

DOUBT SESSIONS

1. Prime Number

The expression: $\frac{1}{x^{a_1}} + \frac{1}{x^{a_2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{x^{a_n}} = \frac{S}{t}$

Let $p = (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S}{t} = \frac{x^{p-a_1} + x^{p-a_2} + x^{p-a_3} + \dots + x^{p-a_n}}{x^p}$$

Goal is to find $\text{GCD}(\sum_{i=1}^n x^{p-a_i}, x^p)$

\Rightarrow ans will be of the form x^{ans}

We need to find largest value of ans such that $(\sum x^{p-a_i})$ is divisible by x^{ans}

Core idea: x^a is present n times, these terms can be merged to form n^{a+1}

Exa: $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} S &= 2^3 + 2^4 + 2^8 + 2^{11} + 2^5 = 2^3(1 + 2^1 + 2^5 + 2^8 + 2^1) \\ &= 2^3(2 + 2^1 + 2^5 + 2^8) \\ &= 2^3 \cdot 2(1 + 1 + 2^4 + 2^7) \\ &= 2^3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2(1 + 2^3 + 2^6) = 2^5 \end{aligned}$$

From here, we know that the largest power that will divide this expression is 5.

Algo: -

① map < power, freq >

② Find the smallest power;

count the frequency

if $(\text{freq} \% x == 0) \{$

$\text{mp}[\text{power}+1] += \text{freq}/x;$

 delete power from the map

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else $\{$

 return power

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2. Find $(A, B) \% M$ where $A, B, M \leq 10^{18}$ and only use long long data type not int - 128.

int a = 1e18, b = 1e18

$\Rightarrow (a * b) \% (10^9 + 7) \Rightarrow \text{Incorrect}$

\downarrow
int * int \Rightarrow (int)

$1e18 * 1e18 \Rightarrow 1e^{36}$ (overflow)

So, Binary Form:

$$B = 2^{a_1} + 2^{a_2} + 2^{a_3} + \dots + 2^{a_n}$$

$$A * B = (A * 2^{a_1} + A * 2^{a_2} + \dots + A * 2^{a_n})$$

Taking $\% \text{mod}$ on both sides,

$$\Rightarrow (A * B) \% \text{mod} = ((A * 2^{a_1}) \% \text{mod} + (A * 2^{a_2}) \% \text{mod} + \dots + (A * 2^{a_n}) \% \text{mod}) \% \text{mod}$$

$$\Rightarrow A * 2^{a_1}$$

\hookrightarrow If this is 4 $\Rightarrow (A + A + A + A)$

$\hookrightarrow 4 \text{ times}$

So,

$$A * 4 \Rightarrow ((A * A) \% \text{mod} + A) \% \text{mod} + A) \% \text{mod}$$

$$A * 8 \Rightarrow (A + \dots + A) 8 \text{ times}$$

Pseudocode :-

while (b > 0) {

if (b & 1)

ans = (ans + a) % mod;

a = (a + a) % mod; $2a, 4a, 8a, 16a, 32a, \dots$

b /= 2;

}

3. Yet Another Broken Keyboard

Given, s = abacaba

Letters = a, b (valid, allowed).

Ex: -

Ex:-

a b a o a b a
 | 1 1 1 | 0 | 1 1 1 |

For any substring to be valid, it should be continuous one

No. of substring = $\frac{2(3 \times 4)}{2} = 12$

s a d f a a s d d a
 0 1 1 1 1 1 0 1 1 1

$\frac{5 \times 6}{2}$

$\frac{3 \times 4}{2}$

↓ + ↓ = 21
 15 6

4. Beautiful string

Suppose we want to find out if the k-th string will have 'a' in the beginning or not.

→ If fix 'a', then how many strings are psbl that will have a in the beginning.

4 place
 [a] 2B
 ↓
 4C2 = 6

The strings are sorted in lexicographical order, means strings with 'b's in later posⁿ appears first. For n=5, 'caabb' is first and 'bbaaa' is last.

→ We can determine the posⁿ of first 'b' (from left). The no. of strings that begin with 'a' is the no. of ways to place two 'b's in the remaining n-1 posⁿ, which is $n-1 C_2$.

5. Lema & Function

Total Subset Psbl = $n C_k$

n = [1, 2, ..., n], length = k

$E = \frac{1}{n C_k} * \sum (\text{min Value of each subset})$

Using the contribution Technique, the sum of min is :

→ $\frac{1 * n-1 C_{k-1} + 2 * n-2 C_{k-1} + 3 * n-3 C_{k-1} + \dots}{n C_k}$