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PERFECT R-NARCISSISTIC NUMBERS IN ANY BASE  
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- ABSTRACT - We defined in [3] the perfect r-narcissistic numbers, or rppdi, which are a natural extension of the classic ppdi or Armstrong number of the first kind ([1]). We have shown that the set of these rppdi is finite and we have given the list of the first 15 rppdi greater than 1 in decimal base ([4], [OEIS2]).

Let us now consider the ppdi and the rppdi in any base b; we will thus define two distinct families (ppdib, ppdi0) on the one hand and (rppdib, rppdi0) on the other hand, associated with any base b other than the decimal base.

We will treat here the cases of bases from 3 to 9 (base 2 only has the trivial solution 1 and base 10 corresponds to the classic ppdi and rppdi) without taking into account the common trivial solution 1.

For a k-digit number n, the function  $S_p(n)$  will express the sum of the powers  $p \geq 1$  of all the digits of n:  $n = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} a_i 10^{k-i}$ ,  $a_i > 0$ ,  $S_p(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{i=k} a_i^p$ ,  $p \geq 1$ .

To move on to rppdi, we apply  $S_p$ , not to n (as for ppdi), but to a power r ( $> 1$ ) of n.

Recall that a perfect r-narcissistic number or rppdi ([3], [4]) is an integer n ( $> 1$ ) with p digits whose power  $r > 1$  ( $r = 1$  corresponding to the classic ppdi) is such that the sum of the powers p of all its digits  $S_p(n^r)$  is equal to the number n.

While a p-digit ppdi is a solution of  $n = S_p(n)$ , a p-digit rppdi is a solution of  $n = S_p(n^r)$  for  $r > 1$ .

An rppdi is therefore a p-digit fixed point of the transformation  $S_p^r$

$$(1) \quad n \rightarrow S_p^r(n) = S_p(n^r), \quad r > 1,$$

a ppdi being a fixed point with p digits of (1) but with  $r = 1$ .

In any base b ( $2 < b < 10$ ), n becomes  $n_b$  and we apply the transformation  $S_p^r$  to  $n_b$ ; we then look for fixed points of:  $n = S_p^r(n_b)$ , for  $r = 1$  (ppdi) or  $r > 1$  (rppdi).

With  $p =$  number of digits of  $n_b$ , then denoted  $p_b$ , we obtain the ppdi in base b or ppdib, and the rppdi in base b or rppdib; in this case it is the number  $n_b$  which has p digits.

With  $p =$  number of digits of n, then denoted  $p_0$ , we obtain fixed points of  $S_p^r$  which we will respectively call ppdi0 ( $r = 1$ ) and rppdi0 ( $r > 1$ ); in this case it is the number n which has p digits.

Let us add that for ppdi, only ppdib are considered by the authors ([2], [OEIS1]).

The pleasant character of the transformations  $S_p^r$  ([3], [4]) leads to the finiteness of the sets of integers, {ppdib}, {ppdi0} of a on the other hand, {rppdib}, {rppdi0} on the other hand; the set, also finite ([4]), of all the fixed points of the pleasant transformation  $S_p^r$ , contains the first two for  $r = 1$  and the last two for  $r > 1$ .

For finiteness, we can also draw inspiration from the general demonstration of [5], and frame such numbers n with k digits in base b by (since  $n^r < 10^{kr}$ ):

$$(2) \quad b^{k-1} < n < rk(b-1)^k, \quad \text{with } r = 1 \text{ for ppdi and } r > 1 \text{ for rppdi,}$$

the lower limit being the smallest k-digit number, the upper limit being the image by  $S_k^r$  of the largest.

We can then easily show that for all b, and all r, there exists a  $k^*(b, r)$  such that, in (2), the lower limit is strictly greater than the upper limit; there will therefore be no solution for  $k \geq k^*(b, r)$ , which ensures the finite nature of all of these numbers for any base (and any finite r).

For example, for rppdib,  $k^*(10,1) = 61$ ,  $k^*(10,2) = 69$ , ...,  $k^*(10,6) = 81$ ,  $k^*(9,1) = 53$ ,  $k^*(9,2) = 60$ ,  $k^*(9,3) = 64$ , ...,  $k^*(8,2) = 51$ ,  $k^*(8,4) = 57$ , ...

All ppdi as well as all rppdi are finite in number in all bases and the corresponding definition intervals are  $[1, 10^{k^*(b,r)-1}[$ ,  $b > 2$ ,  $r \geq 1$ .

The integers common to the two sets {ppdib}, {ppdi0} respectively {rppdib}, {rppdi0}, are n which have exactly the same number of digits in decimal base and in the base b concerned.

To be more readable we will give all our results by expressing them in decimal base.

#### 1 - PPDIs

The ppdi in decimal base ([2]) and in any base in the form of ppdib ([2], [OEIS1]) are well listed in the literature, but not in the version of ppdi0.

Naturally, in decimal base, the ppdib and the ppdi0 are identified with the well-known ppdi: we know ([1]) that there are 88 including: 1, ..., 9, 153, 370, 371, ...

115132219018763992565095597973971522401.

To simplify the results concerning ppdi<sub>b</sub>, ppdi<sub>0</sub> in base b, we do not cite or count trivial solutions 1, 2, ..., b-1.

### 1 - 1 - The PPDIB

Here  $p = p_b$ .

This choice is the one adopted in [2] as in [OEIS1].

In  $[2, 10^9]$ , the results, written in base 10, provide 96 solutions.

b = 3 has 3 solutions: 5, 8, 17.

b = 4 has 8 solutions: 28, 29, 35, 43, 55, 62, 83, 243.

b = 5 has 12 solutions: 13, 18, 28, 118, 289, 353, 419, 4890, 4891, 9113, 1874374, 338749352.

b = 6 has 12 solutions: 99, 190, 2292, 2293, 2324, 3432, 3433, 6197, 36140, 269458, 391907, 10067135.

b = 7 has 26 solutions: 10, 25, 32, 45, 133, 134, 152, 250, 3190, 3222, 3612, 3613, 4183, 9286, 35411, 191334, 193393, 376889, 535069, 79 4376, 8094840, 10883814, 16219922, 20496270, 32469576, 34403018.

b = 8 has 21 solutions: 20, 52, 92, 133, 307, 432, 433, 16819, 17864, 17865, 24583, 25639, 212419, 906298, 906426, 938811, 1122179, 20876 46, 3821955, 13606405, 40695508.

b = 9 has 14 solutions: 41, 50, 126, 127, 468, 469, 1824, 8052, 8295, 9857, 1198372, 3357009, 3357010, 6287267.

Example: in base 6, we have  $99 = 243_6$ ,  $p = 3$ ,  $S_3(243) = 2^3 + 4^3 + 3^3 = 99$ .

### 1 - 2 - The PPDIO

Here  $p = p_0$ .

This choice is, to our knowledge, not used, but it is nonetheless also natural since it is associated with the number of digits of the initial n (and not of the transformed n\_b). We obtain in our search interval, 34 solutions such that n and n\_b have the same length, and therefore common to the two sets {ppdi<sub>b</sub>}, {ppdi<sub>0</sub>}.

In  $[2, 10^9]$ , the results, written in base 10, provide 43 solutions.

b = 3 has 0 solution.

b = 4 has 0 solution.

b = 5 has 3 solutions: 13, 18, 118.

b = 6 has 2 solutions: 190, 251.

b = 7 has 8 solutions: 10, 25, 32, 45, 133, 134, 152, 250.

b = 8 has 15 solutions: 20, 52, 133, 307, 432, 433, 16819, 17864, 17865, 24583, 25639, 212419, 1122179, 2087646, 13606405.

b = 9 has 15 solutions: 41, 50, 126, 127, 468, 469, 1824, 65538, 65539, 1198372, 3357009, 3357010, 5300099, 156608073, 156608074.

Example: in base 6, we have  $251 = 1055_6$ ,  $p = 3$ ,  $S_3(1055) = 1^3 + 5^3 + 5^3 = 251$ .

Let us observe that in  $[2, 10^9]$  there are 96 ppdi<sub>b</sub> for 43 ppdi<sub>0</sub> ...

Let us state a property common to ppdi<sub>b</sub> and ppdi<sub>0</sub> in any base b.

#### - PROPERTY 1

For any base b, if a fixed point m of  $S_p(n_b)$ , with  $p = p_b$  or  $p_0$ , is a multiple of b, then  $m + 1$  is also the fixed point of this application.

Indeed, if  $m = 0(b)$ ,  $m_b$  ends with a 0 (in  $m_b = \sum_{i=1}^{i=p} a_i b^{p-i}$  we will have  $a_p = 0$ ), and if m is a solution,  $m + 1$  is also a solution since  $a_p$  will become equal to 1 and will remain so at any power.

Examples: 370, 371 in base 10 for ppdi; 28, 29 in base 4 for ppdi<sub>b</sub>; 156608073, 156608074 in base 9 for ppdi<sub>0</sub>, ...

### 2 - RPPDI

In ([3], [4]), the rppdi were defined and the list ([OEI2]) of the first 15 rppdi greater than 1 in decimal base was given (we write 8(3) for solution 8 with  $r = 3$ ):

7(4), 8(3), 9(2);

180(6), 205(2);

38998(2), 45994(2), 89080(2);

726191(2);

5540343(3), 7491889(2), 8690141(3);

167535050(3), 749387107(4);

9945245922(3).

We will determine here the representatives in base  $b$  ( $2 < b < 10$ ) for the two choices of  $p$ .  
 We will observe that in  $[2, 10^9]$  there are 17 rppdib for 47 rppdi0 ...

## 2 - 1 - The RPPDIB

With  $p = p_b$ , the results, written in base 10, give 17 solutions in  $[2, 10^9]$ :

(solution 10 for  $r = 2$  will be noted  $10(2)$ )

$b = 3$  has 1 solution:  $10(2)$

$b = 4$  has 0 solution

$b = 5$  has 1 solution:  $6(2)$

$b = 6$  has 1 solution:  $30(3)$

$b = 7$  has 2 solutions:  $33(2)$ ;

$56(3)$

$b = 8$  has 6 solutions:  $16(2)$ ,  $41(2)$ ,  $129(2)$ ,  $432(2)$ ,  $9808(2)$ ;

$7(4)$

$b = 9$  has 6 solutions:  $42(2)$ ,  $684(2)$ ,  $52777(2)$ ;

$8(3)$ ;

$7(4)$ ,  $468(4)$

Example:  $9808 = 23120\_8$ ,  $p = 5$ ,  $r = 2$ ,  $23120^2 = 534534400$ ,  $S_5(534534400) = 5^5+3^5+4^5+5^5+3^5+4^5+4^5 = 9808$ .

## 2 - 2 - The RPPDI0

With  $p = p_0$ , the results, written in base 10, give 47 solutions in  $[2, 10^9]$ :

$b = 3$  has 5 solutions:  $4(2)$ ,  $33(2)$ ,  $95(2)$ ,  $5121(2)$ ;

$7294(3)$

$b = 4$  has 20 solutions:

$9(2)$ ,  $33(2)$ ,  $129(2)$ ,  $480(2)$ ,  $640(2)$ ,  $736(2)$ ,  $34816(2)$ ,  $69666(2)$ ,  $2129920(2)$ ,  $4259970(2)$ ,  
 $134742016(2)$ ,  $269484546(2)$ ,  $335028856(2)$ ;

$8(3)$ ,  $20(3)$ ,  $512(3)$ ,  $32768(3)$ ,  $2097152(3)$ ,  $134217728(3)$ ;

$8(9)$ .

$b = 5$  has 1 solution:  $81748(4)$

$b = 6$  has 2 solutions:  $90646(2)$ ;

$30(3)$

$b = 7$  has 5 solutions:  $9(2)$ ,  $33(2)$ ,  $9667(2)$ ,  $68266(2)$ ;

$8(3)$

$b = 8$  has 6 solutions:  $16(2)$ ,  $41(2)$ ,  $129(2)$ ,  $432(2)$ ;

$977797(3)$ ;

$7(4)$

$b = 9$  has 8 solutions:  $42(2)$ ,  $684(2)$ ,  $9778(2)$ ,  $52777(2)$ ,  $8767684(2)$ ;

$8(3)$ ;

$7(4)$ ,  $468(4)$ .

Example:  $9667 = 40120\_7$ ,  $p = 4$ ,  $r = 2$ ,  $40120^2 = 1609614400$ ,  $S_4(1609614400) = 1^4+6^4+9^4+6^4+1^4+4^4+4^4 = 9667$ .

As for the ppdi, the solutions  $n$  of the same length as the associated  $n\_b$ , are common to the two sets  $\{rppdib\}$ ,  $\{rppdi0\}$ , there are 13 in our search interval.

The results obtained with our two choices allow us to observe some pathologies.

- PROPERTY 2

1) Among the rppdi0, there exists a solution  $n$  with two different  $r$  for  $b = 4$ :  $8(3)$  and  $8(9)$  (this answers a question implicitly asked in [5] concerning the rppdi in decimal base and the uniqueness of the  $r$  of a solution).

2) Among the rppdi0, we have 3 times the solution  $33(2)$ : in bases 3, 4 and 7.

3) For the base  $b = 4$ , there is no solution of type rppdib but 20 solutions of type rppdi0 in the search interval  $[2, 10^9]$ .

Base 4 appears to be the most prolific for rppdi0.

4) The solution  $n = 8$  appears 4 times in the rppdi0 ( $2 < b < 10$ ) including 3 times with  $r = 3$ :  $8(3)$  and  $8(9)$  for  $b = 4$ ;  $8(3)$  for  $b = 7$ ;  $8(3)$  for  $b = 9$ .

5) Among the rppdib and rppdi0, the solution  $n = 7$  appears twice: with  $b = 8$  and  $b = 9$  and each time with  $r = 4$ .

6) The various properties of 8:

8 is equal to the sum of the digits of its cube (512).

8 is equal to the sum of the digits of the cube of its expression in base 4 (which is 8000).

8 is equal to the sum of the digits of the power of 9 of its expression in base 4 (which is  $512 \cdot 10^9$ ).

8 is equal to the sum of the digits of the power of 3 of its expression in base 7 (which is 1331).

- CONCLUSION

After the finite set of {rppdi} ([3], [4], [5], [OEIS2]) which has, in decimal base, 15 representatives in  $[2, 10^{10}]$ , we have defined three new finite sets of narcissistic numbers in bases 3 to 9, {ppdi0}, {rppdib} and {rppdi0}. In the interval  $[2, 10^9]$ , they have, respectively, 43, 17 and 47 elements that we have determined.

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