

Prime Factorization LCM Practice

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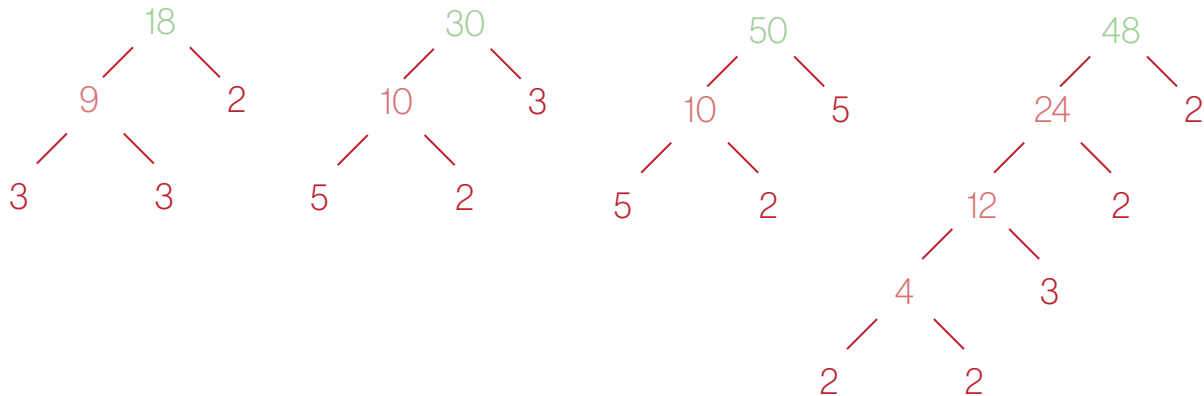
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Prime Factorization 18: $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$

$\longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3^2$

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Prime Factorization 30: $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

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Prime Factorization 50: $2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5$

$\longrightarrow 2 \cdot 5^2$

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Prime Factorization 48: $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$

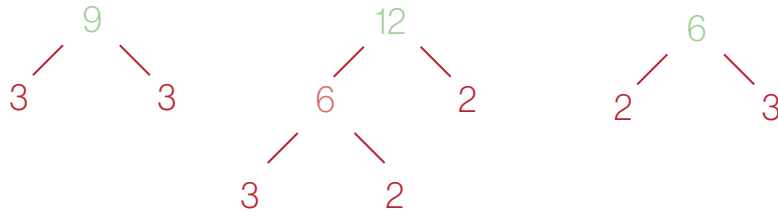
$\longrightarrow 2^4 \cdot 3$

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$$\text{LCM: } 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 3,600$$

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II. 9, 12, 6



Prime Factorization 9: $3 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 3^2 \longrightarrow 3^2$
Prime Factorization 12: $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 3$
Prime Factorization 6: $2 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3$

$$\text{LCM: } 2^2 \cdot 3^2 = 36$$

III. 14, 15

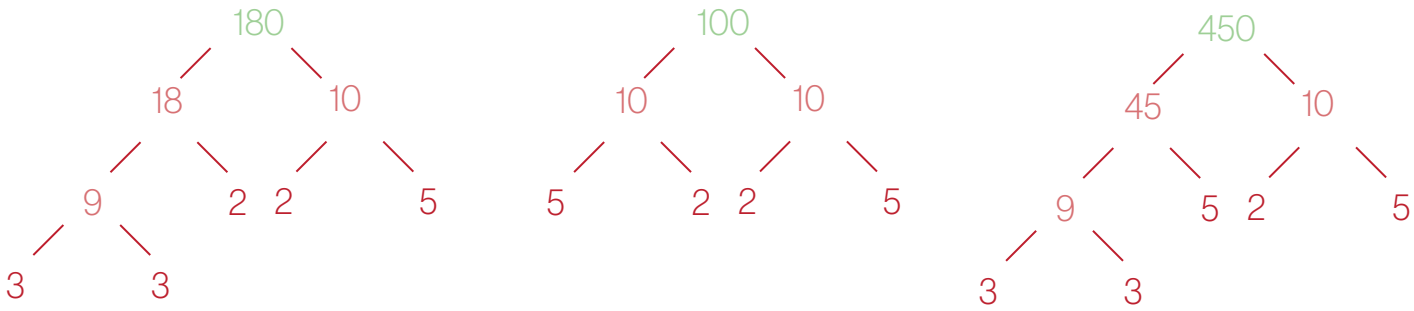


Prime Factorization 14: $2 \cdot 7 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 7 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 7$
Prime Factorization 15: $3 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 3 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 3 \cdot 5$

$$\text{LCM: } 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 = 210$$

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IV. 180, 100, 450



Prime Factorization 180: $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$

Prime Factorization 100: $2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 5^2 \longrightarrow 2^2 \cdot 5^2$

Prime Factorization 450: $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2$

$$\text{LCM: } 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 900$$

V. 81, 90



Prime Factorization 81: $3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \longrightarrow 3^4 \longrightarrow 3^4$

Prime Factorization 90: $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$

$$\text{LCM: } 2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5 = 810$$

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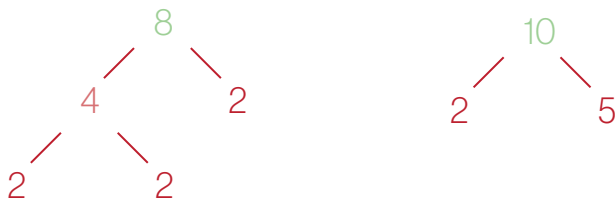
VI. $9a^3b, 6ab^2$



$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \text{Prime Factorization } 9: & 3 \cdot 3 \cdot a^3 \cdot b & \longrightarrow & 3^2 \cdot a^3 \cdot b \longrightarrow 3^2 \cdot a^3 \cdot b \\
 \text{Prime Factorization } 6: & 2 \cdot 3 \cdot a \cdot b^2 & \longrightarrow & 2 \cdot 3 \cdot a \cdot b^2 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3 \cdot a \cdot b^2
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LCM: } 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 = 18a^3b^2$$

VII. $8a^3b^2, 10a^2c^4$



$$\begin{array}{llll}
 \text{Prime Factorization } 8: & 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 & \longrightarrow & 2^3 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 \longrightarrow 2^3 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 \\
 \text{Prime Factorization } 10: & 2 \cdot 5 \cdot a^2 \cdot c^4 & \longrightarrow & 2 \cdot 5 \cdot a^2 \cdot c^4 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 5 \cdot a^2 \cdot c^4
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{LCM: } 2^3 \cdot 5 \cdot a^3 \cdot b^2 \cdot c^4 = 40a^3b^2c^4$$

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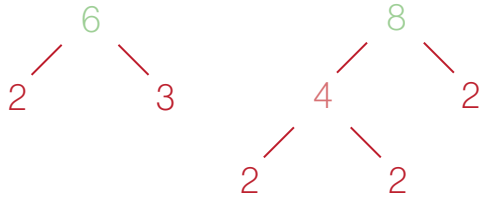
$$a^3 \cdot b$$

$$b^2 \cdot c$$

$$a \cdot c^2$$

$$\text{LCM: } a^3 \cdot b^2 \cdot c^2 = a^3b^2c^2$$

IX. $6r^3st^4, 8rs^2t$



$$\text{Prime Factorization } 6: 2 \cdot 3 \cdot r^3 \cdot s \cdot t^4 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3 \cdot r^3 \cdot s \cdot t^4 \longrightarrow 2 \cdot 3 \cdot r^3 \cdot s \cdot t^4$$

$$\text{Prime Factorization } 8: 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot r \cdot s^2 \cdot t \longrightarrow 2^3 \cdot r \cdot s^2 \cdot t \longrightarrow 2^3 \cdot r \cdot s^2 \cdot t$$

$$\text{LCM: } 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot r^3 \cdot s^2 \cdot t^4 = 24r^3s^2t^4$$