

MENU

SEND + MORE = MONEY

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CryptArithmetic Problem: SEND + MORE = MONEY

The following puzzle is probably the most well-known CryptArithmetic Problem:

 SEND MORE MONEY CryptArithmetic Problem and Solution

How to solve the above challenge?

We put the letter as equality constraints

Expression1 = $1000 \cdot S + 100 \cdot E + 10 \cdot N + D$

Expression2 = $1000 \cdot M + 100 \cdot O + 10 \cdot R + E$

Expression3 = $10000 \cdot M + 1000 \cdot O + 100 \cdot N + 10 \cdot E + Y$

If (Expression3 == Expression1 + Expression2) then

Report the value of {S, E, N, D, M, O, R, Y}

The simplest (not the fastest) way is to do permutation of digit 0 to 9 and then compute the above expression. Matlab code below gives all the possible solutions.

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function report=SENDMOREMONEY
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digit=0:9;
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P=perms(digit);
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k=0;
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for i=1:size(P,1)
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v=P(i,:);
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% evaluate expression
exp1=v(1)*1000+v(2)*100+v(3)*10+v(4); % SEND
exp2=v(5)*1000+v(6)*100+v(7)*10+v(2); % MORE
exp3=v(5)*10000+v(6)*1000+v(3)*100+v(2)*10+v(8); % MONEY
if exp1+exp2==exp3,
k=k+1;
report(k,:)=v(1:8); % = [s, e, n, d, m, o, r, y]
end
end
report=unique(report,'rows');

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Solutions:

If M is allowed to be zero, the solutions are not unique. Below are all the 25 possible solutions.

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{S=9, E=5, N=6, D=7, M=1, O=0, R=8, Y=2}
{S=8, E=5, N=4, D=2, M=0, O=9, R=1, Y=7}
{S=8, E=4, N=3, D=2, M=0, O=9, R=1, Y=6}
{S=8, E=3, N=2, D=4, M=0, O=9, R=1, Y=7}
{S=7, E=6, N=4, D=9, M=0, O=8, R=1, Y=5}
{S=7, E=6, N=4, D=3, M=0, O=8, R=2, Y=9}
{S=7, E=5, N=3, D=4, M=0, O=8, R=2, Y=9}
{S=7, E=5, N=3, D=9, M=0, O=8, R=1, Y=4}
{S=7, E=5, N=3, D=1, M=0, O=8, R=2, Y=6}
{S=7, E=4, N=2, D=9, M=0, O=8, R=1, Y=3}
{S=7, E=3, N=1, D=6, M=0, O=8, R=2, Y=9}
{S=6, E=8, N=5, D=3, M=0, O=7, R=2, Y=1}
{S=6, E=8, N=5, D=1, M=0, O=7, R=3, Y=9}
{S=6, E=5, N=2, D=4, M=0, O=7, R=3, Y=9}
{S=6, E=4, N=1, D=9, M=0, O=7, R=2, Y=3}
{S=6, E=4, N=1, D=5, M=0, O=7, R=3, Y=9}
{S=5, E=8, N=4, D=9, M=0, O=6, R=3, Y=7}
{S=5, E=7, N=3, D=2, M=0, O=6, R=4, Y=9}
{S=5, E=7, N=3, D=1, M=0, O=6, R=4, Y=8}
{S=3, E=8, N=2, D=9, M=0, O=4, R=5, Y=7}
{S=3, E=8, N=2, D=1, M=0, O=4, R=6, Y=9}
{S=3, E=7, N=1, D=9, M=0, O=4, R=5, Y=6}
{S=3, E=7, N=1, D=2, M=0, O=4, R=6, Y=9}
{S=2, E=8, N=1, D=9, M=0, O=3, R=6, Y=7}
{S=2, E=8, N=1, D=7, M=0, O=3, R=6, Y=5}

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If M has to be non-zero digit, the solution is unique. The reason is because S and M are the leading digit, they cannot become 0. Their domain is 1 to 9. All other letters {E, O, N, R, D, Y} has domain of 0 to 9. In this case the solution is unique, that is {S=9, E=5, N=6, D=7, M=1, O=0, R=8, Y=2}.

9567 SEND

1085 MORE

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10652 MONEY

We can see this problem from another perspective of linear equations and linear algebra. We can derive equations:

$$D + E = Y + 10C_1$$

$$N + R + C_1 = E + 10C_2$$

$$E + O + C_2 = N + 10C_3$$

$$S + M + C_3 = O + 10C_4$$

$$C_4 = M$$

Where C_i is the carry for the summation. There are 5 equations with 12 unknowns. The solution is not unique. We can put into matrix equation

Inputting one of the solution is $\{S=9, E=5, N=6, D=7, M=1, O=0, R=8, Y=2\}$ in which the carries are $\{C_1=1, C_2=1, C_3=0, C_4=1\}$ evaluates the same expressions above. This may be useful to evaluate the expressions to all the possible solutions at once.

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