Problem 5196. Determine the last six digits of the product (2010) ( $5^{2014}$ )
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Clearly the last digit of $N=(2010)\left(5^{2014}\right)$ is 0 . Therefore in order to find the last six digits of $N$ it is enough to calculate the last five digits of (201) $\left(5^{2014}\right)$.

Let us first calculate a few power of 5 , and to do it we need to know just the last five digits of the previous power of 5 :

| $5^{1}=5$ | $5^{2}=25$ | $5^{3}=25$ | $5^{4}=625$ |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| $5^{5}=3125$ | $5^{6}=15625$ | $5^{7}=78125$ | $5^{8}=\cdots 90625$ |
| $5^{9}=\cdots 53125$ | $5^{10}=\cdots 65625$ | $5^{11}=\cdots 28125$ | $5^{12}=\cdots 40625$ |
| $5^{13}=\cdots 03125$ | $5^{14}=\cdots 15625$ |  |  |

Observe that the last five digit of $5^{14}$ are the same as those of $5^{6}$. Therefore, starting with $5^{6}$ the last five digits of powers of 5 will repeat periodically:

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15625,78125,90625,53125,65625,28125,40625,0325,15625, \ldots
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and so on. This means that increasing the exponent of eight does not change the last five digits of powers of 5 . Since $2014=6+8 \cdot 251$, it follows that $5^{6}$ and $5^{2014}$ have the same last five digits, so

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201 \cdot 5^{2014} \equiv 201 \cdot 5^{6} \equiv 201 \cdot 15625 \equiv 40625 \quad\left(\bmod 10^{5}\right)
$$

and this implies that the last six digits of (2010) $\left(5^{2014}\right)$ are 406250.

