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- $\text{HCF} * \text{LCM}$  of two numbers = Product of two numbers
- The greatest number dividing  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  leaving remainders of  $x_1$ ,  $x_2$  and  $x_3$  is the HCF of  $(a-x_1)$ ,  $(b-x_2)$  and  $(c-x_3)$ .
- The greatest number dividing  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  ( $a < b < c$ ) leaving the same remainder each time is the HCF of  $(c-b)$ ,  $(c-a)$ ,  $(b-a)$ .
- If a number,  $N$ , is divisible by  $X$  and  $Y$  and  $\text{HCF}(X, Y) = 1$ . Then,  $N$  is divisible by  $X * Y$

- Prime numbers are numbers with only two factors, 1 and the number itself.
- Composite numbers are numbers with more than 2 factors. Examples are 4, 6, 8, 9.
- 0 and 1 are neither composite nor prime.
- There are 25 prime numbers less than 100.

- To check if  $n$  is a prime number, list all prime factors less than or equal to  $\sqrt{n}$ . If none of the prime factors can divide  $n$  then  $n$  is a prime number.
- For any integer  $a$  and prime number  $p$ ,  $a^p - a$  is always divisible by  $p$
- All prime numbers greater than 2 and 3 can be written in the form of  $6k+1$  or  $6k-1$

(b-1)

**Fermat's Theorem:**

Remainder of  $a^{(p-1)}$  when divided by  $p$  is 1, where  $p$  is a prime

**Wilson's Theorem:**

Remainder when  $(p-1)!$  is divided by  $p$  is  $(p-1)$  where  $p$  is a prime

## Remainder Theorem

- If  $a, b, c$  are the prime factors of  $N$  such that  $N = a^p * b^q * c^r$

Then the number of numbers less than  $N$  and co-prime to  $N$  is

$$\phi(N) = N (1 - 1/a) (1 - 1/b) (1 - 1/c).$$

This function is known as the Euler's totient function.

## Euler's theorem

- If  $M$  and  $N$  are co-prime to each other then remainder when  $M^{\phi(N)}$  is divided by  $N$  is 1.

- Highest power of  $n$  in  $m!$  is  $[m/n] + [m/n^2] + [m/n^3] + \dots$

Ex: Highest power of 7 in  $100! = [100/7] + [100/49] = 16$

- To find the number of zeroes in  $n!$  find the highest power of 5 in  $n!$
- If all possible permutations of  $n$  distinct digits are added together the sum =  $(n-1)! * (\text{sum of } n \text{ digits}) * (11111\dots n \text{ times})$

- number of factors the is  $(p+1) * (q+1) * (r+1)$
- Sum of the factors =  $\frac{a^{p+1} - 1}{a-1} * \frac{b^{q+1} - 1}{b-1} * \frac{c^{r+1} - 1}{c-1}$
- If the number of factors are odd then N is a perfect square.
- If there are n factors, then the number of pairs of factors would be n/2. If N is a perfect square then number of pairs (including the square root) is (n+1)/2

If the number can be expressed as  $N = 2^p * a^q * b^r \dots$  where the power of 2 is p and a, b are prime numbers

- Then the number of even factors of  $N = p (1+q) (1+r) \dots$
- The number of odd factors of  $N = (1+q) (1+r) \dots$

Number of positive integral solutions of the equation  $x^2 - y^2 = k$  is given by

- $\frac{\text{Total number of factors of } k}{2}$  (If  $k$  is odd but not a perfect square)
- $\frac{(\text{Total number of factors of } k) - 1}{2}$  (If  $k$  is odd and a perfect square)
- $\frac{\text{Total number of factors of } \frac{k}{4}}{2}$  (If  $k$  is even and not a perfect square)
- $\frac{(\text{Total number of factors of } \frac{k}{4}) - 1}{2}$  (If  $k$  is even and a perfect square)

- Number of digits in  $a^b = [ b \log_m(a) ] + 1$  ; where  $m$  is the base of the number and  $[.]$  denotes greatest integer function
- Even number which is not a multiple of 4, can never be expressed as a difference of 2 perfect squares.

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- Sum of first  $n$  odd numbers is  $n^2$
- Sum of first  $n$  even numbers is  $n(n+1)$
- The product of the factors of  $N$  is given by  $N^{a/2}$ , where  $a$  is the number of factors

- The last two digits of  $a^2$ ,  $(50 - a)^2$ ,  $(50+a)^2$ ,  $(100 - a)^2$  . . . . . are same.
- If the number is written as  $2^{10n}$

When  $n$  is odd, the last 2 digits are 24.

When  $n$  is even, the last 2 digits are 76.

- Divisibility by 2: Last digit divisible by 2
- Divisibility by 4: Last two digits divisible by 4
- Divisibility by 8: Last three digits divisible by 8
- Divisibility by 16: Last four digit divisible by 16

- Divisibility by 3: Sum of digits divisible by 3
- Divisibility by 9: Sum of digits divisible by 9
- Divisibility by 27: Sum of blocks of 3 (taken right to left) divisible by 27
- Divisibility by 7: Remove the last digit, double it and subtract it from the truncated original number. Check if number is divisible by 7
- Divisibility by 11: (sum of odd digits) - (sum of even digits) should be 0

## ***Divisibility properties***

- For composite divisors, check if the number is divisible by the factors individually. Hence to check if a number is divisible by 6 it must be divisible by 2 and 3.
- The equation  $a^n - b^n$  is always divisible by  $a - b$ . If  $n$  is even it is divisible by  $a + b$ . If  $n$  is odd it is not divisible by  $a + b$ .
- The equation  $a^n + b^n$ , is divisible by  $a + b$  if  $n$  is odd. If  $n$  is even it is not divisible by  $a + b$ .

- Converting from decimal to base  $b$ . Let  $R_1, R_2 \dots$  be the remainders left after repeatedly dividing the number with  $b$ . Hence, the number in base  $b$  is given by  $\dots R_2R_1$ .
- Converting from base  $b$  to decimal - multiply each digit of the number with a power of  $b$  starting with the rightmost digit and  $b^0$ .
- A decimal number is divisible by  $b-1$  only if the sum of the digits of the number when written in base  $b$  are divisible by  $b-1$ .

▶ To find the last digit of  $a^n$  find the cyclicity of  $a$ . For Ex. if  $a=2$ , we see that

▶  $2^1=2$

▶  $2^2=4$

▶  $2^3=8$

▶  $2^4=16$

▶  $2^5=32$

Hence, the last digit of 2 repeats after every 4<sup>th</sup> power. Hence cyclicity of 2 = 4. Hence if we have to find the last digit of  $a^n$ ,

The steps are:

1. Find the cyclicity of  $a$ , say it is  $x$

- $(a + b)(a - b) = (a^2 - b^2)$
- $(a + b)^2 = (a^2 + b^2 + 2ab)$
- $(a - b)^2 = (a^2 + b^2 - 2ab)$
- $(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$

- $(a^3 + b^3) = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
- $(a^3 - b^3) = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$
- $(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac)$
- When  $a + b + c = 0$ , then  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$ .

