

# Introduction to Discrete Math

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Global Frontier College

- Mathematical Thinking
  - Convincing Arguments, Find Example, Recursion, Logic, Invariants
- Probability & Combinatorics
  - Counting, Probability, Random Variables
- Graph Theory
  - Graphs (cycles, classes, parameters)
- Number Theory & Cryptography
  - Arithmetic in modular form
  - Intro to Cryptography

Mathematical Thinking – Logic

# **EXAMPLES, COUNTEREXAMPLES, LOGIC**

- Examples
- Counterexamples
- Logic

## Examples

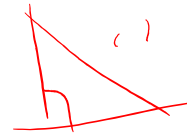
- Sometimes, one example is already enough
- If we want to prove that white lions exists
  - It is enough to show just one white lion
  - such examples are not always easy to come up with
    - 13 in the wild and approximately 300 in captivity
    - <https://whitelions.org/white-lion/faqs/>



## Examples

### Problem I

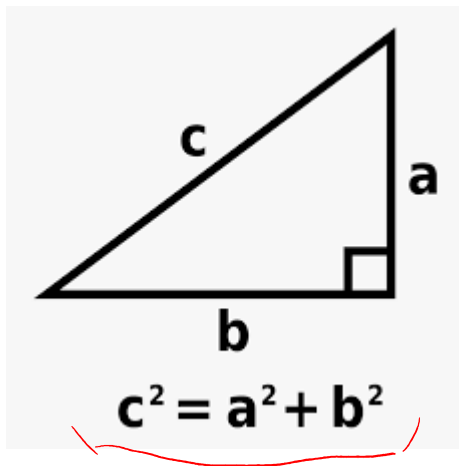
- Is it possible that for three positive integer numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  so that  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$ ?



# Examples

## Solution

- To come up with this example, recall
  - Pythagorean Theorem with right angle, and sides 3, 4, and 5



$$h = \sqrt{(a^2 + b^2)}; h = c$$

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

$$25 = 16 + 9$$

$$5^2 = 4^2 + 3^2$$

## Examples

### Problem II

- Is it possible that for three positive integer numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  so that  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ ?



## Examples

### Solution

\* conjecture – conclusion assume to be true  
due to initial supporting evidence but no  
proof or disproof has yet been found

- This is in fact impossible, so there is no example
- Fermat's Last Theorem (1637), a famous mathematical conjecture
  - for any integer  $n > 2$ , there are no such integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , &  $c$  such that
$$a^n + b^n = c^n.$$
  - Mathematicians failed tried to prove it for hundreds of years
  - Andrew Wiles was able to prove it in 1995



## Examples

### Problem III

- Is it possible that for positive integer numbers  $\underline{a}$ ,  $\underline{b}$ ,  $\underline{c}$ , and  $\underline{d}$  so that  $\underline{a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = d^4}$ ?

## Examples

### Solution

- We could initially assume that it is impossible due to Fermat's Last Theorem
- But the theorem only focus on equations with the form

$$\underline{a}^n + \underline{b}^n = \underline{c}^n$$

- Hence, it is not applicable for this problem  $a, b, c, d$



## Examples

### Solution

- It is actually possible, the smallest number though is very big
$$95800^4 + 217519^4 + 414560^4 = 422481^4$$
- Computers used to derive the examples
- But the possible number of values are so huge that it is hard to find examples that satisfy the equation, even with the help of computers

## Examples

### Problem IV

- Is there a power of 2 that starts with 65?

$$x^2 = 65xxxx\dots$$



## Examples

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### Solution

- The answer is  $\underline{2^{16}} = 65536$  , 1 2 4 8 16 32 64
- This is the complete solution
- In fact, there is a power of 2 that starts w/ any integer  $n$ ,  $n > 0$ 
  - But much more difficult to prove

- Examples
- Counterexamples
- Logic

## Counterexamples

- Just one counterexample is enough to disprove a statement
- If we want to prove that all swans are white ↷
  - Just one instance of black swan is enough to disprove it
  - However, it is often difficult to find such counterexamples





# Counterexamples

## Theorem I

- All rectangles are squares  $\top$

# Counterexamples

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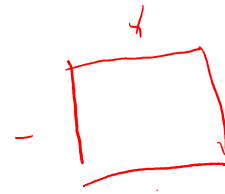
## Solution

- A rectangle with sides of sizes 1 and 2, respectively, is not a square.
- This is a counterexample for the theorem, hence the ~~theorem~~ is wrong

## Counterexamples

### Theorem II

- All square are rectangles ✓



### Solution

- There is no counterexample for this case, hence the theorem is true
- Since square is a rectangle with equal sides.

# Counterexamples

## Theorem II

- *All square are rectangles*

## Counterexamples

### Theorem III

- Euler came up w/ a generalization of Fermat's Last Theorem
- *For any  $n > 2$ , it is impossible for an  $n$ -th power of a positive integer to be represented as a sum of  $n - 1$  numbers w/c are the  $n$ -th powers of positive integers*
- For  $n = 3$ , it is the same as Fermat's Last Theorem: It is impossible that  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ .

# Counterexamples

## Solution

- Lander came up with a counterexample in 1966 for  $n=5$ :

$$27^5 + 84^5 + 110^5 + 133^5 = 144^5$$

- Elkies found another counterexample in 1986 for  $n=4$ :

$$2682440^4 + 15365639^4 + 18796760^4 = 20615673^4$$

- Frye found the smallest counterexample for  $n=4$  in 1988:
  - Which is an example for one statement & counterexample for another

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# Logic

## Logical Operators

- Negation
- Logical AND
- Logical OR
- If-then





# Negation

## Statement

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- Not all swans are white. Or, there are swans that are not white.

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### Negation

- There are no such positive integer numbers  $a$ ,  $b$ , &  $c$ , such that  $a^3 + b^3 = c^3$ .
- Or for any positive integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , &  $c$ , such that  $a^3 + b^3 \neq c^3$ .

# Negation

## Statement

- $4 = 2 + 2$
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- $4 = 2 + 2$  ✓
- $5 = 2 + 2$  ✗

### Negation

- $4 \neq 2 + 2$  ✗
- $5 \neq 2 + 2$  ✓

# Negation

## Negation

- Is true, if and only if the initial statement is wrong
- Is false, if and only if the initial statement is correct

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 4 = 2 + 2 & \checkmark & \\
 5 = 2 + 2 & \times & \\
 \hline
 & \neg \Rightarrow & \\
 4 \neq 2 + 2 & \times & \\
 5 \neq 2 + 2 & \checkmark &
 \end{array}$$

## Logical AND

### Statement

- $4 = 2 + 2$  **AND**  $4 = 2 \times 2$  ✓
- The logical AND of two statements is true if and only if both statements are true.
- $4 = 2 + 2$  AND  $4 = 2 \times 2 \rightarrow \text{TRUE}$  ✓
- $4 = 2 + 2$  AND  $5 = 2 \times 2 \rightarrow \text{FALSE}$  ✗
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## Logical OR

### Statement

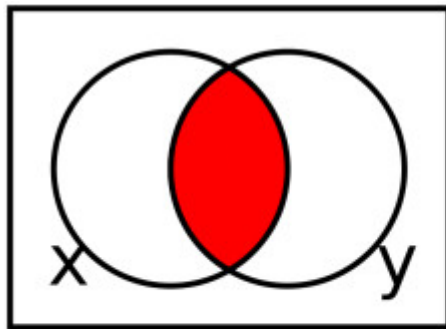
- $4 = 2 + 2$  **OR**  $4 = 2 \times 2$
- The logical OR of two statements is true if and only if at least one of the statements is true.

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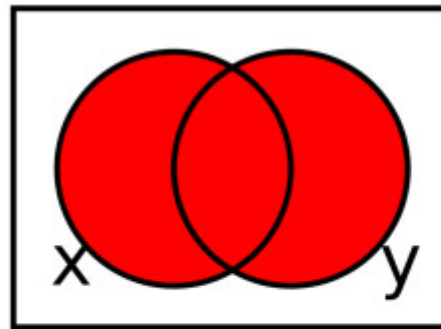
## Venn Diagram

### Symbols:

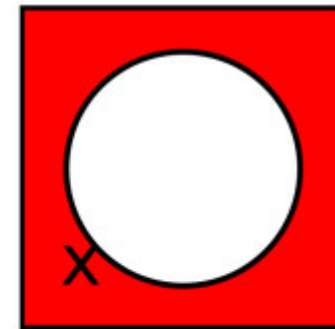
- Logical NOT ( $\neg$ ), logical AND ( $\wedge$ ), and logical OR ( $\vee$ )



$$x \wedge y$$



$$x \vee y$$



$$\neg x$$

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logical\\_connective](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Logical_connective)

## Negation of AND

### Statement

Negation of AND is OR of negations:

- Negation of “A AND B” is “Not A OR Not B”

$\neg(A \wedge B) \equiv \neg A \vee \neg B$

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Negation of  $(4 = 2 + 2) \text{ AND } (4 = 2 \times 2)$

•  $4 \neq 2 + 2 \text{ OR } 4 \neq 2 \times 2$ .

*Handwritten notes:*  
 Above the first expression:  $A \text{ (T) AND } B \text{ (T)} \rightarrow \text{True}$   
 Below the second expression:  $\neg A \text{ (F) OR } \neg B \text{ (F)} \rightarrow \text{False}$   
 A red arrow points from the negated expression to the word "Negated AND".

## Negation of OR

### Statement

Negation of OR is AND of negations:

- Negation of “A OR B” is “Not A AND Not B”

$\neg A \wedge \neg B$

## Negation of OR

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Negation of OR is AND of negations:

- Negation of “A OR B” is “Not A AND Not B”

Negation of  $(4 = 2 + 2) \text{ OR } (5 = 2 \times 2)$   $\therefore$

- $(4 \neq 2 + 2) \text{ AND } (5 \neq 2 \times 2)$   $F \rightarrow \neg T$

## Reminder

- Everybody, make sure that your name in ZOOM is in the following format:
  - Ex: 202054321 Juan Dela Cruz

Not changing your name to this format

\* you **will** be marked Absent \* → absent?



## If-Then

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The interesting case:

- There is no elephant in the refrigerator, but I gave you 100,000 won anyways, did I keep my promise?
- In terms of technical sciences, it is considered a kept promise, hence the statement is true

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$$T = (P = F) \vee (Q = T)$$

Negation

- If  $n = 6$ , then  $n$  is even  $\rightarrow$  TRUE
- If  $n = 5$ , then  $n$  is even  $\rightarrow$  FALSE
- If  $1 = 2$ , then  $2 = 3$  is even  $\rightarrow$  TRUE
- If  $1 = 2$ , then I am an elephant  $\rightarrow$  TRUE

$$\begin{array}{ccc} P & & Q \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ F & \vee & T \\ (1 \neq 2) & \vee & \text{NOT } (F) \\ & & \downarrow \\ & & F \end{array}$$

IF-THEN  $\rightarrow$  P AND NOT Q



## If-Then

### If-Then Generalization

$$T_{\text{true}} = P = F; \text{ or } Q = T$$

- $\star$  “If  $n$  is divisible by 4, then  $n$  is divisible by 2”  $\star$ 
  - means “For all  $n$ , if  $n$  is divisible by 4, then  $n$  is divisible by 2”
  - statement is TRUE
- For any number  $n$  that is divisible by 4, and so is divisible by 2
  - both “if” and “then” parts are true, statement is TRUE
- $\star$  For any number  $n$  that is not divisible by 4  $\star$ 
  - “if” part is false, statement is TRUE, no matter if  $n$  divisible by 2 or not

$$P = F; \text{ or } Q = ?$$



## If-Then

$$n = 4 = n/4 \\ q = 2/2 \checkmark \quad n/4 \times$$

$$\downarrow \\ P = T, Q = ? =$$

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  - means “For all  $n$ , if  $n$  is divisible by 2, then  $n$  is divisible by 4”
  - statement is FALSE
- $\Delta$  Because when  $n = 2$ ,  $n$  is divisible by 2 but not by 4, hence
  - “if” part is true but “then” statement is false
  - statement is FALSE



## If-Then

### Direct & Converse

- “If  $n$  is divisible by 4, then  $n$  is divisible by 2”  
– **direct** statement
- “If  $n$  is divisible by 2, then  $n$  is divisible by 4”  
– **converse** statement
- When both **direct** (“If  $P$ , then  $Q$ ”) and **converse** (“If  $Q$ , then  $P$ ”) statements are true, they are equivalent to  
– “ $P$  if and only if  $Q$ ”

$Q = \text{true}$

$P = \text{true} \rightarrow Q = \text{true}$   
 $P = \text{false} \rightarrow Q = \text{true}$

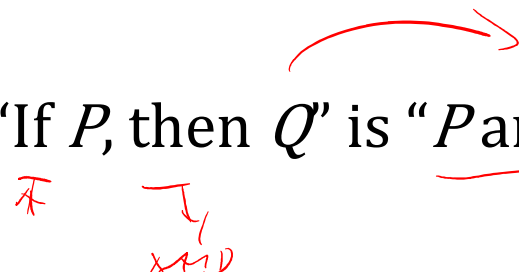


$P$

$Q$

## If-Then


### Negation of If-Then

- The negation of the phrase “If  $P$ , then  $Q$ ” is “ $P$  and not  $Q$ ”  

- Check if it is true whenever the corresponding If-Then is false
- Check if it is false whenever the corresponding If-Then is true

# If-Then

## Universal Quantification

- Statements that are examples of universal quantification:
  - All swans are white
  - All integers ending with the digit “2” are even
  - For all  $n$ ,  $2 \times n = n + n$
- Fermat's Last Theorem states that for all  $n > 2$ , equation  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  does not have solutions with positive integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , &  $c$ .
  - This is another example universal negation

$n=2 = \checkmark$  ;  $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$    
 $a^n + b^n = c^n$   ~~$c > 2$~~



## If-Then

### Existential Quantification

- Statements that are examples of existential quantification:
  - There are black swans
  - There is a way to get a change of 12 ewans with 4 ewan & 5 ewan coins
  - There exists such integers  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $d$  that  $a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = d^4$  ←
  - There exists a power of 2 starting with 65

## If-Then

### Combination of Quantifiers

- ✂ Mathematical statements are usually combinations of universal and existential qualifications.
- Example is a corollary from Fermat's Last Theorem:
- Theorem:
  - There exists such integer  $m$  that for any integer  $n > m$ , equation  $a^n + b^n = c^n$  has no solutions with positive integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .

## If-Then

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- Theorem:  $\exists Q$   $\forall Q$ 
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- Example:  $\forall$   $\checkmark$ 
  - UQ: “For all  $n$ , statement  $A$  is true”
  - Negation of UQ: “There exists such  $n$  that statement  $A$  is false”

$\exists$   $\checkmark$

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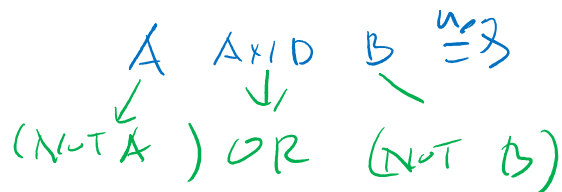
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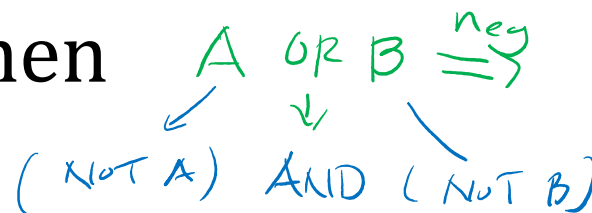
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- Negation:
  - There exists such  $n > 3$  and such positive integer  $a$  that  $a^n$  can be represented as a sum of  $n - 1$  numbers which are the  $n$ -th powers of positive integers.





If-Then



## Negation of Quantifications

- UQ: “All positive integers are either even OR odd”
- Negation: “There exists such positive integer  $n$  that is not even AND not odd”
- To negate:
  - We switch universal quantification (UQ) to existential qualification (EQ) and switch OR to AND
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## If-Then

### Examples & Counterexamples

- Counterexample for Euler's hypothesis that was previously given is an example of negation
- By proving negation of Euler's hypothesis, we prove that the Euler's hypothesis itself is false

## If-Then

### Reductio ad Absurdum

- A popular way of proving mathematical statements is through Reductio ad Absurdum
  - basically proving that the negation of the initial statement is false, hence the statement itself is true.
- We will study about this next

Mathematical Thinking – Reductio ad absurdum

# REDUCTIO AD ABSURDUM

- Reduction ad absurdum
- Balls in Boxes
- Numbers in Boxes
- Pigeonhole Principle
- An  $(-1,0,1)$  Antimagic Square
- Handshakes

# Reductio ad absurdum

## Reductio ad absurdum

- How to prove that something is true?
- Show that the opposite is impossible
- **Reductio ad absurdum**
  - Proof by contradiction
- One of the base methods of reasoning
  - Used everywhere
- Often combined with other methods
- We will use constantly throughout the course



# Reductio ad absurdum

## Socratic Method

- Reductio ad absurdum is classic
  - Used in Socratic method (Plato, ~400BC)
- Socrates revealed contradictions in what his student believed
  - By asking them questions step-by-step



[https://www.thoughtco.com/thmb/ZTk\\_AKXd0g904jzKDaqzk\\_jSvA=/768x0/filters:no\\_upscale\(\):max\\_bytes\(150000\):strip\\_icc\(\)/GettyImages-51242030-3fcd51321cc4d49a89bd81a64e93a44.jpg](https://www.thoughtco.com/thmb/ZTk_AKXd0g904jzKDaqzk_jSvA=/768x0/filters:no_upscale():max_bytes(150000):strip_icc()/GettyImages-51242030-3fcd51321cc4d49a89bd81a64e93a44.jpg)



## Socratic Method

- *Nontrivial* – Not obvious or easy to prove

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- There are boys and girls in the class. They are divided into two groups for the foreign language: there are students studying French, and there are students studying German. Each student picks one of the two languages. Show that there is a boy and a girl who study different languages.

*Seems impossible at first: we know basically nothing and we claim something nontrivial.*



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Everyone learns German!  
It is a contradiction!  
Therefore our assumption is wrong  
& **original statement is true**.

- Reduction ad absurdum
- **Balls in Boxes**
- Numbers in Boxes
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Total number of balls is at least 45,  $45 > 30$ .

Therefore our assumption is wrong. It cannot be done.

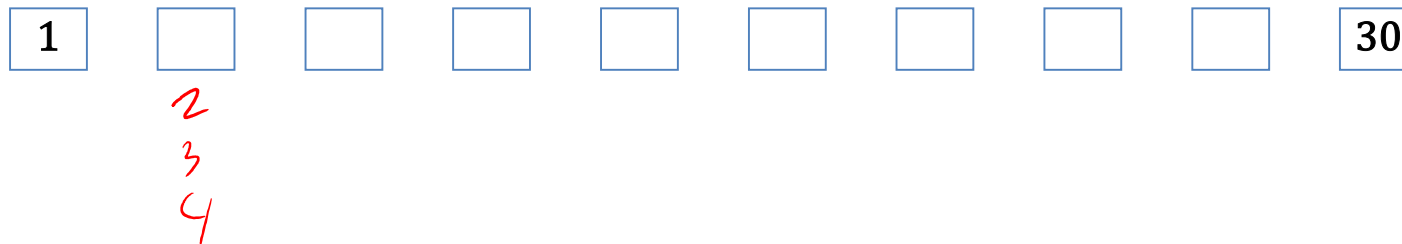
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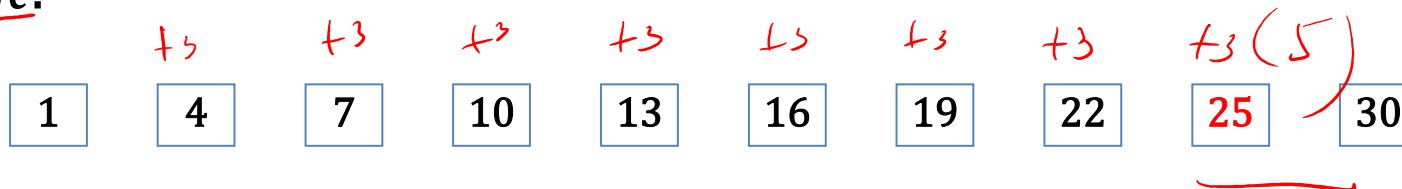
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There is a contradiction.

The numbers in the cells grow too slow ☹.

Therefore our assumption is wrong. **It cannot be done.**

This is a very common way to estimate running time of some algorithm.



## Reminder

- Everybody, make sure that your name in ZOOM is in the following format:
  - Ex: 202054321 Juan Dela Cruz

Not changing your name to this format

\* you **will** be marked Absent \* → absent?

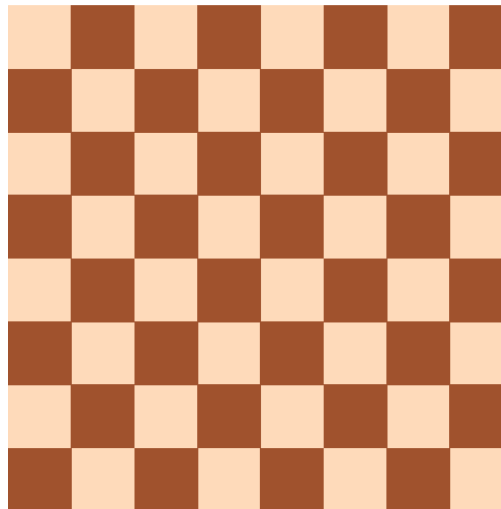


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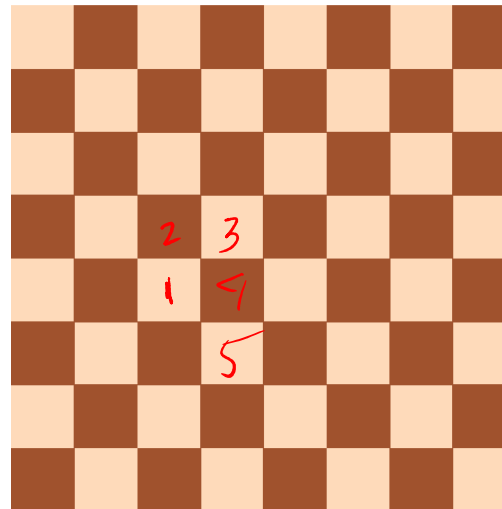
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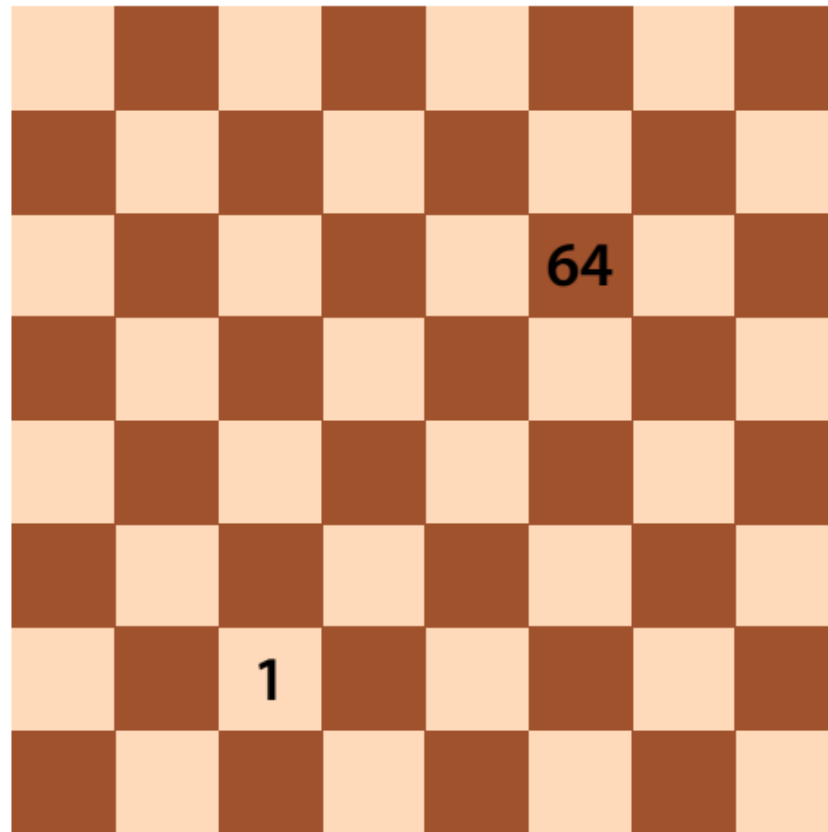


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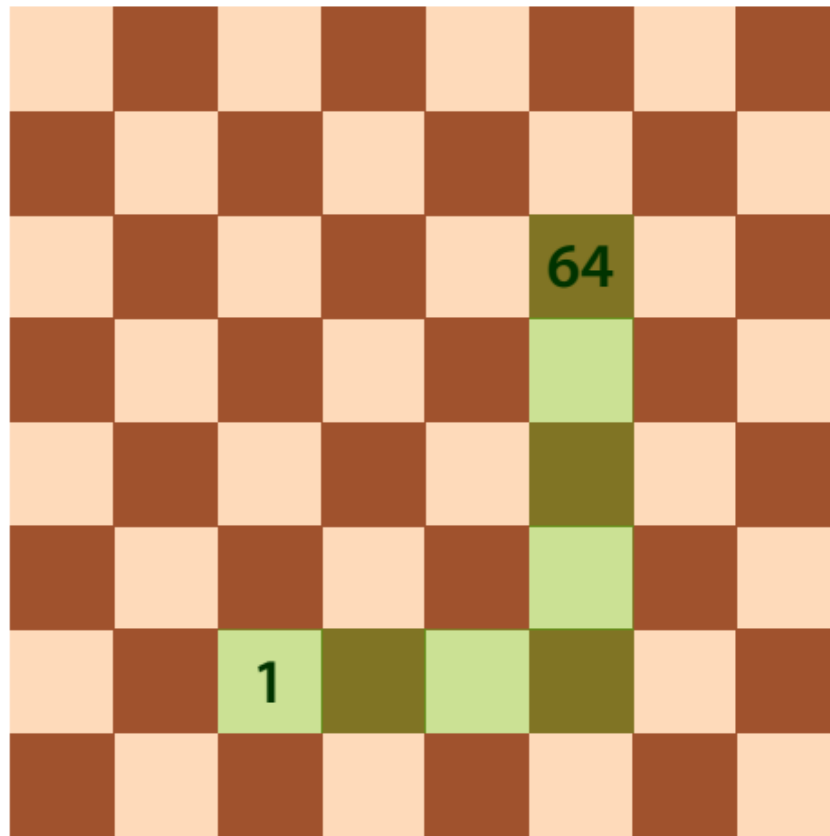


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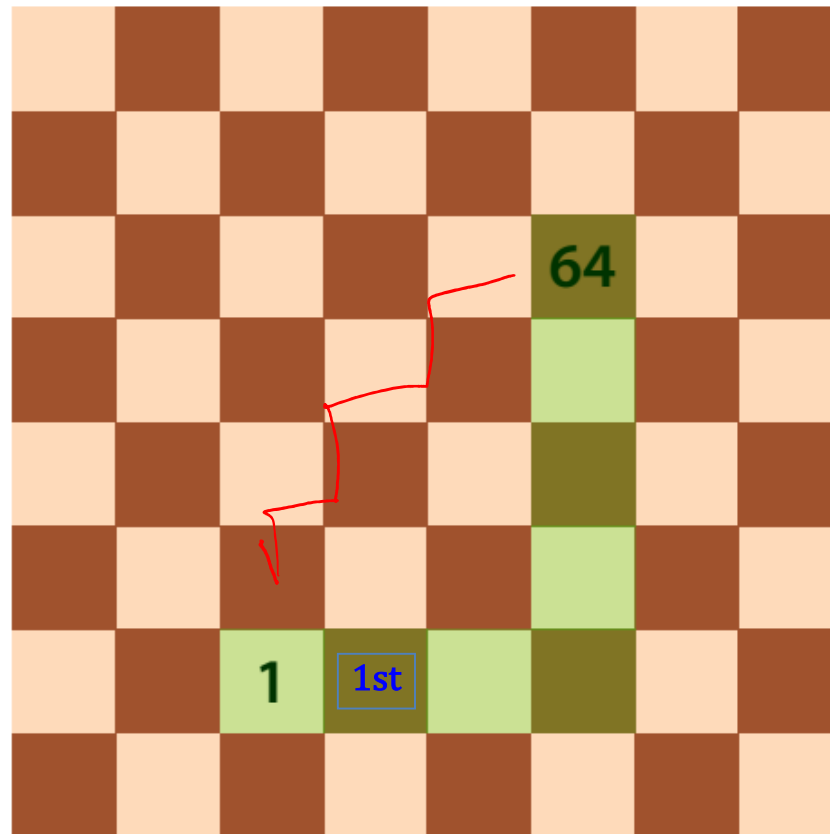


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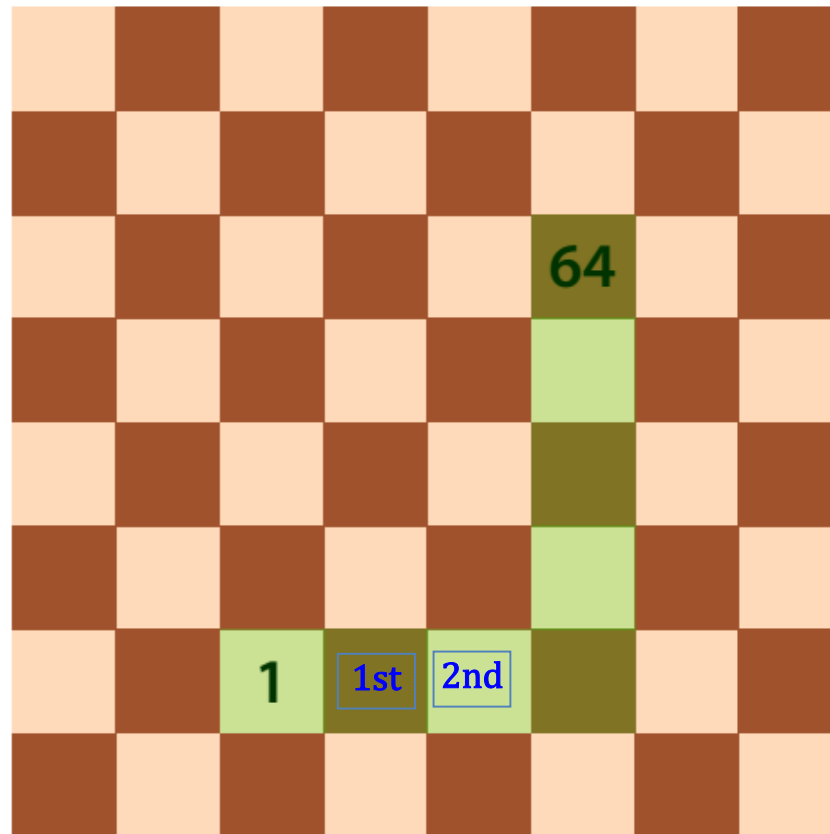


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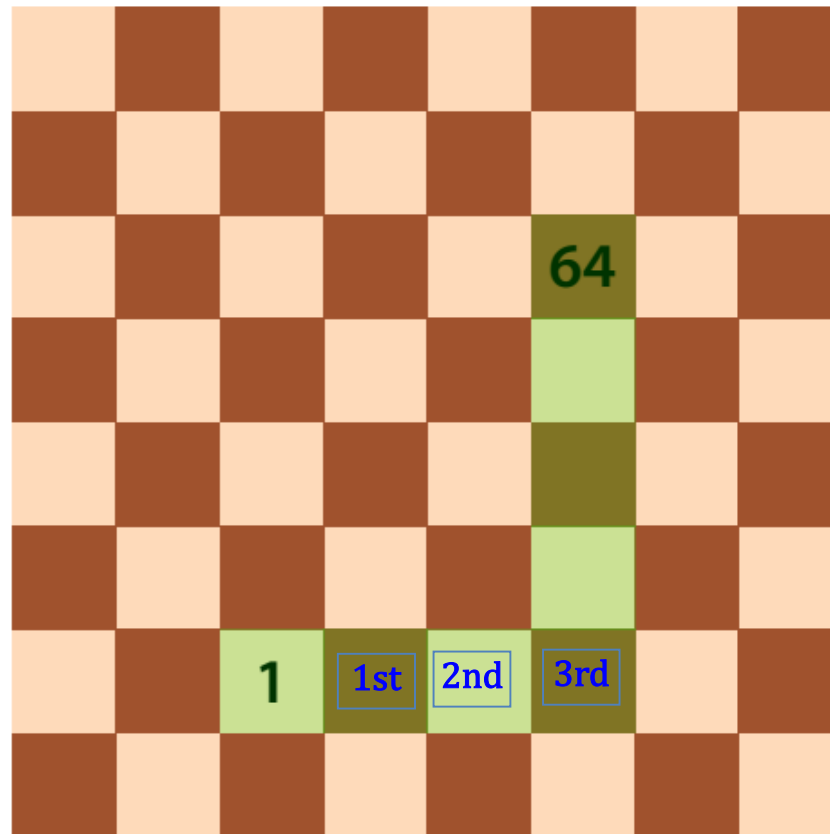


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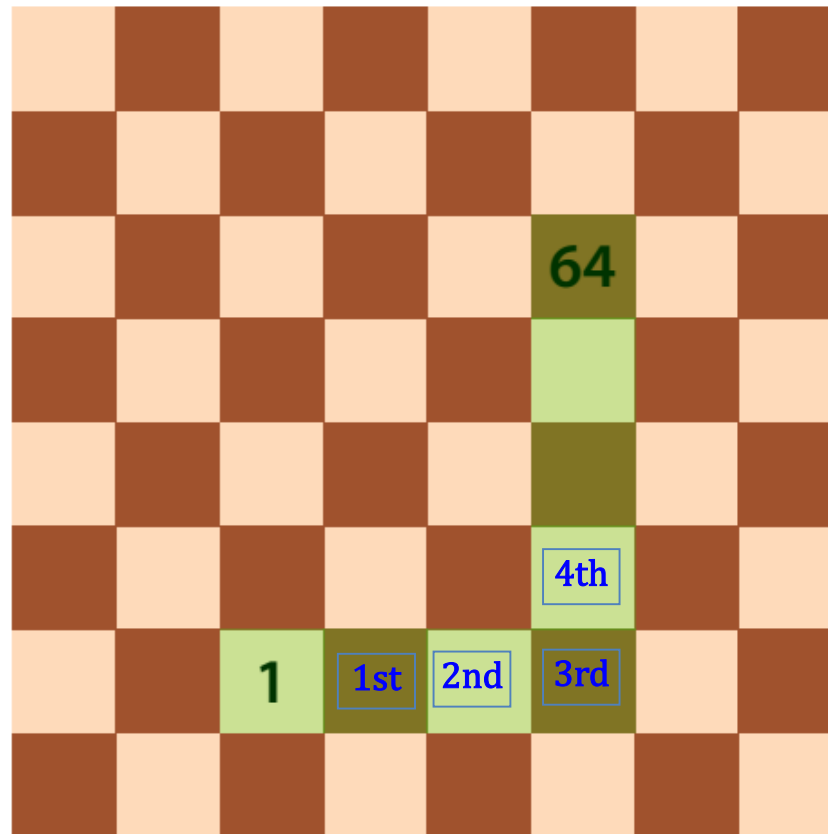


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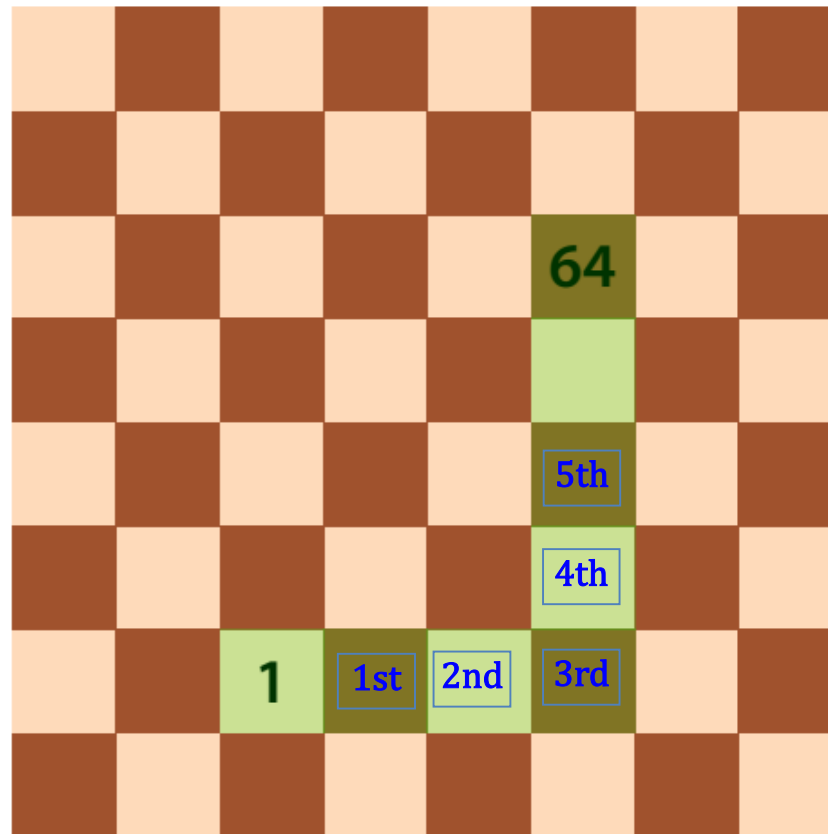


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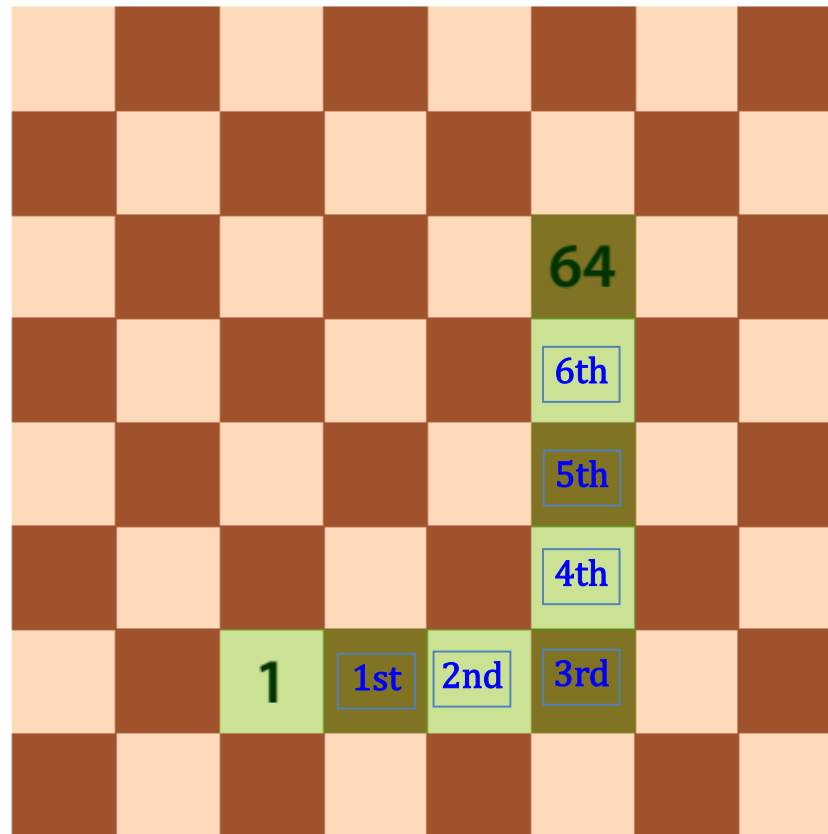


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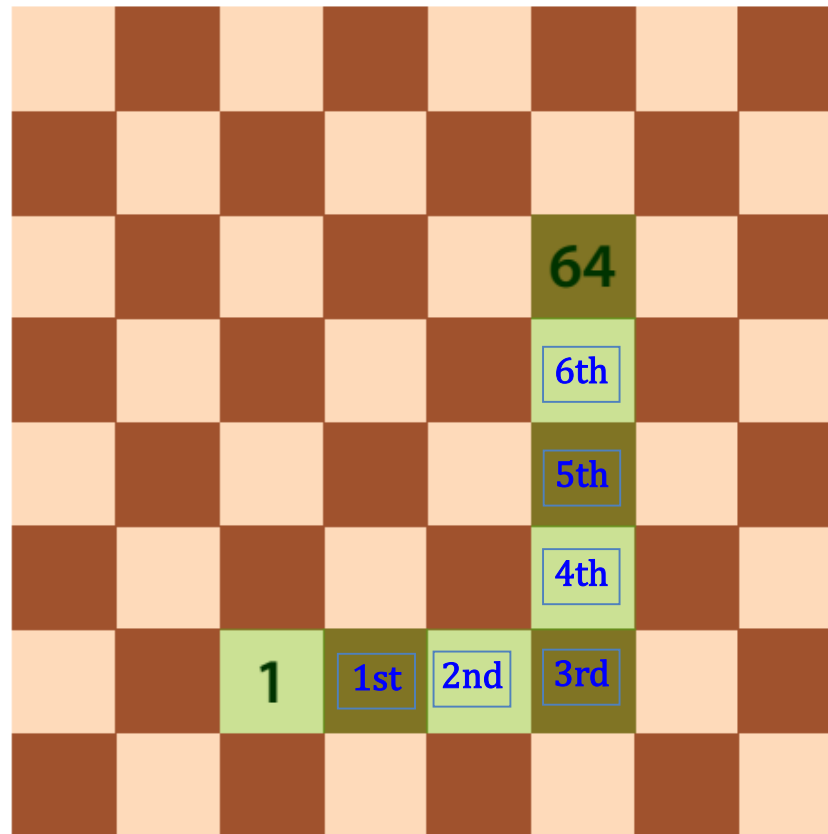


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For this:  
 $4 \times 7 = 28$ , too small.  
Doesn't work.

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Let us try to put 1 &  
64 with the  
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steps possible:  
14 steps!



For this:  
 $4 \times 14 = 56$ , still not  
enough.  
Hence, by showing it  
is not possible, we  
proved our  
statement is wrong.

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Seoul  $\approx 10^7$

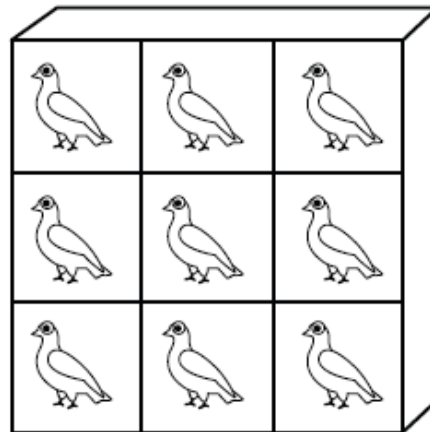


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THE PIGEONHOLE PRINCIPLE



✓  $n = 9$  holes  
 $n+1 = 10$  pigeons

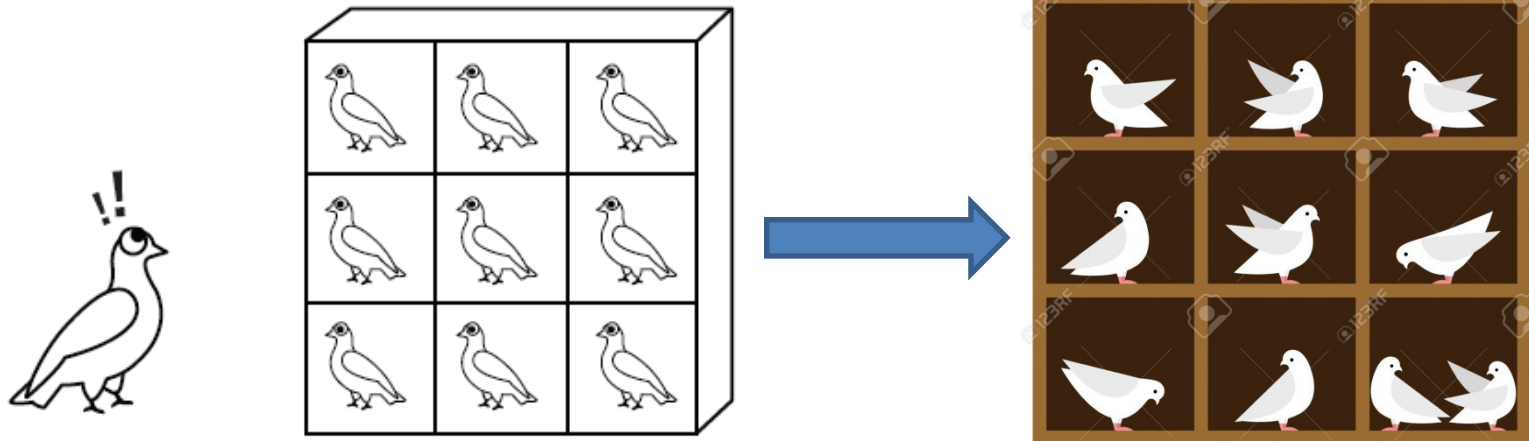
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    - **people** of Seoul → are the “**pigeons**”
    - **possible number of hairs** → are the “**pigeon holes**”

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v

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[range]

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- The sum for first 2 columns are the same
- It violates the statement
- Seems like the statement is not possible

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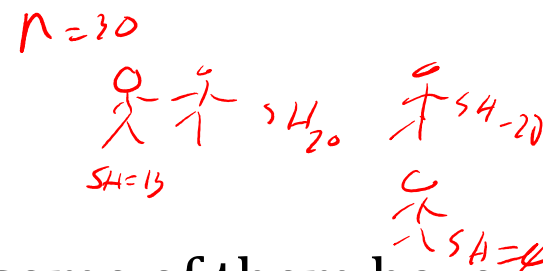
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- Based on Pigeonhole Principle
  - There would be at least 2 lines with same sum
  - Hence the statement is not possible!

$$P(H=7) \cdot P = 8$$




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# Handshakes



## Problem

- There are 30 persons in the room, and some of them have shaken hands. Prove that there are two persons who shook hands with equal number of people.
  - We're experienced with Pigeonhole, let's count
    - pigeons  $\rightarrow$  30 people
    - pigeonholes  $\rightarrow$   $[0, 29]$ , no of hand shaken, total of 30
  - Pigeonhole principle is not applicable
    - since  $\#pigeons = \#pigeonholes$ ,  $30 = 30$   $\times$
  - But wait 
    - $A = 0$  &  $B = 29$  handshakes, not possible at the same time
      - If  $A = 0$ , then max handshakes for B is only 28
    - Now 29 pigeonholes, we can use Pigeonhole Principle!



## Proof by Contradiction

### Conclusion

- **Proof by contradiction**
  - basic way of argument (reasoning)
  - used everywhere, usually combined w/ other ideas
  - can sometimes help a lot just on it's own
- **Pigeonhole Principle**
  - one of the most basic proof ideas
  - used a lot in mathematics
  - very simple principle, basically amounts to counting





**Thank you.**