

Proof that squaring a number consisting of all sixes results in a number with a predictable pattern made up of so many 4, 3, 5 and 6's

Objective

To prove that when a number consisting of a string of n sixes is squared, the resulting number will be made up of n-1 fours followed by a single three followed by n-1 fives followed by a single six.

For example $6^2 = 36$ (n=1)
 $66^2 = 4356$ (n=2)
 $666^2 = 443556$ (n=3)
 $6666^2 = 44435556$ (n=4)
 $66666^2 = 4444355556$ (n=5)

ie $[6 \dots 6]^2 = [4 \dots 4] [3] [5 \dots 5] [6]$
 $\leftarrow n \rightarrow \quad \leftarrow n-1 \rightarrow \quad \leftarrow n-1 \rightarrow$

Introduction

This proof uses the formula for the sum of a geometric sequence:

$$s = \frac{a \times (1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Where a is the 1st term, r is the multiplying factor and n is the number of terms.

For example $(3 + 6 + 12 + 24 + 48) = 3 \times (1 - 2^5) / (1 - 2) = 3 \times (-31) / (-1) = 93$

and $(6 + 60 + 600 + 6000) = 6 \times (1 - 10^4) / (1 - 10) = 6 \times (-9999) / (-9) = 6666$

Proof

The theory postulates that the result of squaring a number consisting of n sixes is of the form

$[4 \dots \leftarrow n-1 \rightarrow \dots 4] [3] [5 \dots \leftarrow n-1 \rightarrow \dots 5] [6]$

which by constructing as a series of sums and reversing the order of the terms can be expressed as

$$\begin{aligned} &6 \\ &+ 10 \times (5 \dots 5) \\ &+ 10^n \times 3 \\ &+ 10^{n+1} \times (4 \dots 4) \end{aligned}$$

Now, because a number such as 5...5 is a sum of a geometric sequence (5+50+500+5000....) we can use the formula for calculating the sum of a geometric sequence, so we get

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$$6 + 10 \times \frac{[5 \times (1 - 10^{n-1})]}{1 - 10} + 10^n \times 3 + 10^{n+1} \times \frac{[4 \times (1 - 10^{n-1})]}{1 - 10}$$

For simplification, let $A = 10^n$, which means that $10^{n-1} = A/10$ and $10^{n+1} = 10A$

$$6 + \frac{50}{9} \times \left(\frac{A}{10} - 1 \right) + 3A + \frac{40A}{9} \times \left(\frac{A}{10} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{1}{9} (54 + 5A - 50 + 27A + 4A^2 - 40A)$$

$$\frac{1}{9} (4A^2 - 8A + 4)$$

$$\frac{4}{9} (A^2 - 2A + 1)$$

$$\frac{4}{9} (A - 1)^2$$

$$\left[\frac{2}{3} (A - 1) \right]^2$$

$$\left[\frac{6}{9} (A - 1) \right]^2$$

$$\left[6 \times \frac{1 - A}{1 - 10} \right]^2$$

And replacing A with 10^n

$$\left[6 \times \frac{1 - 10^n}{1 - 10} \right]^2$$

And this is the SQUARED sum of a geometric sequence where

6 is the first term
10 is the multiplying factor
n is the number of terms

$$[6 + 60 + 600 + 6000 + \dots]^2 \quad (n \text{ terms})$$

Which is $[6666\dots]^2$

QED