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Find the last 3 digits of:

$$\Omega = 2019 \frac{201920192019 \dots 201953}{50 \text{ times "2019"}}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{201920192019 \dots 201953}{2019 \text{ times}} = \\ & = 2 \times 10^{201} + 0 \times 10^{200} + 1 \times 10^{199} + 9 \times 10^{198} + \dots + \\ & + 2 \times 10^5 + 0 \times 10^4 + 1 \times 10^3 + 9 \times 10^2 + 5 \times 10 + 3 \times 10^0 \end{aligned}$$

*We can use Euler's quotient function and Euler's theorem:*

$$\text{Since } 1000 = 8 \times 125$$

*We evaluate  $\Omega \pmod{1000}$*

*Evaluating  $\Omega \pmod{8}$*

$$\phi(8) = 4$$

$$2019 = 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$20192019 \dots 201953 = 53 = 1 \pmod{4}$$

*Since all other terms are multiples of 4.*

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$$\text{So, } \Omega = 3' = 3 \pmod{8}$$

*Evaluating  $\Omega \pmod{125}$*

$$\phi(125) = 4 \times 25 = 100$$

$$2019 = 19 \pmod{125}$$

$$20192019 \dots 201953 = 53 \pmod{100}$$

*Since all other terms are multiples of 100, so  $\Omega = 19^{53} \pmod{125}$*

$$= 19^{52} \times 19 = (19^4)^{13} \times 19 = 11^{13} \times 19$$

$$= (71^4)^3 \times 71 \times 19 = 56^3 \times 71 \times 19$$

$$= 116 \times 71 \times 19 = 109 \pmod{125}$$

*So,  $\Omega = 3 \pmod{8} = 3 + 8k$  and  $\Omega = 109 \pmod{125}$*

$$3 + 8k = 109 \pmod{125}$$

$$k = 107 \pmod{125}$$

$$\text{So, } \Omega = 859 \pmod{1000}$$

*The last three digits are 859.*