

The Ninth Grade Math Competition Class

Factorials

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$$8^n = (2^3)^n = 2^{3n}$$

1. Find the largest integer value of n for which 8^n evenly divides $100!$.

$$10!$$

$$10! = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot \underbrace{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}_{8^2}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{10}{8} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{1}{8} \right\rfloor$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{100}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{50}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{25}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{12}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{6}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{3}{2} \right\rfloor \Rightarrow \left\lfloor \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{97}{3} \right\rfloor = 32$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 2^{97} \mid 100! \\ 2^{3 \cdot \frac{97}{3}} \mid 100! \end{array}$$

2. Find the prime factorization of $10!$.

$$10! = 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$
$$2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 2^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$$
$$\boxed{2^8 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7}$$

3. What is the product of the positive divisors of $7!$.

$$\begin{aligned} 7! &= 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 \\ &= 7 \cdot (2 \cdot 3) \cdot 5 \cdot (2^2) \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \\ &= 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\text{prod. of div. of } n = n^{\frac{t(n)}{2}}}$$

$$(7!)^{\frac{60}{2}} = 7!^{30}$$

4. How many positive cubes divide $3!5!7!$.

$$\begin{aligned} 3! \cdot 5! \cdot 7! &= (3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) \cdot (5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) \cdot (7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) \\ &= 2^8 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \\ &\quad \begin{matrix} 2^0 & 3^0 & 5^0 & 7^0 \\ 2^3 & 3^3 \\ 2^6 \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$
$$3 \cdot 2 = \boxed{6}$$

5. For how many positive integers n less than or equal to 24 is $n!$ evenly divisible by $1 + 2 + \dots + n$?

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} \mid n! = n \cdot (n-1)!$$

$$\Rightarrow n+1 \mid 2 \cdot (n-1)!$$

$$n=4 \quad 5 \mid 2 \cdot 3! \quad \times$$

Primes: $(2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23)$
 $1, 2, 4, 6, \dots$ 22

$$n=1 \quad 2 \mid 2 \cdot 0! = 2$$

$$24 - 9 + 1 = 16$$

$$\frac{(n+1) \cdot \frac{n}{2}}{1+2+3+\dots+(n-3)+(n-1)+(n-1)+n}$$

6. In how many zeros does the decimal expansion of $100^{100} - 100!$ end?

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1000000 \\
 - 123000 \\
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 977000
 \end{array}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{100}{5} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{20}{1} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{4}{1} \right\rfloor = 0$$

$20 + 4 = 24$

7. Let P be the product of the first 100 positive odd integers. Find the largest integer k such that P is divisible by 3^k .

$$2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6 \cdot 8 \cdots P = 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdots 199 \cdot 200$$

$$2^{100} \cdot 100!$$

$$2^{100} \cdot 100! \cdot P = 200!$$

$$P = \frac{200!}{2^{100} \cdot 100!}$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{200}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{66}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{22}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{7}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{2}{3} \right\rfloor = 0$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{100}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{33}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{11}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{3}{3} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{3} \right\rfloor = 0$$

$$97 - 48 = \boxed{49}$$