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Answer 1

Let's call $6^{2n} - 1 = P(n)$

1) Base case: $n=1$

$P(n)=35$ which is already divisible by 5 and 7.

2) Inductive step: Assume that $P(n)$ is divisible by 5 and 7 when $n=k$. Then we can say that $5m = 7n = 6^{2k} - 1$ or $5m + 1 = 7n + 1 = 6^{2k}$ as $m, n, k \in \mathbb{N}^+$.

3) Let's consider the case $n=k+1$. $P(k+1) = 6^{2k+2} - 1 = 36 * 6^{2k} - 1$. To check the divisibility for 5:

3.1) Since $6^{2k} = 5m + 1$ We can state that: $P(k+1) = 36 \times (5m + 1) - 1 = 180m + 35 = 5 \times (36m + 7)$. Since $36m + 7$ is an integer so $P(k+1) = 5 \times (36m + 7)$ is divisible by 5. So I have proven that $6^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 5.

Let's check divisibility for 7:

3.2) Since $6^{2k} = 7n + 1$ We can state that: $P(k+1) = 36 \times (7n + 1) - 1 = 252n + 35 = 7 \times (36n + 5)$. Since $36n + 5$ is an integer so $P(k+1) = 7 \times (36n + 5)$ is divisible by 7. So I have proven that $6^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 7.

Since I have showed that $6^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 5 and 7 for $n=k+1$, by using mathematical induction I have showed that $6^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 5 and 7 for $n \geq 1$

Answer 2

1) Base case $n=0$:

$$H_0 = 1 \leq 9^0 = 1$$

Base case $n=1$:

$$H_1 = 5 \leq 9^1 = 9$$

Base case $n=2$:

$$H_2 = 7 \leq 9^2 = 81$$

Base case $n=3$, which can be derived by using upper 3 base case:

$$H_3 = 8H_2 + 8H_1 + 9H_0 = 105 \leq 729$$

2) Inductive step: This holds for all $3 \leq k \leq n$

$$H_n \leq 9^n$$

$$H_{n-1} \leq 9^{n-1}$$

$$H_{n-2} \leq 9^{n-2}$$

3) Check for $n+1$:

$$H_{n+1} = 8 \times H_n + 8 \times H_{n-1} + 9 \times H_{n-2}$$

By using equations in Inductive Step:

$$8 \times H_n \leq 8 \times 9^n$$

$$8 \times H_{n-1} \leq 8 \times 9^{n-1}$$

$$9 \times H_{n-2} \leq 9 \times 9^{n-2} \text{ So } H_{n+1} \text{ becomes:}$$

$$H_{n+1} \leq 8 \times 9^n + 8 \times 9^{n-1} + 9 \times 9^{n-2} \text{ If we organize them:}$$

$$H_{n+1} \leq 72 \times 9^{n-1} + 8 \times 9^{n-1} + 9^{n-1} = 81 \times 9^{n-1} = 9^{n+1}$$

Since I have showed that $H_{n+1} \leq 9^{n+1}$, by using strong induction I have concluded that $H_n \leq 9^n$ statement is true for all integer $n \geq 3$.

Answer 3

How many bit strings of length 8 contain either 4 consecutive 0s or 4 consecutive 1s?

We can think of bit strings of length 8 as xxxxxxxx. To calculate the possibilities contain 4 consecutive 0s:

1) We can put 0s in the first 4 bits: 0000xxxx. And 2^4 possible case for the other 4 bits. 16 possible cases

2) We can put 0s between 2^{nd} and 5^{th} bits: 10000xxx. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

3) We can put 0s between 3^{rd} and 6^{th} bits: x10000xx. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

4) We can put 0s between 4^{th} and 7^{th} bits: xx10000x. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

5) We can put 0s between 5^{th} and 8^{th} bits: xxx10000. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

So there is $16 + 4 \times 8 = 48$ possible cases for 4 consecutive 0s.

Note: I added extra 1 to the beginning of 4 0s to avoid counting duplicate bit strings twice.

To calculate the possibilities contain 4 consecutive 1s:

1) We can put 1s in the first 4 bits: 1111xxxx. And 2^4 possible case for the other 4 bits. 16 possible cases

2) We can put 1s between 2^{nd} and 5^{th} bits: 01111xxx. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

3) We can put 1s between 3^{rd} and 6^{th} bits: x01111xx. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

4) We can put 1s between 4^{th} and 7^{th} bits: xx01111x. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

5) We can put 1s between 5^{th} and 8^{th} bits: xxx01111. And 2^3 possible case for the other 3 bits. 8 possible cases

So there is $16 + 4 \times 8 = 48$ possible cases for 4 consecutive 1s.

Note: I added extra 0 to the beginning of 4 1s to avoid counting duplicate bit strings twice.
But we should find the intersection of these cases:

1)11110000

2)00001111 these 2 cases are actually 2 cases which I have counted twice. So there is actually $48+48-2=94$ possible bit strings which contain either 4 consecutive 0s or 4 consecutive 1s.

Answer 4

Since there is 10 distinct stars there is actually 10 different options to selecting a star. Selecting 2 habitable planets out of 20 habitable planets is $C(20, 2)$. Selecting 8 unhabitable planets out of 20 habitable planets is $C(80, 8)$. If we place 8 Non habitable planets one by one there will be 9 space, which we can place 2 habitable planets in, between them. -N-N-N-N-N-N-N-N-. We can place first planet only in the first 3 space. If we place it in first space, then there is 3 option for second habitable planet. If it is in the second space, then there is 2 options for second planet. And if it is in the third space, then there is 1 option for the second planet. So for choosing the placing of planets there is 6 possibility. But since the planets are distinct, their placements can be changed between each other, so we have to multiply with $2!8!$.

Final Result: $2! \times 8! \times C(80, 8) \times C(20, 2) \times 6 \times C(10, 1)$

Answer 5

a) Let me define a_n to be the number of possible ways for robot to reach n cell away. If robot jumps 1 cell at first, there is (n-1) cell to jump which corresponds to a_{n-1} . Also if robot jumps 2 cell at first, there is (n-2) to jump, which corresponds to a_{n-2} . Also if robot jumps 3 cell at first, there is (n-3) to jump, which corresponds to a_{n-3} . So my recurrence relation end up being like this:

$$a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$$

b) 1) For robot to jump 1 cell away there is actually 1 way of doing this (1). $a_1 = 1$

2) For robot to jump 2 cell away there is actually 2 way of doing this (1+1 or 2). $a_2 = 2$

3) For robot to jump 3 cell away there is actually 4 way of doing this (1+1+1, 1+2, 2+1, 3). $a_3 = 4$

c) Since recurrence relation is of the form: $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2} + a_{n-3}$. We can rewrite it like this: $a_n - a_{n-1} - a_{n-2} - a_{n-3} = 0$ Characteristic equation is: $x^3 - x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ And we can write it like this: $x(x^2 - 1) - x^2 - 1 = (x + 1)(x^2 - 1) = 0$ Since finding root of this is very complicated I will just give the answer by going backwards:

$$a_4 = a_3 + a_2 + a_1 = 7$$

$$a_5 = a_4 + a_3 + a_2 = 13$$

$$a_6 = a_5 + a_4 + a_3 = 24$$

$$a_7 = a_6 + a_5 + a_4 = 44$$

$$a_8 = a_7 + a_6 + a_5 = 81$$

$$a_9 = a_8 + a_7 + a_6 = 149$$

$$a_9=149.$$