

**Q02** Let  $a$  be a positive integer, note that any  $a$  can be expressed as:

$$a = a_{rest}(10) + a_0$$

where  $a_0$  is the last digit and  $a_{rest}$  is all the other digits. If we take the apply (mod 10) we thus get:

$$\begin{aligned} a \pmod{10} &\equiv a_{rest}(10) + a_0 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv a_{rest}(0) + a_0 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv a_0 \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that for any real number  $a$ , the last digit of  $a$  will be equal to  $a \pmod{10}$ . Since it has the same functionality as  $D(a)$  (as  $a$  is a positive integer) we can write  $D(a)$  as:

$$D(a) = a_0 \pmod{10}$$

From this, we can see that for an arbitrary natural  $m$  our original equation will become:

$$D(19^m + \sum_{k=1}^m k!) = 19^m + \sum_{k=1}^m k! \pmod{10}$$

CAM tells us this equation can be split into two parts:

1.  $19^m \pmod{10}$
2.  $\sum_{k=1}^m k! \pmod{10}$

Starting with [1] we can see that for every natural  $m$ , the equation becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} 19^m \pmod{10} &= 9^m \pmod{10} \\ &= 9^{m-1}(9) \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

If we apply CAM, this asserts that the last digit of  $9^m$  is equal to the last digit of  $9^{m-1}9$ , Plugging in 1 (odd) and 2 (even) for  $m$  we find that:

$$\begin{aligned} (m = 1) : (9^{1-1})(9) \pmod{10} &\implies (1)(9) \pmod{10} \implies 9 \\ (m = 2) : (9^{2-1})(9) \pmod{10} &\implies (9)(9) \pmod{10} \implies 1 \end{aligned}$$

Lets split  $m$  into two cases, if  $m$  is even then by definition an integer  $a$  exists such that  $2a = m$ . Our equation thus becomes:

$$\begin{aligned} 9^m \pmod{10} &= (9^2)^a \pmod{10} \\ &= (81)^a \pmod{10} \\ &= (1)^a \pmod{10} \\ &= 1 \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

if  $m$  is odd then by definition an integer  $a$  exists such that  $2a = m - 1$ . Our equation thus becomes:

$$\begin{aligned}
9^m \pmod{10} &= 9^{m-1}(9) \pmod{10} \\
&= 9^{2a}(9) \pmod{10} \\
&= (9^2)^a(9) \pmod{10} \\
&= 1^a(9) \pmod{10} \\
&= 9 \pmod{10}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we can see, if  $m$  is odd then  $[1]$  is 9. On the other hand if  $m$  is even then  $[1]$  is 1.

Moving on to  $[2]$ , we will again split the equation into cases, if  $m$  is greater than 5 we see the equation will become:

$$\sum_{k=1}^m k! \pmod{10} \equiv 1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + 5! + \dots + m! \pmod{10}$$

Notice however that for any  $(k \geq 5)$ , that  $k!$  (because of CAM) will be equal to:

$$\begin{aligned}
k! &= 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times \dots \times (k-1) \times (k) \pmod{10} \\
&= (2 \times 5)(1 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times (k-1) \times (k)) \pmod{10} \\
&= (10)(1 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times (k-1) \times (k)) \pmod{10} \\
&= (0)(1 \times 3 \times 4 \times \dots \times (k-1) \times (k)) \pmod{10} \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Thus for any  $(m \geq 5)$  our equation will become:

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{k=1}^m k! \pmod{10} &\equiv 1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + 5! + \dots + m! \pmod{10} \\
&\equiv 1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + 0 + \dots + 0 \pmod{10} \\
&\equiv 1! + 2! + 3! + 4! \pmod{10}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that if  $(m \geq 5)$ , the last digit will be equal to the last digit when  $m = 4$ . Thus the only possible unique solutions can exist when  $(m = 1)$ ,  $(m = 2)$ ,  $(m = 3)$ ,  $(m = 4)$ :

$$\begin{aligned}
(m = 1) : \sum_{k=1}^1 k! \pmod{10} &\equiv 1! \pmod{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \\
(m = 2) : \sum_{k=1}^2 k! \pmod{10} &\equiv 1! + 2! \pmod{10} \equiv 3 \pmod{10} \\
(m = 3) : \sum_{k=1}^3 k! \pmod{10} &\equiv 1! + 2! + 3! \pmod{10} \equiv 9 \pmod{10}
\end{aligned}$$

$$(m = 4) : \sum_{k=1}^4 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 1! + 2! + 4! \pmod{10} \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$$

Thus we have shown that  $[2]$  will have unique solutions when  $m$  is 1,2,3 or 4.

Therefore we have 6 possible unique combinations which correspond to possible last digits:

$$(m = 1, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is odd and } [2] < 5) : 19^1 + \sum_{k=1}^1 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 9+1 \pmod{10} \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$(m = 2, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is even and } [2] < 5) : 19^2 + \sum_{k=1}^2 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 1+3 \pmod{10} \equiv 4 \pmod{10}$$

$$(m = 3, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is odd and } [2] < 5) : 19^3 + \sum_{k=1}^3 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 9+9 \pmod{10} \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$(m = 4, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is even and } [2] < 5) : 19^4 + \sum_{k=1}^4 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 1+3 \pmod{10} \equiv 4 \pmod{10}$$

$$(m = 5, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is odd and } [2] \geq 5) : 19^5 + \sum_{k=1}^5 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 9+3 \pmod{10} \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$$

$$(m = 6, \text{ where } [1] \text{ is even and } [2] \geq 5) : 19^6 + \sum_{k=1}^6 k! \pmod{10} \equiv 1+3 \pmod{10} \equiv 4 \pmod{10}$$

Since this exhausts every possible combination for the natural  $m$ , only the elements  $[0,2,4,8]$  will be contained in the set  $S$ :

$$S = \left\{ D \left( 19^m + \sum_{k=1}^m k! \right) : m \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$