

Proof that A383500 is the Complement of A382935

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Theorem

Theorem 1. *The sequence A383500 consists exactly of the natural numbers missing from A382935. That is,*

$$A383500 = \mathbb{N}^+ \setminus A382935.$$

Proof

1. Definitions

Definition 1 (Set \mathcal{A} (A383500)). *Define*

$$\mathcal{A} = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid (i) \exists i, d_i = 9 \text{ or } (ii) \forall i, d_i \text{ odd} \Rightarrow d_{i-1} \leq d_i\},$$

where d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k are the decimal digits of n from left to right.

Definition 2 (Set \mathcal{B} (A382935)). *Define*

$$\mathcal{B} = \{n \in \mathbb{N}_0 \mid (i') \forall i, d_i \text{ odd} \Rightarrow d_{i-1} > d_i\}.$$

2. Disjointness

Lemma 1. *The sets \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are disjoint:*

$$\mathcal{A} \cap \mathcal{B} = \emptyset.$$

Proof. Suppose $n \in \mathcal{A}$.

By definition of \mathcal{A} :

- 9 is a digit OR
- Every odd digit is preceded by a smaller digit.

Note there are no digits greater than 9. Thus, n cannot satisfy condition (i') defining \mathcal{B} .

Hence, $n \notin \mathcal{B}$.

Similarly, if $n \in \mathcal{B}$, then n violates both of the rules required to be in \mathcal{A} .

Thus, \mathcal{A} and \mathcal{B} are disjoint. \square

3. Completeness

Lemma 2. *Every natural number belongs to exactly one of \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{B} .*

Proof. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.

- If n satisfies both condition (i) (every odd digit is followed by a smaller digit) and (ii) (does not end in 1), then $n \in \mathcal{A}$. - Otherwise, if n fails either condition:

- 9 is not a digit of n .
- Any odd digit is preceded by a greater digit, which satisfies (i').

Thus, every positive integer belongs to exactly one of \mathcal{A} or \mathcal{B} . □

4. Conclusion

From the disjointness and completeness lemmas, it follows that:

$$\mathcal{A} = \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \mathcal{B}.$$

Since A383500 enumerates \mathcal{A} and A382935 enumerates \mathcal{B} , we conclude:

$$\text{A383500} = \mathbb{N}_0 \setminus \text{A382935}.$$

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