Generalizations of some divisibility relations in $\ensuremath{\mathbb{N}}$

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Abstract.

The present work gives a number of generalizations for some divisibility relations in the set of natural numbers. Let $n \ge 2$ and x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n be natural numbers. It is well known that $(x_1, x_2) [x_1, x_2] = x_1 x_2$, where (x_1, x_2) denotes the greatest common divisor (gcd) and $[x_1, x_2]$ the lowest common multiple (lcm) of the numbers x_1 and x_2 . In the present paper we derive the formulas for (x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n) , the gcd of the numbers x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n , in terms of the lowest common multiple (lcm) of the subsets x_{i_1}, \ldots, x_{i_k} , with $1 \le i_1 < \cdots < i_k \le n$. We also find the dual formula for $[x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n]$, the lcm of the numbers x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_n .

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