

Number theory, branch of Mathematics concerned with properties of the positive integers (1, 2, 3, ...).

These numbers, together with the negative integers and zero, form the set of integers, $\mathbb{Z}$.

Known Facts:

1. An integer is divisible by 3 iff the sum of its digits is divisible by 3.

Ex: $852 \rightarrow 8+5+2=15$

2. The sequence of prime 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, ... is endless.

$\rightarrow$ known to Euclid, who lived about 350 B.C.

3. Irrational numbers - a number that cannot be expressed as the quotient a/b of two integers.

Example: $\sqrt{2}$, $2/7$, $13/5$, $-14/9$ & $99/100$

4. Integers are themselves rational numbers.

Ex: $7 = 7/1$

Rational numbers - recurring - repeating

Irrational number π

$22/7$ is rational or irrational

The number $22/7$ is a fraction so it is rational.

You may think it is irrational, because it's a famous approximation for π .

But $22/7 \approx \pi \rightarrow$ close but not accurate.

It is not equal to π .

$22/7$ has digits that repeat every 6 times, π 's digits never repeat.

5. Therefore, the rational number $22/7$ is a good approximation to π , close but not precise.

The fact that π is irrational means, that there is no fraction a/b that is exactly equal to π , with a and b integers.

$\rightarrow$ exists in large numbers
Number Theory abounds with unsolved problems

Conjecture:

A statement or idea that has not yet been proved.

Example: Fermat's last theorem: not a theorem at all because it has not yet been proved.

Primele Fermat (1601-1665) stated that the equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no solutions in positive integers x, y, z for any exponent $n > 2$.

1. Leonhard Euler: Conjecture that no n^{th} power is a sum of fewer than 'n' n^{th} powers.

Example: for $n = 3$, no cube is the sum of two smaller cubes.

$$3^3 = 27 \neq 2^3 + 1^3 = 8 + 1 = 9 \Rightarrow 27 \neq 8 + 1$$

* A counter-example to Euler's Conjecture was provided in 1968 by L.J. Lander and Thomas.

$$144^5 = 27^5 + 84^5 + 110^5 + 133^5 \quad \text{fifth power.}$$

2. Goldbach Conjecture: Every even integer greater than 2 is the sum of two primes.

$$\text{Examples: } 4 = 2 + 2, 6 = 3 + 3, 10 = 3 + 7, 14 = 3 + 11, 16 = 3 + 13, 18 = 5 + 13, 20 = 3 + 17, 22 = 3 + 19, 24 = 5 + 19, 26 = 3 + 23, 28 = 5 + 23, 30 = 7 + 23, 32 = 3 + 29, 34 = 3 + 31, 36 = 5 + 31, 38 = 7 + 31, 40 = 3 + 37, 42 = 5 + 37, 44 = 3 + 41, 46 = 3 + 43, 48 = 5 + 43, 50 = 7 + 43, 52 = 3 + 49, 54 = 5 + 49, 56 = 7 + 49, 58 = 3 + 55, 60 = 7 + 53, 62 = 3 + 59, 64 = 3 + 61, 66 = 5 + 61, 68 = 7 + 61, 70 = 3 + 67, 72 = 5 + 67, 74 = 3 + 71, 76 = 5 + 71, 78 = 7 + 71, 80 = 3 + 77, 82 = 3 + 79, 84 = 5 + 79, 86 = 7 + 79, 88 = 3 + 85, 90 = 7 + 83, 92 = 3 + 89, 94 = 5 + 89, 96 = 7 + 89, 98 = 3 + 95, 100 = 3 + 97.$$

All of you must now give full support to Grandfather Bhishma as you stand at your respective strategic points.

3. Mathematical Induction. 2m

$P(n)$ is a statement with integer parameter 'n' and the following two conditions hold then $P(n)$ is true for every positive integer 'n'.

(i) $P(1)$ is true

(ii) $\forall n \geq 1, P(n)$ is true

$\Rightarrow P(n+1)$ is true.

1.2 Divisibility

Divisors, multiples and prime & composite numbers - are concepts known & studied since the time of Euclid, about 350 B.C.

The fundamental ideas are developed in this & next section.

Definition 1.1 - Divisibility.

An integer 'b' is divisible by an integer 'a', not zero, if there is an integer x τ $b = ax$. Notation: a/b a divides b

If b is not divisible by a then we write $a \nmid b$.

Note:

1. If $a|b$ and $0 < a < b$, then 'a' is called a proper divisor of 'b'.
2. $a|0$ for every integer $a \neq 0$
3. The symbol $a^k || b \Rightarrow a^k | b$ but $a^{k+1} \nmid b$
Example: $5^2 | 100$ but $5^{2+1} \nmid 100$

Theorem 10.1

1. $a|b$ implies $a|bc$ for any integer c ;
2. $a|b$ and $b|c$ imply $a|c$;
3. $a|b$ and $a|c$ imply $a|(bx+cy)$ for any integers x and y ;
4. $a|b$ and $b|a$ imply $a = \pm b$;
5. $a|b$, $a > 0$, $b > 0$, imply $a \leq b$;
6. if $m \neq 0$, $a|b$ implies and is implied by $ma|mb$.

Proof:

1. Given $a|b \Rightarrow b = ax$ for any integer x .
 Multiply both sides by $c \Rightarrow bc = acx$ for $x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Rightarrow bc = a(cx)$
 $\Rightarrow a|bc$ for $cx \in \mathbb{Z}$

2. Given $a|b \Rightarrow b = ax$ for any integer $x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 Given $b|c \Rightarrow c = by$ for any integer $y \in \mathbb{Z}$
 Consider $c = by$
 $\Rightarrow c = (ax)y$ $\because b = ax$
 $\Rightarrow c = a(xy)$
 $\Rightarrow a|c$ for $xy \in \mathbb{Z}$

3. Given $a|b \Rightarrow b = ax_1$ for any integer $x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $a|c \Rightarrow c = ay_1$ for any integer $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

To prove $a|bx + cy$

Consider $bx + cy = (ax_1)x + (ay_1)y$ $x_1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $= a[x_1x + y_1y]$ $y_1, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$\Rightarrow a|bx + cy$

4. Given $a|b$ and $b|a$
 $\Rightarrow b = ax$ and $a = by$ for $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

To prove: $a = \pm b$

Consider: $a = by$

$$\Rightarrow a = ax \cdot y \quad \because b = ax \text{ for } xy \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow xy = 1$$

Both x & y are positive

or

x & y are negative

$$\text{when } x=1, \quad b = ax \Rightarrow b = a(1) \Rightarrow b = a$$

$$x=-1, \quad b = a(-1) \Rightarrow b = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \pm a$$

$$\text{when } y=1, \quad a = by \Rightarrow a = b(1) \Rightarrow a = +b$$

$$y=-1, \quad a = b(-1) \Rightarrow a = -b$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \pm b$$

Hence $a|b$ and $b|a \Rightarrow a = \pm b$.

5. Given $a|b$, $a > 0$, $b > 0$

$$\Rightarrow b = ax \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{x} = a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\because a > 0, \quad b > 0 \quad \text{we have } x > 0$$

$$\therefore x \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Multiply by } b \Rightarrow \frac{b}{x} \leq b \Rightarrow a \leq b \quad [\because b > 0]$$

6. Given $a|b$

$$a|b \Leftrightarrow b = ax \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Multiply both sides by $m \Rightarrow mb = max \quad \text{for } m \neq 0, m \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Leftrightarrow mb = ma(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow mb|ma \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Extension of Property 3:

If $a|b_1, a|b_2, \dots, a|b_n$ then

$$a| \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \quad \text{for } x_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Proof: We prove this by Induction Principle

By property (3) $a|b, a|c \Rightarrow a|bx+cy$

$$\therefore a|b_1, a|b_2 \Rightarrow a|b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\therefore$ The result is true for two integers.

Now assume that the result is true for $(n-1)$ integers.

$$\text{ie } a|b_1, a|b_2, \dots, a|b_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow a|b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1}x_{n-1} \quad \text{for } x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{n-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

To prove: The result is true for 'n' integers

$$\text{Consider } a|b_1, a|b_2, \dots, a|b_{n-1}, a|b_n$$

$$\Rightarrow a|b_1x_1 + b_2x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1}x_{n-1}, \quad a|b_n$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\Rightarrow a \mid (b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x_{n-1}) c_1 + b_n c_2 \quad \text{for } c_1, c_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \\
&\Rightarrow a \mid b_1 x_1 c_1 + b_2 x_2 c_1 + \dots + b_{n-1} x_{n-1} c_1 + b_n c_2 \\
&\Rightarrow a \mid b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x_{n-1} + b_n x_n \\
&\quad \text{for } x_i = x_i c_1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n-1 \\
&\quad \quad \quad c_2 = x_n \\
&\Rightarrow a \mid \sum_{i=1}^n b_i x_i \quad \text{for } x_i \in \mathbb{Z}.
\end{aligned}$$

Hence the result is true for all 'n' integers.

Problems:

1. Show that if $ac \mid bc$ then $a \mid b$

Proof: Given $ac \mid bc$

$$\Rightarrow bc = ac(x) \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = ax \quad \text{for } x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \mid b$$

2. Given $a \mid b$ and $c \mid d$ prove that $ac \mid bd$.

Proof: $a \mid b \Rightarrow b = ax, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$c \mid d \Rightarrow d = cy, \quad y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Consider } bd = (ax)(cy) \quad \text{for } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= ac(cxy) \quad \text{for } cxy \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow ac \mid bd$$

3. Prove that $n^2 - n$ is divisible by 2 for every integer 'n'.

Proof: Consider $n^2 - n$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)$$

$\Rightarrow n^2 - n$ is a multiple of product of 2 consecutive integers.

ie one must be even and other must be odd.

$\rightarrow$ Product of odd and even is also even.

$\Rightarrow$ Every even integer is divisible by 2.

$\therefore n^2 - n$ is divisible by 2 $\forall$ integer 'n'.

4. Prove that $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6.

Proof: To prove $6 \mid n^3 - n$

Consider $n^3 - n \Rightarrow n(n^2 - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow n(n-1)(n+1)$$

$n^3 - n = n(n-1)(n+1)$ is a product of 3 consecutive integers

$n(n-1)$ is divisible by 2 — **problem 3**

And $n+1$ is divisible by 3 or multiple of 3

$\therefore n^3 - n$ is divisible by $2 \times 3 = 6$

$\therefore 6 \mid n^3 - n$.

Given any integers 'a' and 'b', with $a > 0$, $\exists$ unique integers 'q' & 'r' $\exists$ $b = qa + r$, $0 \leq r < a$. If $a \nmid b$, then 'r' satisfies the stronger inequalities $0 < r < a$.

Proof : Consider the Arithmetic Progression

... $(b-3a), (b-2a), (b-a), b, (b+a), (b+2a), (b+3a), \dots$

From this select the smallest non-negative number and denote it by 'r'.

Then r satisfies the inequality $0 \leq r < a$

Also r is of the form $b - qa$

$$\Rightarrow r = b - qa$$

$$\Rightarrow b = qa + r, \quad 0 \leq r < a \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

To prove: q and r are unique.

Suppose $\exists$ q_1 and r_1 $\exists$ $b = q_1 a + r_1$ --- (2)

Then to prove $r = r_1$ and $q = q_1$

(i) To prove $r = r_1$

If $r \neq r_1$, then either $r > r_1$ or $r < r_1$

If $r < r_1 \Rightarrow r_1 > r$

$$\Rightarrow r_1 - r > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < r_1 - r < a \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

from (2), $r_1 = b - q_1 a$

$$(1) - (2) \Rightarrow r - r_1 = b - q a - b + q_1 a$$

$$\Rightarrow r - r_1 = (q_1 - q) a \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \nmid r - r_1, \quad r_1 - r = (q - q_1) a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \nmid r_1 - r$$

$$\Rightarrow a \leq r_1 - r \quad \text{--- (4) by property (5)}$$

(4) is a contradiction to (3)

$\therefore r < r_1$ is not possible.

Why $r \neq r_1$ is not proved?

$$\begin{aligned} r > r_1 &\Rightarrow r - r_1 > 0, \quad r - r_1 = b - q a - b + q_1 a > 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 0 < r - r_1 < a, \quad r - r_1 = (q_1 - q) a > 0 \quad a \nmid r - r_1 \\ &\quad \text{Contradiction} \Rightarrow a \leq r - r_1 \end{aligned}$$

Sub $r = r_1$ in (3)

$$\text{we have } r - r_1 = 0 = (q_1 - q) a$$

$$\because a > 0, \quad \text{we have } q_1 - q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q_1 = q$$

$\therefore$ the integers q and r are unique.

Given $a > 0$ and $a \nmid b$

$\Rightarrow$ 'b' is not a multiple of 'a'

$$\therefore 0 < r < a \Rightarrow b \neq q a$$

$$\Rightarrow b = q a + r$$

Hence for $a \nmid b$, it satisfies the stronger inequality $0 < r < a$.

Hence if $a \mid b$, $\exists$ a unique integer q and r
 $\Rightarrow b = qa + r$, $0 \leq r < a$.

Definition 1.2: Greatest Common Divisor

The integer a is a common divisor of b and c if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$.

Since there is only a finite number of divisors of any non-zero integer, there is only a finite number of common divisors of b and c , except in the case $b = c = 0$. If at least one of b and c is not '0', the greatest among their common divisors is called the greatest common divisor of b and c & it is denoted by (b, c) .

The greatest common divisor ~~of~~ ~~the~~ g of the integers $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ not all zero by $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$.

The greatest common divisor ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~are~~, (b, c) is defined $\forall$ pair of integers b, c except $b = 0, c = 0$ and $(b, c) \geq 1$.

Given integers b and c there is only one number d with the following property

i) $d > 0$

ii) $d|b$ and $d|c \Rightarrow d$ is the common divisor of b and c .

iii) $e|b$ and $e|c \Rightarrow e|d$

Every common divisor of b and c divides d . Then the number d is called the gcd of b and c and is denoted by (b, c) .

Theorem 1.3:

If g is the greatest common divisor of b and c , then there exist integers x_0 and y_0 such that $g = (b, c) = bx_0 + cy_0$.

Proof: Consider the set of linear combinations of b and c .

$$\text{let } A = \{bx + cy \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

This set A has positive, negative values and also '0' by the choice $x = y = 0$.

Let d be the least positive integer in the set A .

$$l = bx_0 + cy_0, \quad x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

To prove: $l|b$ and $l|c$

re to prove l is the common divisor of b & c .
Suppose,

$l \nmid b$, then by the 'division Algorithm'
 $\exists$ integers q and r $\rightarrow b = lq + r, 0 < r < l$.

$$\Rightarrow r = b - lq$$

$$r = b - (bx_0 + cy_0)q$$

$$r = b - bx_0q - cy_0q$$

$$r = b[1 - x_0q] - cy_0q$$

$$r = b(1 - qx_0) + c(-qy_0)$$

$$1 - qx_0 \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$-qy_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

This is of the form $bx + cy$

$$\therefore r \in A, \quad 0 < r < l$$

$a \Rightarrow b$ to the fact that l is the least
+ve integer in A .

$$\therefore l|b$$

Similarly we can prove $l|c$

$\therefore l$ is a common divisor of b and c .

To prove: g is the linear combination of b and c .

Let g be the gcd of b and c

$$l < g \quad \text{---} \quad (*)$$

$$g|b \Rightarrow b = gB, \quad B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$g|c \Rightarrow c = gC, \quad C \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Now, } l = bx_0 + cy_0$$

$$= gBx_0 + gCy_0$$

$$= g[Bx_0 + Cy_0]$$

$$\Rightarrow g|l$$

By property $(*)$ $g \leq l$.

Since g is the gcd of b and c .

$g \leq l$ is not possible by $(*)$

$$\therefore g = l$$

$$\Rightarrow g = l = bx_0 + cy_0$$

Theorem 1.4:

The greatest common divisor g of b and c can be characterized in the following 2 ways:

i) It is the least positive value of $bx + cy$, where x and y range over all integers.

ii) It is the positive common divisor of b and c that is divisible by every common divisor.

i) Same as proof of Theorem 1.3

ii) Assume that $\exists$ another common divisor d of b and c .

$$\Rightarrow d|b \text{ and } d|c$$

$$\Rightarrow d|bx+cy \quad [\because \text{by property (3)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow d|g \quad [\because g = bx+cy]$$

[Given $g = \gcd(b, c)$]

$$\Rightarrow g|b \text{ and } g|c$$

$$\Rightarrow g|bx+cy$$

Theorem 1.5: Given any integers $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ not all zero, with greatest common divisor g , there exist integers $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ such that

$$g = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_j x_j$$

Furthermore, g is the least positive value of the linear form $\sum_{j=1}^n b_j y_j$ where the y_j range over

all integers; also g is the positive common divisor of $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$ that is divisible by every common divisor.

Let us prove this theorem by Induction hypothesis.

When $n=2$; $(b_1, b_2) = g_1$

Then by Theorem 1.3, we have

$$g_1 = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 \\ = (b_1, b_2)$$

The theorem is true for $n=2$.

When $n=3$; $(b_1, b_2, b_3) = g_2$

$$\Rightarrow g_2 = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + b_3 x_3 \quad \text{not necessary}$$

$$\Rightarrow g_2 = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (b_1, b_2, b_3) = ((b_1, b_2), b_3) = g_2$$

By Theorem 1.3,

$$g_2 = (b_1, b_2) y_1 + b_3 y_2 \\ = (b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2) y_1 + b_3 y_2 \\ = b_1 (x_1 y_1) + b_2 (x_2 y_1) + b_3 y_2 \\ g_2 = (b_1, b_2, b_3)$$

The Theorem is true for $n=3$.

Assume that the result is true for $n-1$

$$\text{ie } (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}) = g_3$$

$$\text{ie } g_3 = b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x_{n-1}$$

To prove the Theorem is true for n .

$$\text{Let } (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n) = g$$

$$g = ((b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{n-1}), b_n)$$

$$= (g_3, b_n)$$

$$\text{By Theorem 1.3 : } g = g_3 y_1 + b_n y_2$$

$$g = (b_1 x_1 + b_2 x_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} x_{n-1}) y_1 + b_n y_2$$

$$= b_1 (x_1 y_1) + b_2 (x_2 y_1) + \dots + b_{n-1} (x_{n-1} y_1) + b_n y_2$$

$$g = b_1 c_1 + b_2 c_2 + \dots + b_{n-1} c_{n-1} + b_n c_n$$

$$c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{ie } g = (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$$

$\therefore$ The Theorem is true for all ' n ' $\in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 1.6: $2m$ 

For any positive integer m , $(ma, mb) = m(a, b)$

Proof: By Theorem 1.4

$$(ma, mb) = \text{least +ve value of } max + mby$$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \text{least +ve value of } m(ax + by)$$

$$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= m(\text{least +ve value of } (ax + by))$$

$$= m(a, b)$$

(i) If $d|a$ and $d|b$ and $d > 0$, then

$$\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = \frac{1}{d}(a, b)$$

(ii) If $(a, b) = g$, then $\left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = 1$

Proof:

(i) Given $d|a$, $d|b$

$$\Rightarrow a = ld \text{ and } b = md, \quad \forall l, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{d} = l \text{ and } \frac{b}{d} = m$$

$$\text{Now, } \left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = (l, m)$$

$$= \text{least +ve value of } lx + my, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \text{least +ve value of } \frac{a}{d}x + \frac{b}{d}y$$

$$= \text{least +ve value of } \frac{1}{d}(ax + by)$$

$$= \frac{1}{d} [\text{least +ve value of } (ax + by)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{d}(a, b)$$

(ii) Consider ^{Given} $(a, b) = g$

$$\hookrightarrow \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = \frac{1}{g}(a, b) = \frac{1}{g} \cdot g = 1$$

$\downarrow$
 $\because \text{by (i)}$

If $(a, m) = (b, m) = 1$, then $(ab, m) = 1$.

Proof:

$$(a, m) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } ax_0 + my_0 = 1 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$(b, m) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists x_1, y_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } bx_1 + my_1 = 1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1) $ax_0 = 1 - my_0$

From (2) $bx_1 = 1 - my_1$

Consider $ax_0(bx_1) = (1 - my_0)(1 - my_1)$

$$ab(x_0x_1) = 1 - my_1 - my_0 + m^2y_0y_1$$

$$= 1 - m(y_1 + y_0 - my_0y_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow abx_2 = 1 - my_2 \quad [\because x_0x_1 = x_2 \in \mathbb{Z},$$

$$y_1 + y_0 - my_0y_1 = y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

$$\Rightarrow abx_2 + my_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (ab, m) = 1$$

Theorem 1.9: (X) 5m or 10m

For any integers 'x' then $(a, b) = (b, a) = (a, -b) = (a, b+ax)$

Proof:

(i) To prove $(a, b) = (b, a)$

Let $(a, b) = g$

$$(a, b) = \text{least +ve value of } ax + by, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= \text{least +ve value of } by + ax \quad \forall y, x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(a, b) = (b, a) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

(ii) To prove $(a, b) = (a, -b)$

$$\begin{aligned}(a, b) &= \text{least +ve value of } ax+by, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &= \text{least +ve value of } ax - b(-y) \forall x, -y \in \mathbb{Z} \\ &= (a, -b)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) = (a, -b) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(iii) To prove $(a, b) = (a, b+ax)$

$$\text{Let } (a, b) = d_1 \quad \text{and } (a, b+ax) = d_2$$

$$(a, b) = d_1 \Rightarrow d_1 | a \quad \text{and } d_1 | b$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 | a, d_1 | ax \quad \text{and } d_1 | b$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 | a, d_1 | b+ax \quad [\text{by property (3)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 | d_2 \quad [\because d_2 = (a, b+ax)]$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \leq d_2 \quad \text{--- (3) } [\text{by property (f)}]$$

$$\text{Now, } (a, b+ax) = d_2$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 | a, d_2 | b+ax$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 | a, d_2 | -ax, d_2 | b+ax$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 | a, d_2 | -ax + b + ax$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 | a, d_2 | b$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 | d_1 \quad [\because d_1 = (a, b)]$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 \leq d_1 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\text{From (3) \& (4), } d_1 = d_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a, b) = (a, b+ax) \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

From ①, ② and ⑤, we have

$$(a, b) = (b, a) = (a, -b) = (a, b + ax)$$

Theorem 1.10: Euclid's Lemma (X) 5m

If $c|ab$ and $(b, c) = 1$ then $c|a$

Proof: Given $(b, c) = 1$ and $c|ab$

$$\text{W.K.T } (ma, mb) = m(a, b)$$

$$\text{mly } (ab, ac) = a(b, c)$$

$$= a \cdot 1$$

$$= a$$

$$\therefore a = abx + acy \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{Now, } c|ab \Rightarrow c|abx, \quad c|acy \rightarrow ?$$

$$\Rightarrow c|abx + acy \quad [\because \text{by property ③}]$$

$$\Rightarrow c|a$$

Problems:

1. Find $(64, 43)$

$$64 = (1 \times 43) + 21$$

$$43 = (2 \times 21) + 1$$

$$21 = (1 \times 21) + 0$$

$$1 = 43 - 2(21)$$

$$= 43 - 2[64 - (1 \times 43)]$$

$$= 43 - 2 \times 64 + 2 \times 43$$

$$1 = 43 \times 3 - 2 \times 64$$

$$\therefore x = -2; y = 3$$

$$\text{gcd} = 1$$

2. Find (93, 81)

$$x = 7, y = -81, \text{GCD} = 3$$

3. Find (963, 657)

$$x = -15, y = 22, \text{GCD} = 9$$

After Theorem 1.11.

4. By using the Euclidean Algorithm, find the GCD

i) 7469 and 2464

ii) 2689 " 4001

iii) 2947 " 3997

iv) 1109 " 4999

5. Find the GCD of the numbers 1819 and 3587, and find the integer x & y to satisfy

$$1819x + 3587y = 9$$

6. Find the value of x & y to satisfy

a. $423x + 198y = 9$

b. $71x - 50y = 1$

c. $43x + 64y = 1$

d. $93x - 81y = 3$

Theorem 1.11: Euclidean Algorithm

Given integers b and $c > 0$, we make a repeated application of the division algorithm, Theorem 1.2, to obtain a series of equations

$$b = cq_1 + r_1, \quad 0 < r_1 < c$$

$$c = r_1q_2 + r_2, \quad 0 < r_2 < r_1$$

$$r_1 = r_2q_3 + r_3, \quad 0 < r_3 < r_2$$

...

$$r_{j-2} = r_{j-1}q_j + r_j, \quad 0 < r_j < r_{j-1}$$

$$r_{j-1} = r_jq_{j+1} + 1$$

The greatest common divisor (b, c) of b and c is r_j , the last nonzero remainder in the division process. Values of x_0 and y_0 in $(b, c) = bx_0 + cy_0$ can be obtained by writing each r_i as a linear combination of b and c .

Proof:

$$\text{Divide } b \text{ by } c \Rightarrow b = cq_1 + r_1, \quad 0 < r_1 < c$$

$$" \quad c \text{ by } r_1 \Rightarrow c = r_1q_2 + r_2, \quad 0 < r_2 < r_1$$

$$" \quad r_1 \text{ by } r_2 \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2q_3 + r_3, \quad 0 < r_3 < r_2$$

Proceeding like this, we get the set of equations ①

By using the Theorem 1.9,

$$(a, b) = (a, b + ax)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow (b, c) &= (b - cq_1, c) \\
 &= (r_1, c) \\
 &= (r_1, c - r_1q_2) \\
 &= (r_1, r_2) \\
 &= (r_1 - r_2q_3, r_2) \\
 &= (r_3, r_2) \\
 &\vdots \\
 &= (r_{j-1}, r_j) \\
 &= (r_jq_{j+1}, r_j) \\
 &= r_j(q_{j+1}, 1) \\
 &= r_j(1) \quad [\because (q_{j+1}, 1) = 1] \\
 &= r_j
 \end{aligned}$$

In equation ①, r_j can be written as a linear combination of b and c by eliminating r_i 's

$$r_j = (b, c)$$

$$r_j = bx_0 + cy_0, \quad x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Note: We also note that the remainders $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_j$ are always greater than '0'.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{If } r_1 = 0 &\Rightarrow b = cq_1 + r_1 \\
 &b = cq_1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$(b, c) = (cq_1, c) = c(q_1, 1) = c$$

$$\text{iii) if } r_2 = 0 \Rightarrow C = r_1 q_2$$

$$(C, r_1) = (r_1 q_2, r_1)$$

$$= r_1 (q_2, 1)$$

$$(C, r_1) = r_1$$

Definition 1.4: least Common Multiple [LCM]

The integers $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ all different from zero, have a common multiple 'b' if $a_i | b, i=1, 2, \dots, n$. The least of the common multiple is called the LCM and it is denoted by $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$.

Example: Consider the integers 6 and 10.

Multiples of 6 = 1, 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, - - - -

" " 10 = 1, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, - - - -

Common multiples of 6 and 10 are

30, 60, 90, - - - -

LCM of 6 and 10 is 30.

$$[6, 10] = 30$$

Note: LCM of a and b is always greater than a and b.

ie if $[a, b] = h$ Then $h \geq a, h \geq b$

Also $a | h$ and $b | h$

$\Rightarrow$ If $\exists$ another multiple then h will divide that multiple

$\Rightarrow$ h is the LCM, then the other multiples are

$0, \pm h, \pm 2h, \dots$

Theorem 1.12: If m is any common multiple of $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ then $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n] \mid m$ (or) if $h = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$ then $0, \pm h, \pm 2h, \dots$ comprise all the common multiples of $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$.

Proof:

Let ' m ' be any common multiple of $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ and $h = [a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$, then $h \mid m$.

Divide ' m ' by ' h ' by Division Algorithm

$$m = qh + r, \quad 0 \leq r < h \quad \text{--- ①}$$

To prove: $r = 0$

If $r \neq 0$, then for each i ,

$$a_i \mid h \quad \text{and} \quad a_i \mid m, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\therefore a_i \mid hx + my, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{ie } a_i \mid h(-q) + m(1), \quad x = -q, \quad y = 1$$

$$\text{ie } a_i \mid -qh + m$$

$$\Rightarrow a_i \mid r \quad [\text{by ①}]$$

Thus r is the common multiple of $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ which is less than the +ve LCM h .

$a \Rightarrow \Leftarrow$ to the fact that $r \neq 0$

$$\therefore r = 0$$

$$\therefore m = qh$$

$$\text{ie } b \mid m$$

Theorem 1.13 :

If $m > 0$, $[ma, mb] = m[a, b]$ also $[a, b] \cdot (a, b) = |ab|$

Proof :

$$\text{Let } [ma, mb] = h_1 \text{ and } [a, b] = h_2$$

$$[a, b] = h_2 \Rightarrow h_2 \text{ is the LCM of } a \text{ and } b$$

$$\Rightarrow h_2 \text{ is a multiple of } a$$

$$\Rightarrow h_2 = ka$$

$$\Rightarrow mh_2 = mka$$

$$\Rightarrow mh_2 \text{ is a multiple of 'ma'}$$

$$\text{Similarly } mh_2 \text{ is a multiple of 'mb'}$$

$$\text{Thus } mh_2 \text{ is a multiple of } ma \text{ and } mb.$$

$$\text{Since } [ma, mb] = h_1, \quad h_1 \leq mh_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Now, } [ma, mb] = h_1$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 \text{ is a multiple of } ma \text{ and } mb$$

$$\Rightarrow h_1 = mak$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h_1}{m} = ak$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{h_1}{m}$ is a multiple of 'a'

Similarly $\frac{h_1}{m}$ is a multiple of 'b'

Thus, $\frac{h_1}{m}$ is a multiple of 'a' and 'b'

Since $h_2 = [a, b]$, $h_2 \leq \frac{h_1}{m}$ or $mh_2 \leq h_1$
 $\Rightarrow h_1 \geq mh_2$

from ① & ② $h_1 = mh_2$ ②

$$\Rightarrow [ma, mb] = m[a, b]$$

Let $(a, b) = 1$ (*)

It is enough to prove for the integers a and b

Since $[a, -b] = [a, b]$??

$[a, b]$ is a multiple of 'a' (say)

$$[a, b] = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow b \mid ma$$

$$\Rightarrow b \mid m \quad [\text{by Theorem 1.10 Euclid's lemma}]$$

$$\Rightarrow b \leq m$$

$$\Rightarrow ba \leq ma$$

But ba , being a +ve common multiple of a and b , cannot be less than the LCM of ba and ma .

$$\therefore ba = ma$$

$$\therefore [a, b] = ma = ba$$

$$\therefore [a, b] (a, b) = [a, b] \cdot 1 = ab$$

$\because (a, b) = 1$
Assumption
②

General Case :

$$\text{Let } (a, b) = g > 1$$

$$\text{Then } \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = 1 \quad [\because \text{by Theorem 1.7}]$$

$$\left[\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right] \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = \frac{a}{g} \cdot \frac{b}{g}$$

$$g^2 \left[\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right] \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g}\right) = g^2 \frac{a}{g} \cdot \frac{b}{g}$$

$$g^2 \cdot \frac{1}{g} [a, b] \frac{1}{g} (a, b) = ab$$

$$[a, b] (a, b) = ab$$

Definition 1.5:

An integer $p > 1$ is called a prime number if there is no divisor 'd' of 'p' satisfying $1 < d < p$.

If an integer $p > 1$ is not a prime, it is called a composite number.

Theorem 1.14:

Every integer $n > 1$ can be expressed as a product of primes.

Proof:

If 'n' is ~~not~~ a prime, it is a product of a single factor.

If 'n' is not a prime, it can be factorised as $n = n_1 \times n_2$, $1 < n_1 < n$, $1 < n_2 < n$.

If 'n₁' is prime, keep it as it is...
Otherwise factorize it as $n_1 = n_3 \times n_4$, $1 < n_3 < n_1$, $1 < n_4 < n_1$.

Similarly if 'n₂' is prime, keep it as it is...
Otherwise, factorize it as $n_2 = n_5 \times n_6$, $1 < n_5 < n_2$, $1 < n_6 < n_2$.

Continue till all factors are prime and the result can be written as

$$n = p_1^{d_1} p_2^{d_2} \dots p_r^{d_r}$$

where $p_1, p_2, \dots$ are primes and $d_1, d_2, \dots$ are integers.

Hence every integer $n > 1$ can be expressed as a product of primes.

Theorem 1.15

If $p|ab$, ' p ' being a prime then $p|a$ or $p|b$, more generally if $p|a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n$, then p divides atleast one ' a_i ' of the product.

Proof:

If $p \nmid a$ then $(a, p) = 1$, then by theorem 1.10 $p|b$

General Case:

This is proved by induction

Given $p|a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n$

To prove: $p|a_i$ for some ' i '

$n=2 \Rightarrow p|a_1 a_2 \Rightarrow p|a_1$ or $p|a_2$

Assume the Theorem is true for $n-1$

$p|a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1} \Rightarrow p|a_1$ or $p|a_2$ or $\dots$ or $p|a_{n-1}$

Consider $p \mid a_1 a_2 \dots a_n$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid (a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}) a_n$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid k a_n \quad \text{ie } k = a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}$$

If $p \mid a_n$ Then the proof is over

If $p \nmid a_n$ Then $p \mid k$

$$\text{ie } p \mid a_1 a_2 \dots a_{n-1}$$

$\Rightarrow p$ divides atleast one ' a_i '

Hence The theorem is true for ' n '.

Thus it is true for all the integers.

Theorem 1.16

The fundamental theorem of Arithmetic (or)

Unique Factorization Theorem.

The factoring of any integer $n > 1$ into primes is unique apart from the order of the prime factors.

Proof:

To prove: Uniqueness

$n=2$ is a prime.

$\therefore$ The theorem is true for $n=2$.

Assume that the theorem is true for all integers less than ' n ' and greater than one.

$$\text{ie } 1 < x < n$$

The 'x' can be written as a product of prime factors.

Now, take the integer 'n', if 'n' is prime the proof is over.

Assume 'n' is composite.

Suppose 'n' has a prime factorization

$$n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$$

To prove: $r = s$

Take a prime number p_1

$$p_1 \mid p_1 p_2 \dots p_r$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \mid n$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \mid q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$$

$\Rightarrow p_1$ divides at least one q_i

$$\Rightarrow p_1 \mid q_1 \quad (\text{say})$$

$$\Rightarrow p_1 = q_1 \quad [\because p_1, q_1 \text{ both are primes}] \quad ???$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{n}{p_1} = \frac{p_1 p_2 \dots p_r}{p_1} = \frac{q_1 q_2 \dots q_s}{p_1}$$

$$\frac{n}{p_1} = p_2 \dots p_r = q_2 \dots q_s \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\therefore \frac{n}{p_1} < n$$

By induction hypothesis $\frac{n}{p_1}$ is a product of prime factors in one and only one way.

① $\Rightarrow r = s$ and each ' p_i ' is some ' q_i ',
 $2 \leq i \leq t$

$$\therefore \frac{n}{p_1} = p_2 \cdot p_3 \cdots p_r$$

$$n = p_1 p_2 p_3 \cdots p_r$$

Thus ' n ' has a prime factorization in one and only one way.

$\therefore$ By Induction every integer $n \geq 1$ can be expressed as a product of prime factors.
 in one and only one way apart from the order of factors.

Theorem 1.17 : Euclid's Theorem (X) 300 BC

The number of primes is infinite (or) there is no end to the sequence of primes.

Proof :

Assume that there are finite no. of primes
 $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ set $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n$.

Consider a number of the form $nM = 1 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$
 $nM = 1 + p_1 + p_2 + \dots + p_n$

Here M is an integer and $n > p_i \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\therefore n$ is not a prime number

$\Rightarrow n$ is a composite number

By Theorem 1.14

n is a product of primes.

$\therefore n$ is divisible by some prime

Suppose $p_i | n$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$

$\Rightarrow p_i | n - p_1 - p_2 - \dots - p_n$

$\Rightarrow p_i | 1$

$\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$

$\therefore n$ is divisible by some prime except $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$

$\therefore$ There are infinitely many primes.

Theorem 1.18 :

There are arbitrarily large gaps in the series of primes (or) Given any (true) positive integer 'k', $\exists$ 'k' consecutive composite numbers.

Proof: Consider the integer k that makes the sequence,

$$(k+1)! + 2, (k+1)! + 3, \dots, (k+1)! + k, (k+1)! + (k+1)$$

$$(k+1)! + 2 \text{ is divisible by } 2$$

$$(k+1)! + 3 \text{ is divisible by } 3$$

⋮

$$(k+1)! + k+1 \text{ is divisible by } k+1$$

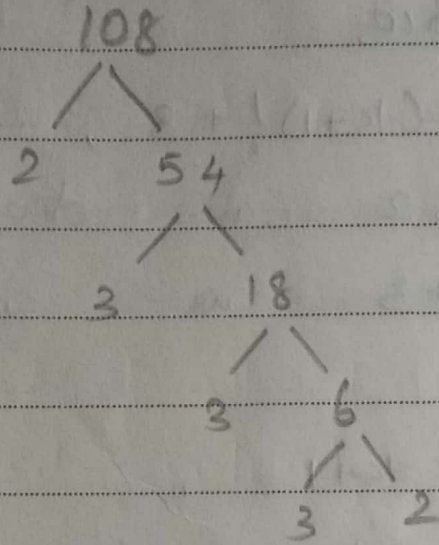
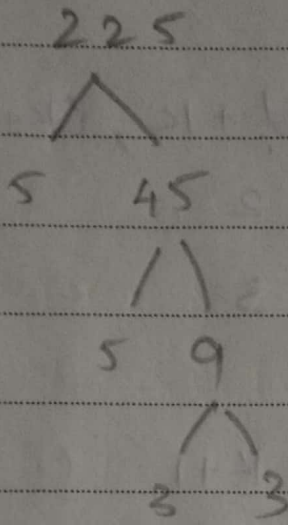
∴ the above ' k ' numbers are composite for different values of ' k ', we get ' k ' composite numbers.

There are arbitrarily large gaps in the sequence of primes.

Note:

Problems:

1. Find $(108, 225)$, $[108, 225]$



$$108 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^0$$

$$225 = 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 2^0$$

$$\begin{aligned} (108, 225) &= 2^{\min(2,0)} \cdot 3^{\min(3,2)} \cdot 5^{\min(0,2)} \\ &= 2^0 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^0 \\ &= 3^2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} [108, 225] &= 2^{\max(2,0)} \cdot 3^{\max(3,2)} \cdot 5^{\max(0,2)} \\ &= 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \\ &= 4 \times 27 \times 25 \\ &= 2700 \end{aligned}$$

2. $(30, 60)$, $[30, 60]$

3. $(60, 61)$, $[60, 61]$

For every real number $y \geq 2$, $\sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} > (\log(\log y) - 1)$

here the sum is over all primes $p \leq y$.

Proof:

Given $y \geq 2$

Let N denote the set of all positive integers 'n' that are composed entirely of primes p not exceeding 'y'.

$$\text{i.e. } N = \{n \mid p \leq y\}$$

Since there are only finitely many primes $p \leq y$, the terms of an absolutely convergent infinite series may be arbitrarily rearranged.

$$\prod_{p \leq y} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2} + \dots\right) = \sum_{n \in N} \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{p \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} = \sum_{n \in N} \frac{1}{n} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If 'n' is a positive integer $\leq y$, then $n \in N$, the above sum includes $\sum_{n \in N} \frac{1}{n}$.

Let N denote the largest integer $\leq y$.

By the integral test,

$$\sum_{n=1}^N \frac{1}{n} \geq \int_1^{N+1} \frac{dx}{x} = \log x \Big|_1^{N+1}$$

$$= \log N+1 - \log 1$$

$$= \log N+1$$

$$> \log y$$

$$\text{i.e. } \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \frac{1}{n} > \log y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\therefore \text{ (1) becomes } \prod_{p \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} > \log y \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Now, Assume that, $e^{v+v^2} \geq (1-v)^{-1}$ holds for all real nos v in the interval $0 \leq v \leq 1/2$. (4)

Taking $v = 1/p$.

$$\text{(4)} \Rightarrow e^{v+v^2} \geq \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\therefore \prod_{p \leq y} e^{\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2}} \geq \prod_{p \leq y} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1}$$

$$\exp \sum_{p \leq y} \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2} \right) > \log y \quad [\because \text{by (3)}]$$

$$\text{Since } \prod \exp(a_i) = \exp\left(\sum a_i\right)$$

Taking log on both sides

$$\sum_{p \leq y} \left(\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2} \right) > \log \log y$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} + \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p^2} > \log \log y \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Using Comparison test

$$\sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p^2} < \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$$

$$< \int_1^{\infty} \frac{dx}{x^2}$$

$$= \left(-\frac{1}{x} \right)_1^{\infty}$$

$$= 0 - (-1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\textcircled{5} \Rightarrow \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} + 1 > \log \log y$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{p \leq y} \frac{1}{p} > \log \log y - 1$$