Grades 5-8 (S) 9 (S)
Duration: 10-20 min
Tools: one Logifaces Set / class
Individual work

Keywords: Number system

306 - Binary System


MATHS / NUMBERS

TEACHER Logifaces

DESCRIPTION
Heights of Logifaces blocks are marked with numbers 1, 2 and 3. In that way, we can get a three-digit number that represents the Logifaces blocks as numbers in base 10. Students convert these numbers into numbers written in the binary system.

SOLUTIONS / EXAMPLES
There are a few examples in the following lines.
EXAMPLE 1:
$111_{(10)} \longrightarrow{1101111_{(2)}}$


Procedure:

| $111: 2=55$ | $(1)$ |
| :--- | :--- |
| $55: 2=27$ | $(1)$ |
| $27: 2=13$ | $(1)$ |
| $13: 2=6$ | $(1)$ |
| $6: 2=3$ | $(0)$ |
| $3: 2=1$ | $(1)$ |
| $1: 2=0$ | $(1)$ |

Proof: $1101111_{(2)}=1 \times 2^{6}+1 \times 2^{5}+0 \times 2^{4}+1 \times 2^{3}+1 \times 2^{2}+1 \times 2^{1}+1 \times 2^{0}=$ $64+32+0+8+4+2+1=111_{(10)}$

EXAMPLE 2:


Procedure:
$311: 2=155$
$155: 2=77$
$77: 2=38$
$38: 2=19$
$19: 2=9$
$9: 2=4$
$4: 2=2$
$2: 2=1$
$1: 2=0$

Proof: $100110111_{(2)}=1 \times 2^{8}+0 \times 2^{7}+0 \times 2^{6}+1 \times 2^{5}+1 \times 2^{4}+0 \times 2^{3}+1 \times 2^{2}+1 \times 2^{1}+1 \times 2^{0}=$ $256+32+16+4+2+1=311_{(10)}$

Note that if we represent the same block with a different sequence of numbers, we get a different numeric value, for example:

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\begin{aligned}
& 113_{(10)} \longrightarrow 1110001_{(2)} \\
& 131_{(10)} \longrightarrow 10000011_{(2)} \longrightarrow
\end{aligned}
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PRIOR KNOWLEDGE
Exponentiation of numbers, Division of numbers, Remainder in division.
RECOMMENDATIONS / COMMENTS
As a similar exercise, we recommend exercise 307 - Number with Base 4. This exercise is suitable for drawing students' attention to the fact that the same Logifaces block can be coded with different strings of numbers.

