

Factorial Trailing Zeros

Trailing zeros in $n!$ come from factors of 10, i.e., pairs of 2×5 .

But in factorials, there are plenty of 2's, so the count is determined only by how many 5's are in the prime factorization of numbers from $1 \dots n$.

Idea:

- Count how many multiples of 5 are in $1 \dots n \rightarrow$ contributes at least one 5.
- Count how many multiples of 25 \rightarrow contributes an extra 5.
- Count how many multiples of 125, 625, ... until $5^k < n$.
- Formula: $\text{ans} = n/5 + n/25 + n/125 \dots$

Complexity:

Time: $O(\log_5 n)$

Space: works efficiently up to $n = 10^4$ (and much larger).