

# Eric numbers

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### 1.1 Basics:

One day on the bus I started thinking about integers of the form  $(xy)_{10}$  st.  $xy = x(y) + y^2$ . ie)  $45 = 4(5) + 5^2$  and decided to formulate a method for finding them.

Known relatives: Kaprekar ( $45^2 = 2025$ ,  $45 = 20 + 25$ ), Hashand ( $4 + 5 = 9$ ,  $9|45$ ) and Triangular ( $0, 1, 3, 6, 10, 15 \dots$ ) numbers. Products of two squares ( $45 = 6^2 + 3^2$ ).

### 1.2 Findings so far:

Defined and found  $f((xi)_{10}) := f(x, i) = xi + i^2 = (x+1)i + 2a_i$  where  $a_i$  denotes the  $i^{th}$  triangular number. ie.  $f(4, 5) = 5(5) + 2a_5 = 30 + 2(10)$

Notes on  $a_i$ :

$$a_0 = 0$$

$$a_i = a_{i-1} + (i-1)$$

Quick proof by induction:

let  $f(x, y) = x(y) + y^2 = (x+1)y + 2a_y$  for  $y \leq i$ .

then:

$$\begin{aligned} x(i+1) + (i+1)^2 &= xi + x + i^2 + 2i + 1 \\ &= (xi + i^2) + x + 2i + 1 \\ &= ((x+1)i + 2a_i) + x + 2i + 1 \quad (\text{by hyp.}) \\ &= (x+1)i + 2(a_i + i) + x + 1 \\ &= (x+1)(i+1) + 2(a_i + i) \end{aligned}$$

Follows that Eric numbers of two digits are roots of the function  $F(x, i) = f(x, i) - 10x - i$  and generalized to  $F(x, i) = f_s(x, i) - 10^s x - i$  for numbers with greater than 2 digits where  $s$  denotes the split point from the right ie.  $f_2((1025)_{10}) = f(10, 25)$ ,  $f_1((1025)_{10}) = f(102, 5)$ .

Rearranging the original formula to solve for  $x$  however we find a very simple function for finding all possible Eric numbers:

$$x = -\frac{i^2 - i}{i - 10^{\lfloor \log(i) \rfloor + 1}}$$

Iterating over  $i$  yields the first 5 Eric numbers:

$i:$	4	5	8	9	10	...
$(xi)_{10}:$	24	45	248	729	110	...