

## Problem

Define a function  $S: \mathbf{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$  as follows: For each positive integer  $n$ ,

$S(n)$  = the sum of the positive divisors of  $n$ .

Find the following:

a.  $S(1)$

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b.  $S(15)$

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c.  $S(17)$

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d.  $S(5)$

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e.  $S(18)$

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f.  $S(21)$

## Step-by-step solution

## Step 1 of 7

Given that

$S: \mathbf{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}^+$ , for each positive integer  $n$ .

$S(n)$  = the sum of positive divisor of  $n$ .

## Step 2 of 7

(a)  $S(1)$  = the sum of positive divisor of 1

$$= 1$$

## Step 3 of 7

(b)  $S(15)$  = the sum of positive divisor of 15

$$= (1+3+5+15) \text{ [Since 1, 3, 5, 15 are the positive divisor of 15]}$$

$$= 24$$

## Step 4 of 7

(c)  $S(17)$  = the sum of positive divisor of 17 are (1 and 17)

$$= (1+17)$$

$$= 18$$

## Step 5 of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(d) } S(5) &= \text{the sum of positive divisor of 5} \\ &= (1+5) \text{ [Since 1 and 5 are only]} \\ &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{(e) } S(18) &= \text{the sum of positive divisor of 18} \\ &= (1+2+3+6+9+18) \\ &= 39 \end{aligned}$$

**Step 7** of 7

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(f) } S(21) &= \text{the sum of positive divisor of 21} \\ &= (1+3+7+21) \\ &= 32 \end{aligned}$$