

## Preimage Size of Factorial Zeroes Function

Let  $f(x)$  be the number of zeroes at the end of  $x!$ . (Recall that  $x! = 1 * 2 * 3 * \dots * x$ , and by convention,  $0! = 1$ .)

For example,  $f(3) = 0$  because  $3! = 6$  has no zeroes at the end, while  $f(11) = 2$  because  $11! = 39916800$  has 2 zeroes at the end. Given  $K$ , find how many non-negative integers  $x$  have the property that  $f(x) = K$ .

### Example 1:

**Input:**  $K = 0$

**Output:** 5

**Explanation:**  $0!$ ,  $1!$ ,  $2!$ ,  $3!$ , and  $4!$  end with  $K = 0$  zeroes.

### Example 2:

**Input:**  $K = 5$

**Output:** 0

**Explanation:** There is no  $x$  such that  $x!$  ends in  $K = 5$  zeroes.

### Note:

- $K$  will be an integer in the range  $[0, 10^9]$ .

## Solution 1

```
class Solution {
public:
    int preimageSizeFZF(int K) {
        int sum[13]={1};
        for (int i=1; i<13; i++) sum[i]=sum[i-1]*5+1;
        for (int i=12; i>=0; i--) {
            if (K/sum[i]==5) return 0;
            K=K%sum[i];
        }
        return 5;
    }
};
```

Let  $g(x)=f(x)-f(x-1)$ , so  $f(x)=\text{sum}\{g(x)\}$ .

We can find that

$g(x)=0$  if  $x\%5\neq 0$ ,

$g(x)\geq 1$  if  $x\%5=0$ ,

$g(x)\geq 2$  if  $x\%25=0$ ,

...

List  $g(x)$  as follows:

x: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 ...

g(x): 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1 ...

x: 5 10 15 20 25 30 35 40 45 50 55 60 65 70 75 80 85 90 95 100 105 110 115 120 125

...

g(x): 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 3 ...

so  $g(x)$  will always repeat a sequence for 5 times and +1 at the last number of the sequence.

Some K is/are skipped if  $g(x)>1$ .

For example, when  $x=25$ ,  $g(x)=2$ ,  $K=5$  is skipped (there is no x that  $f(x)=5$ ), and when  $x=125$ ,  $g(x)=3$ ,  $K=29, 30$  are skipped.

We can find that  $5(=1*5)$ ,  $11(=6*1+5)$ ,  $17(=6*2+5)$ ,  $23(=6*3+5)$ ,  $29(=6*4+5)$ ,

$30(=6*5)$ ,  $36(=31+5)$ ,  $42(=31+6+5)$ ,  $48(=31+6*2+5)$ , ... are skipped.

Let me know if there are ambiguities.

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## Solution 2

1. when  $n \geq 5$ , the number of zeros in  $n!$  is the count of factors of 5. This function `nzero` has a complexity of  $O(\log(n))$ .
2. therefore,  $(5K)!$  should have more than  $K$  zeros, if  $K \geq 1$ .
3. use a binary search in  $[1, 5K]$  to find the smallest number  $n$ , so that  $nzero(n) \geq K$ . This has a complexity of  $O(\log(5K))$ .
4. if ' $nzero(n) == K$ ', the numbers in range  $[n, n + 5 - n \% 5)$  are all valid candidates.
5. otherwise, there is no valid numbers.
6. the total complexity is  $O(\log(5K) * \log(5K))$ , which is very small.

```
class Solution:
    def preimageSizeFZF(self, K):
        def nzero(n):
            f = 5
            cnt = 0
            while f <= n:
                cnt += n // f
                f *= 5
            return cnt

        if K == 0:
            return 5

        min = 1
        max = K * 5
        while min < max:
            mid = (min + max) // 2
            if nzero(mid) < K:
                min = mid + 1
            else:
                max = mid

        if nzero(min) != K:
            return 0
        next = (min // 5 + 1) * 5
        return next - min
```

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## Solution 3

Given N – No. of zeroes in N! can be found by  $N/5$ ,  $N/25$ ,  $N/125$  so on

So Here use **Binary search**, from 0 to  $10^9$  – take mid element and check for No. of zeroes

Find **lower range and Higher Range** : in between that is the numbers

**Lower Range** : Strictly  $<K$  zeroes –

**Higher Range** : Strictly  $\geq K$  zeroes

**No. of zeroes Range** once it starts – it will **never** decrease

Example

0! – 4! – 0 zeroes

5! – 9! – 1 zero

10! onwards 2 zeroes, so on

```

class Solution {

    public int preimageSizeFZF(int K) {

        /*
        findRange(K)- All elements factorial <= K zeroes

        findRange(K-1) -All elements factorial <= K-1 zeroes

        */
        return findRange(K)-findRange(K-1);

    }

    // Using Binary Search
    int findRange(int k){
        long low = 0, high = Long.MAX_VALUE;

        while(low<=high){
            long mid = low + (high-low)/2;
            if(getZeroes(mid)>k) high = mid-1;
            else
                low = mid+1;
        }

        return (int)low-1;
    }

    // get zeroes in N!
    long getZeroes(long N){
        long count = 0;
        for(long i=5;N/i>=1;i=i*5){
            count+=N/i;
        }

        return count;
    }
}

```

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