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## **REMARKABLE INTEGERS**

**The Problem.** A number is called *remarkable* if there exists a multiple of it that is written (use Base-10) as a string of 9, followed (or not) by a string of 0. For example, 3 is remarkable (justify). What are the remarkable numbers less than 6? In general, what are the remarkable numbers?

**Definition.** An integer  $x$ , other than 0, is called a *remarkable number* if there exists  $M_x$ , a multiple of  $x$  such that  $M_x$  can be written as  $\underbrace{99 \dots 9}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} \underbrace{00 \dots 0}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ .

**Question 1.** 3 is a remarkable number? Why?

**Answer 1.1.** 3 is a remarkable number, because there exists  $M_3 = 3 \times 3 = 9$ , with  $m = 1$  and  $n = 0$ .

**Question 2.** Which numbers, smaller than 6, are remarkable?

**Remark 2.1.** The remarkable numbers that are smaller than 6 can be divided in two categories:

- 1) positive integers (1,2,3,4,5);
- 2) negative integers.

**Answer 2.1.** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 are remarkable numbers, because there exists

$$M_1 = 1 \times 9 = 9, \text{ with } m = 1 \text{ and } n = 0.$$

$$M_2 = 2 \times 45 = 90, \text{ with } m = 1 \text{ and } n = 1.$$

$$M_3 = 3 \times 3 = 9, \text{ with } m = 1 \text{ and } n = 0.$$

$$M_4 = 4 \times 225 = 900, \text{ with } m = 1 \text{ and } n = 2.$$

$$M_5 = 5 \times 18 = 90, \text{ with } m = 1 \text{ and } n = 1.$$

Note that the specified multiples are not unique.

**Answer 2.2.** To determine all negative integers that are remarkable numbers, the general form of the remarkable positive numbers will be determined later.

**Question 3.** In general, which numbers are remarkable?

**Answer 3.1–Statement.** All positive integers are remarkable numbers.

*Proof.* We will prove that any positive integer  $x$  has a multiple of form  $\underbrace{99 \dots 9}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} \underbrace{00 \dots 0}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  with  $m$  and  $n$  unspecified.

**Remark 1.** Finding  $x \in \mathbb{Z}, x \neq 0$  remarkable, for which there exists a multiple with the form

$$M_x = \underbrace{99 \dots 9}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} \underbrace{00 \dots 0}_{n \in \mathbb{N}} = 9 \times \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} \times 2^n \times 5^n, m \in \mathbb{N}^*, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

is like looking for the divisors of the number  $9 \times \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} \times 2^n \times 5^n$  using the divisibility criteria in Number Theory.

Next, we intend to specify, for a given positive integer  $x$ , those numbers  $m$  and  $n$  from the sought multiple  $M_x$ .

Using the Scientific WorkPlace Program for the decomposition into prime factors for  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ , we will study some examples of prime numbers and powers of prime numbers that are remarkable numbers.

Using the remainders theory, we will discover rules for determining the divisors for  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in N^*}$ .

We will present and demonstrate, using number theory, statements about the structure of remarkable numbers:

**Statement 1:** For all  $n_1 \in N$ , all  $n_2 \in N$  and all  $s \in N$ , the numbers  $2^{n_1} \times 5^{n_2} \times 3^s$  are remarkable numbers.

**Statement 2:** All prime numbers  $p \in N^*$ ,  $p > 5$  are remarkable numbers

**Statement 3:** For all  $\alpha \in N$  and all prime numbers  $p \in N^*$ ,  $p > 5$ , the numbers  $p^\alpha$  are remarkable numbers.

**Statement 4:** For any  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_k \in N$ , and any prime number  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k \in N^*$ , greater than 5, the numbers  $p_1^{\alpha_1} \times p_2^{\alpha_2} \times \dots \times p_n^{\alpha_n}$  are remarkable numbers.

**Statement 5:** Any positive integer  $x$  is a remarkable number.

**Answer 3.2.1–Statement 1.** For all  $n \in N$ , the numbers  $2^n \times 5^n$  are remarkable numbers.

*Proof.* For all  $n \in N$ , there exists  $M_n = \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in N^*} \times 9 \times 2^n \times 5^n$ , which is a multiple of  $2^n \times 5^n$ .

Out of curiosity, we used the Scientific WorkPlace Program for the decomposition into prime factors for  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{n \in N^*}$

and we obtain, for  $m = \overline{1, 81}$  :

$$m = 1 : 1 = 1$$

$$m = 2 : 11 = 11$$

$$m = 3 : 111 = 3 \times 37$$

$$m = 4 : 1111 = 11 \times 101$$

$$m = 5 : 11111 = 41 \times 271$$

$$m = 6 : 111111 = 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 37$$

$$m = 7 : 1111111 = 239 \times 4649$$

$$m = 8 : 11111111 = 11 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137$$

$$m = 9 : 111111111 = 11 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137$$

$$m = 10 : 1111111111 = 11 \times 41 \times 271 \times 9091$$

$$m = 11 : 11111111111 = 21649 \times 513239$$

$$m = 12 : 111111111111 = 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 37 \times 101 \times 9901$$

$$m = 13 : 1111111111111 = 53 \times 79 \times 265371653$$

$$m = 14 : 11111111111111 = 11 \times 239 \times 4649 \times 909091$$

$$m = 15 : 111111111111111 = 3 \times 31 \times 37 \times 41 \times 271 \times 2906161$$

$$m = 16 : 1111111111111111 = 11 \times 17 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 5882353$$

$$m = 17 : 11111111111111111 = 2071723 \times 5363222357$$

$$m = 18 : 111111111111111111 = 3^2 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 19 \times 37 \times 52579 \times 33367$$

$$m = 19 : 1111111111111111111 = 1111111111111111111$$

$$m = 20 : 11111111111111111111 = 11 \times 41 \times 101 \times 271 \times 3541 \times 9091 \times 27961$$

$$m = 21 : 111111111111111111111 = 3 \times 37 \times 43 \times 239 \times 1933 \times 4649 \times 10838689$$

$$m = 22 : 1111111111111111111111 = 11^2 \times 23 \times 4093 \times 8779 \times 21649 \times 513239$$

$$m = 23 : 11111111111111111111111 = 1111111111111111111111$$

$$m = 24 : 111111111111111111111111 = 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 37 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 9901 \times 99990001$$

$$m = 25 : 1111111111111111111111111 = 41 \times 271 \times 21401 \times 25601 \times 182521213001$$

$$m = 26 : 11111111111111111111111111 = 11 \times 53 \times 79 \times 859 \times 265371653 \times 1058313049$$

$$m = 27 : 111111111111111111111111111 = 3^3 \times 37 \times 757 \times 333667 \times 440334654777631$$

$$m = 28 : 1111111111111111111111111111 = 11 \times 29 \times 101 \times 239 \times 281 \times 4649 \times 909091 \times 121499449$$

$$m = 29 : 11111111111111111111111111111 = 3191 \times 16763 \times 43037 \times 62003 \times 77843839397$$

$$m = 30 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{30} = 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 31 \times 37 \times 41 \times 211 \times 241 \times 271 \times 2161 \times 9091 \times 2906161$$

$$m = 31 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{31} = 2791 \times 6943319 \times 57336415063790604359$$

$$m = 32 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{32} = 11 \times 17 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 353 \times 449 \times 641 \times 1409 \times 69857 \times 5882353$$

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m = 33 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{33} &= 3 \times 37 \times 67 \times 21\,649 \times 513\,239 \times 1344\,628\,210\,313\,298\,373 \\
m = 34 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{34} &= 11 \times 103 \times 4013 \times 2071\,723 \times 5363\,222\,357 \times 21\,993\,833\,369 \\
m = 35 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{35} &= 41 \times 71 \times 239 \times 271 \times 4649 \times 123\,551 \times 102\,598\,800\,232\,111\,471 \\
m = 36 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{36} &= 3^2 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 19 \times 37 \times 101 \times 9901 \times 52579 \times 333667 \times 999999000001 \\
m = 37 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{37} &= 2028\,119 \times 247\,629\,013 \times 2212\,394\,296\,770\,203\,368\,013 \\
m = 38 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{38} &= 11 \times 909\,090\,909\,090\,909\,091 \times 1111\,111\,111\,111\,111\,111 \\
m = 39 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{39} &= 3 \times 37 \times 53 \times 79 \times 265\,371\,653 \times 900\,900\,900\,900\,990\,990\,991 \\
m = 40 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{40} &= 11 \times 41 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 271 \times 3541 \times 9091 \times 27961 \times 1676\,321 \times 5964\,848\,081 \\
m = 41 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{41} &= 83 \times 1231 \times 538\,987 \times 201\,763\,709\,900\,322\,803\,748\,657\,942\,361 \\
m = 42 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{42} &= 3 \times 7^2 \times 11 \times 13 \times 37 \times 43 \times 127 \times 239 \times 1933 \times 2689 \times 4649 \times 459691 \times 909091 \times 10838689 \\
m = 43 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{43} &= 173 \times 1527\,791 \times 1963\,506\,722\,254\,397 \times 2140\,992\,015\,395\,526\,641 \\
m = 44 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{44} &= 11^2 \times 23 \times 89 \times 101 \times 4093 \times 8779 \times 21649 \times 513239 \times 1052788969 \times 1056689261 \\
m = 45 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{45} &= 3^2 \times 31 \times 37 \times 41 \times 271 \times 238681 \times 333667 \times 2906161 \times 4185502530133110721 \\
m = 46 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{46} &= 11 \times 47 \times 139 \times 2531 \times 549\,797\,184\,491\,917 \times 11\,111\,111\,111\,111\,111\,111 \\
m = 47 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{47} &= 35\,121\,409 \times 316\,362\,908\,763\,458\,525\,001\,406\,154\,038\,726\,382\,279 \\
m = 48 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{48} &= 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 17 \times 37 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 9901 \times 5882\,353 \times \\
&\quad \times 99990001 \times 999999900000001 \\
m = 49 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{49} &= 239 \times 4649 \times 505\,885\,997 \times 1976\,730\,144\,598\,190\,963\,568\,023\,014\,679\,333 \\
m = 50 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{50} &= 11 \times 41 \times 251 \times 271 \times 5051 \times 9091 \times 21\,401 \times 25\,601 \times 182\,521\,213\,001 \times \\
&\quad \times 78\,875\,943\,472\,201 \\
m = 51 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{51} &= 3 \times 37 \times 613 \times 210\,631 \times 2071\,723 \times 52\,986\,961 \times 5363\,222\,357 \times 13\,168\,164\,561\,429\,877 \\
m = 52 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{52} &= 11 \times 53 \times 79 \times 101 \times 521 \times 859 \times 265\,371\,653 \times 1058\,313\,049 \times \\
&\quad \times 1900\,381\,976\,777\,332\,243\,781 \\
m = 53 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{53} &= 107 \times 1659\,431 \times 1325\,815\,267\,337\,711\,173 \times 47\,198\,858\,799\,491\,425\,660\,200\,071 \\
m = 54 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{54} &= 3^3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 19 \times 37 \times 757 \times 52579 \times 333667 \times 70541929 \times 14175966169 \times \\
&\quad \times 440334654777631 \\
m = 55 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{55} &= 41 \times 271 \times 1321 \times 21\,649 \times 62\,921 \times 513\,239 \times 83\,251\,631 \times \\
&\quad \times 1300\,635\,692\,678\,058\,358\,830\,121 \\
m = 56 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{56} &= 11 \times 29 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 239 \times 281 \times 4649 \times 7841 \times 909091 \times \\
&\quad \times 121\,499\,449 \times 127\,522\,001\,020\,150\,503\,761 \\
m = 57 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{57} &= 3 \times 37 \times 21\,319 \times 10\,749\,631 \times 1111\,111\,111\,111\,111\,111 \times \\
&\quad \times 3931\,123\,022\,305\,129\,377\,976\,519 \\
m = 58 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{58} &= 11 \times 59 \times 3191 \times 16\,763 \times 43\,037 \times 62\,003 \times 77\,843\,839\,397 \times \\
&\quad \times 154\,083\,204\,930\,662\,557\,781\,201\,849
\end{aligned}$$

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m = 59 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{59} &= 2559647034361 \times 4340876285657460212144534289928559826755746751 \\
m = 60 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{60} &= 3 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 31 \times 37 \times 41 \times 61 \times 101 \times 211 \times 241 \times 271 \times 2161 \times 3541 \times \\
&\quad \times 9091 \times 9901 \times 27961 \times 4188901 \times 2906161 \times 39526741 \\
m = 61 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{61} &= 733 \times 4637 \times 329401 \times 974293 \times 1360682471 \times 106007173861643 \times \\
&\quad \times 7061709990156159479 \\
m = 62 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{62} &= 11 \times 2791 \times 6943319 \times 57336415063790604359 \times \\
&\quad \times 909090909090909090909090909091 \\
m = 63 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{63} &= 3^2 \times 37 \times 43 \times 239 \times 1933 \times 4649 \times 10837 \times 23311 \times 45613 \times 333667 \times 10838689 \times \\
&\quad \times 45121231 \times 1921436048294281 \\
m = 64 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{64} &= 11 \times 17 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 353 \times 449 \times 641 \times 1409 \times 19841 \times 69857 \times 5882353 \times \\
&\quad \times 6187457 \times 976193 \times 834427406578561 \\
m = 65 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{65} &= 41 \times 53 \times 79 \times 271 \times 265371653 \times 162503518711 \times \\
&\quad \times 5538396997364024056286510640780600481 \\
m = 66 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{66} &= 3 \times 7 \times 11^2 \times 13 \times 23 \times 37 \times 67 \times 4093 \times 8779 \times 21649 \times 599144041 \times 513239 \times \\
&\quad \times 183411838171 \times 1344628210313298373 \\
m = 67 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{67} &= 493121 \times 79863595778924342083 \times 28213380943176667001263153660999177245677 \\
m = 68 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{68} &= 11 \times 101 \times 103 \times 4013 \times 2071723 \times 1491383821 \times 28559389 \times 21993833369 \times \\
&\quad \times 5363222357 \times 2324557465671829 \\
m = 69 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{69} &= 3 \times 37 \times 277 \times 203864078068831 \times 1111111111111111111111111111111111 \times \\
&\quad \times 1595352086329224644348978893 \\
m = 70 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{70} &= 11 \times 41 \times 71 \times 239 \times 271 \times 4649 \times 9091 \times 123551 \times 909091 \times 4147571 \times \\
&\quad \times 102598800232111471 \times 265212793249617641 \\
m = 71 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{71} &= \text{the Scientific WorkPlace program does not work.} \\
m = 72 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{72} &= 3^2 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13 \times 19 \times 37 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 3169 \times 9901 \times 52579 \times 98641 \times 333667 \\
&\quad \times 99990001 \times 999999000001 \times 3199044596370769 \\
m = 73 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{73} &= \text{the Scientific WorkPlace program does not work.} \\
m = 74 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{74} &= 11 \times 7253 \times 2028119 \times 247629013 \times 422650073734453 \times 296557347313446299 \\
&\quad \times 2212394296770203368013 \\
m = 75 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{75} &= 3 \times 31 \times 37 \times 41 \times 151 \times 271 \times 4201 \times 21401 \times 25601 \times 2906161 \times 182521213001 \\
&\quad \times 15763985553739191709164170940063151 \\
m = 76 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{76} &= 11 \times 101 \times 909090909090909091 \times 1369778187490592461 \times \\
&\quad \times 722817036322379041 \times 1111111111111111111111111111111111 \\
m = 77 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{77} &= 239 \times 4649 \times 5237 \times 21649 \times 42043 \times 29920507 \times 513239 \times \\
&\quad \times 136614668576002329371496447555915740910181043 \\
m = 78 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{78} &= 3 \times 7 \times 13^2 \times 37 \times 53 \times 79 \times 157 \times 859 \times 6397 \times 216451 \times 265371653 \times 1058313049 \times \\
&\quad \times 388847808493 \times 900900900900990990990991 \\
m = 79 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{79} &= 317 \times 6163 \times 10271 \times 307627 \times 49172195536083790769 \times \\
&\quad \times 366057476272521461527140564875080461079917
\end{aligned}$$

$$m = 80 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{80} = 11 \times 17 \times 41 \times 73 \times 101 \times 137 \times 271 \times 3541 \times 9091 \times 27961 \times 5882353 \times 1676321$$

$$\times 5070721 \times 5964848081 \times 19721061166646717498359681$$

$$m = 81 : \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{81} = 3^4 \times 37 \times 163 \times 757 \times 9397 \times 333667 \times 2462401 \times 440334654777631 \times$$

$$\times 676421558270641 \times 130654897808007778425046117$$

**Heuristic 1.** For all  $s \in \mathbb{N}^*$ , the numbers  $3^s$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^s}$ .

*Proof.* Using mathematical induction, we will prove the divisibility statement:

"P (s):  $3^s$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^s}$ , for all  $s \in \mathbb{N}^*$  "

$P(1)$  is true, that is the basic step. Indeed,

$$3^1 \text{ divides } 111 = 3 \times 37.$$

We assume that:

P (k):  $3^k$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ . Then, there exists  $d \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} = d \times 3^k$ .

Let us prove that P(k+1) is true, that is the induction step:

P (k+1):  $3^{k+1}$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^{k+1}}$ . We observe that

$$\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^{k+1}} = \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k}$$

$$\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^{k+1}} = \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^k} = d \times 3^k \times 10^{3^k} \times 10^{3^k} + d \times 3^k \times 10^{3^k} + d \times 3^k \times 1$$

$$= d \times 3^k \times (10^{3^k} \times 10^{3^k} + 10^{3^k} + 1)$$

Using the rule of divisibility by 3, since the sum of digits for

$$10^{3^k} \times 10^{3^k} + 10^{3^k} + 1 = \underbrace{100 \dots 01}_{3^{k-1}} \underbrace{00 \dots 01}_{3^{k-1}} \text{ is } 3,$$

we obtain that there exists  $d' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that

$$10^{3^k} \times 10^{3^k} + 10^{3^k} + 1 = d' \times 3.$$

Then there exists  $d \times d' \in \mathbb{N}^*$  such that  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^{k+1}} = d \times d' \times 3^{k+1}$  so,  $3^{k+1}$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^{k+1}}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}^*$ .

By the principle of mathematical induction, the statement is true for all positive integers.

**Answer 3.2.2–** For all  $n_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ , all  $n_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and all  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  the numbers  $2^{n_1} \times 5^{n_2} \times 3^s$  are remarkable numbers.

*Proof.* Indeed, there exists

$$M = 9 \times \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{3^s} \times 2^n \times 5^n, \text{ with } m=3^s \text{ and } n = \max(n_1, n_2), \text{ so the numbers } 2^{n_1} \times 5^{n_2} \times 3^s \text{ are remarkable.}$$

**Answer 3.2.3.** It was verified that the *every prime number greater than 5 and less than 100*,  $x \in \{7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97\}$ , is remarkable number, because  $x$  divides  $\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_m$ , with not unique  $m$ , that is

$$x = 7 \text{ with } m = 6, m = 12, m = 18, m = 24, m = 30, m = 36, m = 42 \text{ (for } x=7^2 \text{ too),}$$

$$m = 48, m = 54, m = 60, m = 66, m = 72, m = 78.$$

$$x = 11 \text{ with } m = 2, m = 4, m = 6, m = 8, m = 10, m = 12, m = 14, m = 16, m = 18, m = 20,$$

$$m = 22 \text{ (for } x=11^2 \text{ too), } m = 24, m = 26, m = 28, m = 30, m = 32, m = 34, m = 36,$$

$$m = 38, m = 40, m = 42, m = 44 \text{ (for } x=11^2 \text{ too), } m = 46, m = 48, m = 50, m = 54,$$

$m = 56, m = 58, m = 60, m = 62, m = 64, m = 66$  (for  $x=11^2$  too),  
 $m = 68, m = 70, m = 72, m = 74, m = 76, m = 78, m = 80$ .  
 $x = 13$  with  $m = 6, m = 12, m = 18, m = 24, m = 30, m = 36, m = 42, m = 48, m = 54, m = 60$ ,  
 $m = 66, m = 72, m = 78$  (for  $x=13^2$  too).  
 $x = 17$  with  $m = 16, m = 32, m = 48, m = 64, m = 80$ .  
 $x = 19$  with  $m = 18, m = 36, m = 54, m = 72$ .  
 $x = 23$  with  $m = 22, m = 44, m = 66$ .  
 $x = 29$  with  $m = 28, m = 56$ .  
 $x = 31$  with  $m = 15, m = 30, m = 45, m = 60, m = 75$ .  
 $x = 37$  with  $m = 3, m = 9, m = 12, m = 15, m = 18, m = 24, m = 27, m = 30, m = 33, m = 36$ ,  
 $m = 39, m = 42, m = 45, m = 48, m = 51, m = 54, m = 57, m = 60, m = 63, m = 66, m = 69$ ,  
 $m = 72, m = 75, m = 78, m = 81$ .  
 $x = 41$  with  $m = 5, m = 10, m = 15, m = 20, m = 25, m = 30, m = 35, m = 40, m = 45, m = 50$ ,  
 $m = 55, m = 60, m = 65, m = 70, m = 75, m = 80$ .  
 $x = 43$  with  $m = 42, m = 63$ .  
 $x = 47$  with  $m = 46$ .  
 $x = 53$  with  $m = 13, m = 26, m = 39, m = 52, m = 65, m = 78$ .  
 $x = 59$  with  $m = 58$ .  
 $x = 61$  with  $m = 60$ .  
 $x = 67$  with  $m = 33, m = 66$ .  
 $x = 71$  with  $m = 35, m = 70$ .  
 $x = 73$  with  $m = 8, m = 16, m = 24, m = 32, m = 40, m = 48, m = 56, m = 64, m = 72, m = 80$ .  
 $x = 79$  with  $m = 13, m = 26, m = 39, m = 52, m = 65, m = 78$ .  
 $x = 83$  with  $m = 41, m = 82$ .  
 $x = 89$  with  $m = 44, m = 88$ .  
 $x = 97$  with  $m = 96$   
 and so on.

### Heuristic 2.

$$\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} = 10^{m-1} + 10^{m-2} + \dots + 10^2 + 10^1 + 1.$$

We will analyse a few examples so that we can find a rule to write  $m$  depending on prime number  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $p > 5$  such that  $p \mid \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*}$

For example,  $p = 19$ . When we divide the powers of then by  $p = 19$  we will obtain the following remainders:

$$\begin{array}{cccc}
 10^0 \rightarrow 1 & 10^5 \rightarrow 3 & 10^{10} \rightarrow 9 & 10^{15} \rightarrow 8 \\
 10^1 \rightarrow 10 & 10^6 \rightarrow 11 & 10^{11} \rightarrow 14 & 10^{16} \rightarrow 4 \\
 10^2 \rightarrow 5 & 10^7 \rightarrow 15 & 10^{12} \rightarrow 7 & 10^{17} \rightarrow 2 \\
 10^3 \rightarrow 12 & 10^8 \rightarrow 17 & 10^{13} \rightarrow 13 & 10^{18} \rightarrow 1 \\
 10^4 \rightarrow 6 & 10^9 \rightarrow 18 & 10^{14} \rightarrow 16 & 10^{19} \rightarrow 10 \dots
 \end{array}$$

and so on. Then

$$1 + 2 + \dots + 18 = \frac{18 \times 19}{2} = 9 \times 19 = M_{(19)} \Rightarrow m = M_{(18)}$$

For example,  $p = 7$ . When we divide the powers of then by  $p = 7$  we will obtain the following remainders:

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 10^0 \rightarrow 1 & 10^6 \rightarrow 1 & 10^{12} \rightarrow 1 \\
 10^1 \rightarrow 3 & 10^7 \rightarrow 3 & 10^{13} \rightarrow 3 \\
 10^2 \rightarrow 2 & 10^8 \rightarrow 2 & 10^{14} \rightarrow 2 \\
 10^3 \rightarrow 6 & 10^9 \rightarrow 6 & 10^{15} \rightarrow 6 \\
 10^4 \rightarrow 4 & 10^{10} \rightarrow 4 & 10^{16} \rightarrow 4 \\
 10^5 \rightarrow 5 & 10^{11} \rightarrow 5 & 10^{17} \rightarrow 5 \dots
 \end{array}$$

and so on. Then

$$1 + 2 + \dots + 6 = \frac{6 \times 7}{2} = 3 \times 7 = M_7 \Rightarrow m = M_{(6)}$$

We repeat this process for other examples.

It can be assumed that, in general,  $m = M_{(p-1)}$ .

### Heuristic 3.

$$\underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*} = 10^{m-1} + 10^{m-2} + \dots + 10^2 + 10^1 + 1 .$$

a) We will analyse a few examples so that we can find a rule to write  $m$  depending on prime number  $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $p > 5$  such that  $p^2 \mid \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{m \in \mathbb{N}^*}$

For example,  $p^2 = 7^2 = 49$ . When we divide the powers of ten by  $p^2 = 7^2 = 49$  we will obtain the following remainders:

$10^0 \rightarrow 1$	$10^5 \rightarrow 40$	$10^{10} \rightarrow 32$	$10^{15} \rightarrow 6$	$10^{20} \rightarrow 44$	$10^{25} \rightarrow 45$	$10^{30} \rightarrow 36$	$10^{35} \rightarrow 19$	$10^{40} \rightarrow 25$
$10^1 \rightarrow 10$	$10^6 \rightarrow 8$	$10^{11} \rightarrow 26$	$10^{16} \rightarrow 11$	$10^{21} \rightarrow 48$	$10^{26} \rightarrow 9$	$10^{31} \rightarrow 17$	$10^{36} \rightarrow 43$	$10^{41} \rightarrow 5$
$10^2 \rightarrow 2$	$10^7 \rightarrow 31$	$10^{12} \rightarrow 15$	$10^{17} \rightarrow 12$	$10^{22} \rightarrow 39$	$10^{27} \rightarrow 41$	$10^{32} \rightarrow 23$	$10^{37} \rightarrow 38$	$10^{42} \rightarrow 1$
$10^3 \rightarrow 20$	$10^8 \rightarrow 10$	$10^{13} \rightarrow 3$	$10^{18} \rightarrow 22$	$10^{23} \rightarrow 47$	$10^{28} \rightarrow 18$	$10^{33} \rightarrow 34$	$10^{38} \rightarrow 37$	$10^{43} \rightarrow 10$
$10^4 \rightarrow 4$	$10^9 \rightarrow 13$	$10^{14} \rightarrow 30$	$10^{19} \rightarrow 24$	$10^{24} \rightarrow 29$	$10^{29} \rightarrow 33$	$10^{34} \rightarrow 46$	$10^{39} \rightarrow 27$	...

and so on. We notice that  $p = 7$  remainders are missing.

It can be assumed that, in general,  $m = M_{(p^2-p)} = M_{(p(p-1))}$

b) After analysing above examples we observe that it can be assumed:

$\forall p, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ,  $p$ -prime,  $p \geq 7$ ,

$$p \mid \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{M_{(p-1)}}$$

$$p^2 \mid \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{M_{(p^1(p-1))}}$$

$$\dots$$

$$p^\alpha \mid \underbrace{11 \dots 1}_{M_{(p^{\alpha-1}(p-1))}}$$

$$p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times p_3^{a_3} \times \dots \times p_n^{a_n} \mid \underbrace{111 \dots 1111}$$

$$M(p_1^{a_1-1} \times (p_1 - 1) \times p_2^{a_2-1} \times (p_2 - 1) \times \dots \times p_n^{a_n-1} \times (p_n - 1))$$

In conclusion, after analysing all the possible cases, we can state that every integer, positive or negative, is a remarkable number because we were able to find a multiple of it written as a string of 9 followed (or not) by a string of 0.