# Discrete Math

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## Number Theory and Cryptography

## 4.2 Integer Representations and Algorithms

**Definition of a Number** A number is dependent on a given base and its place value and digits.

#### 4.2.2 Representations of Integers

A base b has b-1 digits. The first digit from the right is multiplied by  $b^0$ , the second by  $b^1$ , and so on. The number itself is the sum of each digit multiplied by b raised to the power of its respective place value.

0 is a member of every base (except sometimes base 1).

Let b be an integer greater than 1. If b is an integer greater than 1 and n is positive, then n can be expressed uniquely in the form

$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b + a_0$$

A number in base b is denoted by  $(n)_b$ .

A number is a linear combination of its digits and their place values.

Constructing Base b Expansions Given an integer n to be represented in base b,

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q := n
k := 0
while q \neq 0
a := a \mod b
q := q \operatorname{div} b
k := k + 1
return (a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0) \{ (a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b \text{ is the base } b \text{ expansion of } n \}
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A number in its own base is always represented as 10.

Addition and multiplication in base b follows the same conventions as that of base 10.

To add two numbers a and b in base 2, their rightmost bits  $a_0$  and  $b_0$  can be added such that

$$a_0 + b_0 = 2c_0 + s_0$$

where  $s_0$  is  $s_0$  is the rightmost bit of the binary expansion of the sum and  $c_0$  is the **carry**, being either 0 or 1. This process can be repeated.

$$c_0 = \frac{a_0 + b_0 - s_0}{2}$$

#### 4.3 Primes and Greatest Common Divisors

#### **4.3.2** Primes

A **prime number** is a whole number whose only factors are 1 and itself. By definition, it does not appear on the multiplication table. A nonprime positive integer is called **composite** 

The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic Every integer greater greater than 1 can be written uniquely as the product of one or more primes.

Two numbers are relatively prime or coprime if their greatest common factor (GCF) is 1. If n is divisible by a and b, then it is also divisible by  $a \times b$ .

## 4.1 Divisibility and Modular Arithmetic

#### 4.1.2 Division

If a and b are nonzero integers such that  $\frac{b}{a}$  is an integer, it is said that a factor/divisor of b and that b is a multiple of a. This is denoted as  $a \mid b$ . If a is not a factor of b, it is denoted as  $a \nmid b$ .

Let a, b, and c be nonzero integers.

- 1. If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid c$ , then  $a \mid (b+c)$ .
- 2. If  $a \mid b$ , then  $a \mid bc$  for any integer c.
- 3. If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid c$ , then  $a \mid c$ .

### 4.1.3 The Division Algorithm

**The Division Algorithm** Let a and b be integers, the latter of which is positive. Then there are unique integers q and r, with  $0 \le r < d$ , such that a = dq + r.

In this equality, d is called the divisor, a the dividend, q the quotient, and r the remainder. The notation used is

$$q = a \operatorname{div} d$$
  $r = a \operatorname{mod} d$ 

#### 4.1.4 Modular Arithmetic

If a and b are integers and m is a positive integer, then a is congruent to b modulo m if  $m \mid (a-b)$ . The notation  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  to denote this **congruence** in **modulo** m, m being the **modulus**. An incongruency is denoted  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$ 

 $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $a \mod m = b \mod m$ 

Let m be a positive integer. a is congruent modulo m to b if there exists an integer k such that a = b + km.

Let m be a positive integer. If  $a \equiv b$  and  $c \equiv d$  modulo m,  $a + c \equiv b + d$  and ac = bd modulo m as well.

## Divisibility Rules

- 7. If the difference between a 2 times a number's last digit and the rest of the number is divisible by 7 or 0, the number is as well. If the difference between a number's last digit multiplied by 5 and the rest of the numbers is divisible by 17 or 0, the number is divisible by 17.
- 19. If the sum of 2 times the last digit of a number and the rest of the digits is divisible by 19, the number is divisible by 19.
- 23. If the sum of 7 times the last digit of a number and the rest of the number is divisible by 23, then so is the number.
- 31. If the difference between 3 times the last digit of a number and the rest of the number is divisible by 31, then so is the number.

## Counting

## 6.1 The Basics of Counting

### 6.1.2 Basic Counting Principle

The Product Rule If a procedure can be decomposed into a sequence of two tasks, one with  $n_1$  possible ways of being completed and another with  $n_2$  ways, there are  $n_1n_2$  total ways to carry out the procedure.

The Sum Rule If a task can be completed either in one of  $n_1$  ways or in one of  $n_1$ 2 ways, where there is no overlap between the sets of  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  ways, then there are  $n_1 + n_2$  ways to complete the task.

## 6.1.3 The Subtraction Rule (Inclusion-Exclusion for Two Sets)

The Subtraction Rule If a task can be completed in either  $n_1$  or  $n_2$  ways, then the number of ways to do the task is  $n_1 + n_2$  minus the number of ways that are shared between both.

The subtraction rule is also known as the **principle of exclusion principle**. For two sets  $A_1$  and  $A_2$ ,

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

This uses an exclusive or rather than an inclusive or.

#### 6.1.4 The Division Rule

The Division Rule If a task can be done using a procedure that can be carried out n ways and exactly d of n ways correspond to every way, there are n/d ways to complete the task.

## 6.1.5 Tree Diagrams

Counting problems are often solvable using **tree diagrams**, which consist of a root, a number of branches leaving the root, possible further branches extending from them, and so on.

#### 6.3 Permutations and Combinations

#### 6.3.2 Permutations

A **permutation** of a set of distinct objects is an ordered arrangement of these objects. An ordered arrangement of a set of r distinct elements of a set is called an r-permutation.

If n is a positive integer and r is an integer within [1, n], then there are

$$P(n,r) = {}_{n}C_{r} = n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots(n-r+1) = \prod_{i=0}^{r-1}[n-i]$$

r-permutations of a set with n distinct elements.

If n and r are integers with  $0 \le r \le n$ , then

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

#### 6.3.3 Combinations

A **combination** is an unordered selection of objects. An unordered selection of r elements from a set is an r-combination

The number of r-combinations of a set of n elements, where n is a nonnegative integer and  $0 \le r \le n$ , is

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

If n and r are nonnegative integers with  $r \leq n$ ,

$$C(n,r) = C(n,n-r)$$

## 6.4 Binomial Coefficients and Identities

#### 6.4.2 The Binomial Theorem

The binomial theorem allows the coefficients of the terms of exponential powers of binomials to be found. A **binomial** expression is simply the sum of two terms.

**The Binomial Theorem** If x and y are variables and n is a nonnegative integer, then

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} x^{n-i} y^i$$

If n is a nonnegative integer, then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k} = 2^n \qquad \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} = 0 \qquad \sum_{k=0}^{n} 2^k \binom{n}{k} = 3^n$$

#### 6.4.3 Pascal's Identity and Triangle

**Pascal's Identity** If n and k are positive integers such that  $k \leq n$ , then

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k-1} + \binom{n}{k}$$

### 6.4.4 Other Identities Involving Binomial Coefficients

**Vandermonde's Identity** If m, n, and r are nonnegative integers with  $r \leq m$ , n, then

$$\binom{m+n}{r} = \sum_{k=0}^{r} \binom{m}{r-k} \binom{n}{k}$$

If n is a nonnegative integer, then

$$\binom{2n}{n} = \sum_{k=0}^{n} \binom{n}{k}^2$$

If n and r are nonnegative integers such that  $r \leq n$ , then

$$\binom{n+1}{r+1} = \sum_{i=r}^{n} \binom{i}{r}$$

### 6.5 Generalized Permutations and Combinations

### 6.5.2 Permutations with Repetition

The number of r-permutations of a set of n elements with repetitions allowed is  $n^r$ .

### 6.5.3 Combinations with Repetition

The number of r-combinations of a set of n elements with repetitions allowed is C(n+r-1,r) = C(n+r-1,n-1).

### 6.5.4 Permutations with Indistinguishable Objects

The number of distinct permutations of n objects, where  $n_1$  are indistinguishable objects of type 1,  $n_2$  are indistinguishable objects of type 2, ..., and  $n_k$  are indistinguishable objects of type k is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\cdots n_k!} = \frac{n!}{\prod\limits_{i=1}^k n_i!}$$

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#### 6.5.5 Distributing Objects into Boxes

The number of ways to distribution n distinguishable objects into k distinguishable boxes such that  $n_i$  objects are placed into box i is

$$\frac{n!}{n_1!n_2!\dots n_k!} = \frac{n!}{\prod\limits_{i=1}^k n_i!}$$

The number of ways of placing n indistinguishable objects into k distinguishable boxes is equal to that of n-combinations of a set of k elements with repetition allowed, being C(k+n-1,n). The number of ways to place n distinguishable objects into k indistinguishable boxes is equal to

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k} S(n,j) = \sum_{j=1}^{k} {n \brace j} = \sum_{j=1}^{k} \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{i=0}^{j-1} (-1)^{j} {j \choose i} (j-i)^{n}$$

where S(n,j) and  $\binom{n}{i}$  denote Stirling numbers of the second kind:

$$S(n,j) = {n \brace j} = \frac{1}{j!} \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} (-1)^i {j \choose i} (j-i)^n$$

Distributing n indistinguishable objects into k indistinguishable boxes is the same as writing n as the sum of at most k positive integers in nonincreasing order. If  $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_i = n$  where  $a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_i$  are descending positive integers, it is said that this list is a **partition** of the positive integer n into i positive integers. If  $p_k(n)$  is the number of partitions of n into at most k positive integers, then there are  $p_k(n)$  ways to sort n indistinguishable objects into k indistinguishable boxes. No simple closed formula for this number exists.

## Induction and Recursion

## 5.1 Mathematical Induction

#### 5.1.2 Mathematical Induction

Mathematical induction<sup>1</sup> can be used to prove statements asserting that a propositional function P(n) is true for all positive integers n.

**Principle of Mathematical Induction** In order to prove that P(n) is true for all positive integers n, two steps must be completed:

- 1. The **basis step** must verify that P(1) is true.
- 2. The **inductive step** must show that  $P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1)$  is true for all positive integers k.

To complete the inductive step, it is assumed that P(k) is true for an arbitrary positive integer k and that this assumption guarantees that P(k+1) is true as well. This assumption is called the **inductive hypothesis**.

The inductive step shows that  $\forall k(P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1))$  is true where the domain is  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Expresses as a rule of inference, this proof technique can be written as

$$(P(1) \land \forall k (P(k) \Rightarrow P(k+1))) \Rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$

with the domain  $\mathbb{Z}^+$ .

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>In logic, **deductive reasoning** uses inference to draw conclusions from premises while **inductive reasoning** draws conclusions that are supported by not ensured by the evidence. Mathematical proofs, including those that employ induction, are deductive.

#### 5.1.5 Guidelines for Proofs by Mathematical Induction

#### Template for Proofs by Mathematical Induction

- 1. Express the statement to be proven in the form of "for all  $n \ge b$ , P(n)" for a fixed integer b.
- 2. Denote the basis step, showing that P(b) is true.
- 3. Identify the inductive hypothesis in the form "Assume that P(k) is true for an arbitrary fixed integer  $k \geq b$ ".
- 4. State what must be proven under the assumption in order to prove the validity of the inductive hypothesis.
- 5. Prove the statement P(k+1) under the assumption.
- 6. Identify the conclusion of the inductive step.
- 7. State the conclusion that "by mathematical induction, P(n) is true for all integers n with  $n \ge b$ ".

### 5.3 Recursive Definitions and Structural Induction

#### 5.3.2 Recursively Defined Functions

A function with the set of nonnegative integers as its domain can be defined by a **basis step**, setting the value of the function at 0, and a **recursive step**, providing a rule for finding its value at an integer from its values at smaller integers. This describes a **recursive/inductive definition**. Recursively defined functions are **well-defined**, meaning that for every positive integer, the corresponding function value is unambiguously determined.

## 5.3.3 Recursively Defined Sets and Structures

Recursive definitions may include an **exclusion rule**, excluding all elements other than those specified by the basis step of those generated by the rule.

The set  $\Sigma^*$  of strings over the alphabet  $\Sigma$  is defined recursively as

- 1.  $\lambda \in \Sigma^*$ , where  $\lambda$  is an empty string.
- 2. If  $w \in \Sigma^*$  and  $x \in \Sigma$ , then  $wx \in \Sigma^*$ .

Concatenation, denoted by  $\cdot$  is an operation by which two strings can be combined. It is defined as follows:

- 1. If  $w \in \Sigma^*$ , then  $w \cdot \lambda = w$ .
- 2. If  $w_1, w_2 \in \Sigma^*$  and  $x \in \Sigma$ , then  $w_1 \cdot w_2 x = (w_1 \cdot w_2)x$

A rooted tree consists of a set of vertices containing a distinguished vertex known as the root and edges connecting the vertices. The set of all rooted trees can be defined as

- 1. A single vertex r is a rooted tree.
- 2. Suppose  $T_1, T_2, \ldots, T_n$  are disjoint rooted trees with respective roots  $r_1, r_2, \ldots, r_n$ . The graph formed by adding a vertex from the root r, which is not part of any of the trees, to each of the roots is also a rooted tree.

## Graphs

## 10.1 Graphs and Graph Models

A graph G = (V, E) is comprised of  $V \not\equiv \emptyset$ , a set of vertices, and, and a set of edges E. Each edge is associated with either 1 or 2 endpoints. An edge is said connect to its endpoints.

It should be noted that V or E may be infinite. If both are infinite, the graph is considered an **infinite graph**. If both are finite, the graph is called a **finite graph**.

A graph in which each edge connects two different vertices and no two edges connect the same pair of vertices is called a **simple graph**.

Graphs with multiple edges that connect the same vertices are called multigraphs.