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## Chain of powers

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You have to program the function *short\_power7\_chains* below. Remember that 1 is a power of 7:  $7^0 = 1$ . The following auxiliar function may be helpful.

```
def is_power7(n):  
    '''  
    Requires a non negative integer n.  
    Returns True when n is a power of 7  
    Returns False when n is not a power of 7  
    '''  
    if n == 0:  
        return False  
    while n != 1:  
        if n%7 != 0:  
            return False  
        n = n//7  
    return True
```

- Write a function *short\_power7\_chains(f, k)* that given a list *f* of non negative integers and an integer *k* greater than zero returns `True` when all the chains formed by powers of seven have size at most *k*; otherwise the function returns `False`. A chain of powers of seven is a block of consecutive numbers in the list all of them being a power of seven.

## Scoring

The function counts 100 points.

## Sample session

```
>>> short_power7_chains([1, 7, 49, 7*7*7, 2], 3)  
False  
>>> short_power7_chains([1, 7, 49, 7*7*7, 2], 4)  
True  
>>> short_power7_chains([1, 7, 14, 7*7*7, 21, 28], 2)  
True  
>>> short_power7_chains([14, 7], 1)  
True  
>>> short_power7_chains([], 1)  
True
```

## Problem information

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