

What to bring to class:
Ask students to bring PM
4A and 5A.

5.5 GCF and LCM.

The greatest common factor is its own definition, i.e., list all of the common factors of 2 numbers and take the largest.

Ex GCF of 36 and 84

Factors of 36: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36

Factors of 84: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 12, 14, 21, 28, 42, 84

↑ GCF

$$\text{GCF}(36, 84) = 12$$

Easier way: Prime factor both numbers. Then pair common factors.

$$\begin{array}{l} 36 = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}_{\text{prime factors}} \\ 84 = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7}_{\text{prime factors}} \end{array}$$

Biggest # which
divides both. $= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 12.$

The Least common Multiple (LCM) is also its own definition.

1st: Find common multiples.

2nd: Take the smallest.

Ex Find LCM of 16, 24. (Students do)

Multiples of 16: 16, 32, 48, 64, 80, 96, 112, ...

Multiples of 24: 24, 48, 72, 96, 120, 144

smallest!

$$\text{LCM}(16, 24) = 48.$$

Easier way:

#1 Prime factorization

#2 Pair prime factors

#3 Multiply pairs with extra primes

$$\begin{array}{l} 16 = \underbrace{(2 \cdot 2) \cdot (2 \cdot 2)}_{\text{pairs}} \cdot 2 \\ 24 = \underbrace{(2 \cdot 2) \cdot (2 \cdot 2)}_{\text{pairs}} \cdot 3 \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} 16 \\ 24 \end{array}} \right\} \text{extra's}$$

$$\text{LCM}(16, 24) = \underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}_{\text{pairs}} \cdot \underbrace{2 \cdot 3}_{\text{extra}} = 48$$

Note: $\text{GCF}(a, b) \leq \min(a, b)$

$\text{LCM}(a, b) \geq \max(a, b)$

In fact, one can define GCF and LCM in terms of prime factorization.

Prime factorizations of

$$a = P_1^{r_1} \cdot P_2^{r_2} \cdot \dots \cdot P_k^{r_k}$$

$$b = P_1^{s_1} \cdot P_2^{s_2} \cdot \dots \cdot P_k^{s_k}$$

[SAY!
P's all different
from each other,
but same for
a and b.]

$$\text{Then } \text{GCF}(a, b) = P_1^{\min(r_1, s_1)} \cdot P_2^{\min(r_2, s_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot P_k^{\min(r_k, s_k)}$$

$$\text{LCM}(a, b) = P_1^{\max(r_1, s_1)} \cdot P_2^{\max(r_2, s_2)} \cdot \dots \cdot P_k^{\max(r_k, s_k)}$$

Ex Find GCF & LCM of 36 and 84

$$36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^0$$

$$84 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 7^1$$

means we put $7^0 = 1$ to get same # of primes

$$\text{GCF}(36, 84) = 2^{\min(2, 2)} \cdot 3^{\min(2, 1)} \cdot 7^{\min(0, 1)}$$

$$= 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 7^0 = 4 \cdot 3 = 12 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{LCM}(36, 84) = 2^{\max(2, 2)} \cdot 3^{\max(2, 1)} \cdot 7^{\max(0, 1)}$$

$$= 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7^1 = 4 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 = 9 \cdot 28 = 280 - 28 = \boxed{252}$$

HW Read § 5.5 Do HW set 22.

Give quiz or go over HW or practice Mental Math.

[If you want, you can show

$$\text{GCF}(a, a + b) = \text{GCF}(a, b)$$

and then go on to prove the Euclidean Algorithm.]

Caution - This lecture follows the book EXACTLY

be careful about boring students

Lecture 25 - Fraction Basics

Instructor - photocopy
Prim Math 2B pgs 52-57
Prim Math 3B pgs 51-62
as handout for today's class.
Students Bring PM 4A to class

Fractions used when there is a standard unit but we want to measure using (usually) smaller units called the fractional unit

Ex 4 quarts = 1 gallon
standard unit: gallon
fraction unit: quart
3 quarts = ?



Notation $\frac{3}{4}$ gallon.
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 standard
 unit.

numerator = # of fractional units
denominator specifies the fractional unit; it is the number of fractional units in the standard unit.

[Say: Fractional unit usually doesn't have its own name (like "quart" above) - It is defined by the denominator.]

Notes

(1) Must know the standard unit (I have $\frac{3}{4}$ water doesn't make sense)