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A combinatorial theorem is established, stating that if a family A_1, A_2, \ldots, A_s of subsets of a set M contains every subset of each member, then the complements in M of the A's have a permutation C_1, C_2, \ldots, C_s such that $C_i \supset A_1$. This is used to determine the minimal size of a maximal set of divisors of a number N no two of them being coprime.

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