

Cyclical figurate numbers

Problem 61 (<http://projecteuler.net/problem=061>)

Triangle, square, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, and octagonal numbers are all figurate (polygonal) numbers and are generated by the following formulae:

Figure	Formula	Numbers
Triangle	$P_{3,n} = n(n+1)/2$	1, 3, 6, 10, 15, ...
Square	$P_{4,n} = n^2$	1, 4, 9, 16, 25, ...
Pentagonal	$P_{5,n} = n(3n-1)/2$	1, 5, 12, 22, 35, ...
Hexagonal	$P_{6,n} = n(2n-1)$	1, 6, 15, 28, 45, ...
Heptagonal	$P_{7,n} = n(5n-3)/2$	1, 7, 18, 34, 55, ...
Octagonal	$P_{8,n} = n(3n-2)$	1, 8, 21, 40, 65, ...

The ordered set of three 4-digit numbers: 8128, 2882, 8281, has three interesting properties.

- The set is cyclic, in that the last two digits of each number is the first two digits of the next number (including the last number with the first).
- Each polygonal type: triangle ($P_3, 127=8128$), square ($P_4, 91=8281$), and pentagonal ($P_5, 44=2882$), is represented by a different number in the set.
- This is the only set of 4-digit numbers with this property.

Find the sum of the only ordered set of six cyclic 4-digit numbers for which each polygonal type: triangle, square, pentagonal, hexagonal, heptagonal, and octagonal, is represented by a different number in the set.

Solution

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In [1]: ► from itertools import permutations
          from itertools import product
          from copy import deepcopy

          def fignum(x,n = None):
              i = 0
              while (n is None) or (i < n):
                  i += 1
                  yield i * ((x - 2) * i + 4 - x) // 2

          lst=[]
          for x in range(3,9):
              lst.append([])
              fn = fignum(x)
              n = ''
              while len(n) < 5:
                  if len(n) == 4:
                      lst[-1].append(n)
                      n = str(next(fn))
              c = 1
              for z in permutations(lst):
                  p = list(deepcopy(z))
                  pl = []
                  newpl = list(map(len,p))
                  while any(len(x)>2 for x in p) and (newpl != pl):
                      pl = newpl
                      newlst=[]
                      for i in range(len(p)):
                          a, b = p[i], p[(i + 1) % len(p)]
                          newlst.append([x for x in a if any(x[2:]==y[:2] for y in b)])
                      p = newlst
                      newpl = list(map(len,p))

                      if all(len(x)>0 for x in p):
                          break

                  for z in product(*p):
                      for i in range(len(p)):
                          a, b = z[i], z[(i + 1) % len(z)]
                          if a[2:] != b[:2]:
                              break
                      else:
                          print(*z)
                          print(sum(map(int, z)))

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8256 5625 2512 1281 8128 2882
28684

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