

# A Generalized Numeration Base

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**Abstract.** A Generalized Numeration Base is defined in this paper, and then particular cases are presented, such as Prime Base, Square Base, m-Power Base, Factorial Base, and operations in these bases.

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## Introduction.

The following bases are important for partitions of integers into primes, squares, cubes, generally into m-powers, also into factorials, and into any strictly increasing sequence.

### 1) The Prime Base:

0,1,10,100,101,1000,1001,10000,10001,10010,10100,100000,100001,1000000,  
1000001,1000010,1000100,10000000,10000001,100000000,100000001,100000010,  
100000100,1000000000,1000000001,1000000010,1000000100,1000000101,... .  
(Each number n written in the Prime Base.)

(We define over the set of natural numbers the following infinite base:  $p_0 = 1$ , and for  $k \geq 1$   $p_k$  is the k-th prime number.)

He proved that every positive integer A may be uniquely written in the Prime Base as:

$$A = (a_n \dots a_1 a_0)_{10 \text{ (SP)}} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \sum_{i=0}^n a_i p_i, \text{ with all } a_i = 0 \text{ or } 1, \text{ (of course } a_n = 1),$$

in the following way:

- if  $p_n \leq A < p_{n+1}$  then  $A = p_n + r$ ;
  - if  $p_m \leq r < p_{m+1}$  then  $r = p_m + r_1$ ,  $m < n$ ;
- and so on until one obtains a rest  $r_j = 0$ .

Therefore, any number may be written as a sum of prime numbers + e, where  $e = 0$  or 1.

If we note by  $p(A)$  the superior prime part of  $A$  (i.e. the largest prime less than or equal to  $A$ ), then  $A$  is written in the Prime Base as:

$$A = p(A) + p(A-p(A)) + p(A-p(A)-p(A-p(A))) + \dots$$

This base is important for partitions with primes.

## 2) The Square Base:

0,1,2,3,10,11,12,13,20,100,101,102,103,110,111,112,1000,1001,1002,1003,1010,1011,1012,1013,1020,10000,10001,10002,10003,10010,10011,10012,10013,10020,10100,10101,100000,100001,100002,100003,100010,100011,100012,100013,100020,100100,100101,100102,100103,100110,100111,100112,101000,101001,101002,101003,101010,101011,101012,101013,101020,101100,101101,101102,1000000,....

(Each number  $n$  written in the Square Base.)

(We define over the set of natural numbers the following infinite base: for  $k \geq 0$   $s_k = k^2$ .)

We prove that every positive integer  $A$  may be uniquely written in the Square Base as:

$$A = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i s_i \quad \text{def} \quad \sum_{i=0}^n a_i s_i, \text{ with } a_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ for } i \geq 2,$$

$0 \leq a_0 \leq 3, \quad 0 \leq a_1 \leq 2,$  and of course  $a_n = 1,$

in the following way:

- if  $s_n \leq A < s_{n+1}$  then  $A = s_n + r$ ;
  - if  $s_m \leq r < s_{m+1}$  then  $r = s_m + r$ ,  $m < n$ ;
- and so on until one obtains a rest  $r_j = 0$ .

Therefore, any number may be written as a sum of squares (1 not counted as a square -- being obvious) +  $e$ , where  $e = 0, 1,$  or  $3$ .

If we note by  $s(A)$  the superior square part of  $A$  (i.e. the largest square less than or equal to  $A$ ), then  $A$  is written in the Square Base as:

$$A = s(A) + s(A-s(A)) + s(A-s(A)-s(A-s(A))) + \dots$$

This base is important for partitions with squares.

### 3) The m-Power Base (generalization):

(Each number  $n$  written in the m-Power Base, where  $m$  is an integer  $\geq 2$ .)

(We define over the set of natural numbers the following infinite m-Power Base: for  $k \geq 0$   $t_k = k^m$ .)

He proved that every positive integer  $A$  may be uniquely written in the m-Power Base as:

$$A = \overbrace{(a_n \dots a_1 a_0)}^{(SM)} \quad \text{def} \quad \sum_{i=0}^n a_i t_i, \text{ with } a_i = 0 \text{ or } 1 \text{ for } i \geq m,$$

$$0 \leq a_i < m \quad \text{for } i = 0, 1, \dots, m-1, \text{ and of course } a_n = 1,$$

in the following way:

- if  $t_n \leq A < t_{n+1}$  then  $A = t_n + r$ ;
  - if  $t_m \leq r < t_{m+1}$  then  $r = t_m + r_1$ ,  $m < n$ ;
- and so on until one obtains a rest  $r_j = 0$ .

Therefore, any number may be written as a sum of m-powers (1 not counted as an m-power -- being obvious) +  $e$ , where  $e = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , or  $2^{m-1}$ .

If we note by  $t(A)$  the superior m-power part of  $A$  (i.e. the largest m-power less than or equal to  $A$ ), then  $A$  is written in the m-Power Base as:

$$A = t(A) + t(A-t(A)) + t(A-t(A)-t(A-t(A))) + \dots$$

This base is important for partitions with m-powers.

### 4) The Factorial Base:

0, 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 100, 101, 110, 111, 120, 121, 200, 201, 210, 211, 220, 221, 300, 301, 310, 311, 320, 321, 1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1020, 1021, 1100, 1101, 1110, 1111, 1120, 1121, 1200, ...

(Each number  $n$  written in the Factorial Base.)

(We define over the set of natural numbers the following infinite base: for  $k \geq 1$   $f_k = k!$ )

He proved that every positive integer  $A$  may be uniquely written in the Factorial Base as:

$$\overline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{def} \quad \sum_{k=1}^n \dots$$

$$A = (a_n \dots a_2 a_1)_{(F)} = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i i^i, \text{ with all } a_i = 0, 1, \dots, i \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

in the following way:

- if  $f_n \leq A < f_{n+1}$  then  $A = f_n + r$ ;
  - if  $f_m \leq r < f_{m+1}$  then  $r = f_m + r_1$ ,  $m < n$ ;
- and so on until one obtains a rest  $r_j = 0$ .

What's very interesting:  $a_1 = 0$  or  $1$ ;  $a_2 = 0, 1$ , or  $2$ ;  $a_3 = 0, 1, 2$ , or  $3$ , and so on...

If we note by  $f(A)$  the superior factorial part of  $A$  (i.e. the largest factorial less than or equal to  $A$ ), then  $A$  is written in the Factorial Base as:

$$A = f(A) + f(A-f(A)) + f(A-f(A)-f(A-f(A))) + \dots$$

Rules of addition and subtraction in Factorial Base:

For each digit  $a_i$  we add and subtract in base  $i+1$ , for  $i \geq 1$ .

For example, an addition:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{base } 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \\ \hline \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} 2 \ 1 \ 0 \ + \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} 2 \ 2 \ 1 \\ \hline \phantom{0} \phantom{0} 1 \ 1 \ 0 \ 1 \end{array}$$

because:  $0+1=1$  (in base 2);  
 $1+2=10$  (in base 3), therefore we write 0 and keep 1;  
 $2+2+1=11$  (in base 4).

Now a subtraction:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{base } 5 \ 4 \ 3 \ 2 \\ \hline \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} 1 \ 0 \ 0 \ 1 \ - \\ \phantom{0} \phantom{0} \phantom{0} 3 \ 2 \ 0 \\ \hline \phantom{0} \phantom{0} = \ 1 \ 1 \end{array}$$

because:  $1-0=1$  (in base 2);  
 $0-2=?$  it's not possible (in base 3),  
go to the next left unit, which is 0 again (in base 4),  
go again to the next left unit, which is 1 (in base 5),  
therefore  $1001 \rightarrow 0401 \rightarrow 0331$   
and then  $0331-320=11$ .

Find some rules for multiplication and division.

In a general case:

if we want to design a base such that any number

$$A = \overbrace{(a_n \dots a_2 a_1)}^{(B)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^n a_i b_i, \text{ with all } a_i = 0, 1, \dots, t \text{ for } i \geq 1, \text{ where all } t_i \geq 1, \text{ then:}$$

this base should be  

$$b_{i+1} = (t_i + 1) * b_i \text{ for } i \geq 1.$$

### 5) The Generalized Numeration Base:

(Each number n written in the Generalized Numeration Base.)

(We define over the set of natural numbers the following infinite Generalized Numeration Base:  $1 = g_0 < g_1 < \dots < g_k < \dots$ )

He proved that every positive integer A may be uniquely written in the Generalized Numeration Base as:

$$A = \overbrace{(a_n \dots a_1 a_0)}^{(SG)} \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \prod_{i=0}^n a_i g_i, \text{ with } 0 \leq a_i \leq \lfloor (g_{i+1} - 1) / g_i \rfloor$$

(integer part) for  $i = 0, 1, \dots, n$ , and of course  $a_n \geq 1$ ,

in the following way:

- if  $g_n \leq A < g_{n+1}$  then  $A = g_n + r$ ;
  - if  $g_m \leq r < g_{m+1}$  then  $r = g_m + r_1$ ,  $m < n$ ;
- and so on until one obtains a rest  $r_j = 0$ .

If we note by  $g(A)$  the superior generalized part of A (i.e. the largest  $g_i$  less than or equal to A), then A is written in the

Generalized Numeration Base as:

$$A = g(A) + g(A - g(A)) + g(A - g(A) - g(A - g(A))) + \dots$$

This base is important for partitions: the generalized base may be any infinite integer set (primes, squares, cubes, any m-powers, Fibonacci/Lucas numbers, Bernoulli numbers, Smarandache sequences, etc.) those partitions are studied.

A particular case is when the base verifies:  $2g_i \geq g_{i+1}$  for any i,

and  $g_0 = 1$ , because all coefficients of a written number in this base

will be 0 or 1.

Remark: another particular case: if one takes  $g = p^{\frac{i-1}{I}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3,$

...,  $p$  an integer  $\geq 2$ , one gets the representation of a number in the numerical base  $p$  { $p$  may be 10 (decimal), 2 (binary), 16 (hexadecimal), etc.}.

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