

Valid host range?

for 158.167.18.156 /15

1) Translate to binary each 8 bit section

158.167.18.156

10011110. 10100111. 00010010. 10011100

2) Based on the CIDR, look for 15th bit

3) Starting on the next bit, set:

- all the bits to 0

10011110. 10100110. 00000000. 00000000

- and translate the result to decimal,
this will give you the network address

156.166.0.0

4) Same as 3), but after the CIDR bit

- set all bits to 1

10011110. 10100111. 11111111. 11111111

- translate the result back to decimal,
this will give you the broadcast address

156.167.255.255

5) The needed range = all between the network address and the broadcast address, with them NOT included:

156.166.0.1 \longrightarrow 156.166.255.254

For questions of type "which host address could communicate with this IP" \longrightarrow any host within this range

Max number of IP addresses?

A) Based on IPv4 with CIDR

- the IP format gives us the number of bits used, we don't care about its content, we only need bits and CIDR

124.144.156.248 / 21
32 bits

Method: $2^{(32 - 21)} = 2^{11} = 2048$

From the result, subtract 2
(network and broadcast address don't count)

$$2048 - 2 = \boxed{2046} \leftarrow \text{Final answer}$$

B) Based on a subnet mask

255.224.0.0

1) Translate to binary

255.224.0.0

11111111.11100000.00000000.00000000

2) Count the number of "1" → 11

This gives you the CIDR notation

3) As seen in the A example, just do:

$$2^{32-11} = 2^{21} = 2097152 - 2 = \boxed{2097150}$$

Note: in some questions, different IP type can be used. In such case, replace 32 with the number of bits used
Example:

255.255.255.255.128

$$8 + 8 + 8 + 8 + 8 = \boxed{40} \text{ bits}$$

128 in binary → 10000000

↪ 33rd bit

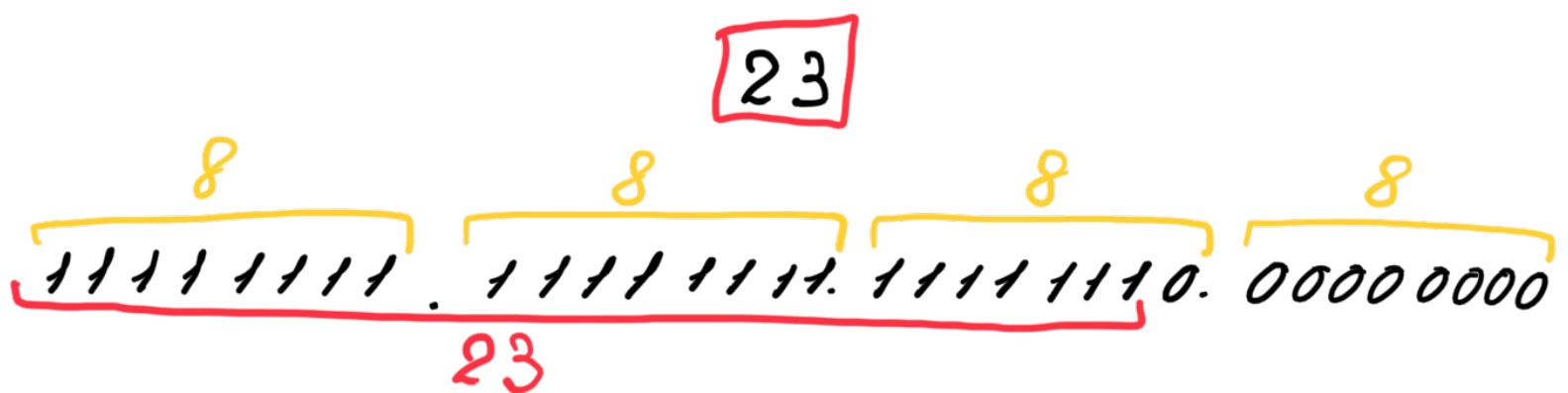
$$2^{40-33} = 2^7 = 128 - 2 = \boxed{126}$$

Note 2:

To find a subnet mask based on CIDR

Example: CIDR = /23

- 1) CIDR gives you the number of 1 in the binary notation of your mask. All the rest is set to 0.



- 2) Just translate the result to decimal

