

$K(n)$ = # of n -digit #'s with an even # of 0's.
 Create a recurrence relation for $K(n)$

Strategy

1. Recurrence ← Use counting rules
2. Base case

* Think about options for final digit

$$K(n) = \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{even \# of 0's} \\ \text{end with 0} \end{array} \right] + \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{even \# of 0's} \\ \text{end with not 0} \end{array} \right]$$

$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n-1} \text{---} 0$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n-1} \text{---} \frac{1}{9}$

Need this part to have odd # of 0's.

Need this part to have even # of 0's & $n-1$ digits

⇒ $K(n-1) \rightarrow 9K(n-1)$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ } n-1 \text{ digits with} \\ \text{odd \# of 0's} \end{array} \right] = \left[\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ } n-1 \text{ digit} \\ \text{\#}'s \end{array} \right] - \left[\begin{array}{l} \# \text{ } n-1 \text{ digit \#'s} \\ \text{with even \# of 0's} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\boxed{10^{n-1} - K(n-1)}$$

$$K(n) = 10^{n-1} - K(n-1) + 9K(n-1) = 10^{n-1} + 8K(n-1)$$

Base case: $K(1) = 9$ (0 is an even #)