

# Happy Number

Floyd's Tortoise and Hare cycle detection algorithm is used to detect whether a number, when repeatedly replaced by the sum of the squares of its digits, eventually falls into a cycle. For checking whether a number is a **Happy Number**, this is important because the sequence of sums of squares can either converge to 1 (indicating the number is happy), or it can start repeating in a cycle without reaching 1 (indicating the number is sad).

Here's why we need it:

### 1. **Happy Number Concept:**

- If a number is happy, after repeatedly squaring its digits and summing them, we'll eventually reach the number 1.
- If a number is **not happy**, this process will eventually form a cycle where the sums will start repeating.

### 3. Why Floyd's Cycle Detection?

- Floyd's Tortoise and Hare algorithm uses two pointers ( `slow` and `fast` ) that move through the sequence at different speeds:
  - `slow` moves one step at a time.
  - `fast` moves two steps at a time.
- If there's a cycle, the two pointers will eventually meet inside the cycle (because of their different speeds).
- If no cycle exists (i.e., we eventually reach `1` ), the `slow` and `fast` pointers will converge at `1` .

Without cycle detection, the program could incorrectly enter into an infinite loop, checking the same numbers over and over without realizing that it's in a cycle.

# Example Walkthrough for a Happy Number ( 19 )

## Steps in the Sequence (Sum of Squares of Digits):

19 → 82 → 68 → 100 → 1

Iteration	slow Value	fast Value	Explanation
1	19	19	Both pointers start at the same point.
2	82	68	slow moves by 1 step, fast by 2.
3	68	1	fast reaches 1 faster.
4	100	1	slow now moves closer to 1 .
5	1	1	Pointers meet at 1 , indicating success.

## Steps in the Sequence for Sum of Squares of Digits:

For the number 20, repeatedly replacing the number with the sum of the squares of its digits leads to a cycle:

20 → 4 → 16 → 37 → 58 → 89 → 145 → 42 → 20

### Step-by-Step Computations

- $20 \rightarrow 2^2 + 0^2 = 4$
- $4 \rightarrow 4^2 = 16$
- $16 \rightarrow 1^2 + 6^2 = 37$
- $37 \rightarrow 3^2 + 7^2 = 58$
- $58 \rightarrow 5^2 + 8^2 = 89$
- $89 \rightarrow 8^2 + 9^2 = 145$
- $145 \rightarrow 1^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 = 42$
- $42 \rightarrow 4^2 + 2^2 = 20$

A cycle is detected, showing that the sequence does not converge to 1.

# Floyd's Algorithm Walkthrough

## Starting Values

- slow = 20
- fast = 20

20 → 4 → 16 → 37 → 58 → 89 → 145 → 42 → 20

Iteration	slow Value	fast Value	Explanation
1	4	16	slow moves 1 step: 20 → 4 . fast moves 2 steps: 20 → 4 → 16 .
2	16	37	slow moves 1 step: 4 → 16 . fast moves 2 steps: 16 → 37 → 58 .
3	37	58	slow moves 1 step: 16 → 37 . fast moves 2 steps: 37 → 58 → 89 .
4	58	145	slow moves 1 step: 37 → 58 . fast moves 2 steps: 58 → 89 → 145 .
5	89	42	slow moves 1 step: 58 → 89 . fast moves 2 steps: 145 → 42 → 20 .
6	145	20	slow moves 1 step: 89 → 145 . fast moves 2 steps: 20 → 4 → 16 .
7	42	42	slow and fast pointers meet at 42 , indicating a cycle.

```
// Function to check if a number is a Happy Number
int isHappyNumber(int num){

    int slow = num , fast = num;

    // cycle detection algorithm

    do {
        slow = Calculation(slow);           // Move slow by one step
        fast = Calculation(Calculation(fast)); // Move fast by two steps
    } while (slow != fast)

    // The loop terminates when either:
    // 1. The pointers converge at 1
    // 2. The pointers converge at some other number (cycle)

    // After exiting the loop, the function checks if the value of slow is 1.
    return (slow==1);
}
```

```
// Function to calculate the sum of squares of digits of a number

int Calculation(int num){

    int sum = 0;
    while (num != 0){
        int last_digit = num % 10;           // Find the last digit
        sum += last_digit*last_digit;        // Square the last digit
        num = num /10;                       // Remove the last digit
    }
    return sum;
}
```



- $\text{last\_digit} = 456 \% 10 = 6$
- $\text{Sum} = \text{last\_digit} * \text{last\_digit} = 36$
- $\text{num} = \text{num} / 10 = 45$
- $\text{last\_digit} = 45 \% 10 = 5$
- $\text{Sum} = \text{last\_digit} * \text{last\_digit} = 36 + 25 = 61$
- $\text{num} = \text{num} / 10 = 4$
- $\text{last\_digit} = 4 \% 10 = 4$
- $\text{Sum} = \text{last\_digit} * \text{last\_digit} = 36 + 25 + 16 = 77$
- $\text{num} = \text{num} / 10 = 0$  —————> Termination condition

# Example Walkthrough

Input:

num = 123

Step-by-Step Execution:

Iteration	num	last_digit	last_digit^2	sum
Initial	123	-	-	0
1	123	3	9	9
2	12	2	4	13
3	1	1	1	14
End	0	-	-	14