

Square digit chains

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A number chain is created by continuously adding the square of the digits in a number to form a new number until it has been seen before.

For example,

44 → 32 → 13 → 10 → 1 → 1 85 → 89 → 145 → 42 → 20 → 4 → 16 → 37 → 58 → 89

Therefore any chain that arrives at 1 or 89 will become stuck in an endless loop. What is most amazing is that EVERY starting number will eventually arrive at 1 or 89.

How many starting numbers below ten million will arrive at 89?

Solution

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In [1]: ▶ def qd(n):  
    s = 0  
    while n:  
        r = n % 10  
        s += r * r  
        n = n // 10  
    return s  
  
    def test(n):  
        while n != 1 and n != 89:  
            n = qd(n)  
        return n  
  
    sum(test(n) == 89 for n in range(1, 10_000_000))
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Out[1]: 8581146