**Problem x.yz.** Let d(n) be defined as the sum of proper divisors of n (numbers less than n which divide evenly into n). If d(a) = b and d(b) = a, where  $a \neq b$ , then a and b are an amicable pair and each of a and b are called amicable numbers. For example, the proper divisors of 220 are 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 11, 20, 22, 44, 55 and 110; therefore d(220) = 284. The proper divisors of 284 are 1, 2, 4, 71 and 142; so d(284) = 220. Evaluate the sum of all the amicable numbers under 10000.

**Knowledge Required** How to find divisors in  $O(\sqrt{n})$  time.

Solution Outline We start off by implementing a function called D which takes in a number and returns the sum of proper divisors of that number. Then we start iterating numbers from 1 until 10000 and check if D(i) = D(D(i)) if it satisfies the condition we add the number to the final answer. Note that we can speed this up by calculating D(i) once and storing it in a temp variable and then using it as temp = D(temp) instead of D(i) == D(D(i)). Final time complexity  $O(n\sqrt{n})$ .

## Python Solution

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def D(n):
        div_sum = 1
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        i = 2
        while i * i <= n:
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            if n % i == 0:
                 div_sum += i
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                 # if they are the same for ex n = 36, and 6 6
                 if n // i != i:
                     div_sum += n // i
            i += 1
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        return div_sum
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   i = 1
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   amic_sum = 0
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   while i < 10000:
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        temp = D(i)
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        if i != temp and i == D(temp):
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            amic sum += i
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        i += 1
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   print(amic_sum)
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