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1. Let  $N = 2^{10,000,000,000,000}$

$$\log N = \log(2^{10,000,000,000,000})$$

$$= \log(\underbrace{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2}_{10,000,000,000,000 \text{ times}})$$

Since  $\log(m \cdot n) = \log m + \log n$ , then

$$\log N = \log(2) + \log(2) + \log(2) + \dots + \log(2)$$

$$= 10,000,000,000,000 \times \log(2)$$

Since  $\log(2) = .301$ , then

$$= 10,000,000,000,000 \times .301$$

$$= 3,010,000,000,000$$

If  $10^2 = 100 \rightarrow 3$  digits (+1 from exponent)

$10^3 = 1000 \rightarrow 4$  digits (+1 from exponent)

$10^4 = 10,000 \rightarrow 5$  digits (+1 from exponent)

Then  $10^n = n+1$  digits.

Therefore,  $N+1$  from number for digits so

$2^{10,000,000,000,000}$  is 3,010,000,000,001 digits.

2. We can find the last 2 digits by understanding basis rules. We can rewrite  $2^{10,000,000,000,000}$  as:

$$(2^{10})^{1,000,000,000,000}$$

$$2^{10} = 1,024 \text{ (take the last 2 digits and replug)}$$

$$(24)^{1,000,000,000,000}$$

The basic rule is  $(24)^{\text{even}}$  will always produce an answer

where the last 2 digits are 76. To quickly prove:

If  $(2)^{12}$  (last 2 digits of  $2^{10}$ )

$$(2)^{10} = (24)^2 \rightarrow (24)(24) = 576 \leftarrow 76 \text{ last 2 digits.}$$

Also if  $(2)^{18}$

$$(2)^{16} = (24)^6 \rightarrow (24)(24)(24)(24)(24)(24) = 191,102,976$$

As proven, any number put in the form  $(24)^{\text{even}}$  will

end with 76, so the last 2 digits of  $2^{10,000,000,000,000}$  is 76.



3. We can find the last 2 digits the longer way by finding the last 2 digits of each  $2^n$  until we see a pattern. So:

$$2^2 = 4 \longrightarrow 04$$

$$2^3 = 8 \longrightarrow 08$$

$$2^4 = 16 \longrightarrow 16$$

$$2^5 = 32 \longrightarrow 32$$

$$2^6 = 64 \longrightarrow 64$$

$$2^7 = 128 \longrightarrow 28$$

$$2^8 = 256 \longrightarrow 56$$

$$2^9 = 512 \longrightarrow 12$$

$$2^{10} = 1,024 \longrightarrow 24$$

$$2^{11} = 2,048 \longrightarrow 48$$

$$2^{12} = 4,096 \longrightarrow 96$$

...

$$2^{22} = 4,194,304 \longrightarrow 04$$

$$2^{23} = 8,388,608 \longrightarrow 08$$

$$2^{24} = 16,777,216 \longrightarrow 16$$

$$2^{25} = 33,554,432 \longrightarrow 32$$

$$2^{26} = 67,108,864 \longrightarrow 64$$

$$2^{27} = 134,217,728 \longrightarrow 28$$

$$2^{28} = 268,435,456 \longrightarrow 56$$

$$2^{29} = 538,870,912 \longrightarrow 12$$

$$2^{30} = 1,073,741,824 \longrightarrow 24$$

$$2^{31} = 2,147,483,648 \longrightarrow 48$$

$$2^{32} = 4,294,967,296 \longrightarrow 96$$

...

$$2^{20} = 1,048,576 \longrightarrow 76$$

$$2^{40}$$

$$\longrightarrow 76$$

From this, we can see the cycle repeating every 20 numbers. So, every  $2^{n+20}$  when  $n \geq 1$  will result in the last 2 digits being the same. In this case,  $2^{20}, 2^{40}, 2^{60}, \dots$  will all end in 76. Because  $2^{10,000,000,000,000}$  is in this sequence, its last 2 digits must be 76.



Bonus. We can find the first digit by doing the same thing as problem 3, where we look for the pattern with the first digits. So,

$$2^0 = 1 \rightarrow 1 \quad 2^{10} = 1,024 \rightarrow 1 \quad 2^{20} = 1,048,576 \rightarrow 1$$

$$2^1 = 2 \rightarrow 2 \quad 2^{11} = 2,048 \rightarrow 2$$

$$2^2 = 4 \rightarrow 4 \quad 2^{12} = 4,096 \rightarrow 4$$

$$2^3 = 8 \rightarrow 8 \quad 2^{13} = 8,192 \rightarrow 8$$

$$2^4 = 16 \rightarrow 1 \quad 2^{14} = 16,384 \rightarrow 1$$

$$2^5 = 32 \rightarrow 3 \quad 2^{15} = 32,768 \rightarrow 3$$

$$2^6 = 64 \rightarrow 6 \quad 2^{16} = 65,536 \rightarrow 6$$

$$2^7 = 128 \rightarrow 1 \quad 2^{17} = 131,072 \rightarrow 1$$

$$2^8 = 256 \rightarrow 2 \quad 2^{18} = 262,144 \rightarrow 2$$

$$2^9 = 512 \rightarrow 5 \quad 2^{19} = 524,288 \rightarrow 5$$

We can see the pattern repeats every 10th number, where every  $2^{n+10}$  will start with the same 4 first digits. In this case,  $2^0, 2^{10}, 2^{20}, 2^{30}, \dots$  will all start with 1. Because  $2^{10,000,000,000,000}$  is in this sequence, its first digit must be 1.