# **Computing the GCD**



## **Objective**

In this challenge, we learn how to compute GCD using the Euclidean algorithm.

#### Resources

Here's a helpful video on the topic:



Given two integers, x and y, a recursive technique to find their GCD is the Euclidean Algorithm.

The algorithm states that, for computing the GCD of two positive integers x and y, if x and y are equal, GCD(x,y)=x. Otherwise GCD(x,y)=GCD(x-y,y) if x>y. There are a few optimizations that can be made to the above logic to arrive at a more efficient implementation.

#### Task

Given the starter code, you need to complete a function body that returns the GCD of two given integers x and y.

The task of reading in input and printing the output will be handled by us.

## **Programming Language Support**

At this point of time, we have a template for Scala. This means that we provide the code required to accept the input and display the output.

#### **Input Format**

One line of input containing 2 space separated integers.

#### **Constraints**

$$1 < a, b < 10^6$$

### **Output Format**

Output one integer, the GCD of the two given numbers.

# **Sample Input**

```
1 5
```

## **Sample Output**

# **Explanation**

## **Sample Return Values:**

```
GCD(1,5) = 1

GCD(10,100) = 10

GCD(22,131) = 1
```