

$$\gcd(a, b) = a_1^{\min(p_1, r_1)} a_2^{\min(p_2, r_2)} \dots a_x^{\min(p_x, r_x)}$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = a_1^{\max(p_1, r_1)} a_2^{\max(p_2, r_2)} \dots a_x^{\max(p_x, r_x)} b_1^{q_1} b_2^{q_2} \dots b_y^{q_y}$$

$$\text{Circled terms: } a_1^{s_1} a_2^{s_2} \dots a_z^{s_z}$$

Notice, $\gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = a \cdot b$

• To divide a natural number N by the natural number m with a remainder means to represent N as $N = km + r$, where $0 \leq r < m$. The number r is the remainder when N is ~~div~~ divided by m .

Lemma on Remainders: (very powerful) The sum/product of any two natural numbers has the same remainder, when divided by 3 , as the sum/product of their remainders.

$$N_1 = 3K_1 + r_1 \quad N_2 = 3K_2 + r_2$$

$$N_1 + N_2 = 3(K_1 + K_2) + (r_1 + r_2)$$

Now, $(r_1 + r_2) = 3K + r \quad 0 \leq r < 3$

$$0 \leq r_1 < 3 \quad 0 \leq r_2 < 3$$

$N_1 + N_2 = 3(K_1 + K_2 + K) + r \quad 0 \leq r < 3$

$$N_1 \cdot N_2 = 9K_1K_2 + 3K_1r_2 + 3K_2r_1 + r_1r_2$$

$$= 3(3K_1K_2 + K_1r_2 + K_2r_1) + r_1r_2$$

$r_1 \cdot r_2 = 3K + r \quad 0 \leq r < 3$

$N_1 \cdot N_2 = 3(3K_1K_2 + K_1r_2 + K_2r_1 + K) + r \quad 0 \leq r < 3$

Here, the no. 3 can be changed to any other no, the same proof follows through.

Prob 15: Find the remainder which a) the number $1989 \cdot 1990 \cdot 1991 + 1992^3$ gives when divided by 7

~~Handwritten scribbles and calculations:~~
 $1989 \cdot 1990 \cdot 1991$ gives rem 0 when divided by 7
 $1992^3 = (1990 + 2)^3 \cdot 7 = 2^3 \cdot 7 = 8 \cdot 7 = 56$