

# GCD+LCM

## Display



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## Overview<sup>1</sup>

Programs GCD calculates the Greatest Common Divider of two integer values. GCD uses a very simple and short algorithm. Its big friend GCD+LCM calculates both the Greatest Common Divider and the Least Common Multiple according to the Knuth algorithm (see also the similar program for the HP-67 at the [MoHPc](#)).:

## Algorithm

Given two integer values **A** and **B** of which the GCD and LCM can be determined as follows:

$$y_{i+1} = s_i$$

$$x_{i+1} = t_i$$

$$s_{i+1} = (a_i \text{ div } b_i) \cdot s_i + y_i$$

$$t_{i+1} = (a_i \text{ div } b_i) \cdot t_i + x_i$$

$$a_{i+1} = b_i$$

$$b_{i+1} = a_i \bmod b_i$$

where:  $s_0 = 0, y_0 = 1$

$t_0 = 1, x_0 = 0$

and:  $a_0 = A$

$b_0 = B$

for:  $i = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$

The GCD follows from  $a_{i+1}$  if the value  $b_{i+1}$  equals 0 (zero):

$$a_{i+1} = \text{GCD}(A, B)$$

The LCM follows from:

$$\text{LCM}(A, B) = A \cdot B / \text{GCD}(A, B)$$

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## Example (1)

KEYSTROKES	DISPLAY	COMMENTS
[XEQ] [ALPHA] GCD [ALPHA]	R,B=?	Run GCD
468 [ENTER] 228 [R/S]	GCD B= 12,00000	Enter A and B, e.g. 468 and 228 GCD(468,228) = 12
[R/S]	R,B=?	Run again for 9449 and 4994
9449 [ENTER] 4994 [R/S]	GCD B= 1,100000	GCD(9449,4994) = 11
[R/S]	R,B=?	Run again for new values of A and B

## Example (2)

KEYSTROKES	DISPLAY	COMMENTS
[XEQ] [ALPHA] GCD+LCM [ALPHA]	R,B=?	Run GCD+LCM
155 [ENTER] 55 [R/S]	GCD B= 5,000000	Enter A and B, e.g. 155 and 55 GCD(155,55) = 5
[R/S]	LCM B= 1750	LCM(155,55) = 1750
[R/S]	R,B=?	Run again for A and B, e.g. 406 and 266
406 [ENTER] 266 [R/S]	GCD B= 14,000000	GCD(406,266)
[R/S]	LCM B= 7,7 14,000000	LCM(406,266)
[RDN]	2,000000	Value of s
[RDN]	-- 3,000000	Value of t
[R/S]	R,B=?	Run again for A and B, e.g. 792 and 495
792 [ENTER] 495 [R/S]	GCD B= 99,000000	GCD(792,495)
[R/S]	LCM B= 3,960,000000	LCM(792,495)
[RDN]	2,000000	Value of s
[RDN]	-- 4,000000	Value of t
[R/S]	R,B=?	Run again for new values of A and B

## Program Listing

The listing of both the GCD and GCD+LCM programs is given below:

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01■LBL "GCD"
02 "A,B=?"
03 PROMPT
04■LBL 01
05 MOD
06 LASTX
07 X<>Y
08 X#0?
09 GTO 01
10 "GCD="

11 ARCL Y
12 AVIEW
13 END
(32 bytes)

01■LBL "GCD+LCM"
02 CLRG
03 "A,B=?"
04 PROMPT
05 STO 02
06 STO 07
07 X<>Y
08 STO 01
09 ST* 07
10 1

11 STO 04
12 STO 06
13■LBL 01
14 RCL 01
15 STO 00
16 RCL 02
17 STO 01
18 ST/ 00
19 MOD
20 STO 02

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21 X=0?	30 STO 05	39 GTO 01	48 PROMPT
22 GTO 06	31 RCL 03	40■LBL 06	49 "LCM="
23 RCL 04	32 RCL 06	41 RCL 07	50 ARCL T
24 RCL 05	33 STO 03	42 RCL 06	51 AVIEW
25 STO 04	34 RCL 00	43 RCL 05	52 END
26 RCL 00	35 *	44 RCL 01	
27 INT	36 INT	45 ST/ T	(84 bytes)
28 *	37 -	46 "GCD="	
29 -	38 STO 06	47 ARCL X	

## Registers, Labels and Flags

REGISTERS	COMMENTS
R00	Work registers
R01	$a_i$
R02	$b_i$
R03	$x_i$
R04	$y_i$
R05	$s_i$
R06	$t_i$
R07	Product A,B

LABELS	COMMENTS
LBL00	-
LBL01	Loop around $s_i$ and $t_i$
LBL02	-
LBL03	-
LBL04	-
LBL05	-
LBL06	Show outcomes

FLAGS	COMMENTS
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## Downloads

The RAW/TXT format of the program is available via the website: [GCD+LCM](#) (in zip file).