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1. Basic Properties of the integers

→ Divisibility & primality

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$. for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, a divides b if $az = b$ for some $z \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$a \mid b \Rightarrow a$ is divisor of b

$\Rightarrow b$ is multiple of a

$\Rightarrow b$ is divisible by a .

$a \nmid b \Rightarrow a$ doesn't divide b .

→ Theorem 1 - $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$,

i) $a \mid a$, $1 \mid b$, & $a \mid 0$

ii) $0 \mid b$ iff $b = 0$

iii) $a \mid b$ iff $-a \mid b$ & iff $a \mid -b$

iv) $a \mid b$ & $a \mid c \Rightarrow a \mid (b+c)$

v) $a \mid b$ & $b \mid c \Rightarrow a \mid c$

→ Proof - i) $a \cdot 1 = a$; $\therefore a \mid a$ } def of divisibility
 $1 \cdot b = b$; $\therefore 1 \mid b$ } $az = b$.
 $a \cdot 0 = 0$; $\therefore a \mid 0$

ii) $b = 0$, then $0 \cdot 0 = 0$; $\therefore 0 \mid b$.

→ Note - If $a \mid b$ & $b \neq 0$, then $1 \leq |a| \leq |b|$

If $az = b \neq 0$, then $a \neq 0$ & $z \neq 0$,

$|a| \geq 1$, $|z| \geq 1$, so, $|a| \leq |a||z| = |b|$.

→ Theorem 2 - $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \mid b$ & $b \mid a$ iff $a = \pm b$.

$\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \mid 1$ iff $a = \pm 1$.

→ Proof - If $a = \pm b$, then $a|b$ & $b|a$.

Assume $a|b$ & $b|a$.

TP: - $a = \pm b$.

If $a = 0$, then $b = 0$ & vice versa.

Assume both $a, b \neq 0$.

$$a|b \Rightarrow |a| \leq |b|$$

$$b|a \Rightarrow |b| \leq |a|$$

$$\text{Thus } |a| = |b|$$

$$\therefore a = \pm b$$

Similarly, put $b=1$, we get $a|1$.

→ Product of any 2 non-zero integers is again non-zero

Using cancellation law, - $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$; such that

$$a \neq 0 \text{ \& } ab = ac. \text{ then } \Rightarrow a(b-c) = 0$$

$$\text{Since } a \neq 0, b-c=0; \therefore b=c$$

→ Primes & composites

Let $n \rightarrow +ve$ integer. So, 1 & n divide n .

→ If $n > 1$, & no other +ve int besides 1 & n divide n , then n is prime. eg - 2, 3, 5, 7 etc.

→ If $n > 1$, but n is not prime, then n is composite. eg - 4, 6, 8, 10 etc.

1 is neither prime nor composite.

n is composite iff $n = ab$. ($1 < a < n$ & $1 < b < n$)

eg - 14 is composite (product of 2 smaller int 2×7)

Every composite no. can be written as the product of 2 or more primes.

$$\text{eg - } 299 = 13 \times 23$$

→ To check if a no. is prime or not.

i) Small no.s

1) Find its factors.

2) check no. of factors.

3) If no. is > 2 , then not prime.

eg - $36 = 2 \times 3 \times 2 \times 3$

Factors = 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36.

∴ not prime.

ii) Large no.

1) check units place.

If 0, 2, 4, 6, 8 → not prime.

2) sum of digits.

If divisible by 3, → not prime.

3) step 1 & 2 → false, then find square root.

4) divide no. by all prime nos. below sq. root.

5) If divisible → not prime.

not divisible → prime.

eg - 26577

unit digit \times

sum = 27.

divisible by 3

not prime.

→ 2311

unit digit \times

sum = 7 (not divisible by 3)

sq. root = 48.0722

prime no. till 48 → 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47 (not divisible by any).

→ prime.

→ How to determine the number of divisors of an int.

① Factorize the integer.

→ write in terms of its prime factors.

eg - $24 = 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3$.

→ write an exponential expression for each prime factor.

eg - $24 = 2^3 \times 3^1$.

② To find no. of factors -

$$d(n) = (a+1)(b+1)(c+1)$$

\downarrow
number

\downarrow
exponents

eg - $24 = 2^3 \times 3^1$

~~24~~ $d(24) = (3+1)(1+1)$

$d(24) = 4 \times 2$

$d(24) = 8$

∴ 24 has 8 divisors / factors.

2311 is a prime no.

2 divisors - 1 & 2311