

Given three integers n , a and b return n^{th} magical number.
 Since the answer may be very large return $10^9 + 7 \%$.

A positive integer is magical if the number is divisible by either a or b .

$$a = 2, b = 3, n = 1$$

ans = 2.

$$n = 4, a = 2, b = 3$$

ans = 6.

Sol^n. # Brute force Approach.

check numbers one by one and count magical numbers.

→ function $n^{\text{th}} \text{Magical}(n, a, b)$:

$$c = 0$$

$$\text{num} = 1$$

while true:

if $\text{num \% } a == 0$ or $\text{num \% } b == 0$:

$$c++$$

$$T.C = O(n \min(a, b))$$

for brute force.

if $c == n$

return num

$$\text{num}++$$

→ It fails as constraints go up to 10^9 .

Optimal Approach.

→ Instead of checking numbers one by one, binary search the answer.

- $\text{count}(x) = x/a + x/b - x/\text{LCM}(a, b)$.

- we want the smallest x such that :

$$\text{count}(x) \geq N.$$

$$L = 10^8 \text{ g} \quad \approx 10^9$$

$$R = 10^9$$

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\Rightarrow Binary Search + LCM.

function nthmagical(n, a, b):

$$\text{MOD} = 10^9 + 7$$

$$l = 1$$

$$\tau = n * \min(a, b)$$

$$\text{lcm} = (a * b) / \text{gcd}(a, b)$$

while $l < \tau$:

$$\text{mid} = (l + \tau) / 2$$

$$c = \text{mid}/a + \text{mid}/b - \text{mid}/\text{lcm}$$

$$\text{if } c < n$$

$$l = \text{mid} + 1$$

$$T:C = O(\log(n \cdot \min(a, b)))$$

else :

$$\tau = \text{mid}$$

return $l \% \text{MOD}$.

dry run :-

$$n = 1 \quad (1.) \text{ gcd}(2, 3) = 1$$

$$a = 2 \quad \text{lcm}(2, 3) = 6$$

$$b = 3. \quad (2.) l = 1$$

$$\tau = n * \min(a, b) = 1 * 2 = 2$$

$$\text{then, } (3.) \quad 1/2 = 0$$

$$1/3 = 0 \quad . \quad C = 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$1/6 = 0$$

then,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} l = 2 \\ \text{mid} = 2 \\ \tau = 2 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} 2/2 = 1 \\ 2/3 = 0, C = 1 + 0 - 0 = 1 \\ 2/6 = 0 \end{array}$$

count $> N$.

$\therefore \text{Ans} = 2$.