

# A SYSTOLIC ALGORITHM FOR INTEGER GCD COMPUTATION

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## ABSTRACT

It is shown that the greatest common divisor of two  $n$ -bit integers (given in the usual binary representation) can be computed in time  $O(n)$  on a linear systolic array of  $O(n)$  cells.

## COMMENTS

Only the Abstract is given here. The full paper appeared as [3]. The method used is a variant of the binary Euclidean algorithms considered earlier in [1]. For the extended integer GCD problem, see [5]. The (easier) polynomial GCD problem is considered in [2, 4].

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