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Discrete Structure

Primes and Greatest Common Divisors

Discrete Mathematics and its Application

Section 4.3

Definition of Prime and Composite

- An integer p greater than 1 is called prime if the only positive factors of p are 1 and p .
- A positive integer that is greater than 1 and is not prime is called composite.

prime (p) : its only positive factors are 1 and p .

composite (n) : it has positive factors other than 1 and n .

$$n = a \cdot b \quad , \quad a, b \neq 1, n,$$

$$1 < a, b < n$$

$$2 \leq a, b \leq n-1.$$

The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

- Every integer greater than 1 can be written uniquely as a prime or as the product of two or more primes, where the prime factors are written in order of nondecreasing size.

$$2 = 2$$

$$3 = 3$$

$$4 = 2 \cdot 2$$

$$5 = 5$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$7 = 7$$

$$8 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$9 = 3 \cdot 3$$

$$10 = 2 \cdot 5$$

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Trial Division $\neg(P \rightarrow Q) \equiv P \wedge \neg Q$

- If n is a composite integer, then n has a prime divisor less than or equal to \sqrt{n} .

Proof by contradiction:

Assume n is composite, all factors of $n > \sqrt{n}$.

$$n = a \cdot b, \quad 1 < a, b < n \quad a > \sqrt{n}, \quad b > \sqrt{n}$$

$$\textcircled{n} = a \cdot b > \sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n} = \textcircled{n} \quad \Downarrow$$

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- Is 91 a prime?

① find all primes $\leq \sqrt{91} \approx 9.5$...

2, 3, 5, 7

$$2 \nmid 91$$

$$3 \nmid 91$$

$$5 \nmid 91$$

$$7 \mid 91 \quad \checkmark$$

$$91 = 7 \cdot 13$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 91 \\ - 70 \\ \hline 21 \\ - 21 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

91 is not a prime.
it's composite.

Trial Division

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- Is 71 a prime?

primes $\leq \sqrt{71} \approx 8.43$

2, 3, 5, 7,

$$2 \nmid 71$$

$$3 \nmid 71$$

$$5 \nmid 71$$

$$7 \nmid 71$$

71 is a prime.

Infinitude of Prime

- There are infinitely many primes.

Proof by contradiction:

Assume there are finitely many primes.

List out all the primes.
(in order)

$P_1, P_2, P_3, \dots, P_n$
2 3 5 largest prime.

any $\# > P_n$ will be composite.

$$L = P_1 \cdot P_2 \cdot P_3 \cdot \dots \cdot P_n \leftarrow \text{product of all primes.}$$

$$L + 1 \text{ is composite.} \quad \exists P_i \text{ is prime.} \quad P_i \mid L + 1 \quad \begin{matrix} P_i \mid L \\ > \end{matrix} \quad P_i \mid (L + 1) - L \rightarrow P_i \mid 1$$

$$P_i = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

they are not prime?

Prime Number Theorem.

- The ratio of $\pi(x)$, the number of primes not exceeding x , and $x/\ln x$ approaches 1 as x grows without bound. (Here $\ln x$ is the natural logarithm of x .)
 - Approximating $\pi(x)$ by $x/\ln x$.

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, ---

x	$\pi(x)$	$x/\ln x$	$\pi(x)/(x/\ln x)$
10^3	168	144.8	1.161
10^4	1229	1085.7	1.132
10^5	9592	8685.9	1.104
10^6	78,498	72,382.4	1.084
10^7	664,579	620,420.7	1.071
10^8	5,761,455	5,428,681.0	1.061
10^9	50,847,534	48,254,942.4	1.054
10^{10}	455,052,512	434,294,481.9	1.048

$$\pi(10) = 4$$

$$\pi(13) = 6$$

Definition of Greatest Common Divisors

- Let a and b be integers, not both zero. The largest integer d such that $d|a$ and $d|b$ is called the greatest common divisor of a and b . The greatest common divisor of a and b is denoted by $\gcd(a, b) = (a, b)$

Example of Greatest Common Divisors

- What is the greatest common divisor of 24 and 36?

$$24 = 2 \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3^1$$

$$36 = \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot 3 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(24, 36) &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 12 \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 3^1 = 12 \end{aligned}$$

Relatively Prime

- The integers a and b are relatively prime if their greatest common divisor is 1.

a, b are relatively prime if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.

in other words, a and b don't share any prime factors.

ex: 4 and 9 are relatively prime
 $\gcd(4, 9) = 1$.

Pairwise Relatively Prime

- The integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are pairwise relatively prime if $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$ whenever $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.

5, 6, 7, 11, 13, ~~15~~

$$\gcd(5, 15) = 5$$

Definition of Least Common Multiple

- The least common multiple of the positive integers a and b is the smallest positive integer that is divisible by both a and b . The least common multiple of a and b is denoted by $lcm(a, b)$. $= [a, b]$

$$lcm(24, 36)$$

$$24 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3$$

$$36 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$lcm(24, 36) = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 = 72$$

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- $\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(\alpha_2, \beta_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\min(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \cdot p_2^{\max(\alpha_2, \beta_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\max(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}$$

$$a = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 7^2 = 2^3 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^0 \cdot 7^2$$

$$b = 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 = 2^0 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^1$$

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

$$= \left(p_1^{\min(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(\alpha_2, \beta_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\min(\alpha_n, \beta_n)} \right) \left(p_1^{\max(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \cdot p_2^{\max(\alpha_2, \beta_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\max(\alpha_n, \beta_n)} \right)$$

$$= p_1^{\min(\alpha_1, \beta_1) + \max(\alpha_1, \beta_1)} \cdot p_2^{\min(\alpha_2, \beta_2) + \max(\alpha_2, \beta_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\min(\alpha_n, \beta_n) + \max(\alpha_n, \beta_n)}$$

$$= p_1^{\alpha_1 + \beta_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2 + \beta_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\alpha_n + \beta_n} = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_1^{\beta_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} p_2^{\beta_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\alpha_n} p_n^{\beta_n}$$

$$= \left(p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\alpha_n} \right) \left(p_1^{\beta_1} \cdot p_2^{\beta_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{\beta_n} \right) = ab$$

Examples of Greatest Common Divisors

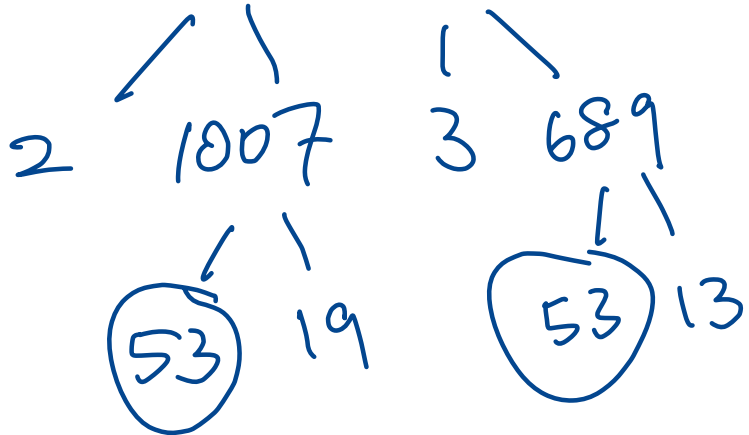
• Find $\gcd(16, 20)$. $= 4$

• Find $\gcd(0, 100)$. $= 100$

$$\gcd(0, n) = n$$

$$n \neq 0$$

• Find $\gcd(2014, 2067)$. $= 53$



Example of Greatest Common Divisors

- Find $\gcd(2014, 2067)$ without factoring.

$$\begin{array}{l} d \mid 2014 \\ d \mid 2067 \end{array} \Rightarrow d \mid 2067 - 2014 = 53$$

$$d \mid 53 \quad d \mid 2014 - 53(38) = 0$$

$$d \mid 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \gcd(2014, 2067) \\ &= \gcd(53, 2014) \\ &= \gcd(0, 53) \\ &= 53 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2067 &= 2014(1) + 53 \\ 2014 &= 53(38) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Euclidean Algorithm

- Lemma: Let $a = bq + r$, where a , b , q , and r are integers.

Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$.

- Let $r_0 = a$ and $r_1 = b$.

$$r_0 = r_1 q_1 + r_2, \quad 0 \leq r_2 < r_1;$$

$$r_1 = r_2 q_2 + r_3, \quad 0 \leq r_3 < r_2;$$

...

$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_{n-1} + \cancel{r_n}, \quad 0 \leq r_n < r_{n-1};$$

$$r_{n-1} = r_n q_n + 0$$

- Then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(r_0, r_1) = \gcd(r_1, r_2) = \cdots = \gcd(r_{n-2}, r_{n-1})$
 $= \gcd(r_{n-1}, r_n) = \gcd(r_n, 0) = r_n.$

Example of Euclidean Algorithm

- Find $\gcd(414, 662)$ using Euclidean Algorithm.

$$662 = 414(1) + 248$$

$$414 = 248(1) + 166$$

$$248 = 166(1) + 82$$

$$166 = 82(2) + 2 \text{ } \& \text{ gcd.}$$

$$82 = 2(41) + 0$$

$$\gcd(248, 414)$$

$$= \gcd(166, 248)$$

$$= \gcd(82, 166)$$

$$= \gcd(2, 82)$$

$$= \gcd(0, 2)$$

$$= 2$$

BEZOUT'S THEOREM

- If a and b are positive integers, then there exist integers s and t such that $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$.

Example of BEZOUT'S THEOREM

- Find linear combination of $414s + 662t = \gcd(414, 662)$.

Handwritten steps for finding the GCD:

$$\begin{aligned} &\gcd(414, 662) \\ &\gcd(248, 414) \\ &= \gcd(166, 248) \\ &= \gcd(82, 166) \\ &= \gcd(2, 82) \\ &= \gcd(0, 2) \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

Euclidean algorithm steps:

$$\begin{aligned} 662 &= 414(1) + 248 \\ 414 &= 248(1) + 166 \\ 248 &= 166(1) + 82 \\ 166 &= 82(2) + 2 \text{ gcd.} \\ 82 &= 2(41) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Back-substitution to find the linear combination:

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 166 - 82(2) = 166(1) + 82(-2) \\ &= 166(1) + [248(1) + 166(-1)](-2) \\ &= 166(3) + 248(-2) \\ &= [414(1) + 248(-1)](3) + 248(-2) \\ &= 248(-5) + 414(3) \\ &= [662(1) + 414(-1)](-5) + 414(3) \\ 2 &= 414(8) + 662(-5) \end{aligned}$$

Final result with variables s and t :

$$2 = 414(\underset{\uparrow}{8}) + 662(\underset{\uparrow}{-5})$$

$s \qquad t$

Example of BEZOUT'S THEOREM

- Find $\gcd(198, 252)$ using Euclidean Algorithm.
- Find linear combination of $198^s + 252^t = \gcd(198, 252)$.

$$\begin{aligned} 252 &= 198(1) + 54 \\ 198 &= 54(3) + 36 \\ 54 &= 36(1) + 18 \\ 36 &= 18(2) + 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\gcd(198, 252) = 18$$

$$\begin{aligned} 18 &= 54(1) + 36(-1) \\ &= 54(1) + [198(1) + 54(-3)](-1) \\ &= 54(4) + 198(-1) \\ &= [252(1) + 198(-1)](4) + 198(-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$18 = 198(-5) + 252(4)$$

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 s t

Lemma regarding GCD and Division

- If a , b , and c are positive integers such that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $a|bc$, then $a|c$.

$$\downarrow$$
$$a \nmid b, a|bc \rightarrow a|c.$$

$$4 \nmid 7, 4|7 \cdot 8 \rightarrow 4|8$$
$$\gcd(4, 7) = 1,$$

$$4 \nmid 6, 4|6 \cdot 10 \rightarrow 4 \nmid 10$$
$$\gcd(4, 6) = 2$$

Lemma regarding GCD and Division

- If a , b , and c are positive integers such that $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $a|bc$, then $a|c$.

Proof : $\gcd(a, b) = 1$

by Bezout's Thm, $\exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $as + bt = 1$

multiply c , $asc + btc = c$

$a|asc$ $a|btc \rightarrow a|asc + btc = c$

since $a|a$, $a|bc$

$\rightarrow a|c$

\square .

Lemma regarding GCD and Division

- If p is a prime and $p|a_1a_2\cdots a_n$, where each a_i is an integer, then $p|a_i$ for some i .

$$\gcd(p, a_i) = 1 \quad \text{or} \quad p.$$

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when a_i is multiple of p .

$$\rightarrow p|a_i$$

Theorem about Division on Modular

- Let m be a positive integer and let a , b , and c be integers. If $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$ and $\gcd(c, m) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

$$\frac{8}{2} \equiv \frac{18}{2} \pmod{5}$$

$$4 \equiv 9 \pmod{5} \quad \checkmark$$
$$\gcd(2, 5) = 1$$

$$\frac{8}{2} \equiv \frac{18}{2} \pmod{10}$$

$$4 \equiv 9 \pmod{10} \quad \times$$
$$\gcd(2, 10) = 2$$

$$4 \equiv 9 \pmod{\frac{10}{\gcd(2, 10)} = 5}$$

$$4 \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \quad \checkmark$$

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$$m \mid ac - bc \rightarrow m \mid c(a - b) \rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$\gcd(m, c) = 1 \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$\gcd(c, m) = d$$

$$\begin{array}{l} d \mid c \\ d \mid m \end{array}, \quad \begin{array}{l} c = dc' \\ m = dm' \end{array}$$

$$adc' \equiv bdc' \pmod{dm'}$$

$$adc' = bdc' + dm'k$$

$$ac' = bc' + m'k \rightarrow ac' \equiv bc' \pmod{m'}$$

