

Ex. 26334 (5 digits)

Case 1: 4 digits

\Rightarrow trivial, just compute

$$XXXX \Rightarrow 9 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7$$

$$XXX \Rightarrow 9 \times 9 \times 8$$

$$XX \Rightarrow 9 \times 9$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} +) & X & \Rightarrow 9 \\ \hline & & \dots \end{array}$$

Case 2: 5 digits ($x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5$)

This is the hardest part:

First observe the first digits

1
5 \Rightarrow 2 options

2

However, it is obvious $2 \underbrace{XXXX}$
 \uparrow
 things here
 is not easy

Suppose we know $f(X_i)$ first digit to compute

In this case $f(x_1) = 2$ (1 or 2)

how to compute $f(x_1, x_2)$?

$$f(x_1, x_2) \stackrel{?}{=} f(x_1) \cdot (10-1)$$

Notice numbers like $27x_3x_4x_5$
is > 26334

So we should do some subtraction:

$$f(x_1, x_2) = f(x_1) \cdot (10-1) - \boxed{3}$$

↙ because these

$27x_3x_4x_5, 28x_3x_4x_5, 29x_3x_4x_5$
are > 26334

NOTE:

The reason why in code there is
'prefix' variable.

Ex. 26334

[0 0 0

] + add a digit

2633

Because in $f(x_1x_2x_3x_4)$

2633 doesn't exist!
(it has two 3s)

When this situation appears,

every $x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4$ in $1000 \sim 2633$
contains no repeated digits

is < 2633 ,

We don't need to subtract

numbers > 26334 anymore!

We can just keep multiplying

$$(10 - i) \cdot (10 - i - 1) \cdot \dots \cdot 1$$