

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 .

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

$$\text{ans} = \underline{2}.$$

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

$$\text{ans} = 6.$$

Solⁿ - # Brute force Approach.

check numbers one by one and count magical numbers.

→ function $\text{nthMagical}(n, a, b)$:

$$c = 0$$

$$\text{num} = 1$$

while true:

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

$$c++$$

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

$$\text{return num}$$

$$\text{num}++$$

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

for brute force.

$$\text{T.C}$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$O(N \min(a, b))$$

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

Optimal Approach.

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

$$\bullet \text{Count}(x) = x/A + x/B - x/\text{LCM}(a, b).$$

• we want the smallest x such that:

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

$$L = 10^8 \approx 10^9$$

$$R = 10^9$$

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⇒ Binary Search + LCM.

function nthmagical (n, a, b):

MOD = $1e9 + 7$

l = 1

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

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

while l < r:

mid = $(l + r) / 2$

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

if c < N

l = mid + 1

else:

r = mid

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

return l % MOD.

Dry Run:-

n = 1

(1) $\gcd(2, 3) = 1$

a = 2

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

b = 3

(2) l = 1

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

then, (3) $1/2 = 0$

$1/3 = 0$

$c = 0 + 0 - 0 = 0$

$1/6 = 0$

then,

l = 2

mid = 2

r = 2

} ⇒

$2/2 = 1$

$2/3 = 0$

$2/6 = 0$

, $c = 1 + 0 - 0 = 1$

count ≥ N.

∴ Ans = 2.