

The Divisibility of Integers and Integer Relatively Primes ¹

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Summary. We introduce the following notions: 1) the least common multiple of two integers ($\text{lcm}(i, j)$), 2) the greatest common divisor of two integers ($\text{gcd}(i, j)$), 3) the relative prime integer numbers, 4) the prime numbers. A few facts concerning the above items, among them a so-called Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, are introduced.

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The articles [6], [3], [2], [4], [1], and [5] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

In this paper a, b are natural numbers.

We now state four propositions:

- (3)¹ $0 \mid a$ iff $a = 0$.
- (4) $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ iff $\text{lcm}(a, b) = 0$.
- (5) $a = 0$ and $b = 0$ iff $\text{gcd}(a, b) = 0$.
- (6) $a \cdot b = \text{lcm}(a, b) \cdot \text{gcd}(a, b)$.

We adopt the following rules: m, n denote natural numbers and a, b, c, a_1, b_1 denote integers.

We now state a number of propositions:

- (8)² $-n$ is a natural number iff $n = 0$.
- (9) -1 is a natural number.
- (10) $0 \mid a$ iff $a = 0$.
- (11) $a \mid -a$ and $-a \mid a$.
- (12) If $a \mid b$, then $a \mid b \cdot c$.
- (13) If $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.
- (14)(i) $a \mid b$ iff $a \mid -b$,
- (ii) $a \mid b$ iff $-a \mid b$,
- (iii) $a \mid b$ iff $-a \mid -b$, and
- (iv) $a \mid -b$ iff $-a \mid b$.

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¹ The propositions (1) and (2) have been removed.

² The proposition (7) has been removed.

- (15) If $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$, then $a = b$ or $a = -b$.
- (16) $a \mid 0$ and $1 \mid a$ and $-1 \mid a$.
- (17) If $a \mid 1$ or $a \mid -1$, then $a = 1$ or $a = -1$.
- (18) If $a = 1$ or $a = -1$, then $a \mid 1$ and $a \mid -1$.
- (19) $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$ iff $c \mid a - b$.
- (20) $|a|$ is a natural number.
- (21) $a \mid b$ iff $|a| \mid |b|$.

Let us consider a, b . The functor $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ yielding an integer is defined by:

(Def. 2)³ $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \text{lcm}(|a|, |b|)$.

Let us observe that the functor $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ is commutative.

Next we state four propositions:

- (23)⁴ $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ is a natural number.
- (25)⁵ $a \mid \text{lcm}(a, b)$.
- (26) $b \mid \text{lcm}(a, b)$.
- (27) For every c such that $a \mid c$ and $b \mid c$ holds $\text{lcm}(a, b) \mid c$.

Let us consider a, b . The functor $a \text{gcd} b$ yields an integer and is defined as follows:

(Def. 3) $a \text{gcd} b = \text{gcd}(|a|, |b|)$.

Let us notice that the functor $a \text{gcd} b$ is commutative.

We now state several propositions:

- (29)⁶ $a \text{gcd} b$ is a natural number.
- (31)⁷ $a \text{gcd} b \mid a$.
- (32) $a \text{gcd} b \mid b$.
- (33) For every c such that $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$ holds $c \mid a \text{gcd} b$.
- (34) $a = 0$ or $b = 0$ iff $\text{lcm}(a, b) = 0$.
- (35) $a = 0$ and $b = 0$ iff $a \text{gcd} b = 0$.

Let us consider a, b . We say that a and b are relative prime if and only if:

(Def. 4) $a \text{gcd} b = 1$.

Let us note that the predicate a and b are relative prime is symmetric.

One can prove the following propositions:

- (38)⁸ If $a \neq 0$ or $b \neq 0$, then there exist a_1, b_1 such that $a = (a \text{gcd} b) \cdot a_1$ and $b = (a \text{gcd} b) \cdot b_1$ and a_1 and b_1 are relative prime.

³ The definition (Def. 1) has been removed.

⁴ The proposition (22) has been removed.

⁵ The proposition (24) has been removed.

⁶ The proposition (28) has been removed.

⁷ The proposition (30) has been removed.

⁸ The propositions (36) and (37) have been removed.

(39) If a and b are relative prime, then $c \cdot a \operatorname{gcd} c \cdot b = |c|$ and $c \cdot a \operatorname{gcd} b \cdot c = |c|$ and $a \cdot c \operatorname{gcd} c \cdot b = |c|$ and $a \cdot c \operatorname{gcd} b \cdot c = |c|$.

(40) If $c \mid a \cdot b$ and a and c are relative prime, then $c \mid b$.

(41) If a and c are relative prime and b and c are relative prime, then $a \cdot b$ and c are relative prime.

In the sequel p, q, k, l denote natural numbers.

Let us consider p . We say that p is prime if and only if:

(Def. 5) $p > 1$ and for every n such that $n \mid p$ holds $n = 1$ or $n = p$.

Let us consider m, n . We say that m and n are relative prime if and only if:

(Def. 6) $\operatorname{gcd}(m, n) = 1$.

One can prove the following propositions:

(44)⁹ 2 is prime.

(46)¹⁰ There exists p such that p is not prime.

(47) If p is prime and q is prime, then p and q are relative prime or $p = q$.

In this article we present several logical schemes. The scheme *Ind1* deals with a natural number \mathcal{A} and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

For every k such that $k \geq \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k]$

provided the following requirements are met:

- $\mathcal{P}[\mathcal{A}]$, and
- For every k such that $k \geq \mathcal{A}$ and $\mathcal{P}[k]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k + 1]$.

The scheme *Comp Ind1* deals with a natural number \mathcal{A} and a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

For every k such that $k \geq \mathcal{A}$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k]$

provided the parameters meet the following condition:

- For every k such that $k \geq \mathcal{A}$ and for every n such that $n \geq \mathcal{A}$ and $n < k$ holds $\mathcal{P}[n]$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k]$.

The following proposition is true

(48) If $l \geq 2$, then there exists p such that p is prime and $p \mid l$.

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