DM11

Discrete Mathematics

Goals of course

- Mathematical sophistication
 - 1. How to read theorems, lemmas, etc.
 - 2. How to read proofs.
 - 3. How to state theorems precisely.
 - 4. How to write rigorous proofs.
- Necessary mathematical background for other courses
 - 1. Number theory.
 - 2. Recursive definitions and relations.
 - 3. More...

Why proofs?

- To better understand some facts.
- Some proofs give us algorithms. Understanding these helps us
 - Use the algorithms correctly to solve other problems.
 - Modify algorithms correctly to solve other problems.
- To ensure that ideas you use in programs are correct.

Logic

- proposition statement which is true (T) or false (F)
 - The truth value of 1 + 1 = 2 is true

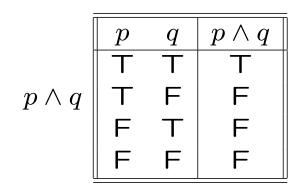
- The truth value of 1 + 1 = 3 is false

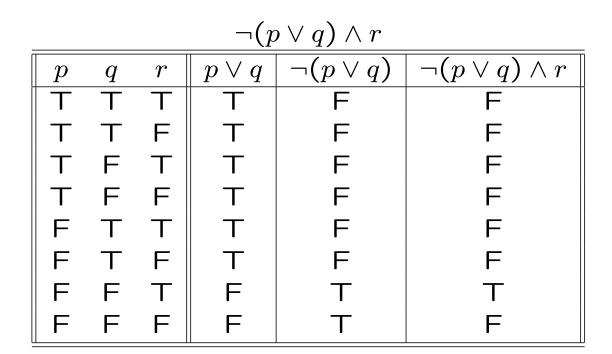
• Operations on propositions:

- not, negation

$$\neg(1+1=3)$$
 is true
- and, conjunction
 $(1+1=2) \land (1+1=3)$ is false
- or, disjunction
 $(1+1=2) \lor (1+1=3)$ is true
- xor, exclusive or
 $(1+1=2) \oplus (1+1=3)$ is true
- implies, implication
 $(1+1=2) \rightarrow (1+1=3)$ is false

truth tables





 $q \rightarrow p$ is the **converse** of $p \rightarrow q$ $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ is the **contrapositive** of $p \rightarrow q$ the **biconditional** $p \leftrightarrow q$ means p if and only if q - *iff* **tautology** - a proposition that is always true - $p \lor \neg p$ **contradiction** - a proposition that is always

false - $p \wedge \neg p$

 $p \Leftrightarrow q$ means p and q are **logically equivalent** - $p \leftrightarrow q$ is a tautology

Examples $\begin{cases} p \to q \Leftrightarrow \neg p \lor q \\ p \lor \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T} \\ p \land \neg p \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F} \end{cases}$

E	Example - De Morgan's Laws $\neg (p \lor q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \land \neg q$										
	$\neg (p \land q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \lor \neg q$										
	p	q	$p \wedge q$	$\neg (p \land q)$	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$\neg p \lor \neg q$				
	Т	Т	Т	F	F	F	F				
	T	F	F	Т	F	Т	Т				
	F	T	F	Т	Т	F	Т				
	F	F	F	Т	T	Т	Т				

Logical Equivalences

Equivalence	Name for Law
$p \land \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow p$	Identity
$ p \lor \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow p $	
$p \lor \mathbf{T} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T}$	Domination
$p \wedge \mathbf{F} \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{F}$	
$p \land p \Leftrightarrow p$	Idempotent
$p \lor p \Leftrightarrow p$	
$\neg(\neg p) \Leftrightarrow p$	Double negation
$p \lor q \Leftrightarrow q \lor p$	Commutative
$p \land q \Leftrightarrow q \land p$	
$(p \lor q) \lor r \Leftrightarrow p \lor (q \lor r)$	Associative
$(p \wedge q) \wedge r \Leftrightarrow p \wedge (q \wedge r)$	
$p \lor (q \land r) \Leftrightarrow (p \lor q) \land (p \lor r)$	Distributive
$p \land (q \lor r) \Leftrightarrow (p \land q) \lor (p \land r)$	
$\neg (p \lor q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \land \neg q$	De Morgan's
$\neg (p \land q) \Leftrightarrow \neg p \lor \neg q$	

Think of \lor as plus and \land as times.

Then, you get familiar laws for the reals.

Think of T as a 1 and F as a 0. Then, you get bit operations

- (integer operations modulo 2).

	$\underline{\qquad a \wedge b}$				$\underline{\qquad a \lor b}$			$a \oplus b$			
a	b	$a \wedge b$		a	b	$a \lor b$		a	b	$a \oplus b$	
0	0	0		0	0	0		0	0	0	
0	1	0		0	1	1		0	1	1	
1	0	0		1	0	1		1	0	1	
1	1	1		1	1	1		1	1	0	

These tables can also be written as follows:

	$a \wedge b$		$a \lor b$			_	$a\oplus b$			
\wedge	0	1	-	\vee	0	1	-	\oplus	0	1
0	0	0	-	-	0		-	•	0	_
1	0	1		1	1	1		1	1	0

Bit operations can be extended to strings: bitwise AND - $011010 \land 111000 = 011000$ bitwise OR - $011010 \lor 111000 = 111010$ bitwise XOR - $011010 \lor 111000 = 100010$

Proving tautologies Example $[\neg p \land (p \lor q)] \rightarrow q$ By truth tables:

p	q	$\neg p$	$p \lor q$	$r = \neg p \land (p \lor q)$	$r \rightarrow q$
	Т	F	Т	F	Т
T	F	F	Т	F	Т
F	Т	T	Т	Т	Т
F	F	Т	F	F	Т

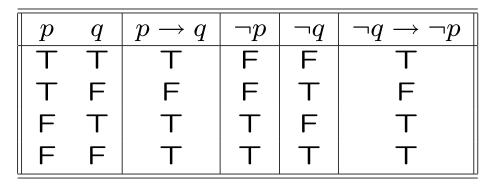
Any values for p and q give the result *true* \Rightarrow tautology. \Box

Using known equivalences:

$$\begin{array}{l} [\neg p \land (p \lor q)] \rightarrow q & \Leftrightarrow [(\neg p \land p) \lor (\neg p \land q)] \rightarrow q \\ & \Leftrightarrow [\mathbf{F} \lor (\neg p \land q)] \rightarrow q \\ & \Leftrightarrow (\neg p \land q) \rightarrow q \\ & \Leftrightarrow \neg (\neg p \land q) \lor q \\ & \Leftrightarrow (p \lor \neg q) \lor q \\ & \Leftrightarrow p \lor (\neg q \lor q) \\ & \Leftrightarrow p \lor \mathbf{T} \\ & \Leftrightarrow \mathbf{T} \qquad \Rightarrow \text{tautology.} \quad \Box \end{array}$$

Proving logical equivalences

Example $p \rightarrow q \Leftrightarrow \neg q \rightarrow \neg p$. Thus a proposition is equivalent to its contrapositive. By truth tables:



Any values for p and q give the save values for the propositions. So the propositions are logically equivalent. \Box

Using known equivalences:

$$\begin{array}{cccc} p \to q & \Leftrightarrow & \neg p \lor q \\ & \Leftrightarrow & q \lor \neg p \\ & \Leftrightarrow & \neg q \to \neg p \end{array}$$

So they are logically equivalent. \Box

Predicates and Quantifiers

Example

R(x,y) = (x + y < 25) is a *predicate*; it is also called a *propositional function*. R(14,4) is true.

 $\forall x P(x)$ is the universal quantification of P(x). Read it as "for all x P(x)".

Do we mean all integers x, all real $x \in [0, 1],...$ What is the *universe of discourse*? After knowing this, we can determine if the proposition is true.

Example: $P(x) = (x^2 \ge x)$. universe of discourse = $\mathbb{Z} - \forall x P(x)$ is true. universe of discourse = $\mathbb{R} - \forall x P(x)$ is false. x = 1/2 is a counterexample. $\exists x P(x)$ is the *existential quantification* of P(x). Read it as "there exists an x such that P(x)".

Example:

 $P(x) = (x^2 < x).$

universe of discourse = $\mathbb{Z} - \exists x P(x)$ is false. universe of discourse = $\mathbb{R} - \exists x P(x)$ is true. x = 1/2 is an instance for which P(x) holds.

Note: $\neg(a \ge b) \Leftrightarrow a < b$

These examples show how to negate when there are quantifiers:

 $\neg \forall x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x) \\ \neg \exists x P(x) \Leftrightarrow \forall x \neg P(x)$

Multiple quantifiers

Example: $\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)$ True over the integers; false over the positive integers.

Let $P(x) = \exists y(x + y = 0)$. $\forall x \exists y(x + y = 0) \Leftrightarrow \forall x P(x)$.

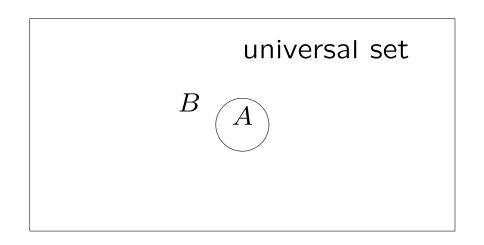
$$\neg [\forall x \exists y (x + y = 0)] \quad \Leftrightarrow \neg \forall x P(x). \\ \Leftrightarrow \exists x \neg P(x). \\ \Leftrightarrow \exists x \forall y \neg (x + y = 0). \\ \Leftrightarrow \exists x \forall y (x + y \neq 0). \end{cases}$$

In P(x) the variable y is **bound**, and the variable x is **free**.

Quantifiers can occur in the middle of propositions: $\forall x[(x \ge 25) \lor \exists y((y > 0) \land (x + y = 25))]$

Sets

Venn diagram



 $A\subset B$

 $A \subseteq B$ means A is a subset of B. $A \subset B$ means A is a proper subset of B.

 $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ is a *finite* set, because S has 4 elements, and 4 is a nonnegative integer. The *cardinality* of S, written |S|, is 4. \mathbb{Z} , the set of integers, is *infinite*, i.e. not finite. The **power set** of S, written P(S), is

$$\{ \emptyset, \{1\}, \{3\}, \{5\}, \{7\}, \\ \{1,3\}, \{1,5\}, \{1,7\}, \{3,5\}, \{3,7\}, \{5,7\}, \\ \{1,3,5\}, \{1,3,7\}, \{1,5,7\}, \{3,5,7\}, \\ \{1,3,5,7\} \}$$

P(S) is the set of all subsets of S.

The **Cartesian product** of the sets $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$, denoted $A_1 \times A_2 \times ... \times A_n$, is the set of ordered *n*-tuples $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)$ where $a_i \in A_i$ for $1 \le i \le n$.

Example: $S \times \{a, b\} =$

$$\{ (1,a), (3,a), (5,a), (7,a), \\ (1,b), (3,b), (5,b), (7,b) \}$$

Operations on sets

Let $S = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$. Let U, the universal set, be the set of odd positive integers.

- union $S \cup \{3,9\} = \{1,3,5,7,9\}$
- intersection $S \cap \{3,9\} = \{3\}$
- difference $S - \{3, 9\} = \{1, 5, 7\}$
- complement $\bar{S} = U S =$ the odd integers > 8
- A and B are *disjoint* if $A \cap B = \emptyset$.

Set Identities

Identity	Name for Law
$A \cup \emptyset = A$	Identity
$A \cap U = A$	
$A \cup U = U$	Domination
$ A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$	
$A \cup A = A$	Idempotent
$A \cap A = A$	
$\left\ \overline{(\overline{A})} = A \right\ $	Complementation
$A \cup B = B \cup A$	Commutative
$A \cap B = B \cap A$	
$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$	Associative
$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$	
$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B \cup (A \cap C))$	Distributive
$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$	
$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$	De Morgan's
$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$	

Notice the similarities to the logical equivalences.

Proving set equalities Example $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$ By showing that each is a subset of the other:

$$x \in \overline{A \cup B} \Rightarrow x \notin A \cup B$$

$$\Rightarrow \neg (x \in A \lor x \in B)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \land x \notin B$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{A} \land x \in \overline{B}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

Thus $\overline{A \cup B} \subset \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$.

$$x \in \overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \Rightarrow x \in \overline{A} \land x \in \overline{B}$$
$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \land x \notin B$$
$$\Rightarrow \neg (x \in A \lor x \in B)$$
$$\Rightarrow x \notin A \cup B$$
$$\Rightarrow x \in \overline{A \cup B}$$

Thus $\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} \subseteq \overline{A \cup B}$. Therefore $\overline{A} \cap \overline{B} = \overline{A \cup B}$.

Example: $A - B = A \cap \overline{B}$ Using set builder notation and logical equivalences:

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \land x \notin B\}$$
$$= \{x \mid x \in A \land x \in \overline{B}\}$$
$$= \{x \mid x \in A \land x \in \overline{B}\}$$
$$= \{x \mid x \in A \cap \overline{B}\}$$
$$= A \cap \overline{B} \qquad \Box$$

Example: $A \cap \overline{A} = \emptyset$ Using set builder notation and logical equivalences:

$$A \cap \overline{A} = \{x \mid x \in A \land x \notin A\}$$

= $\{x \mid x \in A \land \neg (x \in A)\}$
= $\{x \mid F\}$
= \emptyset \Box

Prove $A \cup \overline{A} = U$ similarly.

Example: $\overline{A \cap B \cap C} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C}$

Using membership tables:

A	B	C	$A \cap B \cap C$	$\overline{A \cap B \cap C}$
0	0	0	0	1
0	0	1	0	1
0	1	0	0	1
0	1	1	0	1
1	0	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1
1	1	0	0	1
1	1	1	1	0
Ц				
$\overline{\overline{A}}$	\overline{B}	\overline{C}	$\overline{A \cup B \cup \overline{C}}$	
			$\overline{A} \cup \overline{B} \cup \overline{C}$ 1	
$\overline{\overline{A}}$	\overline{B}	\overline{C}		
	\overline{B} 1	\overline{C} 1	1	
	\overline{B} 1 1	\overline{C} 100	1 1	
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$ \begin{array}{ c c } \hline \overline{A} \\ \hline 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{array} $	\overline{B} 1 1 0 0	\overline{C} 1 0 1 0	1 1 1 1	
$ \begin{array}{c c} \overline{A} \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ \end{array} $	\overline{B} 1 1 0 0 1		1 1 1 1 1 1	

No matter which of the three sets any element x is contained in, x is in $\overline{A \cap B \cap C}$ \Leftrightarrow it is contained in $\overline{A \cup B \cup C}$. \Box Example: $A \cap (B - A) = \emptyset$ Using known set identities:

$$A \cap (B - A) = A \cap (B \cap \overline{A})$$
$$= (B \cap \overline{A}) \cap A$$
$$= B \cap (\overline{A} \cap A)$$
$$= B \cap (A \cap \overline{A})$$
$$= B \cap \emptyset$$
$$= \emptyset \qquad \Box$$

Computer representations of sets

Suppose that a universal set U is finite. We assume without loss of generality (WLOG) that |U| = n.

Represent a subset S of U by a binary string of length n.

 $1 \Rightarrow$ that the element is present in S.

 $0 \Rightarrow$ that the element is not present in S.

Example: $U = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$. 01010 represents $S_1 = \{3, 7\} \subseteq U$. 11100 represents $S_2 = \{1, 3, 5\} \subseteq U$. 01010 \lor 11100 = 11110 represents $S_1 \cup S_2$. 01010 \land 11100 = 01100 represents $S_1 \cap S_2$.

Functions

Giving keys to elements of array A:

\boxed{n}	\boldsymbol{n}	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$\int f$	f(n)	2.74	3.91	7.8345	1.6	4.293	8.0	1.234

 $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}.$

- $f : S \rightarrow I\!\!R$ a function.
- f maps S to $I\!\!R$.
- S is the *domain* of f.
- $I\!\!R$ is the *codomain* of f.
- f(3) = 7.8345.
- 7.8345 is the *image* of 3.
- 3 is *pre-image* of 7.8345.

 $\{2.74, 3.91, 7.8345, 1.6, 4.293, 8.0, 1.234\}$ is the range of f.

Read the rest of this section in the text.

Sequences and summations

sequence - a function $f : S \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \to T$

strings - finite sequences 01011 \leftrightarrow 0, 1, 0, 1, 1

 ${a_n}$ where $a_n = 2^n$, $n \ge 0$ - infinite sequence ${a_n} = {1, 2, 4, 8, ...}$

 $\sum_{i=0}^k 2^i = 2^{k+1} - 1$ - summation

Why?

Geometric progression - a, ar, ar^2 , ar^3 , ..., ar^k

Theorem:
$$S = \sum_{j=0}^{n} ar^{j} = \begin{cases} (n+1)a & \text{if } r = 1\\ \frac{ar^{n+1}-a}{r-1} & \text{if } r \neq 1 \end{cases}$$

Proof. Clearly, the result holds for r = 1. Suppose $r \neq 1$.

$$rS = r \sum_{j=0}^{n} ar^{j}$$

= $\sum_{j=0}^{n} ar^{j+1}$
= $\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} ar^{k}$ (k = j + 1)
= $\sum_{k=0}^{n} ar^{k} + (ar^{n+1} - a)$
= S + (ar^{n+1} - a)

$$\Rightarrow rS - S = ar^{n+1} - a$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r-1} \quad \text{if } r \neq 1. \ \Box$$

Case: $a = 1, r = 2 \implies \sum_{i=0}^{k} = 2^{k+1} - 1$

Cardinality

Cardinality of a finite set S = |S|= number of elements

Cardinality of infinite sets?

Def. A and B have the same cardinality iff \exists a 1-1 correspondence from A to B.

Example

$$A = \{ \begin{array}{ccc} a, & b, & c, & d \end{array} \}$$
$$\begin{array}{ccc} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ B = \{ \begin{array}{ccc} 1, & 2, & 3, & 4 \end{array} \} \\ |A| = |B| = 4 \end{array}$$

Example

 $I\!N$ - natural numbers - $\{1, 2, 3, ...\}$ $|Z\!\!Z| = |I\!\!N|$ Proof?

$$1 \quad 2 \quad 3 \quad 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad \dots$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow$$

$$0 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 2 \quad -2 \quad 3 \quad \dots$$

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Claim: *f* is a bijection. **Pf.** (1-1) Suppose f(x) = f(y), $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$. *n* even $\Rightarrow f(n) \ge 0$ *n* odd $\Rightarrow f(n) < 0$ $\Rightarrow x$ and *y* both even or both odd. Both even $\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{2} \Rightarrow x = y$. Both odd $\Rightarrow -\frac{x-1}{2} = -\frac{y-1}{2}$ $\Rightarrow x - 1 = y - 1 \Rightarrow x = y$. $\Rightarrow f$ is 1-1.

Recall:

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ -\frac{n-1}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$
(onto) Suppose $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $x = 0 \Rightarrow f(1) = x$
 $x \ge 0 \Rightarrow f(2x) = x$

$$x > 0 \Rightarrow f(2x) \equiv x$$

 $x < 0 \Rightarrow f(-(2x+1)) = x$
 $\Rightarrow f$ is onto.

Therefore, f is a bijection. \Box

Def. countable— finite or same
cardinality as
$$I\!N$$

uncountableuncountable— not countable

Thm. Any subset of a countable set is countable.

Pf. Let *S* be a countable set and let $T \subseteq S$. Since *S* is countable, either *S* is finite or it has the same cardinality as IN. If *S* is finite, then *T* is also, so *T* is countable. If *S* is inifite, there is a function which gives a listing of its elements. List them in order. Remove those which are not in *T*. You still have a listing. Therefore, *T* is countable. \Box

Thm. The positive rational numbers are countable.

Corollary The rational numbers Q are countable.

Thm. (Cantor) $I\!R$ - the set of real numbers - is uncountable.

Pf. (by diagonalization - a type of proof by contradiction) Suppose $I\!R$ is countable. A subset of a countable set is countable (by Exercise).

 \Rightarrow [0,1) is countable.

 \Rightarrow The set can be listed - binary expansion

$$a_{1} = 0.d_{11}d_{12}d_{13}...$$

$$a_{2} = 0.d_{21}d_{22}d_{23}...$$

$$a_{3} = 0.d_{31}d_{32}d_{33}...$$

$$a_{4} = 0.d_{41}d_{42}d_{43}...$$
...

Consider $x = 0.b_1b_2b_3...$ where

$$b_i = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_{ii} = 1\\ 1 & \text{if } d_{ii} = 0 \end{cases}$$

 $x \neq a_i \ \forall i$

 \Rightarrow The list is incomplete. $\Rightarrow \leftarrow$ Therefore, $I\!R$ is uncountable.

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If S' has n elements, how many elements does P(S') have?

We can represent a subset of S' by a binary string of length n. A 1 indicates that the element is present in S'. Example: {0101} represents $\{3,7\} \subseteq S$.

Each binary string of length n represents a different subset. There are 2^n distinct binary strings of length n, so $|P(S')| = 4^n$.

Introduction to Number Theory

Def. Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, a > 0. Suppose $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. b = ac. Then a divides b. $a \mid b$. a is a factor of b. b is a multiple of a. $e \not| f \text{ means } e \text{ does not divide } f$. **Thus** $a \mid b \mid c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then

1. if
$$a|b$$
 and $a|c$, then $a|(b+c)$

2. if
$$a|b$$
, then $a|bc \ \forall c \in \mathbb{Z}$

3. if a|b and b|c, then a|c.

Pf.(of 3)
$$a|b \Rightarrow \exists d \text{ s.t. } b = ad.$$

 $b|c \Rightarrow \exists e \text{ s.t. } c = be.$
 $\Rightarrow c = (ad)e$
 $\Rightarrow c = a(de)$
 $\Rightarrow a|c \square$

Def. $p \in \mathbb{Z}$, p > 1.

p is *prime* if 1 and p are the only positive integers which divide p.

p is *composite* if it is not prime.

Thm. (The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

Every positive integer can be written uniquely as the product of primes, where the primes are written in nondecreasing order.

Thm. N composite \Rightarrow N has a prime divisor $\leq \sqrt{N}$

Corollary There is an algorithm for factoring N (or testing primality) which does $O(\sqrt{N})$ tests of divisibility.

Problem The length of the input is $n = \lceil \log N \rceil$. So the running time is $O(2^{n/2})$ - exponential. **Open Problem** Does there exist a polynomial time factoring (or primality testing) algorithm?

Thm. $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $d \in \mathbb{I}$ \exists unique $q, r, 0 \leq r < d$ s.t. a = dq + r d - divisor a - dividend q - quotient $r - remainder = a \mod d$

Def. gcd(a,b) = greatest common divisor of a and b

= largest $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. d|a and d|b

If gcd(a,b) = 1, then a and b are relatively prime.

Def. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ — a is congruent to b modulo mif $m \mid (a - b)$.

 $m \mid (a-b) \Rightarrow \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a = b + km.$

Thm. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ Then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$ and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$. Pf.(of first) $\exists k_1, k_2$ s.t. $a = b + k_1m$ $c = d + k_2m$ $a + c = b + k_1m + d + k_2m$ $= b + d + (k_1 + k_2)m$

Applications

- Hash functions: $h(k) = k \pmod{m}$
- Pseudorandom number generators - the linear congruential method: $x_{n+1} = ax_n + c \pmod{m}$
- Cryptology
 - Caesar cipher: $f(c) = c + k \pmod{26}$ $a \ b \ c \ \dots \ w \ x \ y \ z$ $d \ e \ f \ \dots \ z \ a \ b \ c$ - RSA
 - Primality checking:
 Rabin-Miller algorithm

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Thm. $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$. $\exists s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. sa + tb = gcd(a, b). **Pf.** Let d be the smallest positive integer in $D = \{xa + yb \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$ $d \in D \Rightarrow d = x'a + y'b$ for some $x', y' \in \mathbb{Z}$. gcd(a,b)|a and gcd(a,b)|b, so gcd(a,b)|x'a, gcd(a,b)|y'and gcd(a,b)|(x'a+y'b) = d. We will show that d|gcd(a,b), so d = gcd(a,b). Note $a \in D$. Suppose a = dq + r with $0 \le r < d$. r = a - dq= a - q(x'a + y'b)= (1 - qx')a - (qy')b $\Rightarrow r \in D$ $r < d \Rightarrow r = 0 \Rightarrow d|a.$ Similarly, one can show that d|b. Therefore, d|gcd(a, b).

How do you find d, s and t?

Let
$$d = gcd(a, b)$$
. Write b as $b = aq + r$ with
 $0 \le r < d$.
Then, $d|b \Rightarrow d|(aq + r)$.
Also, $d|a \Rightarrow d|(aq) \Rightarrow d|((aq+r)-aq) \Rightarrow d|r$.

Let
$$d' = gcd(a, b - aq)$$
.
Then, $d'|a \Rightarrow d'|(aq)$
Also, $d'|(b - aq) \Rightarrow d'|((b - aq) + aq) \Rightarrow d'|b$.

Thus, $gcd(a,b) = gcd(a,b \pmod{a})$ = $gcd(b \pmod{a},a)$. This shows how to reduce to a "simpler" problem and gives us the Extended Euclidean Algorithm:

$$\{ \text{ Initialize} \}$$

$$d_{0} \leftarrow b \qquad s_{0} \leftarrow 0 \qquad t_{0} \leftarrow 1$$

$$d_{1} \leftarrow a \qquad s_{1} \leftarrow 1 \qquad t_{1} \leftarrow 0$$

$$n \leftarrow 1$$

$$\{ \text{ Compute next } d \}$$
while $d_{n} > 0$ **do**

$$\textbf{begin}$$

$$n \leftarrow n + 1$$

$$\{ \text{ Compute } d_{n} \leftarrow d_{n-2} \pmod{d_{n-1}} \}$$

$$q_{n} \leftarrow \lfloor d_{n-2}/d_{n-1} \rfloor$$

$$d_{n} \leftarrow d_{n-2} - q_{n}d_{n-1}$$

$$s_{n} \leftarrow q_{n}s_{n-1} + s_{n-2}$$

$$t_{n} \leftarrow q_{n}t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$$

$$\textbf{end}$$

$$s \leftarrow (-1)^{n}s_{n-1} \qquad t \leftarrow (-1)^{n-1}t_{n-1}$$

 $gcd(a,b) \leftarrow d_{n-1}$

The proof of correctness is by induction and the analysis of the running time uses Fibonacci numbers. Postponed.

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Finding **multiplicative inverses** modulo m: Given a and m, find x s.t. $a \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$. Should also find a k, s.t. ax = 1 + km. So solve for an s in an equation sa + tm = 1. This can be done if gcd(a,m) = 1. Just use the Extended Euclidean algorithm.

Solving **linear congruences** modulo m: Given a congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, find x. Suppose gcd(a,m) = 1.

- 1. Find $s = a^{-1} \pmod{m}$.
- 2. $x \leftarrow sb \pmod{m}$.

Note: $ax \equiv a(sb) \equiv (as)b \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Thm (The Chinese Remainder Theorem) Let $m_1, m_2, ..., m_k$ be pairwise relatively prime. For any integers $x_1, x_2, ..., x_k$, there exists $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $x \equiv x_i \pmod{m_i}$ for $1 \le i \le k$, and this integer is uniquely determined modulo the product $m = m_1 m_2 ... m_k$.

It is also efficiently computable.

CRT Algorithm

For $1 \le i \le k$, find u_i such that $u_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$ $u_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j}$ for $j \ne i$ Compute $x \equiv \sum_{i=1}^k x_i u_i \pmod{m}$.

How do you find each u_i ?

$$u_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i} \ \forall i$$

 $\Rightarrow \exists \text{ integers } v_i \text{ s.t. } u_i + v_i m_i = 1.$
 $u_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j} \ \forall j \neq i$
 $\Rightarrow \exists \text{ integers } w_i \text{ s.t. } u_i = w_i (m/m_i).$
Thus, $w_i (m/m_i) + v_i m_i = 1.$
Solve for the values v_i and w_i
using the Extended Euclidean Algorithm.

(Note that this is where we need that the m_i are pairwise relatively prime.)

After each w_i is found, the corresponding u_i can be calculated.

The existence of the algorithm proves part of the theorem. What about uniqueness? Suppose x and y work. Look at x - y. **Example:** Let $m_1 = 3$, $m_2 = 5$, and $m_3 = 7$. Suppose

x_1	$\equiv 2$	(mod 3)
x_2	\equiv 3	(mod 5)
x_3	\equiv 4	(mod 7)

To calculate u_1 :

$$w_1(35) + v_1(3) = 1$$

 $w_1 = -1; v_1 = 12$
 $u_1 = (-1)35 \equiv 70 \pmod{105}$

To calculate
$$u_2$$
:
 $w_2(21) + v_2(5) = 1$
 $w_2 = 1; v_2 = -4$
 $u_2 = (1)21 \equiv 21 \pmod{105}$

To calculate
$$u_3$$
:
 $w_3(15) + v_3(7) = 1$
 $w_3 = 1; v_3 = -2$
 $u_3 = (1)15 \equiv 15 \pmod{105}$

So we can calculate $x \equiv 2 \cdot 70 + 3 \cdot 21 + 4 \cdot 15 \equiv$ 53 (mod 105).

Applications of the CRT

1. Computer arithmetic with large numbers: Suppose you want to perform operations on large numbers. Results never larger than m. Prefer operations on numbers $\leq s \ll m$.

Find numbers $p_1, p_2, ..., p_k$, relatively prime. If $p_1 \cdot_2 \cdot ... \cdot p_k > m$, $p_i \leq s$ for $1 \leq i \leq k$,

- Do operations modulo p_i for $1 \le i \le k$.
- Calculate the result using the CRT.

2. Public key cryptography — RSA:

In a *public key cryptosystem*, each user A has

- A public key P_A
- A secret key S_A

To send a message m to A, another user encrypts with P_A . A decrypts with with S_A .

Example: RSA Let $N_A = p_A \cdot q_A$, where p_A, q_A prime. Let $gcd(e_A, (p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)) = 1$. Let $e_A \cdot d_A \equiv 1 \pmod{(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)}$.

- $P_A = (N_A, e_A)$
- $S_A = (N_A, d_A)$

To encrypt: $c = E_{P_A}(m) = m^{e_A} \pmod{N_A}$. To decrypt: $D_{S_A}(c) = c^{d_A} \pmod{N_A}$. Why does RSA work? CRT +

Fermat's Little Theorem: p is a prime, $p \not| a$. Then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$. Pf. Let $S = \{1, 2, ..., p-1\}$ and $T = \{1 \cdot a \pmod{p}, 2 \cdot a \pmod{p}, ..., (p-1) \cdot a \pmod{p}\}$. Clearly $T \subseteq S$. Let $x \in S$, $y = a^{-1} \pmod{p}$, $z = xy \pmod{p}$. Then $za \equiv x(ya) \equiv x \pmod{p}$, so $x \in T$. Thus, $S \subseteq T$ and S = T. By Wilson's Theorem, $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$. So

$$-1 \equiv \prod_{x \in S} x \equiv \prod_{y \in T} y \equiv (p-1)! a^{p-1} \equiv -a^{p-1} \pmod{p}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$\Box$$

Consider $x = D_{S_A}(E_{S_A}(m))$. Note $\exists k \text{ s.t. } e_A d_A = 1 + k(p_A - 1)(q_A - 1)$. $x \equiv (m^{e_A} \pmod{N_A})^{d_A} \pmod{N_A} \equiv m^{e_A d_A} \equiv m^{1+k(p_A-1)(q_A-1)} \pmod{N_A}$.

Consider $x \pmod{p_A}$. $x \equiv m^{1+k(p_A-1)(q_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot (m^{(p_A-1)})^{k(q_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot 1^{k(q_A-1)} \equiv m \pmod{p_A}$.

Consider
$$x \pmod{q_A}$$
.
 $x \equiv m^{1+k(p_A-1)(q_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot (m^{(q_A-1)})^{k(p_A-1)} \equiv m \cdot 1^{k(p_A-1)} \equiv m \pmod{q_A}$.

Apply the Chinese Remainder Theorem: $gcd(p_A, q_A) = 1, \Rightarrow x \equiv m \pmod{N_A}.$ So $D_{S_A}(E_{S_A}(m)) = m.$

Note that anyone who knows p_A and q_A can decrypt, so the security of RSA depends on factoring being hard.

Rules of Inference

Rule	Tautology	Name
$\begin{array}{ c c }\hline p\\\hline \hline \dots p \lor q \end{array}$	$p ightarrow (p \lor q)$	Addition
$rac{p \wedge q}{\cdot \cdot p}$	$p \wedge q \rightarrow p$	Simplification
$\begin{array}{ c c } p \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \hline \vdots q \end{array}$	$[p \land (p ightarrow q)] ightarrow q$	Modus ponens
$\begin{array}{ c c } \neg q \\ \underline{p \to q} \\ \hline \ddots \neg p \end{array}$	$[eg q \wedge (p ightarrow q)] ightarrow eg p$	Modus tollens
$\left \begin{array}{c} p \to q \\ q \to r \\ \hline \hline \therefore p \to r \end{array}\right $	$egin{aligned} & [(p ightarrow q) \wedge (q ightarrow r)] \ ightarrow (p ightarrow r) \end{aligned}$	Hypothetical syllogism
$\begin{array}{ c c } p \lor q \\ \hline \neg p \\ \hline \hline \ddots q \end{array}$	$\left[(p \lor q) \land \neg p\right] \to q$	Disjunctive syllogism

Examples of poor reasoning

Assuming something is a tautology which is not:

If all of the governments predictions were correct, the economy will do well next year. This prediction is incorrect, so the economy will not do well next year.

Confusing \exists with \forall :

We have given lots of money to programs to help poor people. See, this person collects money from two of these programs and she wears a mink coat. Therefore, all of this money is wasted. (It should be cut off.) Circular reasoning:

To prove that there are only a finite number of primes. Let n be the largest prime. Then all numbers greater than n are composite. There are only n positive integers less than or equal to n, so any subset of them is finite. Thus, there are only a finite number of primes.

Read other examples in the textbook!

Proof types

To prove: If 10|n, then 2|n.

• Direct proof:

 $10|n \Rightarrow \exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } n = 10a.$ $\Rightarrow n = (2 \cdot 5)a \Rightarrow n = 2(5a) \Rightarrow 2|n$ \Box

• Indirect proof (uses the contrapositive): Suppose 2 $\not| n$. Then $\not\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. n = 2a. $\Rightarrow \forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \ n \neq 2a \Rightarrow \forall b \in \mathbb{Z} \ n \neq 2(5b) \Rightarrow \forall b \in \mathbb{Z} \ n \neq 10b \Rightarrow 10 \ /b$. Thus, if 10|n, then 2|n. \Box

• Proof by contradiction:

Suppose 10|n, but $2 \not|n$. Then $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. n = 10a and $\forall b \in \mathbb{Z}$ $n \neq 2b$. Thus, $\forall b \in \mathbb{Z}$ $10a \neq 2b$. Consider b = 5a. Then, $10a \neq 2(5a) = 10a$. Contradiction. Therefore, the assumption underlined must be false. Thus, if 10|n, then 2|n. \Box

More proof types

Constructive existence proof:
 Thm ∀n ≥ 1 ∃ n consecutive composite integers.

Pf. Let x = (n + 1)! + 1 and $1 \le i \le n$. $(i+1) \mid (n+1)! + (i+1) = x+i$. Since 1 < i+1 < x+i, x+i is composite. These are n consecutive composite integers. \Box

- Nonconstructive existence proof: Thm $\forall n \exists p > n$ such that p is prime. Pf. Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and m = n! + 1. Suppose $\exists q$ s.t. $1 < q \leq n$ and q|m. Then $q|(n!+1) \Rightarrow q|(n!+1-n!) \Rightarrow q|1$. This is a contradiction, so any prime dividing m must be larger than n. So \exists a prime larger than n. \Box
- Proof by counterexample: Thm Not all odd numbers are prime. Pf. 9 = 3⋅3, so 9 is an odd number which is not prime. □

Mathematical Induction

The Well-Ordering Property:

Every nonempty set of nonnegative integers has a least element.

Why important? Every set of counterexamples has a least element. To show that something (about the positive integers) is true, prove that there is no counterexample.

Mathematcial Induction: To prove P(n) holds \forall positive integers n:

- **Basis step:** Prove that P(1) holds.
- Inductive step: Show that if P(n) holds, then P(n+1) also holds $\forall n \ge 1$.

P(n) is the inductive hypothesis. Assuming this is not circular reasoning! This shows that there is no least counterexample, so there is no counterexample.

Def. The *harmonic numbers* is $\{H_n \mid n \ge 1\}$ where

$$H_n = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{1}{i}$$

Example: $H(4) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{25}{12}$ Recall:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{2^{i-1}} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}},$$

so it is bounded by 2.

Thm. $H_{2^n} \ge 1 + \frac{n}{2} \quad \forall n \ge 0.$ **Pf.** (By induction on n— P(n) is " $H_{2^n} \ge 1 + \frac{n}{2}$.") **Basis step:** n = 0. $H_{2^0} = H_1 = 1 \ge 1 + \frac{0}{2}.$ $\sqrt{$ **Inductive step:** Assume $H_{2^n} \ge 1 + \frac{n}{2}.$

$$H_{2n+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{2^{n+1}} \frac{1}{i}$$

= $H_{2n} + \sum_{i=2^{n+1}+1}^{2^{n+1}} \frac{1}{i}$
 $\geq (1 + \frac{n}{2}) + \sum_{i=2^{n+1}+1}^{2^{n+1}} \frac{1}{i}$ by IH
 $\geq (1 + \frac{n}{2}) + \sum_{i=2^{n+1}+1}^{2^{n+1}} \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$
= $(1 + \frac{n}{2}) + 2^n \cdot \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$
= $(1 + \frac{n}{2}) + \frac{1}{2}$
= $(1 + \frac{n+1}{2}) \qquad \checkmark$

By induction, $H_{2^n} \ge 1 + \frac{n}{2} \quad \forall n \ge 0.$

Thm. Let S contain n elements. Then S has 2^n subsets.

Pf. (By induction on n - P(n) is "Every set with *n* elements has 2^n subsets.")

Basis step: n = 0. $S = \emptyset$. The only subset of S is \emptyset . $2^0 = 1$. \checkmark

Inductive step: Assume that every set with $n \ge 0$ elements has 2^n subsets. Suppose S has n + 1 elements. S has at least one element. Choose one x and consider $T = S - \{x\}$. T has n elements, so by the induction hypothesis, T has 2^n subsets. For each subset R of T there are 2 subsets of S, R and $R \cup \{x\}$. All subsets of S can be expressed like this. Thus S has $2 \cdot 2^n = 2^{n+1}$ subsets. $\sqrt{$

By induction, if S has n elements, it has 2^n subsets. \Box

The second principle of mathematical induction.

To prove P(n) holds \forall positive integers n:

• **Basis step:** Prove that P(1) holds.

• Inductive step: Show that if P(1), P(2),..., P(n) hold, then P(n + 1) also holds $\forall n \ge 1$.

Note: this is no stronger than ordinary mathematical induction, but it can be easier to use. Recall the Extended Euclidean Algorithm:

{ Initialize} $d_0 \leftarrow b \qquad s_0 \leftarrow 0 \qquad t_0 \leftarrow 1$ $d_1 \leftarrow a \qquad s_1 \leftarrow 1 \qquad t_1 \leftarrow 0$ $n \leftarrow 1$ { Compute next d} while $d_n > 0$ do begin $n \leftarrow n + 1$ { Compute $d_n \leftarrow d_{n-2} \pmod{d_{n-1}}$ $q_n \leftarrow |d_{n-2}/d_{n-1}|$ $d_n \leftarrow d_{n-2} - q_n d_{n-1}$ $s_n \leftarrow q_n s_{n-1} + s_{n-2}$ $t_n \leftarrow q_n t_{n-1} + t_{n-2}$ end $t \leftarrow (-1)^{n-1} t_{n-1}$ $s \leftarrow (-1)^n s_{n-1}$ $gcd(a,b) \leftarrow d_{n-1}$

Prove correctness by induction.

Proof of correctness of the Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Claim: $gcd(a,b) = gcd(d_k, d_{k-1})$ for $1 \le k \le n$. Pf. (by induction on k) Basis step: k = 1. $d_1 = a$, $d_0 = b$, so

 $gcd(a,b) = gcd(d_1, d_{1-1}). \quad \sqrt{$

Inductive step: Assume that

 $gcd(a,b) = gcd(d_k, d_{k-1})$ and $1 \le k \le n-1$. Then $d_{k+1} = d_{k-1} - q_{k+1}d_k$, so, as argued before, $gcd(d_k, d_{k-1}) = gcd(d_{k+1}, d_k)$. By the inductive hypothesis, this is equal to gcd(a,b). $\sqrt{$

Thus, $gcd(a,b) = gcd(d_k, d_{k-1})$ for $1 \le k \le n$.

Since $d_n = 0$, $gcd(d_n, d_{n-1}) = d_{n-1}$, which is the result produced by the algorithm. By the previous claim, this is the correct greatest common divisor.

Claim:
$$(-1)^{k-1}s_ka + (-1)^k t_kb = d_k$$

for $0 \le k \le n - 1$.
Pf. (by induction on k)
Basis step: $k = 0$. $d_0 = b$, $s_0 = 0$, and
 $t_0 = 1$, so $(-1) \cdot 0 \cdot a + (1) \cdot 1 \cdot b = d_0$. \sqrt{k}
 $k = 1$. $d_1 = a$, $s_1 = 1$, and $t_1 = 0$, so
 $(1) \cdot 1 \cdot a + (-1) \cdot 0 \cdot b = d_1$. \sqrt{k}
Inductive step: Assume $(-1)^{k-1}s_ka + (-1)^k t_kb = d_k$ for $0 \le k < k'$, where $2 \le k' \le n - 1$.
 $d_{k'} = d_{k'-2} - q_{k'}d_{k'-1}$
 $= ((-1)^{k'-3}s_{k'-2}a + (-1)^{k'-2}t_{k'-2}b) - q_{k'}((-1)^{k'-2}s_{k'-1}a + (-1)^{k'-1}t_{k'-1}b)$
 $= (-1)^{k'-1}(s_{k'-2} + q_{k'}s_{k'-1})a + (-1)^{k'}(t_{k'-2} + q_{k'}t_{k'-1})b$
 $= (-1)^{k'-1}s_{k'}a + (-1)^{k'}t_{k'}b = \sqrt{k'}$

Thus, the claim holds. \Box Since the algorithm sets $s = (-1)^n s_{n-1}$ and $t = (-1)^{n-1} t_{n-1}$, at the end $sa + tb = d_{n-1} = gcd(a, b)$. Thus, the algorithm is correct.

Recursive definitions – inductive definitions

- 1. Recursively defined functions (on $I\!N$)
 - Define the function on the first k integers.
 - Give some rule for determining the value at *n* in terms of the previous *k* integers.

Example: Define $F(n) = n! = n \cdot (n-1) \cdots 2 \cdot 1$. F(0) = 1F(n+1) = (n+1)F(n)

Example: Define the Fibonacci numbers. $f_0 = 0$ $f_1 = 1$ $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ $\{0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,\ldots\}$

Thm. For $n \ge 3$, $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$, where $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ (the Golden Ratio). Pf. (by induction on n) Basis step: n = 3. $f_3 = 2 > \alpha = \alpha^{3-2}$. $\sqrt{n} = 4$. $f_4 = 3 > (3 + \sqrt{5})/2 = (1 + 2\sqrt{5} + 5)/4 = \alpha^{4-2}$. $\sqrt{114}$ Inductive step: Suppose $f_k > \alpha^{k-2}$, for $3 \le k \le n$, where $n \ge 4$. Note α is a solution of $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$, so $\alpha^2 = \alpha + 1$.

$$f_{n+1} = f_n + f_{n-1}$$

$$> \alpha^{n-2} + \alpha^{n-3} \text{ by IH}$$

$$= (\alpha + 1)\alpha^{n-3}$$

$$= \alpha^2 \alpha^{n-3}$$

$$= \alpha^{n-1} \qquad \checkmark$$

By induction, $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$, for all $n \ge 3$.

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Thm. [Lamé's Theorem] $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. $a \ge b > 0$. The number of divisions used by the Extended Euclidean Algorithm with a and b as input $\le 5 \lfloor \log_{10} a \rfloor + 6$.

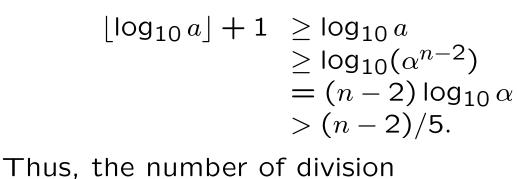
Pf. The alg. computes $d_k = d_{k-2} \pmod{d_{k-1}}$ for $2 \le k \le n$, so there are n-1 divisions. The quotients $q_i \ge 1$ for $i \ge 3$. We prove by induction that $d_{n-i} \ge f_{i+1}$ for $1 \le i \le n-1$.

Basis step:

 $\begin{aligned} d_{n-1} > 0 &\Rightarrow d_{n-1} \ge 1 = f_2 \\ d_{n-2} > d_{n-1} &\Rightarrow d_{n-2} \ge 2 = f_3 \qquad \sqrt{} \\ \text{Inductive step: Assume true for } 1 \le i < k' \\ \text{where } 3 \le k' \le n-1. \\ d_{n-k'+2} = d_{n-k'} - q_{n-k'+2} \cdot d_{n-k'+1} \Rightarrow \end{aligned}$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} d_{n-k'} & \geq d_{n-(k'-2)} + d_{n-(k'-1)} \\ & \geq f_{k'-1} + f_{k'} \\ & = f_{k'+1}. & \checkmark \end{array}$$

Thus, $a = d_1 \ge f_n \ge \alpha^{n-2}$.



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= n -	$1 \leq 5(\lfloor \log_{10}$	$a \rceil + 1) + 1.$	

Recursively defined sets

To define a set X recursively:

- Define a set of basis elements S_0 .
- Define a finite set of operators.
- Define an infinite sequence of sets $\{S_i \mid i \ge 0\}$. $S_{i+1} = S_i \cup$ all of the objects which can be obtained from objects in S_i by applying one of the operators. $X = \bigcup_{i\ge 0} S_i$.

Example: The set of strings Σ^* over an alphabet Σ : $S_0 = \{\lambda\} \qquad - \qquad \lambda$ is the empty string. The operations are concatenation on the right by elements of Σ .

 $x \in \Sigma^*$, $a \in \Sigma \Rightarrow xa \in X$. S_n is the set of all strings of length $\leq n$. Σ^* contains all strings of finite length.

Defining concatenation of strings: $x, y \in \Sigma^*$, $a \in \Sigma$. $x \odot \lambda = x$, and $x \odot ya = (x \odot y)a$. Structural induction - for proving properties of recursively defined sets. Same as mathematical induction.

Structural induction. Suppose X is a recursively defined set with basis elements S_0 . Let $\{S_i \mid i \ge 0\}$ be the sequence of sets defined by the basis elements and operators. Let P be a propositional function defined on the elements of X. To prove P(x) holds for all $x \in X$:

- Basis step: Prove that P(y) holds for all y ∈ S₀.
- Inductive step: Show that if P(y) holds for all y ∈ S_n, then P(z) also holds for all z ∈ S_{n+1}.

Inductive step – prove for each operator \oplus in the recursive definition that if *P* holds for some elements $x_1, x_2, ..., x_k$, then *P* holds for the element $\oplus (x_1, x_2, ..., x_k)$.

Structural induction for strings:

Basis step: Prove that P holds for the empty string.

Then, show that if P holds for $y \in \Sigma^*$, it holds for every string ya where $a \in \Sigma$. Define reverse of a string: $\lambda^{\mathsf{R}} = \lambda$, $(xa)^{\mathsf{R}} = [a] \odot (x^{\mathsf{R}})$, if $x \in \Sigma^*$ and $a \in \Sigma$. Want to prove that $(x^{\mathsf{R}})^{\mathsf{R}} = x$.

Claim: $\forall x \in \Sigma^*, \forall a \in \Sigma, ([a] \odot x)^{\mathsf{R}} = x^{\mathsf{R}}a.$ **Pf.** (By structural induction on x.) **Basis step:** $x = \lambda$. $([a] \odot x)^{\mathsf{R}} = ([a] \odot \lambda)^{\mathsf{R}} = (\lambda a)^{\mathsf{R}} = [a] \odot (\lambda)^{\mathsf{R}} = [a] \odot \lambda = \lambda a = \lambda^{\mathsf{R}}a = x^{\mathsf{R}}a.$ $\sqrt{}$

Inductive step: Assume that for some $y \in \Sigma^*$, for all $a \in \Sigma$, $([a] \odot y)^{\mathsf{R}} = y^{\mathsf{R}}a$. Let x = yb where $b \in \Sigma$. $([a] \odot x)^{\mathsf{R}} = ([a] \odot yb)^{\mathsf{R}} = (([a] \odot y)b)^{\mathsf{R}} = [b] \odot ([a] \odot y)^{\mathsf{R}} = [b] \odot (y^{\mathsf{R}}a)$ (by the IH). By the definitions of concatenation and reverse, $[b] \odot (y^{\mathsf{R}}a) = ([b] \odot y^{\mathsf{R}})a = (yb)^{\mathsf{R}}a = x^{\mathsf{R}}a$. \checkmark The claim follows by structural induction. Thm. $\forall x \in \Sigma^*$, $(x^R)^R = x$. **Pf.** (By structural induction on *x*.) **Basis step:** $x = \lambda$. $(x^R)^R = (\lambda^R)^R = \lambda^R = \lambda$. $\sqrt{}$

Inductive step: Assume that $(y^{\mathsf{R}})^{\mathsf{R}} = y$. Let x = ya where $a \in \Sigma$. Then $(x^{\mathsf{R}})^{\mathsf{R}} = ((ya)^{\mathsf{R}})^{\mathsf{R}} = ([a] \odot (y^{\mathsf{R}}))^{\mathsf{R}} = (y^{\mathsf{R}})^{\mathsf{R}}a = ya = x$. $\sqrt{$

The theorem follows by structural induction. □

Def. A **binary tree** is either empty or it consists of a node called the *root* together with two binary trees called the *left subtree* and the *right subtree* of the root. A node is a *leaf* if its left and right subtree are empty; otherwise it is an *internal node*.

Structural induction for binary trees:

Basis step: Prove that P holds for the empty tree.

Inductive step: Show that if P holds for 2 subtrees L and R, it holds for the tree with root r, left subtree L, and right subtree R.

Thm. A binary tree with n internal nodes has at most n + 1 leaves.

Pf. (By structural induction.)

Basis step: The empty tree has 0 internal nodes and 0 leaves. $\sqrt{}$

Inductive step: Suppose *L* is a binary tree; n_1 internal nodes; $\leq n_1 + 1$ leaves.

Suppose R is a binary tree; n_2 internal nodes; $\leq n_2 + 1$ leaves.

Suppose T has root r, left subtree L and right subtree R.

If both L and R are empty, then r is a leaf, so there are zero internal nodes and one leaf. $\sqrt{}$ Otherwise, r is an internal node of T.

The internal nodes of L and R are also internal nodes of T.

The leaves of L and R are the leaves of T. Thus T has $1 + n_1 + n_2$ internal nodes and $\leq (n_1 + 1) + (n_2 + 1) = 2 + n_1 + n_2$ leaves. $\sqrt{}$ The theorem follows by structural induction.

Counting

• How many elements are there in $A_1 \times A_2 \times ... \times A_n$?

Answer: $|A_1| \cdot |A_2| \cdots |A_n|$.

• How many bits strings are of length n?

Answer: 2 possibilities for each bit, so 2^n .

• How many subsets are there of a set of size *n*?

Answer: There is a 1-1 correspondence between these subsets and the bit strings of length n, so 2^n . • How many functions $f : A \rightarrow B$, where |A| = m, |B| = n?

Answer: There are *n* possible values for $f(a) \ \forall a \in A$, so n^m .

• How many 1-1 functions $f : A \rightarrow B$, where |A| = m, |B| = n? Note: $m \le n$.

Answer: n possibilities for the 1st n-1 possibilities for the 2nd n-2 possibilities for the 3rd $\dots n-m+1$ possibilities for last So $\prod_{i=0}^{m-1}(n-i) = \frac{n!}{(n-m)!}$.

- The Inclusion-Exclusion Principle. (2 sets) $|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$
- Tree diagrams.

The Pigeonhole Principle

Thm. [The Pigeonhole Principle] If $\geq k + 1$ pigeons go into k holes, then ≥ 1 hole has ≥ 2 pigeons.

Thm.

[The Generalized Pigeonhole Principle] If N pigeons go into k holes, then ≥ 1 hole has $\geq \lceil N/k \rceil$ pigeons.

Pf. Suppose no hole contains $> \lceil N/k \rceil - 1$ pigeons. Then, the number of pigeons is $\leq k(\lceil N/k \rceil - 1) < k((N/k + 1) - 1) = N$. Contradiction. So ≥ 1 hole has $\geq \lceil N/k \rceil$ pigeons. \Box

Examples:

- Let A = {1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8}. Suppose B ⊂ A, |B| = 5. Must there be 2 integers in B which sum to 9? Yes. Consider {{1,8}, {2,7}, {3,6}, {4,5}}. Since there are 5 elements from these 4 subsets, some subset must have 2.
- Suppose you have 10 red balls and 10 blue balls. How many do I have to take before I am sure I have ≥ 3 of the same color?
 5. There are 2 sets. 5 is the least N s.t. [N/2] = 3.
- 3, 19, 13, 7, 12, 8, 4, 9, 29, 31, 2, 16, 1, 15, 21, 5, 6. Does this sequence have a subsequence of length 5 which is strictly increasing or strictly decreasing? Yes. 3,7,8,29,31. With n² + 1 elements, must have n + 1 increasing or decreasing.

Ramsey Theory

Suppose there are 6 people. Each pair is either friends or enemies. There is a subset of 3 — all friends or all enemies.

Why? Consider one person P. There are 5 other people. By the Pigeonhole Principle, either at least 3 are friends or at least 3 are enemies of P.

Suppose *A*, *B*, and *C* are friends of *P*. If any pair are friends, we have a subset of 3 friends. If they are all enemies, they form a subset of 3 enemies.

Suppose A, B, and C are enemies of P. If any pair are enemies, we have a subset of 3 enemies. If they are all friends, they form a subset of 3 friends.

Permutations

Permutation – an ordering of some objects. r-**permutation** – an ordering of r objects from a set.

Example: 5, 2, 3 — 3-permutation of $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$.

Thm. The number of r-permutations of n elements is

 $P(n,r) = n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-r+1) = n!/(n-r)!$

Pf. Same argument as for the number of 1-1 functions $f : A \rightarrow B$, where |A| = r, |B| = n, since A can be thought of as the position number. \Box

Combinations

r-combination – an unordered subset of r objects from a set.

Example: $\{2,3,5\}$ — 3-combination of $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$.

Thm. The number of r-combinations of n elements is

$$C(n,r) = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Pf. Any *r*-permutation is an ordering of an *r*-combination. There are P(r, r) = r! ways to order an *r*-permutation. Thus,

$$P(n,r) = C(n,r) \cdot P(r,r)$$

and

$$C(n,r) = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} / r! = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

Example 1: A *traveling salesman* starts in city 1, has to visit 5 other cities (6 in all), each exactly once, and then return home. How many tours are there?

Answer: $P(5,5) = 5!/0! = 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 120$.

Example 2: Suppose there are 36 numbers in a lottery and you have to guess 7 correct to win. How many different possibilities are you choosing from?

Answer: $\frac{36!}{7!29!} = 8,347,680$. So you have less than 1 chance in 8,000,000 of winning big.

Notation: $\binom{n}{r} = C(n,r)$ is a binomial coefficient.

Binomial Coefficients

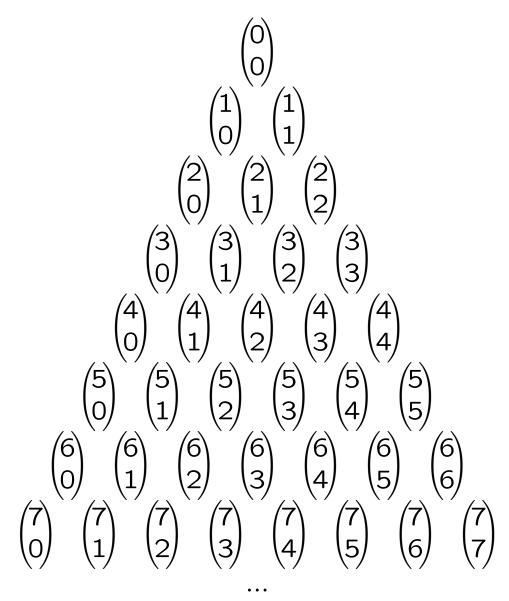
Thm. [Pascal's Identity] $n \ge k \ge 1$. C(n + 1, k) = C(n, k - 1) + C(n, k)Pf. $C(n + 1, k) = \frac{(n+1)!}{k!(n+1-k)!}$ $= \frac{(n+1)n!}{k!(n-k)!(n+1-k)}$ $= \frac{(n+1-k)n!}{k!(n-k)!(n+1-k)}$ $+ \frac{k \cdot n!}{k!(n-k)!(n+1-k)}$ $= C(n, k) + \frac{n!}{(k-1)!(n+1-k)!}$ = C(n, k) + C(n, k - 1)

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Thm. $n \ge 1$. $\sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k) = 2^{n}$. **Pf.** Consider a set with n elements. There are C(n,k) different subsets of size k. Thus, the total number of subsets is $\sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k)$. The number of subsets of a set of size n is 2^{n} . \Box

Thm. [Vandermonde's Identity] $n \ge r \ge 0. \ m \ge r.$ $C(m+n,r) = \sum_{k=0}^{r} C(m,r-k)C(n,k).$ **Pf.** Suppose $|A| = n, \ |B| = m.$ Let $C = A \cup B. \ |C| = m + n.$ C(m+n,r) = number of ways to choose relements from C.Same as choosing k from A and r-k from B. C(m,r-k)C(n,k) ways — for fixed k. $\sum_{k=0}^{r} C(m,r-k)C(n,k)$ ways in all. Thus, $C(m+n,r) = \sum_{k=0}^{r} C(m,r-k)C(n,k).$





$$(x + y)^{1} = x + y$$

$$(x + y)^{2} = x^{2} + 2xy + y^{2}$$

$$(x + y)^{3} = x^{3} + 3x^{2}y + 3xy^{2} + y^{3}$$

$$(x + y)^{4} = x^{4} + 4x^{3}y + 6x^{2}y^{2} + 4xy^{3} + y^{4}$$

$$(x + y)^{5} = x^{5} + 5x^{4}y + 10x^{3}y^{2} + 10x^{2}y^{3} + 5xy^{4} + y^{5}$$

Thm. [The Binomial Theorem]

$$n \ge 1. \quad x, y \text{ variables.} \\ (x+y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^j$$

$$= \binom{n}{0}x^n + \binom{n}{1}x^{n-1}y + \binom{n}{2}x^{n-2}y^2 + . \\ \dots + \binom{n}{n-1}xy^{n-1} + \binom{n}{n}y^n$$
Pf. (By induction on n)
Basis step: $n = 1.$
 $(x+y)^1 = C(1,0)x^1y^0 + C(1,1)x^0y^1. \checkmark$
Inductive step: Suppose $n \ge 1$
and $(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^j.$
 $(x+y)^{n+1} = (x+y)(x+y)^n$
 $= x(\sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^j) + y(\sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^j)$
 $= (\sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n+1-j}y^j) + (\sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^{j+1})$

 $= (\sum_{j=0}^{n} C(n, j) x^{n+1-j} y^{j})$ $+ (\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} C(n, k-1) x^{n+1-k} y^{k})$

For the last step j = k - 1.

$$= (\sum_{j=0}^{n} C(n,j)x^{n+1-j}y^{j}) + (\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} C(n,k-1)x^{n+1-k}y^{k}) = C(n,0)x^{n+1}y^{0} + C(n,n)x^{0}y^{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} (C(n,k) + C(n,k-1))x^{n+1-k}y^{k} = C(n,0)x^{n+1}y^{0} + C(n+1,n+1)x^{0}y^{n+1} + \sum_{k=1}^{n} C(n+1,k)x^{n+1-k}y^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n+1} C(n+1,k)x^{n+1-k}y^{k} \qquad \checkmark$$

So by induction, $(x+y)^n = \sum_{j=0}^n C(n,j)x^{n-j}y^j$ for all $n \ge 1$. \Box

Alternate proof:

 $(x+y)^{n} = (x+y)(x+y)\cdots(x+y)$ *n* terms. Result — choose an *x* or a *y* from each term. How many ways to get $x^{n-j}y^{j}$? Choose which terms give a y - C(n, j). Thus, $(x+y)^{n} = \sum_{j=0}^{n} C(n, j)x^{n-j}y^{j}$ for $n \ge 1$. \Box

Using the binomial theorem

Thm. $n \ge 1$. $\sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k) = 2^{n}$. Pf. $2^{n} = (1+1)^{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k) 1^{n-k} 1^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k)$

Thm. $n \ge 1$. $\sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{k} C(n,k) = 0$. Pf. $0 = (1+(-1))^{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} C(n,k) 1^{n-k} (-1)^{k} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^{k} C(n,k)$

Discrete Probability Example:

6-sided dice — 2

experiment — throwing the dice, getting 2 numbers

sample space — all pairs of numbers (i, j), where $1 \le i \le j \le 6$.

event — pairs of numbers that sum to 7 probability that the sum is 7 — $\frac{6}{6\cdot 6} = \frac{1}{6}$.

Example:

Deck of 52 playing cards:

experiment — taking 13 different cards at random

sample space — all hands containing 13 cards event — all hands with no face cards or aces

probability — $\frac{\frac{36!}{13!23!}}{\frac{52!}{13!39!}} = \frac{36!39!}{23!52!} = .00363896...$

Example: 36 numbered balls

experiment — randomly choosing 7 balls and then 4 more

sample space — all pairs of sets of numbers (A, B), where all numbers are distinct, |A| = 7, |B| = 4.

event — a specific set of pairs $(A_1, B_1), ..., (A_k, B_k)$, such that each A_i contains 6 of the 7 distinct numbers $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4, x_5, x_6, x_7$ and each B_i contains the number missing from A_i . probability is $\frac{k}{\frac{36!}{7!29!} \cdot \frac{29!}{4! \cdot 25!}} = \frac{k}{\frac{36!}{4!7!25!}}$.

So what is k? There are 7 possibilities for which x_j is not in A_i , 29 possibilities for that last number in A_i , and 28!/(3!25!) possibilities for the extra elements in B_i . So k = $7 \cdot 29 \cdot 28!/(3!25!)$, and the entire probability is

$$\frac{7 \cdot 29! / (3!25!)}{\frac{36!}{4!7!25!}} = \frac{4 \cdot 7 \cdot 29!7!}{36!} < 3.3542 * 10^{-6}.$$

Fact. If all outcomes of a finite sample space S are equally likely, the probability of an event E is p(E) = |E|/|S|. This distribution of probabilities is called the *uniform distribution*.

Def. Events $A_1, A_2, ...$ are *pairwise mutually* exclusive if $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$ for $i \neq j$.

Suppose sample space $S = \{x_1, x_2, ..., x_n\}$, and probability of x_i is $p(x_i)$. Must have

- $0 \le p(x_i) \le 1$ $\forall i$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i) = 1.$
- For any events $A_1, A_2, ..., A_k$ that are pairwise mutually exclusive, $p(\bigcup_i A_i) = \sum_i p(A_i)$.

Suppose sample space $S = \{x_i \mid i \ge 1\}$. Then,

- $0 \le p(x_i) \le 1 \quad \forall i$
- $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(x_i) = 1.$
- For any events $A_1, A_2, ...$ that are pairwise mutually exclusive, $p(\bigcup_i A_i) = \sum_i p(A_i)$.

Example:

experiment — a fair coin is flipped until "heads". sample space — $S = \{H, TH, TTH, ..., T^nH, ...\}.$ event — 1 sequence of flips probability — $p(T^nH) = (1/2)^{n+1}$ for $n \ge 0$.

Suppose the coin is biased — p(heads) = p; p(tails) = q = 1 - p. $p(T^nH) = q^np$ — the geometric distribution The probability of event E is

$$p(E) = \sum_{x_i \in E} p(x_i)$$

For fair 6-sided dice: $p(\{5,6\}) = 1/3$.

Suppose a die is loaded so

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$$p(1) = 1/3$$

$$p(2) = 2/15$$

$$p(3) = 2/15$$

$$p(4) = 2/15$$

$$p(5) = 2/15$$

$$p(6) = 2/15$$

Then $\sum_{i=1}^{6} p(i) = 1/3 + 5(2/15) = 1$.

For this die, $p(\{5,6\}) = 4/15 < 1/3$.

With 2 of these dice p(sum = 7) is

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{15} + 4 \cdot \frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{2}{15} = 4/25 < 1/6$$

Thm. $p(\overline{E}) = 1 - p(E)$. Pf. $\sum_{i=1}^{n} p(x_i) = 1 = p(E) + p(\overline{E})$. Thus, $P(\overline{E}) = 1 - p(E)$. \Box

Substituting ∞ for n changes nothing.

Thm. $p(E_1 \cup E_2) = p(E_1) + p(E_2) - p(E_1 \cap E_2).$ Pf. $p(E_1 \cup E_2) = \sum_{x_i \in E_1 \cup E_2} p(x_i)$ $= \sum_{x_i \in E_1} p(x_i) + \sum_{x \in E_2} p(x_i)$ $- \sum_{x \in E_1 \cap E_2} p(x_i)$ $= p(E_1) + p(E_2) - p(E_1 \cap E_2).$

Def. The conditional probability of *E* given *F* is $p(E|F) = \frac{p(E \cap F)}{p(F)}$.

Example: With 2 fair dice, what is the probability that the sum is 7, given that both dice are ≥ 3 ?

Answer:

 $p(\text{sum is 7 and both} \ge 3)/p(\text{both} \ge 3) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} / (\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3}) = 1/8.$

Thm. [Baye's Theorem] For events A, B, with p(A) > 0, p(B) > 0, $p(A|B) = \frac{p(A)p(B|A)}{p(B)}$. **Pf.** By the def of conditional probability, $p(A \cap B) = p(B)p(A|B)$. $p(A \cap B) = p(A)p(B|A)$. So p(B)p(A|B) = p(A)p(B|A). Divide both sides by p(B). **Example:** With 2 loaded dice. (with p(1) = 1/3 and the others 2/15), what is the probability that the sum is 7, given that both dice are ≥ 3 ? Answer: $p(\text{sum is 7 and both } \geq 3)/p(\text{both } \geq 3) = 2 \cdot \frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{2}{15} / (\frac{8}{15} \cdot \frac{8}{15}) = 1/8.$

Example: Suppose you are on a game show. The host asks you to choose 1 of 3 doors for a prize. You choose door A. The host opens another door B.

No big prize there.

You are told you can switch your choice. Should you switch? Answer: Yes.

 $p(\text{prize behind } A \mid \text{not behind } B)$

 $= p(A \wedge \neg B)/p(\neg B) = 1/2$ is not the answer. B was chosen after A.

 $p(\text{prize behind } A \mid \text{the host chose } B)$ is the correct probability.

You could have chosen 3 doors. If you chose the prize, the host has 2 choices; otherwise only 1.

Your choice	Location of Prize	Prob of B
A	A	(1/3)(1/2)
A	B	(1/3)(0)
	C	(1/3)(1)

So p(prize behind A and host chose B) = (1/3)(1/2) = 1/6.

p(host chose B) = (1/3)(1/2) + (1/3) = 1/2.Thus, $p(\text{prize behind } A \mid \text{the host chose } B) = (1/6)/(1/2) = 1/3,$

and $p(\text{prize behind } A \mid \text{the host chose } B) = 2/3.$

Another tricky example: Suppose you know that *A* has two children and you are told that one is a girl. What is the probability that the other is also a girl?

Wrong answer: 1/2 since there is always a 50-50 chance for a boy or a girl. This is wrong even assuming that the probabilities are exactly 50-50 and that the events are independent.

This is only correct if you said the oldest or the youngest, etc.

Correct answer: 1/3.

There are 4 possibilities: (G,G), (G,B), (B,G), (B,G), (B,B).

"One is a girl" only rules out the last!.

Def. *E* and *F* are **independent** iff $p(E \cap F) = p(E)p(F)$.

Fact: If *E* and *F* are independent, then $p(E|F) = p(E \cap F)/p(F) = p(E)$.

Example: With 2 fair dice, the probability that the sum is 7 is *not* independent of both dice being ≥ 3 . $p(\text{sum is 7 and both } \geq 3)/p(\text{both } \geq 3) =$

 $2 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{1}{6} / (\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{2}{3}) = 1/8 \neq 1/6 = p(\text{sum is 7}).$

Example: The probability that the sum is 7 given that both dice are ≥ 3 is independent of the probabilities of the dice being 1 or 2. (Assuming that all probabilities are nonzero.)

Bernoulli trial: – an experiment with 2 outcomes; success with probability p, failure with probability q = 1 - p.

Bernoulli trials: — k independent repetitions of a Bernoulli trial.

Example: Consider 2 fair dice. Throw k times. What is the probability that the first time you get a sum of 7 is on throw j, where $j \leq k$.

Answer: $(\frac{5}{6})^{j-1}(\frac{1}{6})$.

This is the same as the biased coin with probabilities p of "heads" and q = 1 - p of "tails". The answer is from the geometric distribution: $q^{j-1}p$.

Try tree diagrams.

Thm. The probability of k successes in nindependent Bernoulli trials is $\binom{n}{k}p^kq^{n-k}$. **Pf.** The outcome is $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)$, where $x_i = \begin{cases} S, & \text{if the } i\text{th trial is success} \\ F, & \text{if the } i\text{th trial is failure} \\ p((x_1, x_2, ..., x_n)), & \text{with } k \text{ successes and } n-k \\ \text{failures is } p^kq^{n-k}. & \text{There are } \binom{n}{k} & \text{outcomes} \\ \text{with } k \text{ successes and } n-k & \text{failures. So the} \\ \text{probability is } \binom{n}{k}p^kq^{n-k}. & \Box \end{cases}$

The **binomial distribution** is $b(k; n, p) = \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k}.$

Note $\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} p^k q^{n-k} = (p+q)^n = 1.$

Def. A random variable is a function $f: S \rightarrow IR$.

Def. For a finite sample space $S = \{s_1, s_2, ..., s_n\}$, the *expected value* of the random variable X(s) is $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{n} p(s_i) X(s_i)$.

Def. For a countably infinite sample space $S = \{s_1 \mid i \ge 1\}$, the *expected value* of the random variable X(s) is $E(X) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} p(s_i)X(s_i)$.

Example: What is the expected number of successes in *n* Bernoulli trials? Probability of success = *p*. Probability of failure = q = 1-p.

Answer:

$$\begin{split} E[X] &= \sum_{k=1}^{n} kp(X=k) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) p^{k} q^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}\right) p^{k} q^{n-k} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{n} k\left(\frac{n(n-1)!}{k(k-1)!(n-1-k+1)!}\right) p^{k} q^{n-k} \\ &= n \sum_{k=1}^{n} \left(\frac{(n-1)!}{(k-1)!(n-1-(k-1))!}\right) p^{k} q^{n-k} \\ &= n p \sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k} q^{n-k} \\ &= n p \sum_{k=1}^{n} \binom{n-1}{k-1} p^{k-1} q^{n-k} \\ &= n p \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \binom{n-1}{j} p^{j} q^{n-1-j} \\ &= n p (p+q)^{n-1} \\ &= n p. \quad \Box \end{split}$$

Example: What is the expected value of the first successful Bernoulli trial?

Answer:

$$\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} iq^{i-1}p = \sum_{\substack{i=1\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} iq^{i-1} - \sum_{\substack{i=1\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} iq^i \quad (j = i - 1)$$

$$= \sum_{\substack{j=0\\ j=0}}^{\infty} (j+1)q^j - \sum_{\substack{i=1\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} (j+1-j)q^j$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{\substack{j=1\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} q^j$$

$$= 1 + (\sum_{\substack{j=0\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} q^j) - 1$$

$$= \lim_{\substack{k \to \infty}} \frac{q^{k+1}-1}{q-1}$$
(Since this is a geometric progression.)
Since $q < 1$, $\lim_{\substack{k \to \infty}} q^{k+1} = 0$.
Thus, $\sum_{\substack{i=1\\ m \in \infty}}^{\infty} iq^{i-1}p = \frac{-1}{q-1} = \frac{1}{p}$.

With a fair die, the expected number of throws before a 1 is 6.

Linearity of Expectation

A linear function has the form $f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n) = a_0 + a_1 X_1 + a_2 X_2 + ... + a_n X_n$ where $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ for $0 \le i \le n$.

Thm. Let f be a linear function, S be a sample space, and $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ be random variables defined on S. Then, $E[f(X_1, X_2, ..., X_n)] = f(E[X_1], E[X_2], ..., E[X_n])$. **Pf.** Let $f(X_1, ..., X_n) = a_0 + a_1X_1 + ... + a_nX_n$ where $a_i \in I\!\!R$ for $0 \le i \le n$. Then, $E[f(X_1, ..., X_n)]$

$$= \sum_{s \in S} p(s)f(X_1(s), ..., X_n(s))$$

= $\sum_{s \in S} p(s)(a_0 + a_1X_1(s) + ... + a_nX_n(s))$

$$= \sum_{s \in S} (p(s)a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n p(s)a_iX_i(s))$$

= $a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (\sum_{s \in S} p(s)a_iX_i(s))$
= $a_0 + \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i \sum_{s \in S} p(s)X_i(s))$
= $f(E[X_1], E[X_2], ..., E[X_n]).$

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If two random variables X and Y are independent, then $E[XY] = E[X] \cdot E[Y]$.

The **variance** of a random variable is $Var[X] = E[(X - E[X])^2].$

 $Var[X] = E[X^2 - 2XE[X] + E^2[X]].$ By the linearity of expectations, this is $E[X^2] - 2E[XE[X]] + E[E^2[X]].$ Since E[X] is a real number, this is $E[X^2] - 2E^2[X] + E^2[X].$ Thus Var[X] is also $E[X^2] - E^2[X].$

If X and Y are independent random variables, then Var[X+Y] = Var[X] + Var[Y]. If $X_1, X_2, ..., X_n$ are pairwise independent random variables, then $Var[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var[X_i]$.

The **standard deviation** of a random variable is the positive square root of the variance.

The variance of a geometric distribution can be shown to q/p (recall that the expectation is 1/p).

Consider Bernoulli trials.

 X_i — how many successes in the *i*th trial. Must be either 0 or 1, so $E[X_i^2] = E[X_i] = p$. The variance of the binomial distribution — $Var[X] = Var[\sum_{i=1}^{n} X_i] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} Var[X_i]$ since the X_i are pairwise independent. $Var[X_i] = E[X_i^2] - E^2[X_i] = p - p^2 = pq$. Thus for the binomial distribution, $Var[X] = \sum_{i=1}^{n} pq = npq$.

Permutations with repetition — sampling with replacement

Example

- A bag with 3 red balls, 4 green balls, and 5 blue balls.
 - Take a ball out.
 - Put it back and take another ball out.
 - Put it back and take another ball out.

Probability all 3 are blue
$$=\frac{5^3}{12^3}=125/1728$$
.

Combinations with repetition

Example

Same experiment. 3 red. 4 green. 5 blue. How many ways to get 1 red ball and 2 green balls? $3 \cdot 4^2$ Note: not interested in order. Represent result as: $n_1 \mid n_2 \mid n_3$, where n_1 — number of red balls n_2 — number of green balls n_3 — number of blue balls We wanted: $1 \mid 2 \mid 0$. Could also represent as *|**|. How many distinct results are there? $(n_1 \mid n_2 \mid n_3)$ The number of ways to write down 3 *s and 2 |s. There are 5 places. Choose 3 places for stars. **Answer:** $\begin{pmatrix} 5 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{5!}{3!2!} = 10.$

Example

Same experiment with n types of balls and r choices. (An r-combination from n elements, with repetition.) There are r stars and n-1 bars. Number of distinct results is $\binom{n+r-1}{r}$.

Example

How many ways can you choose k integers ≥ 0 , $(n_1, n_2, ..., n_k)$, such that $\sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$? **Answer:** $\binom{k+n-1}{n}$. How many nonnegative solutions are there to

Answer:
$$\begin{pmatrix} n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 = 7? \\ 4 + 7 - 1 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix} = \frac{10!}{7!3!} = 120.$$

Example

A bag with 3 red balls, 4 green balls, and 5 blue balls. Consider all red balls the same, etc. How many orderings are there of the balls? There are (3+4+5)! orderings. Given one ordering, $(x_1, x_2, ..., x_{12})$, there are 3!4!5! which are identical to it. The number of distinct orderings is $\frac{12!}{3!4!5!} = 27,720.$

Example

How many ways to put n pigeons in k holes, if the *i*th hole should have n_i pigeons?

Answer:
$$\begin{pmatrix} n \\ n_1 \end{pmatrix}$$
 for the first hole.
 $\begin{pmatrix} n-n_1 \\ n_2 \end{pmatrix}$ for the second hole.
 $\begin{pmatrix} n-n_1-n_2 \\ n_3 \end{pmatrix}$ for the third hole.

Etc. Multiply these together to get: $\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\cdots n_k!}$

Generating permutations

Suppose you want to test your sorting algorithm. Try it on all permutations of $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$. How large should n be? If n is 10, this is 10!=3,628,800, so not more than 10.

Lexicographic order would be nice.

(2,4,7,3,8,1,9,6,5,10) < (2,4,7,5,6,10,9,1,3,8) because 3 < 5.

How to get the next larger permutation? (after $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)$) (1,2,3),(1,3,2),(2,1,3),(2,3,1),(3,1,2),(3,2,1). (1,2,3),(1,3,2),(2,1,3),(2,3,1),(3,1,2),(3,2,1).

If $a_{n-1} < a_n$, switch them.

Otherwise, find largest j with $a_j < a_{j+1}$. $a_{j+1} > a_{j+2} > ... > a_n$. Find the least value $a_k > a_j$ from $\{a_{j+1}, a_{j+2}, ..., a_n\}$. Put a_k where a_j was. Put the remaining elements from $\{a_j, a_{j+1}, ..., a_n\}$ in increasing order.

 $(1, 2, 5, 10, 7, \mathbf{4}, 9, 8, 6, 3) \rightarrow$ $(1, 2, 5, 10, 7, \mathbf{6}, 3, 4, 8, 9).$

procedure next_permutation $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_n)$ { a permutation of (1, 2, ..., n), $\neq (n, n - 1, ..., 1)$ } $j \leftarrow n-1$ while $a_j > a_{j+1}$ $j \leftarrow j-1$ { j is largest subscript with $a_j < a_{j+1}$ } $k \leftarrow n$ while $a_i > a_k$ $k \leftarrow k-1$ $\{a_k \text{ is smallest value } > a_j \text{ to right of } a_j\}$ switch a_i and a_k $r \leftarrow n$ $s \leftarrow j+1$ while r > sswitch a_r and a_s $r \leftarrow r-1$ $s \leftarrow s+1$ { this reverses the order after a_j }

Generating combinations

Combinations are subsets: So use binary strings to represent them. Lexicographic order of strings is increasing order of integers. (000), (001), (010), (011), (100), (101), (110), (111). To get next integer, find rightmost 0. Change it to 1. Change all 1's to right to 0's.

For an r-combination, have r ones in the string. (00111), (01011), (01101), (01110), (10011), (10101), (10110), (11001), (11010), (11100). Find the rightmost 01.

Change it to 10.

Move all the 1's to the right as far right as possible.

To find the next *r*-combination of (1, 2, ..., n): (11100) \leftrightarrow (1, 2, 3) — the smallest.

Lexicographic order is not lexicographic order of strings.

To get the next, find the rightmost 10.

Change it to 01.

Move all the 1's to the right as far left as possible.

To do this directly: Suppose have $(a_1, a_2, ..., a_r)$. If this looks like $(a_1, ..., a_k, n-r+k+1, n-r+k+2, ..., n-1, n)$, should change a_k to $a_k + 1$. $a_{k+1} \leftarrow a_k + 2$. $a_{k+2} \leftarrow a_k + 3$. Generally, $a_j = a_k + j - k + 1$, for $k+1 \le j \le r$. Suppose n = 6. Consider $(2, 5, 6) \rightarrow (3, 4, 5)$. procedure next_combination($a_1, a_2, ..., a_r$) { a r-combination of (1, 2, ..., n), $\neq (n - r + 1, ..., n)$ } $i \leftarrow r$ while $a_i = n - r + i$ $i \leftarrow i - 1$ $a_i \leftarrow a_i + 1$ for $j \leftarrow i + 1$ to r $a_j \leftarrow a_i + j - i + 1$ (typo in text)

The Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion

 $A_1, A_2, ..., A_n$ finite sets.

 $|A_1 \cup A_2| = |A_1| + |A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2|.$

 $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3| - |A_1 \cap A_2|$ $-|A_1 \cap A_2| - |A_1 \cap A_2| + |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3|.$

Thm.[The Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion] $|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \ldots \cup A_n|$ $= \sum_{1 \le i \le n} |A_i| - \sum_{1 \le i < j \le n} |A_i \cap A_j|$ $+ \sum_{1 \le i < j < k \le n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k|$ $- \ldots + (-1)^{n+1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \ldots \cap A_n|.$

Pf. (by induction on n) **Basis step:** n = 2. Proven earlier. **Inductive step:**

Applications

Counting number of elements with or without the properties $P_1, P_2, ..., P_n$:

 $N(P_{i_1}P_{i_2}...P_{i_k})$ — number of elements with properties $P_{i_1}, P_{i_2}, ..., P_{i_k}$. $N(P'_{i_1}P'_{i_2}...P'_{i_k})$ — number of elements with none of the properties $P_{i_1}, P_{i_2}, ..., P_{i_k}$.

$$\begin{split} A_i & - \text{ subset of elements with property } P_i. \\ N & - \text{ total number of elements} \\ N(P_{i_1}P_{i_2}...P_{i_k}) &= |A_{i_1} \cap A_{i_2} \cap ... \cap A_{i_k}| \\ N(P_{i_1}'P_{i_2}'...P_{i_k}') &= N - |A_{i_1} \cup A_{i_2} \cup ... \cup A_{i_k}| \\ N(P_{i_1}'P_{i_2}'...P_{i_k}') &= N - \sum_{1 \leq i \leq n} N(P_i) + \\ & \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} N(P_iP_j) - ... + (-1)^n N(P_1, P_2, ..., P_n). \end{split}$$

How many solutions are there to $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 = 7$, if you must have $n_1, n_2, n_3 \leq 3$ and $n_4 \leq 4$.

Property P_1 is $n_1 > 3$. Property P_2 is $n_2 > 3$. Property P_3 is $n_3 > 3$. Property P_4 is $n_4 > 4$.

$$N(P'_{1}P'_{2}P'_{3}P'_{4}) = N$$

- N(P_{1}) - N(P_{2}) - N(P_{3}) - N(P_{4})
+ N(P_{1}P_{2}) + N(P_{1}P_{3}) + N(P_{1}P_{4})
+ N(P_{2}P_{3}) + N(P_{2}P_{4}) + N(P_{3}P_{4})
- N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{3}) - N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{4})
- N(P_{1}P_{3}P_{4}) - N(P_{2}P_{3}P_{4})
+ N(P_{1}P_{2}P_{3}P_{4})

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$$N = \text{total number} = \begin{pmatrix} 4+7-1\\7 \end{pmatrix} = 120.$$

• $N(P_1) = \text{number with } n_1 \ge 4$

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= $\begin{pmatrix} 4+3-1\\ 3 \end{pmatrix} = 20$

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$$N(P_2) = N(P_3) = N(P_1) = 20$$

•
$$N(P_4) =$$
 number with $n_4 \ge 5$
= $\begin{pmatrix} 4+2-1\\2 \end{pmatrix} = 10$

- $N(P_1P_2)$ = number with $n_1 \ge 4$ and $n_2 \ge 4$. This is impossible, so 0.
- All intersections of at least 2 are impossible.

Thus, $N(P'_1P'_2P'_3P'_4) = 120 - 3(20) - 10 + 0 = 50.$

The Sieve of Eratosthenes

To get a list of primes $\leq B$:

Create an empty list P. Create a list L of the integers 2..B. while L is not empty do Remove p — smallest element in L. Insert p in P. Delete all multiples of p from L.

How many primes are there ≤ 19 ? How many numbers are in P if B = 19?

Property $P_i(x)$ is: *i*th prime $< x \le 19$ and *i*th prime divides x. Every composite ≤ 19 is divisible by a prime $\le \sqrt{19} \le 5$.

Answer:
$$N(P'_1P'_2P'_3) = N$$

 $-N(P_1) - N(P_2) - N(P_3)$
 $+N(P_1P_2) + N(P_1P_3) + N(P_2P_3) -$
 $N(P_1P_2P_3)$

- *N* = 18.
- $N(P_1) = 8$ (2 divides x)
- $N(P_2) = 5$ (3 divides x)
- $N(P_3) = 2$ (5 divides x)
- $N(P_1P_2) = 3$ (6 divides x)
- $N(P_1P_3) = 1$ (10 divides x)
- $N(P_2P_3) = 1$ (15 divides x)
- $N(P_1P_2P_3) = 0$ (30 divides x)

 $N(P_1'P_2'P_3') = 18 - 8 - 5 - 2 + 3 + 1 + 1 - 0 = 8.$

Derangements

Example: Peter likes betting. He hears:

- Team A is expected to win.
- Team B is expected to be 2nd.
- Team C is expected to be 3rd.
- Team D is expected to be 4th.
- Team E is expected to be 5th.

Peters bets on these 5 events. In how many ways can he lose all bets?

A *derangement* is a permutation with no object in its original position.

Property P_i — place *i* was correct. Want $D = N(P'_1P'_2P'_3P'_4P'_5)$.

$$D = N - \sum_{i=1}^{5} N(P_i) + \sum_{1 \le i < j \le 5} N(P_i P_j)$$

-
$$\sum_{1 \le i < j < k \le 5} N(P_i P_j P_k)$$

+
$$\sum_{1 \le i < j < k < l \le 5} N(P_i P_j P_k P_l)$$

-
$$N(P_1 P_2 P_3 P_4 P_5).$$

$$N = 5!.$$

$$N(P_i) = (5-1)! \quad \forall i.$$

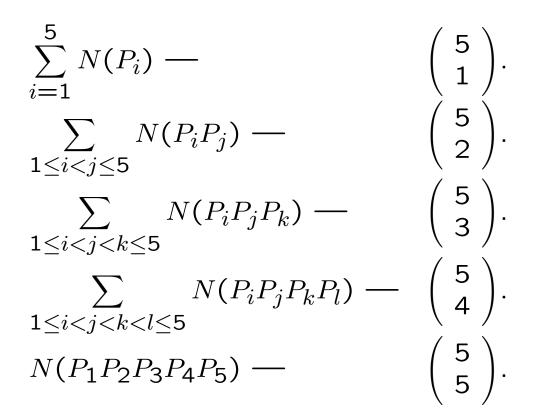
$$N(P_iP_j) = (5-2)! \quad \forall i, j.$$

$$N(P_iP_jP_k) = (5-3)! \quad \forall i, j, k.$$

$$N(P_iP_jP_kP_l) = (5-4)! \quad \forall i, j, k, l.$$

$$N(P_1P_2P_3P_4P_5) = (5-5)!.$$

How many terms are there in each sum?



$$D = 5! - (5 - 1)! \frac{5!}{1!(5 - 1)!} + (5 - 2)! \frac{5!}{2!(5 - 2)!}$$
$$- (5 - 3)! \frac{5!}{3!(5 - 3)!} + (5 - 4)! \frac{5!}{4!(5 - 4)!}$$
$$- (5 - 5)! \frac{5!}{5!(5 - 5)!}$$
$$D = 5! \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{1}{5!}\right) = 44.$$

Thm. The number of derangements of a set with n elements is

$$D_n = n! \left(1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} \right)$$

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Suppose all permutations were equally likely. What is the probability of a derangement?

$$D_n/n! = 1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!}$$

The infinte sum

$$1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{1}{n!} + \dots$$

gives $1/e \approx 0.368$.

$$\frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} \le \frac{D_n}{n!} \le \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{(n+1)!}.$$

The probability of at least one object being fixed is approximately $1 - 1/e \approx 0.632$.

Recurrence relations

Example: Tower of Hanoi.

Move n disks from peg 1 to peg 2.

 H_n - number of moves used for n disks.

Solution: Move n - 1 pegs to peg 3, using H_{n-1} moves. Move the bottom disk to peg 2. Move n-1 pegs from peg 3 to peg 2, using H_{n-1} moves.

Initial condition: $H_1 = 1$. Recurrence relation: $H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$.

Example: Count comparisons in *Mergesort*. Assume $n = 2^k$. Initial condition: $M_1 = 0$. Recurrence relation: $M_n \le 2M_{n/2} + (n-1)$.

Example: Fibonacci numbers. Initial conditions: $f_0 = 0$, $f_1 = 1$. Recurrence relation: $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$.

Solving recurrence relations — iterative approach

Tower of Hanoi: $H_1 = 1$. $H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$.

$$H_n = 2H_{n-1} + 1$$

= 2(2H_{n-2} + 1) + 1
= 2²H_{n-2} + 2 + 1
= 2²(2H_{n-3} + 1) + 2 + 1
= 2³H_{n-3} + 2² + 2 + 1
.
.
.
= 2ⁿ⁻¹H₁ + 2ⁿ⁻² + ... + 2 + 1
= 2ⁿ⁻¹ + 2ⁿ⁻² + ... + 2 + 1
= 2ⁿ - 1

Prove this correct using induction!

Solving recurrence relations — some forms

Def. Linear homogeneous recurrence relation of degree k with constant coefficients —

 $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$

 $c_i \in I\!\!R$ for $1 \le i \le k$, $c_k \ne 0$.

Examples: Fibonacci numbers. $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ — degree 2.

Number of strings with n binary digits. $a_n = 2a_{n-1}$ — degree 1.

Examples which are not:

$$\begin{split} H_n &= 2H_{n-1} + 1 - \text{not homogeneous} \\ a_n &= a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}^2 - \text{not linear} \\ a_n &= na_{n-1} + a_{n-2} - \text{nonconstant coefficient} \end{split}$$

Idea: Look for solutions $a_n = r^n$, $r \in \mathbb{R}$.

Def. The characteristic equation of

$$a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \dots + c_k a_{n-k}$$

is

$$r^{k} - c_{1}r^{k-1} - c_{2}r^{k-2} - \dots - c_{k-1}r - c_{k} = 0.$$

The solutions of this are the *characteristic roots*.

Degree 2

Thm. 1. Suppose $r^2 - c_1r - c_2 = 0$ has roots $r_1, r_2, r_1 \neq r_2$. Then, $\{a_n\}$ is a solution to $a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2}$ iff there are constants α_1, α_2 such that $a_n = \alpha_1 r_1^n + \alpha_2 r_2^n$, $\forall n$.

Example: Fibonacci numbers.

Initial conditions: $f_0 = 0$, $f_1 = 1$. Recurrence relation: $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$. Characteristic equation: $r^2 - r - 1 = 0$. Characteristic roots: $r_1 = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$, $r_2 = (1 - \sqrt{5})/2$. Theorem implies: $f_n = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$.

Initial conditions:

$$f_0 = 0 = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2.$$

$$f_1 = 1 = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) + \alpha_2 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

Solving for α_1, α_2 :

$$\alpha_2 = -\alpha_1.$$

$$1 = \alpha_1 \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \alpha_1 \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

$$2 = 2\alpha_1 \sqrt{5}$$

$$\alpha_1 = 1/\sqrt{5}. \quad \alpha_2 = -1/\sqrt{5}.$$

Solution:
$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$$
.

Recall the following: **Thm.** For $n \ge 3$, $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$, where $\alpha = (1 + \sqrt{5})/2$ (the Golden Ratio).

The previous argument gives:

$$f_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^n$$
$$\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \approx -0.618.$$

So this term vanishes quickly.

Proof of Theorem 1:

Thm. 2. Suppose $r^2 - c_1r - c_2 = 0$ has only one root r_0 . Then, $\{a_n\}$ is a solution to $a_n = c_1a_{n-1} + c_2a_{n-2}$ iff there are constants α_1, α_2 such that $a_n = \alpha_1 r_0^n + \alpha_2 n r_0^n$, $\forall n$. **Example:** Initial conditions: $a_0 = 0$, $a_1 = 2$. Recurrence relation: $a_n = 4a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}$. Characteristic equation: $r^2 - 4r + 4 = 0 = (r-2)(r-2)$. Characteristic root: $r_0 = 2$. Theorem implies: $a_n = \alpha_1 2^n + \alpha_2 n 2^n$. Initial conditions: $a_0 = 0 = \alpha_1$. $a_1 = 2 = \alpha_1(2) + \alpha_2(1)(2) = 2\alpha_2$. Solution: $a_n = n2^n$. Sequence: 0,2,8,24,64,...

Degree $n \ge 2$

Thm. Suppose

 $\begin{array}{l} r^n - c_1 r^{n-1} - c_2 r^{n-2} - \ldots - c_{k-1} r - c_k \text{ has roots} \\ r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_s, \text{ where root } r_i \text{ has multiplicity } m_i. \\ \text{Then, } \{a_n\} \text{ is a solution to} \\ a_n = c_1 a_{n-1} + c_2 a_{n-2} + \ldots + c_k a_{n-k} \text{ iff there are} \\ \text{constants } \alpha_{i_j} \text{ such that } a_n = \sum_{i=1}^s \sum_{j=1}^{m_i} \alpha_{i_j} n^{j-1} r_i^n, \\ \forall n. \end{array}$

Generating functions

The generating function for the sequence $a_0, a_1, a_2, ..., a_k, ...$ is

$$G(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_k x^k + \dots = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$$

Example: The generating function for 1, 3, 3, 1 is $G(x) = 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 = (1 + x)^3$.

Example: The generating function for 1, 1, 1, 1, 1is $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 = (1 - x^5)/(1 - x)$.

Example: The generating function for 1, 1, 1, ...is $1+x+x^2+...+x^k+... = 1/(1-x)$ for |x| < 1.

Example: The generating function for $1, a, a^2, ...$ is $1 + ax + a^2x^2 + ... + a^kx^k + ... = 1/(1 - ax)$ for |ax| < 1. **Example:** More generally, $1/(1 - ax)^{m+1} = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} {m+k \choose m} a^k x^k$.

Facts. Let $f(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$, $g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} b_k x^k$.

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$$f(x) + g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (a_k + b_k) x^k$$

•
$$f(x)g(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (\sum_{j=0}^{k} a_j b_{k-j}) x^k$$

Example: How many solutions are there to $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + n_4 = 7$, if you must have $n_1, n_2, n_3 \leq 3$ and $n_4 \leq 4$. Answer: The coefficient of x^7 in $(1+x+x^2+x^3)\cdot(1+x+x^2+x^3)\cdot(1+x+x^2+x^3)\cdot(1+x+x^2+x^3)\cdot(1+x+x^2+x^3)\cdot(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4) \longrightarrow 50$. Choose term with exponent corresponding to value of n_i . The exponents then must sum to 7. **Example:** Initial condition: $a_0 = 1$. Recurrence relation: $a_n = 5a_{n-1}$. Generating function: $G(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k$. Find a nice expression for G(x):

$$G(x) - 5xG(x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} a_k x^k - 5 \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_{k-1} x^k$$

$$= a_0 + \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} (a_k - 5a_{k-1}) x^k$$

$$= 1$$

Thus, (1 - 5x)G(x) = 1.

$$G(x) = \frac{1}{1-5x}$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} 5^n x^n$$
So, $a_n = 5^n$ for $n \ge 0$.

Example: Fibonacci numbers. Initial conditions: $f_0 = 0$, $f_1 = 1$. Recurrence relation: $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$. Generating function: $G(x) = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k x^k$. Find a nice expression for G(x):

$$G(x) - xG(x) - x^{2}G(x)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_{k}x^{k} - \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} f_{k-1}x^{k} - \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} f_{k-2}x^{k}$$

$$= f_{0} + f_{1}x - f_{0}x + \sum_{k=2}^{\infty} (f_{k} - f_{k-1} - f_{k-2})x^{k}$$

$$= 0 + 1x - 0x$$

$$= x$$

Thus, $(1 - x - x^2)G(x) = x$.

Let
$$r_1 = \left(\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

 $r_2 = \left(\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$

$$G(x) = \frac{x}{1-x-x^2}$$

= $\frac{x}{(1-r_1x)(1-r_2x)}$
= $\frac{1/\sqrt{5}}{(1-r_1x)} + \frac{-1/\sqrt{5}}{(1-r_2x)}$
= $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_1^n x^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} r_2^n x^n.$
= $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} r_1^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} r_2^n) x^n.$
So $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} r_1^n - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} r_2^n$ for $n \ge 0.$

Nonhomogeneous linear recurrences

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Divide-and-conquer recurrence relations often have the form

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Example: Mergesort. Assume $n = 2^k$. Initial condition: $M_1 = 0$. Recurrence relation: $M_n \le 2M_{n/2} + (n-1)$. **Thm.** Let T be an increasing function s.t.

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- $A_4 = Date admitted to hospital$
- $A_5 = primary diagnosis$

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Example: Suppose f(a) = 01, f(b) = 0010, f(c) = 0011, f(d) = 10, f(e) = 11. 010011111000110111 decodes as 01 0011 11 10 0011 01 11: *acedcae*. Need just one pass through the string.

To do Huffman encoding, build a binary tree. k possible characters.

Probability of character c_i is p_i .

 $0 < p_i \le 1 \ \forall i$, and $\sum_{i=1}^k p_i = 1$.

One leaf in the binary tree for each character. Each node in the tree contains a key, a probability. procedure Huffman $(p_1, p_2, ..., p_k)$

Create 1 tree for each character. Put the probabilities for the characters in roots.

Sort the roots according to their probabilities.

while $\exists > 1$ tree do

Remove the 2 trees whose roots have the smallest probabilities, p_i and p_j . Make these two trees the left and right subtrees of a new root. Give the new root probability $p_i + p_j$. Insert the new tree, maintaining sorted order for roots.

end do

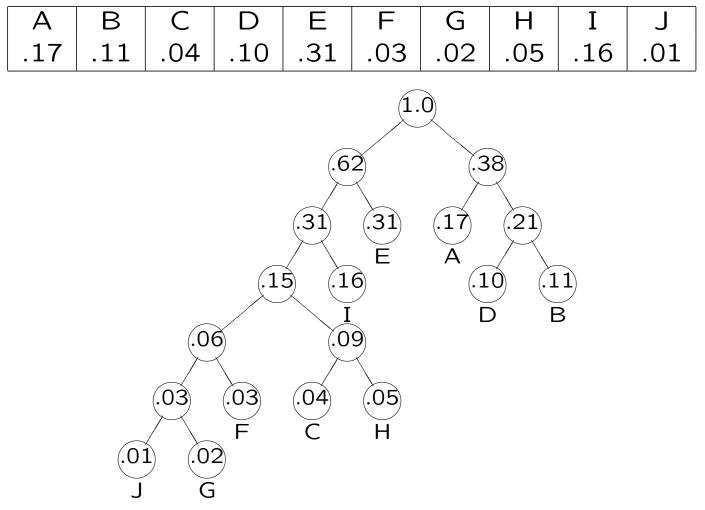
return pointer to root of remaining tree

Each pass through the loop decreases the number of existing trees by one. So there are k - 1 passes through the loop.

Get short paths from the root to the leaves with frequently occurring characters.

The path from the root to a leaf will define the encoding.

Edge going to a left child — 0 Edge going to a right child — 1



The encoding of the different characters is as follows:

A	В	С	D	E
10	111	00010	110	01
F	G	Н	Ι	J
00001	000001	00011	001	000000

Codes are paths in the tree, so no code is a prefix of another.

Algebra

The definition of a group

Def. A group is a set G closed under a binary
operation ⊙ such that
Associative Law:

- $\forall x, y, z \in G, \ x \odot (y \odot z) = (x \odot y) \odot z.$
- *Identity*: $\exists e \in G$, the *identity*: $\forall x \in G, e \odot x = x \odot e = x$.
- Inverse:

 $\forall x \in G, \ \exists y \in G \text{ s.t. } x \odot y = y \odot x = e. \\ y = x^{-1} \text{ is the inverse of } x.$

Examples: The integers \mathbb{Z} , the reals \mathbb{R} , and the rationals \mathbb{Q} are groups under addition.

Example: $I\!\!R - \{0\}$ under multiplication.

Def. For finite groups, the number of elements in a group G, written |G|, is the *order* of the group.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_n , the integers modulo n, under addition. The order of \mathbb{Z}_n is n.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_n^* , the positive integers less than n which are relatively prime to n, under multiplication. The order of \mathbb{Z}_n^* is $\phi(n)$, where ϕ is the Euler ϕ -function.

The above examples are all *abelian groups* the operation is commutative: $x \odot y = y \odot x$ for all x, y in the group.

Not all groups are abelian.

Example: S_n , the symmetric group on n letters, is the set of permutations of the set $\{1, 2, ..., n\}$.

 S_n is not an abelian group.

Any permutation can be written as a product of cycles.

A *transposition* is a cycle of length 2, (ij). A permutation is *even* iff it can be expressed as a product of an even number of transpositions.

The symmetric group of a set X is Sym(X).

Subgroups

Def. Let G be a group, and $H \subseteq G$.

H is a *subgroup* of G if H itself is a group w.r.t. the operation in G. The *order* of a subgroup is its cardinality.

Suppose G is a group and $H \subseteq G$. Then H is a subgroup of G iff the following hold: • $\forall x, y \in H, x \odot y \in H$.

- (H is closed under the group operation.)
- The identity is in H.
- $\forall x \in H, x^{-1} \in H.$

Example: Any group is a subgroup of itself. **Example:** If e is the identity in G, $\{e\}$ is a subgroup of G. **Example:** The even integers are a subgroup of the integers under addition.

Example: $\left\{ \left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{array} \right), \left(\begin{array}{rrrr} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 \end{array} \right) \right\}$ is a subgroup of S_5 .

Example: A_n , the set of all even permutations on n letters, is a subgroup of S_n . It is called the *alternating group* on n letters.

Example: The set $\{0, 5, 10\}$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_{15} under addition.

Example: The set $\{1, 2, 4\}$ is a subgroup of \mathbb{Z}_7^* .

Thm. Suppose S is a nonempty collection of subgroups of a group G. Let $H' = \bigcap_{H \in S} H$. Then H' is a subgroup of G.

Generators

Def. Let H be a subset of a group G, and let S be the collection of all subgroups of Gwhich contain H. Then, $\langle H \rangle = \bigcap_{G' \in S} G'$ is the subgroup generated by H.

 $H \subseteq G.$

 $\langle H \rangle = \{h_1 \odot h_2 \odot \ldots \odot h_n \mid h_i \text{ or } h_i^{-1} \in H \quad \forall i\}.$

Def. A group or subgroup is said to be *cyclic* if it is generated by a single element. Such an element is a *generator* or

primitive element.

Def. The *order* of an element of a group *G* is the order of the subgroup that element generates.

Thm. Suppose G is a group with identity e, and $g \in G$ has finite order m. Then m is the least positive integer such that $g^m = e$.

Example: The set $\{2\}$ generates the subgroup $\{1, 2, 4\}$ of \mathbb{Z}_7^* . Thus, it is a cyclic subgroup. The order of the element 2 is 3. The set $\{3\}$ generates all of \mathbb{Z}_7^* , so it is a cyclic group.

Fact. \mathbb{Z}_p^* is cyclic whenever p is prime.

Lagrange's Theorem

Def. Let H < G, $x \in G$. $Hx = \{h \odot x \mid h \in H\}$ is a *right coset* of H in G.

Lemma Let H < G. All right cosets of H contain |H| elements.

The relation R =

 $\{(a, b) \mid a \text{ and } b \text{ are in the same right coset of } H\}$ is an equivalence relation.

Lemma Let *H* be a subgroup of *G*, $x, y \in G$. Then either Hx = Hy or $Hx \cap Hy = \emptyset$.

These two lemmas tell us that the group G must be a disjoint union of right cosets of any subgroup H, all of which have the same size.

Thm. [Lagrange] If G is a finite group and H < G, then the order of H divides the order of G.

Corollary Let G be a finite group and $g \in G$. The order of the element g divides the order of the group G.

Corollary Suppose |G| = n and $g \in G$. Then $g^n = e$, where e is the identity in G. **Pf.** Let s be the order of the subgroup generated by g. By a previous theorem, $g^s = e$, where e is the identity. By Lagrange's Theorem, s divides n, so there is an integer c such that n = sc. Note that $g^n = g^{sc} =$ $(g^s)^c = e^c = e$, so the corollary follows. \Box **Thm.** [Fermat's Little Theorem] If p is prime

and *a* is an integer not divisible by *p*, then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

Using this same group theory, we can show that encryption with RSA, followed by decryption with RSA yields the original message, if the message is less than n and relatively prime to n.

$$n = pq$$
 where p and q are large primes.
 $|\mathbb{Z}_n^*| = \phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1).$
If the message M is less than n and relatively
prime to $n, M \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*.$
 $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)},$
so $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $ed = 1 + k(p-1)(q-1).$

If $C \equiv M^e \pmod{n}$, then $C^d \equiv (M^e)^d \equiv M^{ed} \equiv M^{1+k(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv M \cdot M^{k(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv M \cdot (M^{\phi(n)})^k \equiv M \cdot 1^k \equiv M \pmod{n}$.

Rings and fields

Def. A *ring* is a set R closed under two binary operations + and • s.t.
• R1. R is an abelian group with respect to

- R1. R is an abelian group with respect to the operation +.
- R2. The operation is associative.
- R3. [Distributive Laws] $\forall x, y, z \in R$, the following hold:

$$\begin{array}{ll} x \bullet (y+z) &= x \bullet y + x \bullet z \\ (y+z) \bullet x &= y \bullet x + z \bullet x \end{array}$$

The first operation + is called addition and the second operation \bullet is called multiplication.

Example: {0} is the *trivial ring*.

0 + 0 = 0 and $0 \bullet 0 = 0$.

A *nontrivial ring* is a ring with more than one element.

The identity element with respect to addition is called *zero*, and all other elements are called *nonzero elements*.

If the ring R has an identity element i with respect to multiplication, then for all $x \in G$, $i \bullet x = x \bullet i = x$, and R is said to be a ring with identity. This identity is denoted by 1. The ring R is commutative if for all $x, y \in R$, $x \bullet y = y \bullet x$.

Examples: \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{R} are both commutative rings with identity.

Def. A *field* is a nontrivial commutative ring with identity in which every nonzero element has a multiplicative inverse.

Examples: $I\!\!R$ is a field and $I\!\!Q$ is a field, but $I\!\!Z$ is not.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_n is a field when n is prime. It is a ring when n is composite, but not a field.