

Numbers

1) 2^{2n-1} is always divisible by 3

$$2^{2n-1} = (3-1)^{2n-1}$$

$$= 3M + 1 - 1$$

$$= 3M, \text{ thus divisible by 3}$$

2) What is the sum of the divisors of $2^5 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2$?

$$\text{ANS : } (2^6-1)(3^8-1)(5^4-1)(7^3-1)/2 \cdot 4 \cdot 6$$

Funda : if a number 'n' is represented as

$$a^x \cdot b^y \cdot c^z \dots$$

where, $\{a, b, c, \dots\}$ are prime numbers then

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(a) the total number of factors is $(x+1)(y+1)(z+1) \dots$

(b) the total number of relatively prime numbers less than the number is $n \cdot (1-1/a) \cdot (1-1/b) \cdot (1-1/c) \dots$

(c) the sum of relatively prime numbers less than the number is $n/2 \cdot n \cdot (1-1/a) \cdot (1-1/b) \cdot (1-1/c) \dots$

(d) the sum of factors of the number is $\{a^{(x+1)}\} \cdot \{b^{(y+1)}\} \cdot \dots / (x \cdot y \cdot \dots)$

3) what is the highest power of 10 in 203! ANS : express 10 as product of primes; $10 = 2 \cdot 5$

divide 203 with 2 and 5 individually

$$203/2 = 101$$

$$101/2 = 50$$

$$50/2 = 25$$

$$25/2 = 12$$

$$12/2 = 6$$

$$6/2 = 3$$

$$3/2 = 1$$

thus power of 2 in 203! is, $101 + 50 + 25 + 12 + 6 + 3 + 1 = 198$

divide 203 with 5

$$203/5 = 40$$

$$40/5 = 8$$

$$8/5 = 1$$

thus power of 5 in 203! is, 49

so the power of 10 in 203! factorial is 49

4) $x + y + z = 7$ and $xy + yz + zx = 10$, then what is the maximum value of x? (CAT

2002 has similar question)

ANS: $49-20 = 29$, now if one of the y, z is zero, then the sum of other 2 squares shud be equal to 29, which means, x can take a max value at 5

5) In how many ways can 2310 be expressed as a product of 3 factors?

ANS: $2310 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$

When a number can be expressed as a product of n distinct primes, then it can be expressed as a product of 3 numbers in $(3^{n+1} + 1)/2$ ways

6) In how many ways, 729 can be expressed as a difference of 2 squares?

ANS: $729 = a^2 - b^2$

$= (a-b)(a+b)$,

since $729 = 3^5$,

total ways of getting 729 are, $1 \cdot 729$, $3 \cdot 243$, $9 \cdot 81$, $27 \cdot 27$.

So 4 ways

Funda is that, all four ways of expressing can be used to findout distinct a, b values, for example take $9 \cdot 81$

now since $9 \cdot 81 = (a-b)(a+b)$ by solving the system $a-b = 9$ and $a+b = 81$ we can have 45,36 as soln.

7) How many times the digit 0 will appear from 1 to 10000

ANS: In 2 digit numbers : 9,

In 3 digit numbers : $18 + 162 = 180$,

In 4 digit numbers : $2187 + 486 + 27 = 2700$,

total = $9 + 180 + 2700 + 4 = 2893$

8) What is the sum of all irreducible factors between 10 and 20 with denominator as 3?

ANS :

sum = $10.33 + 10.66 + 11.33 + 11.66 + 12.33 + 12.66 + 13.33 + 13.66 \dots\dots$

$= 21 + 23 + \dots\dots$

$= 300$

9) if $n = 1+x$ where x is the product of 4 consecutive number then n is,

1) an odd number,

2) is a perfect square

SOLN : (1) is clearly evident

(2) let the 4 numbers be $n-2, n-1, n$ and $n+1$ then by multing the whole thing and adding 1 we will have a perfect square

10) When 987 and 643 are divided by same number 'n' the remainder is also same, what is that number if the number is a odd prime number?

ANS : since both leave the same remainder, let the remainder be 'r',

then, $987 = an + r$

and $643 = bn + r$ and thus

$987 - 643$ is divisible by 'r' and

$987 - 643 = 344 = 86 * 4 = 43 * 8$ and thus the prime is 43
hence 'r' is 43

11) when a number is divided by 11,7,4 the remainders are 5,6,3 respectively. what would be the remainders when the same number is divided by 4,7,11 respectively?

ANS : whenever such problem is given,
we need to write the numbers in top row and rems in the bottom row like this

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11 7 4
| \ \
5 6 3
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(couldnt express here properly 🤔)

now the number is of the form, $LCM(11,7,4) + 11*(3*7 + 6) + 5$

that is $302 + LCM(11,7,4)$ and thus the rems when the same number is divided by 4,7,11 respectively are,

$$302 \bmod 4 = 2$$

$$75 \bmod 7 = 5$$

$$10 \bmod 11 = 10$$

12) $a^n - b^n$ is always divisible by $a-b$

13) if $a+b+c = 0$ then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

EXAMPLE: $40^3 - 17^3 - 23^3$ is divisible by

since $40 - 23 - 17 = 0$, $40^3 - 17^3 - 23^3 = 3*40*23*17$ and thus, the number is divisible by 3,5,8,17,23 etc.

14) There is a seller of cigarette and match boxes who sits in the narrow lanes of cochin. He prices the cigarettes at 85 p, but found that there are no takers. So he reduced the price of cigarette and managed to sell all the cigarettes, realising Rs. 77.28 in all. What is the number of cigarettes?

- a) 49
- b) 81
- c) 84
- d) 92

ANS : (d)

since $77.28 = 92 * 84$, and since price of cigarette is less than 85, we have (d) as answer

Quote:

i have given this question to make the funda clear

15) What does 100 stand for if $5 \times 6 = 33$

ANS : 81

SOLN : this is a number system question,

30 in decimal system is 33 in some base 'n', by solving we will have n as 9 and thus, 100 will be $9^2 = 81$

16) In any number system 121 is a perfect square,

SOLN: let the base be 'n'

then 121 can be written as $n^2 + 2*n + 1 = (n+1)^2$

hence proved

17) Most of you ppl know these, anyways, just in case

Quote:

(a) sum of first 'n' natural numbers - $n*(n+1)/2$

(b) sum of the squares of first 'n' natural numbers - $n*(n+1)*(2n+1)/6$

(c) sum of the cubes of first 'n' natural numbers - $n^2*(n+1)^2/4$

(d) total number of primes between 1 and 100 - 25 🍷🍷

18) See Attachment 📎 to know how to find LCM, GCF of Fractions

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CAT 2002 has 2 questions on the above simple concept

19) Converting Recurring Decimals to Fractions

let the number x be 0.23434343434.....

thus $1000x = 234.3434343434.....$

and $10x = 2.3434343434.....$

thus, $990x = 232$

and hence, $x = 232/990$

20) Remainder Funda

(a) $(a + b + c) \% n = (a \% n + b \% n + c \% n) \% n$

EXAMPLE: The remainders when 3 numbers 1221, 1331, 1441 are divided by certain number 9 are 6, 8, 1 respectively. What would be the remainder when you divide 3993 with

9? (never seen such question though 🍷)

the remainder would be $(6 + 8 + 1) \% 9 = 6$

(b) $(a*b*c) \% n = (a \% n * b \% n * c \% n) \% n$

EXAMPLE: What is the remainder left when $1073 * 1079 * 1087$ is divided by 119 ? (seen this kinda questions alot)

$$1073 \% 119 = ?$$

since 1190 is divisible by 119, $1073 \bmod 119$ is 2

and thus, "the remainder left when $1073 * 1079 * 1087$ is divided by 119 " is $2 * 8 * 16 \bmod 119$ and that is $256 \bmod 119$ and that is $(238 + 18) \bmod 119$ and that is 18

Glossary : % stands for reminder operation

find the number of zeroes in $1^1 * 2^2 * 3^3 * 4^4 \dots 98^{98} * 99^{99} * 100^{100}$

the expression can be rewritten as $(100!)^{100} / 0! * 1! * 2! * 3! \dots 99!$

Now the numerator has 2400 zeros

the formular for finding number of zeros in $n!$ is

$$[n/5] + [n/5^2] + \dots + [n/5^r]$$

where r is such that $5^r \leq n < 5^{(r+1)}$

and $[..]$ is the gretest integer function

for the numerator find the number of zeros using the above formulae..

for $0! \dots 4!$ number of zeros ..0

$5! \dots 9!$ number os zeros ..1

$9! \dots 14! \dots 2$

$15! \dots 19! \dots 3$

$20! \dots 24! \dots 4!$

now at $25!$ the series makes a jump to 6

$25! \dots 29! \dots 6$

$30! \dots 34! \dots 7$

this goes on and again makes a jump at $50!$

and then at $75!$

so the number of zeros is...

$$5(1+2+\dots+19) + 25 + 50 + 75$$

the last 3 terms 25 50 and 75 are because of the jumps..

this gives numerator has 1100 zeros

now total number of zeros in expression is no of zeros in denominator - no of zeros in numerator
 $2400 - 1100$

the Answer 1300