

Prob 57: Find $\gcd(111 \dots 111, 11 \dots 11)$, where there are 100 1's in the decimal representation of the first number and 60 1's in the decimal representation of the second number.

$$111 \dots 111 \text{ (100 1's)} = (10^{99} + 10^{98} + \dots + 10^0) \quad 11 \dots 11 \text{ (60 1's)} = (10^{59} + 10^{58} + \dots + 10^0)$$

- [We will use Euclidean gcd algorithm.
- ~~100~~ $10^{40} (10^{59} + 10^{58} + \dots + 10^0)$ is subtracted from $(10^{99} + 10^{98} + \dots + 10^0)$ we will get $(10^{39} + 10^{38} + \dots + 10^0)$.
 - $(10^{59} + 10^{58} + \dots + 10^0) - 10^{20} (10^{39} + 10^{38} + \dots + 10^0) = (10^{19} + 10^{18} + \dots + 10^0)$
 - $(10^{39} + 10^{38} + \dots + 10^0) - 10^{20} (10^{19} + 10^{18} + \dots + 10^0) = (10^{19} + 10^{18} + \dots + 10^0)$
- $\therefore 111 \dots 111 \text{ (20 1's)} \text{ is the gcd}$

[**Prob 51:** Prove that if $(n-1)! + 1$ is divisible by n , then n is a prime number.

• $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $\boxed{nk = (n-1)! + 1}$

• $\therefore \gcd(nk, (n-1)!) = 1$

(Basic prop of two consecutive integers)

$\therefore nk$ and $(n-1)!$ are co-prime,

i.e. they have no common factor.

~~(n-1)!~~ $(n-1)! = \boxed{(n-1)(n-2) \dots 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$

→ Observe, all the primes less than n must be a factor of $(n-1)!$

• If n would have been composite, its prime factorization would be,

$$\boxed{2^{n_1} 3^{n_2} 5^{n_3} \dots}$$

→ upto primes less than n , where at least one of the ~~exponents~~ powers must be greater than 0

• But then, p_i would have been the ~~gcd~~ common factor of $nk, (n-1)!$, which is a contradiction.

$$\boxed{\therefore n_1 = n_2 = n_3 = \dots = n_i = \dots = 0}$$

So, n must be prime