

Warm-up (not MAT) The function $f(n)$ is defined for all positive integers n as follows; $f(1) = 1$ and, for all $n \geq 1$,

$$f(2n) = f(n), \quad f(2n + 1) = f(n) + 1.$$

Find $f(2)$, $f(3)$, $f(4)$, and $f(5)$.

What is $f(2^{100})$?

What does $f(n)$ have to do with the binary representation of n ?

Now consider a new function $g(n)$ which is defined for all positive integers n as follows; $g(1) = 2$, and for all $n \geq 1$,

$$g(2n) = g(n) + 1, \quad g(2n + 1) = g(n) + 2.$$

Find $g(n)$ for some small values of n and work out the link between $g(n)$ and the binary representation of n .

Short question 1 (MAT 2010 Q1G)

The function f , defined for whole positive numbers, satisfies $f(1) = 1$ and also the rules

$$\begin{aligned} f(2n) &= 2f(n), \\ f(2n + 1) &= 4f(n), \end{aligned}$$

for all values of n . How many numbers satisfy $f(n) = 16$?

- (a) 3, (b) 4, (c) 5, (d) 6.

Extension: (MAT 2011 Q1J)

The function $f(n)$ is defined for positive integers n according to the rules

$$f(1) = 1, \quad f(2n) = f(n), \quad f(2n + 1) = (f(n))^2 - 2.$$

The value of $f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \dots + f(100)$ is

- (a) -86, (b) -31, (c) 12, (d) 58.

Extension: (MAT 2014 Q1H)

The function $F(n)$ is defined for all positive integers as follows: $F(1) = 0$ and for all $n \geq 2$,

$$\begin{aligned} F(n) &= F(n - 1) + 2 && \text{if 2 divides } n \text{ but 3 does not divide } n; \\ F(n) &= F(n - 1) + 2 && \text{if 3 divides } n \text{ but 2 does not divide } n; \\ F(n) &= F(n - 1) + 2 && \text{if 2 and 3 both divide } n; \\ F(n) &= F(n - 1) && \text{if neither 2 nor 3 divides } n. \end{aligned}$$

The value of $F(6000)$ equals

- (a) 9827, (b) 10121, (c) 11000, (d) 12300, (e) 12352.

Short question 2 (MAT 2012 Q1B)

Let $N = 2^k \times 4^m \times 8^n$ where k, m, n are positive whole numbers. Then N will definitely be a square number whenever

- (a) k is even,
- (b) $k + n$ is odd,
- (c) k is odd but $m + n$ is even,
- (d) $k + n$ is even.

Long question (MAT 2013 Q5)

We define the *digit sum* of a non-negative integer to be the sum of its digits. For example, the digit sum of 123 is $1 + 2 + 3 = 6$.

- (i) How many positive integers less than 100 have digit sum equal to 8?

Let n be a positive integer with $n < 10$.

- (ii) How many positive integers less than 100 have digit sum equal to n ?
- (iii) How many positive integers less than 1000 have digit sum equal to n ?
- (iv) How many positive integers between 500 and 999 have digit sum equal to 8?
- (v) How many positive integers less than 1000 have digit sum equal to 8, and one digit at least 5?
- (vi) What is the total of the digit sums of the integers from 0 to 999 inclusive?

Bonus question (not MAT)

Exactly one of the following numbers is prime. Which one? No calculators allowed!

91, 3599, 80111, 125729, 1010101, 104060401 987654321.

Find a non-trivial factor of each of the other numbers (not 1 or the number itself).