

## Perfect Square/Cube/Fifth power

**Problem:** Find the smallest positive integer  $n$  such that  $\frac{n}{2}$  is perfect square,  $\frac{n}{3}$  is perfect cube, and  $\frac{n}{5}$  is perfect fifth power.

**Solution:** Let  $n$  be our smallest positive integer that satisfy the condition. Now,  $n$  must be divisible by 2, 3, and 5. So, we can write

$$n = 2^a 3^b 5^c$$

To satisfy the conditions,

- i)  $a$  must be odd and multiple of both 3 and 5
- ii)  $b$  must be of the form  $3k + 1$  and must be multiple of both 2 and 5
- iii)  $c$  must be of form  $5k + 1$  and must be multiple of both 2 and 3

here  $k$  is an integer.

$$\text{So, } a \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \quad a \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad a \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Hence the least number possible is  $a = 15$ .

$$\text{Then, } b \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \quad b \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \quad b \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Hence the least number possible is  $b = 10$ .

$$\text{Finally, } c \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \quad c \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad c \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Hence the least number possible  $c = 6$ .

Combining all, we have

$$n = 2^{15} \cdot 3^{10} \cdot 5^6 = 30,233,088,000,000$$