x is divisible by each number in $D = 2, \dots, 9$. Then for each d in D , x 's prime factorization must include all of the primes in d 's prime factorization with equal or greater exponents.

Starting with 2, that adds 2^1 to the required primes in x . Next is 3, where we add a similar term for 3. Continuing, 4 ups the required exponent on 2 to 2, 5 adds 5^1 , 6 is covered (already have 2 and 3 required), 7 adds 7^1 , 8 ups the exponent on 2 to 3, and 9 ups the exponent on 3 to 2. Putting this all together, to be divisible by each of the digits, x must be at least

$$2^3 3^2 5^1 7^1 = 2520$$