

Cauchy Thm: A sequence  $(a_n)$  converges if and only if  $(a_n)$  is Cauchy.

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## Lecture 24:

Motivation:

Q1) How to find a formula for  $\sum_{i=1}^n i^k$ ?

Q2) Equal 100-coin jars in NYC?

Q3) Sorting Exams:  $\{1, \dots, 19\}$  how many swaps are needed to sort it?

Q4)  $p(x) \in \mathbb{Q}(x)$  polynomial w/ rational coefficients, when  $p(n) \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ?

## I Binomial Theorem:

Q: What is  $(x+y)^n$ ?

Defn: For  $S$  a finite set a permutation of  $S$  is a bijection  $f: S \rightarrow S$ .

For  $|S|=n$ , how many are there?  $n!$

What properties do they have?  $f_1, f_2$   
 $f_1 \circ f_2$ ,  $\text{id}_S$  and  $f \mapsto f^{-1}$ .

Defn: A  $k$ -selection from  $S$ , is a subset  $P \subseteq S$   
s.t.  $|P|=k$  ( $k \leq n$ )

Recall: let  $[n] = \{1, \dots, n\}$  be the set ~~of~~  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  
 $S_n = \{ f: [n] \rightarrow [n] \mid f \text{ is bijective} \}.$

$e \in S_n$  is the identity permutation  $e(i) = i \quad \forall i \in [n]$

a transposition is a permutation that only changes two elements.

Ex:  $t_{12}(1) = 2, \quad t_{12}(2) = 1, \quad t_{12}(i) = i \quad \forall i \in [n]$   
 for  $i \neq j$  in  $[n]$ ,  $t_{ij}$  is the transposition of  $i$  and  $j$ .

~~Notation:~~ word form  $t_{12} = (12)$ ,  $e = \epsilon$

Q: Drummer Problem,  $n$  <sup>married</sup> couples dancing, two drummers alternating, after each dance 2 women swap partners, at the end all ~~women~~ couples are spouses. Determine which drummer is playing at the end from the initial dancing configuration.

Consider  $f(\underline{x}) = \prod_{i < j=1}^n (x_i - x_j)$

For each  $\sigma \in S_n$  one has

$$\sigma f(\underline{x}) = \prod_{i < j=1}^n (x_{\sigma(i)} - x_{\sigma(j)}).$$

Claim: 1)  $\sigma f(\underline{x}) = (-1)^{n_\sigma} \cdot f(\underline{x}) \quad \forall \sigma \in S_n.$

2) If  $\sigma_0$  is the initial dance configuration, then  
 the last drummer = first drummer

$\updownarrow$   
 $n_\sigma \text{ mod } 2$

Interesting fact, any  $\sigma \in S_n$  can be written as

$$\sigma = \tau_{i_1 j_1} \dots \tau_{i_k j_k}$$

for a collection of transpositions.

Check for  $S_3$ .

enough to write  $(123)$  and  $(132)$  as transpositions.

Another interesting fact. For any  $\sigma \in S_n$ ,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ , s.t.

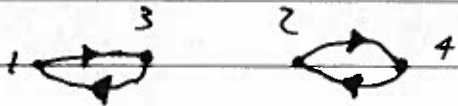
$$\sigma^k = e, \text{ and } k \leq n.$$

Check for  $S_3$ .

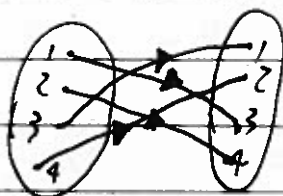
Different representations:

1) Word form  $(3412)$ .

2) 2-line form  $\begin{pmatrix} 1234 \\ 3412 \end{pmatrix}$ .

3) Functional digraph 

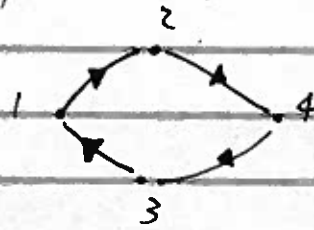
4) Schematic representation:



5) Cycle representation:  $(13)(24)$

Effect of a transposition on a digraph.

Q. Transpose 2 and 3.



$\Rightarrow$  # cycles.  $1 \rightarrow$  # cycles  $- 1$ .

Claim: The # of transpositions needed to sort the word form of a permutation of  $[n]$  is  $n - k$ , where  $k$  is the number of cycles in its cycle description.



## Lecture 8:

## Prime Factorization.

Motivation: ~~Study~~ study prime factorizations.

Claim: every integer  $n \geq 1$  has an unique (up to factorization) in terms of prime numbers.

Pf: Existence:  $n$  is either prime or the product of primes (we proved this before.)

Uniqueness:  $n = p_1 \cdots p_k$ , suppose  $n = q_1 \cdots q_\ell$  for some other primes.

Notice  $p_1$  divides  $n$ .

Lemma: If a prime number  $p$  divides  $a_1 \cdots a_k$  where  $a_i \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $p$  divides  $a_j$  for some  $j$ .

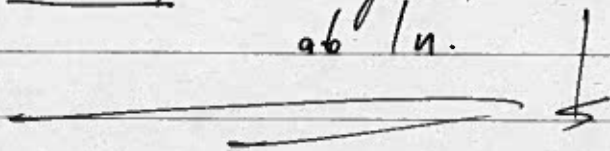
$\Rightarrow p_1$  divides  $q_j$  for some  $j$ .  $\Rightarrow p_1 = q_j$ .

By induction we obtain  $k = \ell$  and  $\{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$  is equal to  $\{q_1, \dots, q_\ell\}$ .

Exercise: Fill the details, prove Lemma and fill the blank.

Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ , they are said to be relatively prime if  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Corollary: If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ ,  $a \mid n$  and  $b \mid n$ , then  $ab \mid n$ .



For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Important Lemma: If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then there exists  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$ma + nb = 1.$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(|a|, |b|).$$

Induction on  $|a| + |b|$ . , if  $a = 0 \Rightarrow b = \pm 1$  in which case  $(m, n) = (0, \pm 1)$  does it.

[Without loss of generality we assume ~~that~~  $|b| > |a|$  and  $a > 0$ .  
Hence if the result is true for ~~all~~  $a + b \geq 2$ .]

[Consider ~~let~~  $a + (b+1) \geq 2$ , <sup>since</sup>  $(b+1) > (b+1) - a \geq 0$ .

The result is true for  $(b+1) - a$  and  $(b+1)$ .  
 $\exists (m', n')$  s.t.

$$m'((b+1) - a) + n' \cdot (b+1)$$

Suppose the result is true  $\forall (a', b') \mid a' + b' \leq k$ .

let  $a + b = k + 1$ , and  $a > b$ . (otherwise take  $b > a$ )

then  $(a-b) > 0$ ,  $b > 0$  and the result holds for  $(a-b, b)$  since  $(a-b) + b = a \leq k$ .

[since  $b \geq 1$ ,]

$$\Rightarrow \exists (m', n') \text{ s.t.}$$

$$m'(a-b) + n'b = 1 \Rightarrow m'a + (n'-m')b = 1.$$

$\Rightarrow (m', (n'-m'))$  is a solution for  $(a, b)$ . ~~Ans~~

Odd  $\rightarrow$  Distinct.

$$n = a_1 \cdot 1 + a_3 \cdot 3 + a_5 \cdot 5 + \dots$$

$$= (2^{b_{11}} + 2^{b_{12}} + \dots + 2^{b_{1n_1}}) \cdot 1 + \\ + (2^{b_{31}} + 2^{b_{32}} + \dots + 2^{b_{3n_3}}) \cdot 3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 \cdot 2^{b_{11}} + 1 \cdot 2^{b_{12}} + \dots + 1 \cdot 2^{b_{1n_1}} + \\ 3 \cdot 2^{b_{31}} + 3 \cdot 2^{b_{32}} + \dots + 3 \cdot 2^{b_{3n_3}} + \\ \dots$$

$$a_i = 2^{k_i} \cdot m_i$$

( $m_i$  odd.)  
( $k_i \geq 0$ .)

each is distinct.

Distinct  $\rightarrow$  Odd.

$$n = l_1 + \dots + l_k.$$

$$= 2^{n_1} \cdot m_1 + \dots + 2^{n_k} \cdot m_k.$$

$$\overline{m_1} \cdot (2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} + \dots + 2^{n_k}) + \\ \overline{m_2} \cdot (2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} + \dots + 2^{n_k}) + \dots$$

$$= \overline{m_1} \cdot \sum_{i \in I_{m_1}} 2^{n_i} + \\ \overline{m_2} \cdot \sum_{i \in I_{m_2}} 2^{n_i} + \dots$$

be a list of distinct  $\overline{m_1}, \overline{m_2}, \dots, \overline{m_r}$  ~~odd~~ ~~#~~

let  $I_{\overline{m_1}} = \{i \in [k] \mid m_i = \overline{m_1}\}$

$$\overline{m_1} \cdot (2^{n_1} + 2^{n_2} + \dots + 2^{n_k})$$

$[k]$ .

$I_{\overline{m_2}} = \{i \in [k] \mid m_i = \overline{m_2}\}$

Claim the composite is a bijection.

Lemma:  $\forall a, b, k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a - kb, b)$ .

Pf: let  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b \Rightarrow d \mid (a - kb)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(a - kb, b) \geq \gcd(a, b).$$

Analogously, if  $d \mid (a - kb)$  and  $d \mid b$  then.

$$d \mid (a - kb + kb) = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) \geq \gcd(a - kb, b). \quad \square$$

Idea, use the above to provide an algorithm to find  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

Step 1: Consider  $(a_1, b_1)$  s.t.  $a_1 \geq b_1$ .

Step 2: find the largest  $k$  s.t.  $a_1 = k \cdot b_1 + r_1$ ,  
w/  $0 \leq r_1 < b_1$ .

Step 3: Consider  $(b_1, r_1)$ , ~~now~~  $\gcd(b_1, r_1)$

Since  $\gcd(b_1, r_1) = \gcd(r_1, b_1) = \gcd(r_1 + kb_1, b_1) = \gcd(a_1, b_1)$

Repeat of Step 2 & 3 until  $r_n = 0$ .

Example:  $(154, 35) \rightarrow 154 = 4 \cdot 35 + 14$   
 $(35, 14) \rightarrow 35 = 2 \cdot 14 + 7$



Suppose  $\underbrace{a \mid n \text{ and } b \mid n}_{\Downarrow}$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

$$\Downarrow$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) \mid n.$$

By HW  $\text{lcm}(a, b) \cdot \gcd(a, b) = a \cdot b \Rightarrow \text{lcm}(a, b) = a \cdot b.$

$$\Rightarrow ab \mid n.$$

Let

$A = \{p_1, \dots, p_{k_a}\}$  be the primes that

$$a = p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_{k_a}.$$

$$b = q_1 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{k_b}.$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = 1.$$

$$\text{no } p_i = q_j.$$

$$n = r_1 \cdot \dots \cdot r_{k_n}.$$

$$\text{and } \forall p_i \exists r_j \text{ s.t.}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = p_1 \cdot \dots \cdot p_{k_a} \cdot q_1 \cdot \dots \cdot q_{k_b} \cdot \prod_{i \in J} r_i.$$

$$\Rightarrow ab \mid n.$$

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Problem:  $n$  divided by 3 has remainder 1,  
 $n$  divided by 5 has remainder 2, and  
 $n$  divided by 7 has remainder 4.

Q: What is the minimum  $n$ ?

Defn: A relation on a set  $S$  is a subset  $R \subset S \times S$ .  
~~We say that~~ For  $x, y \in S$ , we say  $x$  is in relation to  $y$  (or  $x$  is related to  $y$ ) if  $(x, y) \in R$ .

Examples: (i)  $S =$  <sup>(student)</sup> people at UI,  $(x, y) \in R$  if  $x$  is in a <sup>days</sup> student with  $y$ .

(ii)  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(x, y) \in R$  if  $x - y$  is divisible by.

(iii)  $f: A \rightarrow A$  a function,  $\Gamma(f) \subset A \times A$  is a relation.

Defn: Equivalence relation if

(i) (reflexive) if  $\forall x \in S, (x, x) \in R$ ;

(ii) (symmetric) if  $\forall x, y \in S, (x, y) \in R \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$ ;

(iii) (transitive) if  $\forall x, y, z \in S, (x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, z) \in R \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$ ;

Ex: (ii)  $(x, x) \in R, (x, y) \in R \Rightarrow (y, x) \in R$  and  
 $((x, y) \in R \wedge (y, z) \in R) \Rightarrow (x, z) \in R$ .

More generally,  $R = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (x - y) \text{ is divisible by } n\}$ .

(iv) let  $f: S \rightarrow T$  be a function.

Define  $R \subset S \times S$ .

$$\{(x, y) \mid f(x) = f(y)\} \quad \text{on } \mathbb{Q}.$$

$R$  is an equivalence relation.

Non-examples: a)  $S = \text{students at UI}$  (not transitive).

b)  $S = P(A)$ ,  $(x, y) \in R$  if  $x \subset y$ .

(antisymmetric), if  $(x, y) \in R$  and  $(y, x) \in R \Rightarrow x = y$ .

Defn: A reflexive, anti-symmetric and transitive relation is called an order relation.

Defn: Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $S$ , for  $x \in S$   
 $[x] = \{y \in S \mid (x, y) \in R\}$  is the equivalence class of  $x$ .

Example: (ii) let  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $[1] = \{\dots, -3, -1, 1, 3, \dots\}$   
 $[0] = \{\dots, -2, 0, 2, \dots\}$   
 $[0] \cup [1] = \mathbb{Z}$  (partition)

(iv) For  $x \in S$ ,  $[x]$  is  $\{y \in S \mid f(y) = f(x)\}$   
"  $f^{-1}(f(x))$   
 $\bigcup_{t \in T} f^{-1}(t)$  is a partition of  $S$ .

Exercise: How example (ii) is a particular case of example (iv).

Proposition: Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   $b \neq 0$ . Then there exists unique  $k, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$a = kb + r \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq r < |b|.$$

Pf: 1) Consider  $A = \{a - nb \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a - nb \geq 0\}$

Claim:  $A \neq \emptyset$ , by Arithmetic property there always exist  $N$  s.t.  $N(-b) \geq -a$ .  
~~Take  $n=0$ , take  $n=0$~~   $\forall b, a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

2) Let  $r = \min A$ , i.e.  $r = \inf A$  <sup>and</sup>  $r \in A$ .

3)  $0 \leq r < |b|$ .

Indeed, if  $r \geq |b|$ , then ~~also~~  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$r = a - mb, \text{ and } a - (m+1)b \geq 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow a - (m+1)b < r \text{ and } a - (m+1)b \in A.$$

4) Let  $r = \min A$ , ~~also~~ i.e.  $r = a - mb$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow a = r + mb$ , take  $k = m$ .

5) Suppose  $\exists k', r'$  s.t.  $r' = a - k'b = \min A = r = a - kb$ .

6) Consider  $r' - r = (a - k'b) - (a - kb) = (k - k') \cdot b$ .

$$\Rightarrow b \mid (r' - r).$$

and

$$\text{Now, } 0 \leq r' < |b| \text{ and } 0 \leq r < |b| \quad r' - r \geq 0 - r > -|b|$$

$$\Rightarrow r' - r \in |b| - r \leq |b|$$

$$> -|b|$$



$$\text{So } -|b| < r - r' < |b|.$$

7/  $\Rightarrow$  Contradiction.

$$r - r' = l \cdot b \quad \text{for some integer } l \text{ and}$$
$$-|b| < l \cdot b < |b| \Rightarrow \boxed{l=0}$$

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For every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $R_n \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(x, y) \in R_n$  if  $n \mid (x - y)$  is an equivalence relation.

Q: What are the equivalence classes of  $R_n$ ?

A:  $[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]$ .

Defn:  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \equiv$  set of equivalence ~~class~~ classes of  $R_n$ .

FACT 1:  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  has an addition operation.

$$[a] + [b] \stackrel{\text{defn.}}{=} [a + b].$$

$$[a] = [a + n] = [a + 2n] = \dots$$

If  $[a] = [a']$  and  $[b] = [b']$ , want to check that.

$$[a] + [b] = [a'] + [b'].$$

$$[a + b] = [a' + b'] \quad ?$$

$$a = k \cdot n + a'$$

$$b = l \cdot n + b'$$

$$\Rightarrow [a + b] = [a' + b' + (k + l) \cdot n].$$

$$= [a' + b']. \quad \square$$

FACT 2:  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  has a multiplication operation.

for  $[a], [b] \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  let

$$[a] \cdot [b] \equiv [a \cdot b].$$

Notation:  $a \equiv b \pmod n$  if  $[a]_n = [b]_n$  w.r.t.  $R_n$ .

Prop: Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Then  $\{x, x+b, x+2b, \dots, x+(a-1)b\}$  all have distinct remainder upon division by  $a$ .

Pf: Suppose  $x+ib \equiv x+jb \pmod{a}$  for  $i \neq j$   
 $0 \leq i, j \leq (a-1)$ .

$$\Rightarrow (i-j)b \equiv 0 \pmod{a}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a \text{ divides } (i-j)b \quad \text{gcd}(a,b)=1 \Rightarrow a \mid (i-j).$$

$\Rightarrow$  Contradiction since  $0 < i-j < a-1$  or  $-(a-1) < i-j < 0$ .

Cor: Let  $a \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  For  $a$  and  $n$  fixed the equation

$a x \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  has a solution if  $\text{gcd}(a, n) = 1$ . And  $[x] = [x']$  for any two solutions.

Pf: Consider  $[a]: \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .  
 $[b] \mapsto [a \cdot b]$

If  $\text{gcd}(a, n) = 1$

$\{[a] \cdot [0], [a] \cdot [1], \dots, [a] \cdot [n-1]\}$  are all distinct numbers.

Since,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[0], \dots, [n-1]\}$ ,

$\Rightarrow [a]$  is injective.

Since,  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is finite  $\Rightarrow [a]$  is bijective.

Cor: For  $p$  a prime,  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  is a field.

For any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

$$(i.e. \ x = a^{-1})$$

+ check other axioms.

Thm:  $p$  prime and  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then

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

Pf: Consider  $[a] \in \mathbb{Z}_p - \{0\}$ .

Claim 1)  $\exists k \geq 1$  s.t.  $[a]^k = [1]$ .

Otherwise:  $\{[a], [a^2], [a^3], \dots\}$  is a list of  $\infty$ -many distinct elements.

2)  ~~$k \geq 1$~~ ,  $k | (p-1)$ .

Lemma:  $\forall a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  and  $\forall x \not\equiv 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$  the list

$S_x = \{[x], [ax], [a^2x], \dots\}$  has  $k$  elements.

Pf: Finite by above. Let  $k$  be the size of  $S_x$  and  $l$  the size of  $S_y$ ,  $[a^k x] = [x]$  and  $[a^l y] = [y]$ .



~~$$x - a^k x \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ and } y - a^l y \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$~~

~~$$x(1 - a^k) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow 1 \equiv a^k \Rightarrow k = l$$

$$y(1 - a^l) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow 1 \equiv a^l$$~~

$$\Rightarrow x - a^k x \equiv 0 \Rightarrow x(1 - a^k) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow (1 - a^k) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - a^l y \equiv 0 \Rightarrow y(1 - a^l) \equiv 0 \Rightarrow (1 - a^l) \equiv 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^k = 1 \text{ and } a^l = 1 \Rightarrow a^k = a^l \text{ since}$$

$$k \text{ and } l \text{ were minimal} \Rightarrow \boxed{k = l}$$

$$\text{So, } \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\} = \bigcup_{i \in I} A_i \text{ with } |A_i| = k$$

$$\text{Indeed, if } a^i x = a^j y$$

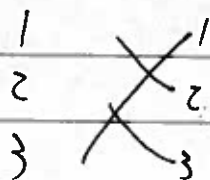
$$\Rightarrow x = a^{k(j-i)} y$$

$$\text{Since } (p-1) = m \cdot k \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv (a^k)^m \equiv 1^m \equiv 1$$

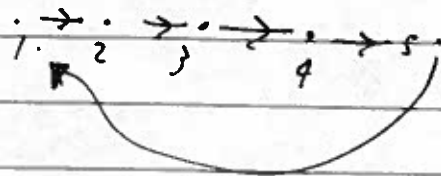
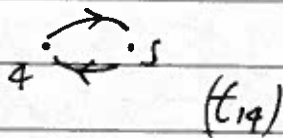
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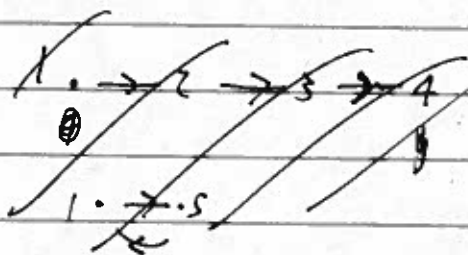
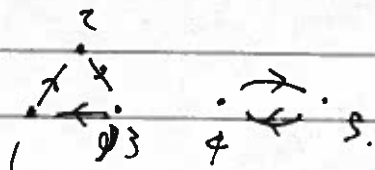
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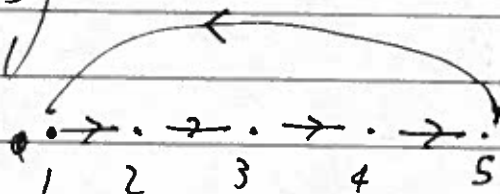
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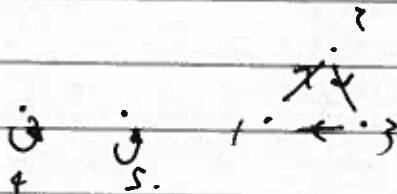


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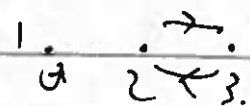
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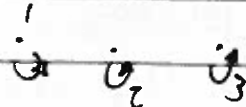
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Chapter 5.

II.

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1) \cdots (n-k+1)}{k!}$$

$$\frac{n^k}{k!} + \left( \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} (-j) \right) \frac{1}{k!} = \frac{-1}{k!} \binom{k}{2} n^{k-1} + \frac{n^k}{k!} + \dots$$

$$n^k = k! \binom{n}{k} + \binom{k}{2} n^{k-1} + O(n^{k-2})$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^m n^k = k! \sum_{n=1}^N \binom{n}{k} + \binom{k}{2} \sum_{n=1}^N n^{k-1} + O(n^{k-1})$$

$$= k! \binom{N+1}{k+1} + \binom{k}{2} \cdot p(N) + O(N^{k-1})$$

$$= \frac{(N+1) \cdot N \cdots (N-k+1)}{(k+1)!} + \binom{k}{2} \cdot p(N)$$

$$= \frac{N^{k+1}}{k+1} + \underbrace{q(N)}_{\text{deg } O(N)}$$

deg  $O(N)$

# Chapter 6.

I. let  $\deg(a) = n$ ,  $\deg(b) = m$ .

Strong Induction on  $n$ . If  $n \leq m$  then  $r = a$ .  $\square$

If  $n > m$  let

$$a = a_n \cdot x^n + O(x^{n-1})$$

$$b = b_m \cdot x^m + O(x^{m-1})$$

$$h(x) = \frac{a_n}{b_m} \cdot x^{n-m}$$

$$\Rightarrow h(x) \cdot b = a_n \cdot x^n + O(x^{n-1})$$

$$= a_n \cdot x^n + O(x^{n-1})$$

$$\deg r(x) \leq n$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a_n \cdot x^n = b \cdot q'(x) + r'(x) \quad \text{where } a_n \cdot x^n = h \cdot b - s(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow a - a_n \cdot x^n = b \cdot q'(x) + r'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = b \cdot q' + r' \quad \deg f < n$$

$$\Rightarrow a = f + hb - s$$

$$= hb + f - s$$

$\deg f < n \Rightarrow$  result by induction.



II.  $I \subset R[x]$  if

- (i)  $\forall p, q \in I, p+q \in I;$
- (ii)  $\forall p \in I, \forall r \in R[x]; r \cdot p \in I.$

A principal ideal if  $\exists g \in R[x]$  s.t.

$$I = \{p \cdot g \mid p \in R[x]\}.$$

Example:  $\{p \in R[x] \mid p'(0) = 0\} \subset R[x].$   
 $\Rightarrow p = x \cdot q \quad w/ q \in R[x].$

Non-example:  $R[x, y], \quad I = \{x \cdot f + y \cdot g \mid f, g \in R[x, y]\}$

let  $b \in I$  of least deg.  
#  
0

$$\forall a \in I, \quad a = q \cdot b + r$$

$$a - q \cdot b \in I.$$

$$\textcircled{\text{deg}} \deg(r) < 0.$$

$$\Rightarrow r \in I. \quad \Rightarrow \boxed{0 = r.}$$

## Chapter 7.

II. Main claim:  $p$  prime, then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  or  $a \equiv p-1 \pmod{p}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p \mid (a^2 - 1) &\Rightarrow p \mid (a-1)(a+1) \Rightarrow p \mid a-1 \text{ or } p \mid a+1. \\ &\Rightarrow a \equiv p+1 \pmod{p} \\ &\quad a \equiv p-1 \\ &\Rightarrow a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Assume  $2 \leq i \leq p-2$ , then  $\exists! i'$  s.t.

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i=2}^{p-2} i \cdot i' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i=2}^{p-2} i \equiv (p-1) \pmod{p}.$$

$$\boxed{(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.}$$