Length (CIDR)	Address Mask	Notes
/0	0 . 0 . 0 . 0	All 0s (equivalent to no mask)
/1	128 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/2	192 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/3	224 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/4	240 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/5	248 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/6	252 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/7	254 . 0 . 0 . 0	
/8	255 . 0 . 0 . 0	Original Class A mask
/9	255 . 128 . 0 . 0	
/10	255 . 192 . 0 . 0	
/11	255 . 224 . 0 . 0	
/12	255 . 240 . 0 . 0	
/13	255 . 248 . 0 . 0	
/14	255 . 252 . 0 . 0	
/15	255 . 254 . 0 . 0	
/16	255 . 255 . 0 . 0	Original Class B mask
/17	255 . 255 . 128 . 0	
/18	255 . 255 . 192 . 0	
/19	255 . 255 . 224 . 0	
/20	255 . 255 . 240 . 0	
/21	255 . 255 . 248 . 0	
/22	255 . 255 . 252 . 0	
/23	255 . 255 . 254 . 0	
/24	255 . 255 . 255 . 0	Original Class C mask
/25	255 . 255 . 255 . 128	
/26	255 . 255 . 255 . 192	
/27	255 . 255 . 255 . 224	
/28	255 . 255 . 255 . 240	
/29	255 . 255 . 255 . 248	
/30	255 . 255 . 255 . 252	
/31	255 . 255 . 255 . 254	
/32	255 . 255 . 255 . 255	All 1s (host specific mask)

A block of addresses is granted to a small organization. We know that one of the addresses is 205.16.37.39/28. What is the first address in the block?

Solution

Find the last address for the block in Example

Solution

Find the number of addresses in Example

Another way to find the first address, the last address, and the number of addresses is to represent the mask as a 32-bit binary (or 8-digit hexadecimal) number. This is particularly useful when we are writing a program to find these pieces of information. 209.16.37.39/28 can be represented as 11111111 11111111 11111111 11110000 (twenty-eight Is and four Os). Find

a. The first address
h. The last address
c. The number of addresses

Solution

a. The first address can be found by ANDing the given addresses with the mask. ANDing here is done bit by bit. The result of ANDing 2 bits is 1 if both bits are Is; the result is 0 otherwise.

Address:	11001101 00010000 00100101 00100111
Mask:	11111111 11111111 11111111 11110000
First address:	11001101 00010000 00100101 00100000

b. The last address can be found by ORing the given addresses with the complement of the mask. ORing here is done bit by bit. The result of ORing 2 bits is 0 if both bits are Os; the result is 1 otherwise. The complement of a number is found by changing each 1 to 0 and each 0 to 1.

Address:	11001101 00010000 00100101 00100111
Mask complement:	00000000 00000000 00000000 00001111
Last address:	11001101 00010000 *00100101 00101111*

c. The number of addresses can be found by complementing the mask, interpreting it as a decimal number, and adding 1 to it.

Mask complement:	000000000 00000000 00000000 00001111
Number of addresses:	15 + 1 = 16

An ISP is granted a block of addresses starting with 190.100.0.0/16 (65,536 addresses). The ISP needs to distribute these addresses to three groups of customers as follows:

a. The first group has 64 customers; each needs 256 addresses.
b. The second group has 128 customers; each needs 128 addresses.
c. The third group has 128 customers; each needs 64 addresses.

Design the subblocks and find out how many addresses are still available after these allocations.