



# How to Solve: Units' Digit of Power of 7

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Following is Covered in this post

## Theory of Units' Digit of Power of 7

- Find Units' digit of  $7^{81}$ ?
- Find Units' digit of  $7^{37}$  ?
- Find Units' digit of  $7^{52}$  ?
- Find Units' digit of  $7^{80a + 51}$  (given that a is a positive integer)?
- Find Units' digit of  $1297^{2041}$  ?

## Theory of Units' Digit of Power of 7

- To find units' digit of any positive integer power of 7

### We need to find the cycle of units' digit of power of 7

$7^1$  units' digit is 7

$7^2$  units' digit is 9

$7^3$  units' digit is 3

$7^4$  units' digit is 1

$7^5$  units' digit is 7

$7^6$  units' digit is 9

$7^7$  units' digit is 3

$7^8$  units' digit is 1

=> The power repeats after every 4<sup>th</sup> power

=> **Cycle of units' digit of power of 7 = 4**

=> We need to divide the power by 4 and check the remainder

=> Units' digit will be same as Units' digit of  $7^{\text{Remainder}}$

**NOTE: If Remainder is 0 then units' digit = units' digit of  $7^{\text{Cycle}} = \text{units' digit of } 7^4 = 1$**

**Q1. Find Units' digit of  $7^{81}$ ?**

**Sol:** We need to divided the power (81) by 4 and get the remainder  
81 divided by 4 gives 1 remainder  
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $7^{81} =$  Units' digit of  $7^1 = 7$

**Q2. Find Units' digit of  $7^{37}$ ?**

**Sol:** 37 divided by 4 gives 1 remainder  
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $7^{37} =$  Units' digit of  $7^1 = 7$

**Q7. Find Units' digit of  $7^{52}$ ?**

**Sol:** 52 divided by 4 gives 0 remainder  
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $7^{52} =$  Units' digit of  $7^4 = 1$

**Q4. Find Units' digit of  $7^{80a + 51}$  (given that a is a positive integer)?**

**Sol:** Remainder of  $80a + 51$  divided by 4 = Remainder of  $80a$  by 4 + Remainder of 51 by 4  
 $= 0 + 3 = 3$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $7^{80a + 51} =$  Units' digit of  $7^3 = 3$

**Q5. Find Units' digit of  $1297^{2041}$ ?**

**Sol:** Units' digit of power of any number = Units' digit of power of the units' digit of that number  
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $1297^{2041} =$  Units' digit of  $7^{2041}$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Remainder of 2041 divided by 4 = Remainder of last two digits by 4

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$\Rightarrow$  Remainder of 41 by 4 = 1  
 $\Rightarrow$  Units' digit of  $1297^{2041} =$  Units' digit of  $7^1 = 7$

Hope it helps!