

**Example 3-9:** The fundamental frequency is the *largest*  $F_0$  such that  $f_k = kF_0$  where  $k$  is an integer. In mathematical terms, it is related to the *greatest common divisor (gcd)* of a set of integers. If all the frequencies  $f_k$  are integers, then we can state

$$F_0 = \text{gcd} \{f_k\} \quad k = 1, 2, \dots, N$$

For example, if the signal is the sum of sinusoids with frequencies 12, 20, and 60 Hz, then  $F_0 = 4$  Hz, because 12 Hz is the 3<sup>rd</sup> harmonic, 20 Hz is the 5<sup>th</sup> harmonic, and 60 Hz is the 15<sup>th</sup> harmonic.

