

2. Prime Factorization Method



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(a) Step-by-step example: LCM(42,135)

Step 1: Write down the expanded prime factors of each number.

$$42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$$

$$135 = \cancel{3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3} \cdot 5$$

Step 2: use each prime factors at least once and more often if it repeats.

$$LCM(42,135) = 2 \cdot (3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3) \cdot 5 \cdot 7 = 1260$$

From now on we will use **prime factors in power notation form.**

(b) Worked example: LCM(54,150,420)

$$54 = 2 \cdot \left(3^3\right)$$

$$150 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \left(5^2\right)$$

$$420 = (2^2) \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$$

(c) use each prime factors and repeat based on most appearances

$$LCM = (2^2) \cdot (3^3) \cdot (5^2) \cdot 7 = 18900$$

(d) Guided Practice: LCM(60,42)

Write the prime factorization of each number:

$$60 =$$

$$42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$$

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(e) Shared Practice LCM(24, 36)

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(f) LCM(18, 27)



(g) LCM(75, 100)

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(h) LCM(18, 24, 36)

(i) You lap the school in 5 minutes and your maths buddy does it in 6 minutes. Show that if you start out together in the GPA at 13.10 pm you will meet again for the first time at the end of lunch. Explain any assumption?

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Essential homework (Do into copy)

- (j) Use prime factors to find:
 - i. LCM(2,3)
 - ii. LCM(6,10)
 - iii. LCM (21, 10)
 - iv. LCM(70,80)

Challenge homework (Do into copy)

- (k) i. LCM(90, 120, 150)
 - ii. LCM(96, 128, 192)
 - iii. LCM(120,63,81 and check your answer online by searching LCM calculator

Extension homework

- (l) i. 6 is a perfect number because the sum of its proper factors 1+2+3=6. Is 28 a perfect number?
 - ii. What is the sum of all the prime numbers between 80 and 90?
 - iii. How many pairs of primes are there such that sum of the pair is 40?
 - iv. The product of all prime numbers between 1 and 80 is divided by 10. What is the remainder?