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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.

An unordered pair of vertices  $\{u, v\}$  is said to be of multiplicity m if there are m different edges associated with it.

An edge connecting a vertex to itself is called a *loop*. Graphs with loops or multiple edges connecting the same pair of vertices is sometimes called a **psuedograph**.

Undirected graphs have undirected edges.

A directed graph or digraph (V, E) is comprised of a set of vertices  $V \not\equiv \emptyset$  and a set of directed edges (arcs) E. Each directed edge is associated with an ordered pair of vertices. That associated with (u, v) is said to start at u and end at v.

A directed graph without loops or multiple directed edges is a **simple directed graph**.

A directed multigraph have multiple directed edges between to vertices (or possibly the same vertex).

An ordered pair of vertices (u, v) is said to be of multiplicity m if there are m directed edges associated with it.

A mixed graph has both directed and undirected edges.

## 10.2 Graph Terminology and Special Types of Graphs

Two vertices in an undirected graph are **adjacent** (or *neighbors* if there is an edge connecting them. Such an edge is called **incident with** the vertices and is also said to **connect** them.

The set of all neighbors of a vertex v is denoted by N(v) and is called the **neighborhood** of v. If A is a subset of V, N(A) denotes the set of all vertices in G that are adjacent to at least one vertex

in A, so  $N(A) = \bigcup_{v \in A} N(v)$ . The degree of a vertex in an undirected graph is the number of edges that are incident with. A loop contributes 2 to a vertex's degree. This is denoted by deg v.

**The Handshaking Theorem** If G = (V, E) is an undirected graph with m, edges, then

$$2m = \sum_{v \in V} \deg v$$

An undirected graph has an even number of vertices with odd degree.

The **in-degree** of a vertex v, denoted  $\deg^- v$ , is the number of edges that terminate at v. The **out-degree** of v, denoted  $\deg^+ v$ , is the number of edges with v as their initial vertex.

If G(V, E), is a digraph, then

$$\sum_{v \in V} \deg^- v + \sum_{v \in V} \deg^+ v = |E|$$

A complete graph on n vertices, denoted  $K_n$ , is the simple graph containing exactly one edge between each pair of distinct vertices.

A cycle  $C_n$  consists of n vertices  $v_1, v_2, \ldots, v_n$  and edges  $\{v_1, v_2\}, \{v_2, v_2\}, \ldots, \{v_{n-1}, v_n\}, \{v_n, v_1\}$ . A wheel  $W_n$  is obtained by adding an additional vertex to the cycle (for  $n \geq 3$ ) and connecting this new vertex to each of the n vertices in  $C_n$  with n edges.

An *n***-dimensional hypercube** or *n***-cube Q\_n is a graph with 2^n vertices representing all bit strings of length n, where there is an edge between two vertices that differ in exactly one bit position. A simple graph G is <b>bipartite** if V can be partitioned into two mutually exclusive subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  such that every edge connects a vertex in  $V_1$  to one in  $V_2$ .

A complete bipartite graph  $K_{m,n}$  is a graph that has its vertex set partitioned into subsets  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  where  $|V_1| = m$  and  $|V_2| = n$  such that there is an edge from every vertex in  $V_1$  to one in  $V_2$ . A subgraph of graph G(V, E) is a graph (W, F) where  $W \subset V$  and  $F \subset E$ .

## 10.3 Representing Graphs and Graph Isomorphism

An adjacency list is a list of all nodes adjacent to a given node.

Let G(V, E) be a graph. The **adjacency matrix A** (or  $\mathbf{A}_G$ ) of G is the  $|V| \times |V|$  matrix where  $\mathbf{A}_{G,i,j}$  is the number of edges connecting vertices  $v_i$  and  $v_j$ , where the indices are arbitrary.

Let G(V, E) be an undirected graph. The **incidence matrix M** is the  $|V| \times |E|$  matrix where  $\mathbf{M}_{i,j}$  is the 1 if edge  $e_j$  connects to node  $v_i$  and 0 otherwise.

The simple graphs  $G_1(V_1, E_1)$  and  $G_2(V_2, E_2)$  are **isomorphic** if there exists a one-to-one, onto function f from  $V_1$  to  $V_2$  such that a and b are adjacent in  $G_1$  if and only if f(a) and f(b) are adjacent in  $G_2$  for all a and b in  $V_1$ . Such a function f is called an **isomorphism**. Two simple graphs that are not isomorphic are **nonisomorphic**.

A property preserved by isomorphism is **graph invariant**.

## 10.4 Connectivity

Informally, a **path** is a sequence of edges starting at a vertex that travels between nodes following a graph's edges.

Let G be an undirected graph. A **path of length** n (where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ) from u to v is a sequence of n edges for which there exists a sequence  $x_{0\cdots n}$  of vertices such that  $x_0 = u$ ,  $x_n = v$ , and each  $e_i$  connects  $x_{i-1}$  and  $x_i$ .

A path of a simple graph is denoted by the sequence of vertices, as this uniquely determines the path.

A path is a **circuit** if the beginning and terminal points are the same and the length is not 0.

A path is said to pass through its vertices and traverse its edges.

A path is **simple** if it does not contain a given edge more than once.

An undirected graph is said to be **connected** if there exists a path between every pair of node. One that is not connected is **disconnected**.

A **connected component** of a graph is a subgraph of it that is connected that is not a proper subgraph of another connected subgraph.

A directed graph is **strongly connected** if there is a path between a and b and a for every pair of vertices. It is **weakly connected** if its underlying undirected graph is connected.

## 10.5 Euler and Hamiltonian Graphs

An **Euler circuit** in a graph is simple circuit containing all of its edges. An **Euler path** is a simple path containing every edge.

The initial and final edges of an Euler circuit add 1 each to that node's degree, and the circuit passing through that point contributes 2 more to the degree, meaning that the degree of the starting node must be even, as must that of every other vertex. In order for a graph to have an Euler circuit, then, all of its nodes must be of even degree.

The initial and final vertices of an Euler path must be of odd degree, but every other node must have an even degree, so a graph with an Euler path must have exactly two nodes of odd degree.

A connected multigraph with at least two vertices has an Euler circuit if an only if each vertex is of even degree and it has an Euler path if an only if exactly two vertices are of odd degree.

A **Hamilton path** in a graph is a simple path that passes through each point exactly once while a simple circuit that passes through each node exactly once is a **Hamilton circuit**.

**Dirac's theorem** states that a simple graph G with  $n \geq 3$  vertices where the degree of each vertex is at least n/2, then G has a Hamilton circuit.

**Ore's theorem** states that if a simple graph G has  $n \geq 3$  vertices such that the sum of the degrees of any two nonadjacent nodes is at least n has a Hamilton circuit.

## 10.6 Shortest-Path Problems

Graphs with a number assigned to each edge are **weighted graphs**. The **length** of a path is the sum of the weights of its edges.