

Numbers n such that $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square.
The different families

Definition: The reversal of a number n is the number which is obtained when n is written backwards (see [A004086](#)).

Convention: “Leading zeros (after the reversal has taken place) are omitted” (NJAS).

Notation in OEIS: $\text{Rev}(n)$ or $\text{rev}(n)$ or $R(n)$

There are in OEIS eight different sequences with an infinite number of terms n such that $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square; here is a brief methodical presentation of these sequences with some properties and examples. These numbers belong also to seven families of integers (see p. 5).

There is now in OEIS a new sequence containing all these numbers: [A306273](#).

I) Numbers n such that $n = \text{Rev}(n)$

These numbers are exactly palindromic numbers in [A002113](#) (family 1).

Formula: $n * \text{Rev}(n) = n^2$

Example: $131 * 131 = 131^2$

II) Numbers such that $n \neq \text{Rev}(n)$ with $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square

All these numbers can be found in [A070760](#), where there are six hidden different families in this sequence.

2.1) n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ have the same number of digits

These numbers are in [A062917](#), but there are two different families of such integers here.

2.1.1) n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ are both square numbers.

These numbers seem happy in [A035090](#) (family 2).

This sequence is infinite, since it includes e.g.

$$10^{(2k)} + 4 * 10^k + 4 = (10^k + 2)^2 \text{ (from Robert Israel), and also,}$$

$$10^{(2k)} + 6 * 10^k + 9 = (10^k + 3)^2 \text{ for } k \geq 1.$$

Examples:

$$144 * 411 = 12^2 * 21^2 = 252^2$$

$$10404 * 40401 = 102^2 * 201^2 = 20502^2$$

$$10609 * 90601 = 103^2 * 301^2 = 31003^2$$

$$1089 * 9801 = (3^2 * 11^2) * (3^4 * 11^2) = (3^3 * 11^2)^2 = 3267^2$$

2.1.2) n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ are not both square

These numbers sleep quietly in [A082994](#) (family 3).

This sequence has also an infinite number of terms, two infinite such subsequences are described below.

With $1089 = 3^2 * 11^2$ which belongs so to A035090, we obtain $10x89$ which is a term of A082994 where x is a string of k repeated digits 9 with $k \geq 1$, i.e. 10989, 109989,...

With $2178 = 2 * 3^2 * 11^2$ which belongs to A082994 this time, we obtain $21x78$ which is a term of A082994 where x is a string of k repeated digits 9 with $k \geq 1$, i.e. 21978, 219978, 2199978, 21999978, 219999978,...

Remark: The numbers 1089, 2178, 10989, 21978, ... are the numbers n such that the reversal of these integers n is a nontrivial multiple of n . These integers are in [A008919](#) which is so a subsequence of A062917, with 1089 which is square in A035090, and all the other terms are in A082944. We have more with these integers n :

$$\begin{aligned}n * m^2 &= \text{Rev}(n) \text{ with } m = 2 \text{ (for 2178 and its family) or } 3 \text{ (for 1089 and its family)} \\1089 * 9 &= 9801 = \text{Rev}(1089) \\2178 * 4 &= 8712 = \text{Rev}(2178) \\10989 * 9 &= 98901 = \text{Rev}(10989)\end{aligned}$$

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}n * \text{Rev}(n) &= n * (n * m^2) = (n * m)^2 \\10989 * 98901 &= (3^3 * 11 * 37) * (3^5 * 11 * 37) = (3^4 * 11 * 37)^2 = 32967^2 \\2178 * 7812 &= (2 * 3^2 * 11^2) * (2^3 * 3^2 * 11^2) = 4356^2 \\21978 * 87912 &= (2 * 3^3 * 11 * 37) * (2^3 * 3^3 * 11 * 37) = 43956^2, \text{ also,} \\528 * 825 &= 660^2\end{aligned}$$

2.1.3) Relation between these last sequences.

[A062917](#) = [A035090](#) Union [A082994](#) with empty intersection.

2.2) n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ have not the same number of digits.

These numbers are all present in [A322835](#).

If n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ have a different number of digits, so, n ends necessarily with one or more zeros.

2.2.1) n ends with an even number of zeros.

There is not OEIS specific sequence for these numbers with an even number of zeros at the end. The three present families below come from the three previous families met above (from & I, 2.1.1 and 2.1.2).

[A002113\(j\)](#) * $10^{(2k)}$ for $k \geq 1$ (family 4)

$$\text{Example: } 13100 * 131 = 131^2 * 10^2 = 1310^2$$

$A035090(j) * 10^{(2k)}$ for $k \geq 1$ (family 5)

$$\text{Example: } 1440000 * 441 = 1200^2 * 21^2 = 25200^2$$

$A082994(j) * 10^{(2k)}$ for $k \geq 1$ (family 6)

$$\text{Example: } 288000000 * 882 = (2 * 144) * 10^6 * (2 * 441) = 504000^2$$

When I created the sequence A322835 in OEIS, it was in order to bring together all the numbers n which end by some zeros, when $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square and which belong to the three previous families above.

Happily, Chai Wah Wu came to visit this new sequence on Jan 07 2019...and...

2.2.2) n ends with an odd number of zeros

Chai Wah Wu has discovered a new family of integers where n and $\text{Rev}(n)$ have not the same number of digits and $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square.

This new family is $A323061(j) * 10^{(2k+1)}$ for $k \geq 0$ (family 7).

As these numbers end with an odd number of zeros, so, in order to get a new zero which is necessary for that $n * \text{Rev}(n)$ is square, “the product of the first and last digit of a term (of A323061) is a multiple of 10, i.e. the first and last digit are the digit 5 and an even non zero digit”. (from Chai Wah Wu)

Chai Wah Wu finds that there are only 30 such terms among the first 1000 terms of A322835. The first one is 5449680, it's the 755th term.

Chai Wah Wu proves also that the sequence A323061 has an infinite number of terms:

“For instance, $601x065$ is a term where x is a string of k repeated digits 6 where $k \geq 0$, i.e., 601065, 6016065, 60166065, etc. Similarly $560x106$ are also terms”.

Examples:

$$5449680 * 869445 = 2176740^2$$

$$5601060 * 601065 = 1834830^2$$

$$5606106000 * 6016065 = 183648300^2$$

Why not call these numbers: Chai Wah Wu numbers? It looks like these numbers were not known before.

2.2.3) Relation between all these sequences

$$A070760 = A062917 \text{ Union } A322835 \text{ with empty intersection.}$$

$$A306273 = A002113 \text{ Union } A070760 \text{ with empty intersection}$$

The sets $\{A002113\}$, $\{A062917\}$ and $\{A322835\}$ realize such a partition of $\{A306273\}$.
In page 5, the links between these different sequences and families appear.

III) Squares N equal to the product of an integer and its reversal in (at least) two ways

The numbers which are equal to the product of an integer and its reversal in (at least) two ways are called EPRN = Equal Product of Reversible Numbers in OEIS, with reference to Shyam Sunder Gupta website.

3.1) Squares N don't end with 0

These square numbers are square of palindromes.

The smallest square is $63504 = 252 * 252 = 144 * 441$, with 144 in A035090 (family 2).

The second one is $7683984 = 2772 * 2772 = 1584 * 4851$ with 1584 in A082994 (family 3).

The palindromes whose squares can be expressed as the product of an other integer and its reversal are in [A117281](#). There is an infinite number of terms in this sequence.

For instance, $27x72$ is a term where x is a string of k repeated digits 9 where $k \geq 0$, with:

$$(27x72)^2 = 15x84 * 48x51$$

$$2772^2 = 1584 * 4851$$

$$27972^2 = 15984 * 48951$$

$$279972^2 = 159984 * 489951$$

3.2) Squares N with trailing zeros

The smallest square is here $435600 = 660^2 = 6600 * 66 = 528 * 825$.

The next one is $6350400 = 2520^2 = 25200 * 252 = 14400 * 441 = 44100 * 144$.

So, 6350400 is also the smallest square which is the product of a number and its reversal in three different ways.

3.3) The sequences in OEIS

The squares equal to the product of an integer and its reversal in (at least) two ways are in:

[A083406](#) when these squares are even,

[A083407](#) when these squares are odd,

[A083408](#) for all these square numbers; we have:

$A083408 = A083406 \cup A083407$ with empty intersection.

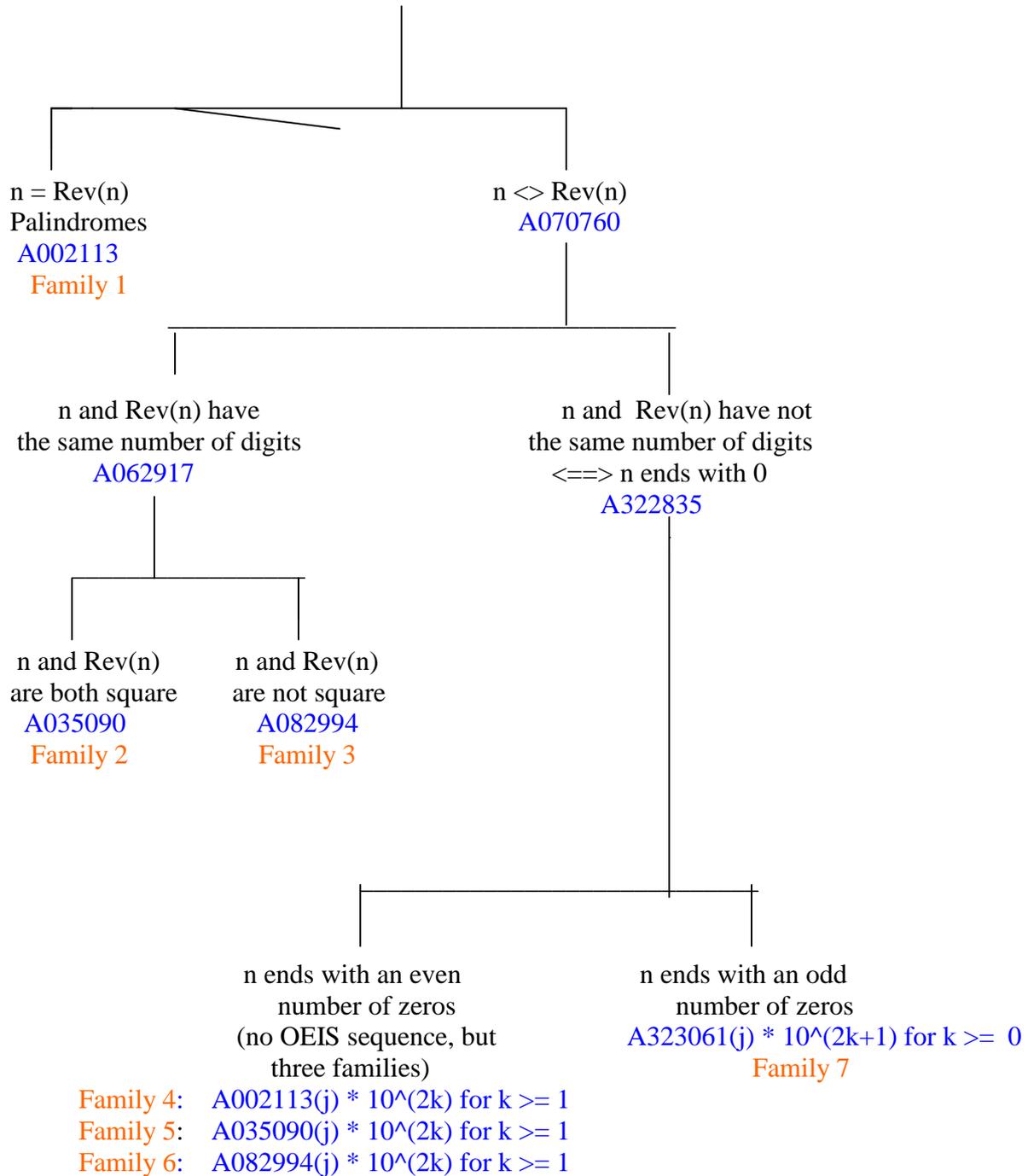
The first such odd square is $1239016098321 = 1113111 * 1113111 = 1022121 * 1212201$.

This number is only the 50th term of A083408.

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 Families and subsequences of A306273



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