Problem 97

The first known prime found to exceed one million digits was discovered in 1999, and is a Mersenne prime of the form $2^{6\,972\,593}-1$; it contains exactly 2,098,960 digits. Subsequently other Mersenne primes, of the form 2^p-1 , have been found which contain more digits.

However, in 2004 there was found a massive non-Mersenne prime which contains 2,357,207 digits: $28433 \times 2^{7830457} + 1$.

Find the last ten digits of this prime number.

Solution

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Brute-force:

In[143]:= Mod [28 433 × 2^7 830 457 + 1, 10<sup>10</sup>]

Out[143]:= 8 739 992 577

Using built-in functions to be a bit more sensible:

In[144]:= Mod [28 433 PowerMod [2, 7 830 457, 10<sup>10</sup>] + 1, 10<sup>10</sup>]

Out[144]:= 8 739 992 577

My own PowerMod function:

In[218]:= powerMod [a_, 1, mod_] := Mod [a, mod]

powerMod [a_, b_, mod_] :=

With [ {powers = NestList [Mod [#^2, mod] &, a, Floor@Log2[b]] },

With [ {bBin = Reverse@IntegerDigits [b, 2] },

Mod [Times @@ Pick [powers, bBin, 1], mod]

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In[217]:= Mod [28 433 powerMod [2, 7 830 457, 10<sup>10</sup>] + 1, 10<sup>10</sup>]

Out[217]:= 8 739 992 577
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