
Problem 1

For given positive integers n and k , determine the number of length- k non decreasing integer sequences such that $1 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq n$

Solution:

Simplification: Solving for $1 < x_1 < x_2 < \dots < x_k < n$ is much easier.

choosing k unique positive integers from n positive integers always has a single non decreasing arrangement. It's one - one mapped function. So the number of length- k non decreasing sequences is $\binom{n}{k}$.

BackTracking: Solving for $1 \leq x_1 \leq x_2 \leq \dots \leq x_k \leq n$ is similar to the old solution as $a \leq b$ can be written as $a < b + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \leq x_1 < x_2 + 1 \leq x_3 + 2 \leq \dots \leq x_k + k - 1 \leq n + k - 1 \\ \implies 1 \leq x_1 < x_2 + 1 < x_3 + 2 < \dots < x_k \leq n + k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

which again has a solution $\binom{n+k-1}{k}$

Problem 2

The number 8^{2019} is written on the board. At each step it is replaced by the sum of its digits, until a 1-digit number is left. What is the one digit number ?

Solution:

Sum of digits is the property of mod 9 i.e $abcd \equiv a + b + c + d \pmod{9}$ hence every time transition operation of summation of digits is done its modulus 9 remains the same, i.e the invariant property through transition.

Final state would be when $0 \leq n < 9$ which is the remainder, so one-digit number is $(8^{2019} \pmod{9} \implies (-1)^{2019} \pmod{9} \implies -1 \pmod{9} \implies 8$

Problem 3

Divisibility by 3

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} abcd &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \implies a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \implies a(1000 \pmod{3}) + b(100 \pmod{3}) + c(10 \pmod{3}) + d &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \implies a(999 + 1 \pmod{3}) + b(99 \pmod{3} + 1) + c(9 + 1 \pmod{3}) + d &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ \implies a + b + c + d &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 4
Divisibility by 4

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}abcd &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ \implies a(10^3 \text{mod } 4) + b(10^2 \text{mod } 4) + c(10 \text{mod } 4) + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ \implies 10c + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4) \\ \implies cd &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 4)\end{aligned}$$

Problem 5
Divisibility by 5

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}abcd &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 5) \\ \implies a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 5) \\ \implies a10^3(\text{mod } 5) + b10^2(\text{mod } 5) + c10(\text{mod } 5) + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 5) \\ \implies 0 + 0 + 0 + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 5) \\ d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 5)\end{aligned}$$

d can be 0 or 5

Problem 6
Divisibility by 6

Solution: $6 = 2 \cdot 3$

A number is divisible by 6 if only if it's divisible by 2 and 3.

Problem 7
Divisibility by 7

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}yabcd &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 7) \\ \implies y10^4 + a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 7) \\ \implies y(3 \times 1000 \text{mod } 7) + a(100(\text{mod } 7) \times (10(\text{mod } 7))) + b((10 \text{mod } 7) \times (10 \text{mod } 7)) + c(10 \text{mod } 7) + d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 7) \\ \implies y(-3) + a(-1)b(2) + c(3) + (1)d &\equiv 0(\text{mod } 7)\end{aligned}$$

Every 3 consecutive digits must have 3 and 2 and 1. Starting with units place parity of sign changes with three consecutive digits.

Problem 8
Divisibility by 8

Solution:

$$abcd \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 + bcd \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

Problem 9

Divisibility by 9

Solution:

$$abcd \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(1000 \pmod{9}) + b(100 \pmod{9}) + c(10 \pmod{9}) + d \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(999 + 1 \pmod{9}) + b(99 \pmod{9} + 1) + c(9 + 1 \pmod{9}) + d \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + c + d \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

Problem 10

Divisibility by 11

Solution:

$$abcd \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow a10^3 + b10^2 + c10 + d \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)a + (1)b + (-1)c + d \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

Problem 11

A sequence a_n is given by the recursion

$$a_n = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{a_1} + \frac{1}{a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1}}}$$

initial value $a_0 = 1$. Determine closed expression for a_n .

Solution:

Let's define $a_i = \frac{1}{b_i}$,

$$\frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{a_0} + \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{n-1}}$$

$$b_n = b_0 + b_1 + \dots + b_{n-1} \dots (1)$$

$$b_{n-1} = b_0 + b_1 + \dots + b_{n-2} \dots (2)$$

Subtract eq (2) from eq (1).

$$\Rightarrow b_n - b_{n-1} = b_{n-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = 2b_{n-1} \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow b_n = 2^{n-1} \times b_0 \forall n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_n = \frac{1}{2^{n-1}} \forall n \geq 1$$

Problem 12

Find all positive integers d such that d divides both $n^2 + 1$ and $(n+1)^2 + 1$ for some integer n .

Solution: $d|(n^2 + 1) - (n + 1)^2 - 1$
 $\implies d|2n + 1$
 $\implies d|2n^2 + n$ and $d|2(n^2 + 1)$
 $\implies d|2(n - 2)$ and $d|2n + 1$
 $\implies d|5$ for any n

Problem 13

The 2-digit integers from 19 to 92 are written consecutively to form the integer $N = 192021\dots9192$. Suppose 3^k is the highest power of 3 that is a factor of n . What is k ?

Solution:

$3^k|N$
 $\implies 3|N$
 $N \equiv 9 \times 1 + 18 \times 2 + 17 \times (3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8) + 10 \times 9 \pmod{3}$
 $\implies N \equiv 9 + 36 + 17 \times 33 + 90 \pmod{3}$
 $\implies N \equiv 696 \pmod{3}$
 $3|N$
 $N \equiv 696 \pmod{9} \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$
 $k = 2$

Problem 14

Let $n = 2^{31} \cdot 3^{19}$. How many positive integer divisors of n^2 are less than n but does not divide n .

Solution: Total number of divisors of n is 32×20 . 39×63 are the number of divisors of n^2 . Since perfect square has $2k + 1$ divisors where k divisors are less than n and k divisors are more than n and 1 is n . $\frac{39 \times 63 - 1}{2}$ is k implies $k = 1228$ where number of divisors of n is 640. The number of divisors of n^2 which are less than n and do not divide n is $1228 - 640 = 588$.

Problem 15

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \implies n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

Solution:

$n = 2k + 1$
 $n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$
 $n^2 - 1 = 4k^2 + 4k$

$n^2 - 1 \equiv 4k(k + 1) \pmod{8}$
 $n^2 - 1 \equiv 4 \times 2x \pmod{8}$ As one of every 2 consecutive integers is even
 $n^2 - 1 \equiv 8x \pmod{8}$
 $n^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$
 $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

Problem 15

Find $x_{100} \pmod{7}$ closed form where $x_1 = 4$, $x_2 = 10$ and $\forall x \geq 2, x_{n+2} = 7x_{n+1} - 12x_n$.

Solution:

Using characteristic equation

$$x^2 = 7x - 12$$

$$x^2 - 7x + 12 = 0$$

$$(x - 4)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x_n = A.3^n + B.4^n$$

$$x_1 = 4 \implies 4 = 3A + 4B$$

$$x_2 = 10 \implies 10 = 9A + 16B$$

Solving the system of equation gives $A = 2$ and $B = \frac{-1}{2}$

$$x_n = 2.3^n - 2^{2n-1}$$

$$x_{100} = 2.3^{100} - 2^{199}$$

$$x_{100} \bmod 7 = 2.3^{100} - 2.4^{99}$$

$$x_{100} \bmod 7 = 2.3^{100} - 2.(-3)^{99}$$

$$x_{100} \bmod 7 = 2.3^{99}(3 + 1) \quad x_{100} \bmod 7 = -2.(27)^{33}.4$$

$$x_{100} \bmod 7 = 2.(-1).4$$

$$\text{ans} = 6$$

Problem 16

Solve for $x_{n+2} = 4x_{n+1} - 4x_n$, $x_1 = 2$ and $x_2 = 5$.

Solution:

Using characteristic equation

$$r^2 = 4r - 4$$

$$r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0$$

$$(r - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$x_n = A.2^n + B.n2^n$$

$$x_1 = 2 \implies 2 = 2A + 2B \implies A + B = 1$$

$$x_2 = 5 \implies 5 = 4A + 8B$$

$$B = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } A = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$x_n = \frac{3}{4}(2^n) + \frac{1}{2}(n2^n)$$
