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Theorem 1. If D_1, \ldots, D_m are different divisors of an integer N whose decomposition in prime factors is $\prod_{i=1}^t p_i^{\alpha_i}$ and each two of the d's have a common divisor > 1 then, denoting $\prod_{i=1}^t \alpha_i = \alpha$,

$$\max m = f(N) = \frac{1}{2} \sum \max \left\{ \prod_{\nu=1}^{\mu} \alpha_{i_{\nu}}, \alpha / \prod_{\nu=1}^{\mu} \alpha_{i_{\nu}} \right\}$$

where the summation is over all subsets $\{i_1, \ldots, i_{\mu}\}$ of $\{1, \ldots, t\}$ and for the empty subset the product is considered to be one. The result is best possible, for every N there are f(N) divisors no two of which are relatively prime. Theorem 2. Let G_1, \ldots, G_m be m distinct divisors of N not two of which are relatively prime. Assume m < g(N). Then there are g(N) - m further divisors $G_{m+1}, \ldots, G_{g(N)}$ so that no two of the g(N) distinct divisors $G_i, 1 \le i \le g(N)$ are relatively prime. Theorem 2 is best possible.

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