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#16 How many integers from 1 through 100 must you pick in order to be sure of getting one that is divisible by 5?

the subset of integers divisible by 5 is

$$A := \{5, 10, 15, 20, \dots, 95, 100\},$$

of the total collection

$$U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 99, 100\}.$$

$$N(A) = 20$$

How many choices of integers can we make (maximally) from U such that none are divisible by 5? Answer: $N(A^c) = 80$

i.e. $N(U - A) = 80$. So we

must choose $N(U) - N(A) + 1 = 81$

integers from U to guarantee at least one is divisible by 5.

#24 Show that within any set of thirteen integers chosen from 2 through 40, there are at least two integers with a common divisor greater than 1.

$$A := \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37\}$$

$$B := \{x, 13\} \quad N(A \cup B) = 13$$

$$\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37\} \cup \{x, 13\}$$

Since there are 12 prime numbers from 2 through 40, all of which are relatively prime, the subsequent (or thirteenth, i.e. pigeon) choice of an integer will share a factor with at least one of those twelve primes, at worst.

#24 $\{2, 3, 4, \dots, 39, 40\}$

$$X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_{12}, x_{13}\}$$

$$Y = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37\}$$

$$N(X) = 13 \text{ \& } N(Y) = 12$$

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ such that $f(x_i)$ is the smallest prime that divides x_i .

$f(x_i) = f(x_j)$ for some $i \neq j$ since

f is not injective. So there are at least two integers with a common divisor greater than 1.

#26 In a group of 30 people, must at least 4 have been born in the same month? Why?

No. For example, consider the case where a function f assigns 3 distinct people ("pigeons") per month ("pigeonholes") from January through October. Then there is no month where 4 people share a birthday.

Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

For any function f from a finite set X with n elements to a finite set Y with m elements and, for any positive integer k , if $km < n$, then there is some $y \in Y$ such that y is the image of at least $k+1$ distinct elements of X .

Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

For any function f from a finite set X with n elements to a finite set Y with m elements and, for any positive integer k , if for each $y \in Y$, $f^{-1}(y)$ has at most k elements, then X has at most km elements, i.e. $n \leq km$.

Let f, g be functions such that

(i) $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $g: B \rightarrow A$

(ii) $f \circ g = \text{id}_B$ and $g \circ f = \text{id}_A$

(a) Prove that f is injective and surjective.

(b) Prove that $g = f^{-1}$.

Proof:

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(a) (I) Goal: $\forall x_1, x_2 \in A (f(x_1) = f(x_2) \rightarrow x_1 = x_2)$

Let $a_1, a_2 \in A$. Suppose $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$.

Apply g to the equation

$$g(f(a_1)) = g(f(a_2)) \quad (\text{since } g \text{ is well-defined})$$

$$(g \circ f)(a_1) = (g \circ f)(a_2) \quad (\text{def. of composition})$$

$$\text{id}_A(a_1) = \text{id}_A(a_2) \quad (\text{from the problem statement})$$

$$a_1 = a_2 \quad (\text{by def. of identity map})$$

So f is one-to-one (injective).

① Goal: $\forall y \in B \exists x \in A (y = f(x))$

Let $b \in B$. Since $g: B \rightarrow A$, there exists $a \in A$ such that $g(b) = a$ because g is a function and so is defined on all its domain B . Apply f such that

$$f(g(b)) = f(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{but } f(a) &= f(g(b)) = (f \circ g)(b) \\ &= \text{id}_B(b) = b. \end{aligned}$$

So f is surjective.

⑥ Goal: Show $f^{-1} = g$.

Note that since $f: A \rightarrow B$ is

(just previously shown) bijective, there exists $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$, its inverse under composition. Meanwhile $g: B \rightarrow A$ so

f^{-1} & g have identical domain & codomain.

Let $b \in B$. Since f is surjective,

there exists $a \in A$, such that $f(a) = b$.

By def. of inverse, $f(a) = b$ implies

$f^{-1}(b) = a$. So

$$f^{-1}(b) = a = \text{id}_A(a) = (g \circ f)(a)$$

$$= g(f(a)) = g(b).$$

Therefore $f^{-1} = g$.