

A NEW IMPROVEMENT OF STEIN'S BINARY ALGORITHM FOR FINDING GREATEST COMMON DIVISOR

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ABSTRACT: In newly published papers and books [7]–[28] we develop techniques for speeding of algorithms for finding the greatest common divisor. Here we are present faster versions of Stein's iterative and recursive binary algorithms. In particular our new algorithms have different boundary condition and other more optimized way of conducting computational process as it is rearranged in more optimal manner with comparison to well known and world known sources, see [1]–[6] and [29]–[35]. Numerical experiments demonstrate that the organization of structure of algorithm provided by us makes it considerably faster than known realizations of this algorithm which is extremely useful for its practical application for long numbers. We accent to the fact that our experiments are only illustrative and do not depend of computer system and software environment in which the algorithm is described. They are only necessary to demonstrate the computational advantages and power of new algorithms.

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1. INTRODUCTION

For two arbitrary natural numbers a and b , we set the task to optimize both Stein's iterative and recursive binary algorithms. Our approach [7]–[28] is practically oriented

and gives faster computational way for searching of solution i.e. greatest common divisor with comparison to sources [1]–[6] and [29]–[35], etc. that have used not so well organized in computational point of view Knuth’s interpretations [29], [22] and in particular for Stein’s binary algorithm also.

For testing purposes for new algorithm we will use the following computer: processor – Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-6700HQ CPU 2.60GHz, 2592 Mhz, 4 Core(s), 8 Logical Processor(s), RAM 16 GB, Microsoft Windows 10 Enterprise x64, Microsoft Visual C# 2017 x64.

2. Main Results.

We propose the following:

Algorithm 1.

```

k = 0; j = 0;
if ((a & 1) == 0) do { a >>= 1; j++; } while ((a & 1) == 0);
if ((b & 1) == 0) do { b >>= 1; k++; } while ((b & 1) == 0);
if (j < k) min = j; else min = k;
while (a != b)
if (a > b) { a -= b; a >>= 1;
if ((a & 1) == 0) do a >>= 1; while ((a & 1) == 0); }
else { b -= a; b >>= 1;
if ((b & 1) == 0) do b >>= 1; while ((b & 1) == 0); }
gcd = a <<= min;

```

and its recursive implementation as

Algorithm 2.

```

static long Euclid(long a, long b)
{
if ((a & 1) == 0)
{
if ((b & 1) == 0) return Euclid(a >> 1, b >> 1) << 1;
else return Euclid(a >> 1, b);
} else if ((b & 1) == 0) return Euclid(a, b >> 1);
else

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if (a == b) return a; else
if (a > b) return Euclid((a - b) >> 1, b);
else return Euclid(a, (b - a) >> 1);
}

```

Numerical Example.

We will compare the proposed here algorithm with Stein's iterative and recursive [29], [22] implementations respectively.

```

long a, b, gcd, m, t, d = 0;
int j, k, min;
for (int i = 1; i < 100000001; i++) { a = i; b = 200000002 - i;
//here is the source code of every one of algorithms 1 and Stein's
//iterative, and calling of algorithms 2 and Stein's recursive
d += gcd; }
Console.WriteLine(d);

```

Both recursive implementations (Algorithm 2 and Stein's) can be called by:

```
gcd = Euclid(a, b);
```

CPU time of Algorithm 1 is: **44.328 seconds.**

CPU time of Stein's iterative is: **54.795 seconds.**

CPU time of Algorithm 2 is: **105.787 seconds.**

CPU time of Stein's recursive is: **120.223 seconds.**

3. Conclusion

The paper is natural continuation of results in [7]–[28]. The approach given here as Algorithms 1 and 2 demonstrate possible way of optimizing the binary algorithms for finding greatest common divisor. The results are promising and encourage us to continue development of new and faster realizations of other classical algorithms.

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