

Problem 2 (Heuristics)

Find all two-digit number N such that $N + 2$ is also a two-digit number and the digit sum of $N + 2$ is less than the digit sum of N .

Understanding the problem

Think of say the number $N = 12$. Digit sum = $1 + 2 = 3$

Then $N + 2 = 14$. Digit sum = $1 + 4 = 5$. (Not good)

What if $N = 24$? Digit sum = 6 , $N + 2 = 26$ & digit sum = 8

Conclusion: Tens digit cannot be smaller than unit digit?

Not true! For example, $N = 21$.

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Strategy 1: Run through all the 2-digit numbers
From 10 to 99. *Easy but tedious.*

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Strategy 2:

Digit sum of N is $a + b$

For digit sum of $N + 2$ to be less $a + b$, the unit digit of $N + 2$ must be such that $b + 2$ must be greater than or equal to 10. Therefore $b = 8$ or 9

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{a} \quad \boxed{b} \\ + \quad \quad \boxed{2} \\ \hline \boxed{} \quad \boxed{} \end{array}$$

When $b = 8$, a can be any digits from 1 to 9.
When $b = 9$, a can be any digits from 1 to 9 too.

$$\therefore N = 18, 28, 38, 48, \dots, 98, 19, 29, 39, \dots, 99$$

Background for Problem 3

$2 = 1 \times 2$ factors are 1, 2

$4 = 1 \times 4 = 2 \times 2$ factors are 1, 2, 4

$$4 = 2^2$$

$6 = 1 \times 6 = 2 \times 3$ factors are 1, 2, 3, 6

$$6 = 2 \times 3$$

$9 = 1 \times 9 = 3 \times 3$ factors are 1, 3, 9

$$9 = 3^2$$

$10 = 1 \times 10 = 2 \times 5$ factors are 1, 2, 5, 10

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$11 = 1 \times 11$ factors are 1, 11

$12 = 1 \times 12 = 2 \times 6 = 3 \times 4$ factors are 1, 2, 3, 4, 12

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3$$

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Background for Problem 3

$$24 = 2^3 \times 3^1$$

Factors are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24

$$1 = 2^0 \times 3^0$$

$$6 = 2^1 \times 3^1$$

$$2 = 2^1 \times 3^0$$

$$8 = 2^3 \times 3^0$$

$$3 = 2^0 \times 3^1$$

$$12 = 2^2 \times 3^1$$

$$4 = 2^2 \times 3^0$$

$$24 = 2^3 \times 3^1$$

Do you observe any pattern?

The number of factors is given by $(3+1)(1+1) = 8$

Problem 3

Find the largest four-digit number having exactly three factors, including 1 and itself

Hence, numbers with exactly three factors must be from p^2 .

The largest prime number p such that $p^2 \leq 9999$ is 97.

\therefore This largest 4-digit number is $97^2 = 9409$

Problem 4 (Heuristics)

Find the largest three-digit number which has exactly ten factors, including 1 and itself

Hint: $10 = 2 \times 5$

The number must be of the form $p \times q^4$, p and q are prime numbers.

Check systematically to arrive at the answer.

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Problem 4 (Heuristics)

p	q	q^4	$p \times q^4$
2	5	625	1250
11	3	81	891
13	3	81	1053
61	2	16	976
67	2	16	1072

Problem 5

How many times must 2 dice be thrown to be sure that the same total occurs at least six times?

Hint:

The possible sum are 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Answer: $5 \times 11 + 1 = 56$

Problem 5

How many times must 2 dice be thrown to be sure that the same total occurs at least six times?

Hint:

The possible sum are 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12

Answer: $5 \times 11 + 1 = 56$

Problem 6

How many times must n dice be thrown to be sure that the same total occurs at least p times?

Answer: $(6n - n + 1)(p - 1) + 1 = (5n + 1)(p - 1) + 1$

Problem 7

How many people must there be, at least, in a room so that there will be at least 2 people with the same birthday?

Answer: $366+1 = 367$

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How many people must there be, at least, in room so that there will be at least 2 people with the same birthday?

What would be the minimum number of people needed for at least 5 people with the same birthday?

Answer: $366 \times 4 + 1$

Understanding the problem

Prime numbers:

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19,...

Fractions of the form $(p - 1)/p$:

6/7, 10/11, 12/13, 16/17, 18/19,...

Units fractions:

1/2, 1/3, 1/4, 1/5, 1/6, 1/7, 1/8, 1/9

Why p need to be more than 3?

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Possible sum of unit fractions:

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6} \quad \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{7}{12}$$

Facts:

$$\frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{3} > \frac{1}{4} > \frac{1}{5} > \frac{1}{6} > \frac{1}{7} > \frac{1}{8} > \frac{1}{9} > \dots$$

Hence,

$$\frac{1}{2} < \frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{4} < \frac{4}{5} < \frac{5}{6} < \frac{6}{7} < \frac{7}{8} < \frac{8}{9} < \dots$$

Why?