

$$\text{We have } f(\lambda) = \sum_{i=0}^l \sum_{j=0}^i \sum_{k=0}^j \sum_{l=0}^k \sum_{m=0}^l \sum_{n=0}^m (1+n)$$

Consider the last summation.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=0}^m (1+n) &= [1+1+1\dots(m+1) \text{ times}] + [1+2+3\dots+m] \\ &= (m+1) + \frac{m(m+1)}{2} = \frac{(m+1)(m+2)}{2} = \binom{m+2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the second last summation becomes

$$\sum_{m=0}^l \binom{m+2}{2} = \binom{2}{2} + \binom{3}{2} + \binom{4}{2} \dots + \binom{l+2}{2}$$

The above sum is equal to coefficient of  $x^2$  in  
 $(1+x)^2 + (1+x)^3 \dots + (1+x)^{l+2}$

The above sum, being a geometric progression, reduces to

$$\frac{(1+x)^2 \left[ (1+x)^{l+1} - 1 \right]}{(1+x) - 1} = \frac{(1+x)^{l+3} - (1+x)^2}{x}$$

Coefficient of  $x^2$  in above = coefficient of  $x^3$  in  
 $(1+x)^{l+3} - (1+x)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{l+3}C_3 - 0 \\ &= {}^{l+3}C_3 = \binom{l+3}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Continuing like this, we get

$$f(\lambda) = \binom{\lambda+7}{7} = \frac{(\lambda+7)!}{\lambda! 7!} \quad \text{where } \lambda \in \mathbb{N}, \lambda < 1000.$$

Now,  $z(\lambda) = \text{Highest power of } 10 \text{ which divides } f(\lambda)$ .  
 $= \text{Minimum} (\text{Highest power of } 2 \text{ which divides } f(\lambda),$   
 $\text{Highest power of } 5 \text{ which divides } f(\lambda))$ .

Let us evaluate the highest power of 5 which divides  $f(\lambda)$ .

The highest power of 5 which divides  $f(\lambda)$

$$= \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{5} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{25} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{125} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{625} \right\rfloor \right\}$$

$$- \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{25} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{125} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{625} \right\rfloor \right\}$$

$$- \left\{ \left\lfloor \frac{7}{5} \right\rfloor \right\} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{(We have gone only till } 5^4 \\ \text{because } \lambda < 1000 \text{ and } 5^5 = 3125. \end{array}$$

$$= \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+2}{5} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor \right) + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{25} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{25} \right\rfloor \right)$$

$$+ \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{125} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{125} \right\rfloor \right) + \left( \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{625} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{625} \right\rfloor \right)$$

To obtain maximum value of  $z(\lambda)$ , the above (Marked as ①)

expression must be maximized.

This is possible if each term in braces () contributes

1.

$$\text{Thus, } \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+2}{5} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{25} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{25} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{125} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{125} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{625} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{625} \right\rfloor = 1$$

The above implies  $\lambda+7 \geq 625$  and  $\lambda < 625$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \{ 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624 \}$$

Also for  $\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+2}{5} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor = 1$ , by eliminating some

values, we get  $\lambda = \{ 618, 619, 623, 624 \}$

For above four values of  $\lambda$ ,  $z(\lambda)$  attains its maximum value = 4, only if maximum power of

2 which divides  $f(\lambda)$  is  $\geq 4$ .

This eliminates the possibility of  $\lambda = 618$  and  $\lambda = 624$ .

Thus for  $\lambda = 619$  and  $623$ , we get maximum value of  $z(\lambda) = 4$ .

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{\min} = 619, \quad \lambda_{\max} = 623$$

Now, let us evaluate  $\lambda_0$ .

Now, highest power of 10 which divides  $f(\lambda)$  would be 0 if

Minimum ( Highest power of 2 which divides  $f(\lambda)$ ,  
Highest power of 5 which divides  $f(\lambda)$  ) = 0.

Thus, we should have

Highest power of 5 which divides  $f(\lambda) = 0$

Or ~~or~~ Highest power of 2 which divides  $f(\lambda) = 0$ .

Let us find the maximum of  $\lambda$  for which highest power of 5 which divides  $f(\lambda) = 0$ .

For this to happen, each term in braces () of expression ① should contribute 0.

$$\Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+2}{5} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{25} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{25} \right\rfloor$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{125} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{125} \right\rfloor$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+7}{625} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{625} \right\rfloor$$

Clearly,  $\lambda \geq 975$  and  $\lambda+7 < 1000$

$$\Rightarrow 975 \leq \lambda < 993$$

Also for  $\left\lfloor \frac{\lambda+2}{5} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lambda}{5} \right\rfloor$ ,  $\lambda = \{ 975, 976, 977, 980, 981, 982, 985, 986, 987, 990, 991, 992 \}$

Note that for  $\lambda > 992$ , highest power of 2 which divides  $f(\lambda)$  is always  $> 0$ .

Thus  $\lambda_0 = 992$ .