

## Erase the Last

Submission deadline: November 30<sup>th</sup> 2019

Find all positive integers  $n$  for which the number obtained by erasing the last digit is a divisor of  $n$ .

The problem was solved by

- Emre Karabiyik, *Hacettepe University, Turkey*.
- Ievgen Murzak, *Ukraine*.
- Hari Kishan, *D.N. College, Meerut, India*
- Hichem Zakaria Aichour, *Microsoft Corporation, USA*.
- Rohan Mitra, *American University of Sharjah, UAE*.
- Samuel Mathew Tharakan.

### Discussion

Let  $n = a_1a_2 \cdots a_{m-1}a_m$  where  $0 \leq a_i \leq 9$ . If  $p$  is the integer obtained by erasing the last digit of  $n$  then  $p = a_1a_2 \cdots a_{m-1}$ . Therefore  $n = 10p + a_m$ . Thus,

$$\frac{n}{p} = 10 + \frac{a_m}{p}$$

It is clear that  $p$  divides  $n$  if and only if  $p$  divides  $a_m$ .

If  $a_m = 0$ , then  $p$  can be any integer. Thus  $n$  can be any natural number that ends in 0.

If  $a_m = 1$ , then  $p = 1$ , hence  $n = 11$ .

If  $a_m = 2$ , then  $p = 1, 2$  hence  $n$  is 12 or 22.

If  $a_m = 3$ , then  $p = 1, 3$  hence  $n$  is 13 or 33.

If  $a_m = 4$ , then  $p = 1, 2, 4$  hence  $n$  can be 14, 24, 44.

If  $a_m = 5$ , then  $p = 1, 5$  hence  $n$  is 15 or 55.

If  $a_m = 6$ , then  $p = 1, 2, 3, 6$  hence  $n$  can be 16, 26, 36, 66

If  $a_m = 7$ , then  $p = 1, 7$  hence  $n$  can be 17 or 77.

If  $a_m = 8$ , then  $p = 1, 2, 4, 8$  hence  $n$  can be 18, 28, 48, 88.

If  $a_m = 9$ , then  $p = 1, 3, 9$  hence  $n$  can be 19, 39, 99.