

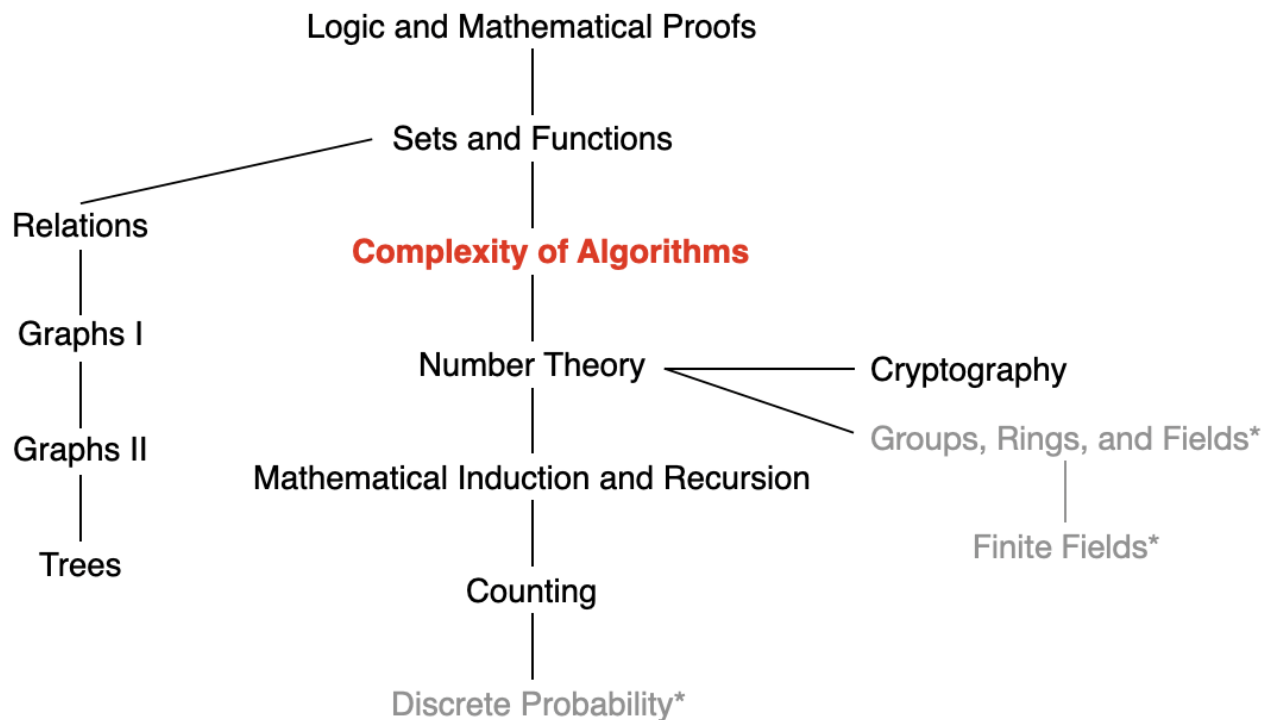
# Discrete Mathematics for Computer Science

## Lecture 7: Number Theory

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# This Lecture



The growth of functions, complexity of algorithm,  
**P and NP** ...

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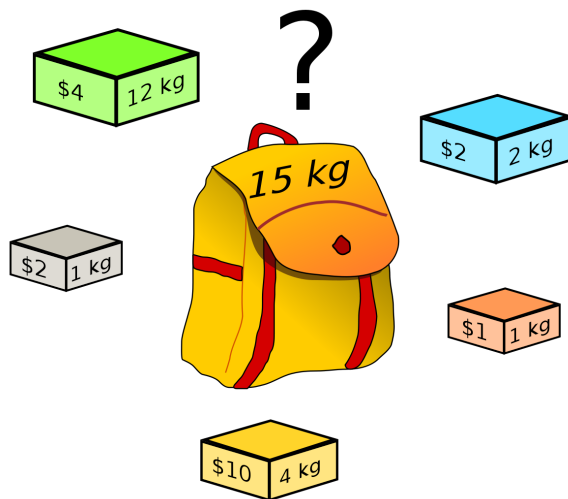
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Given a subroutine for solving the **optimization problem**, solving the corresponding **decision problem** is usually trivial.

- First, solve the optimization problem
- Then, check the decision problem.

Thus, if we prove that a given **decision problem** is **hard** to solve efficiently, then it is obvious that the **optimization problem** must be (at least as) hard.

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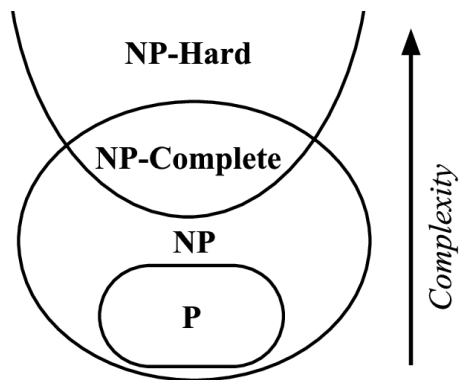
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## Example:

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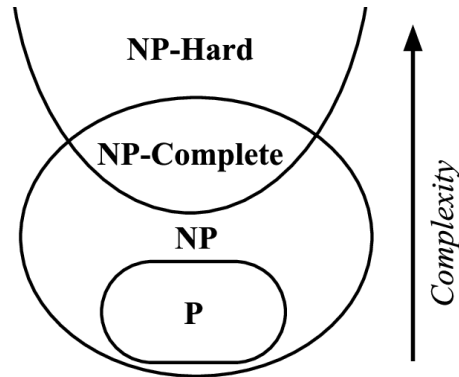
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**Definition:** A problem is **solvable** in polynomial time (or more simply, the problem is in polynomial time) if there **exists an algorithm** which solves the problem in polynomial time

- This problem is called **tractable**.

**Definition (The Class P):** The class P consists of **all decision problems** that are solvable in **polynomial time**. That is, there exists an algorithm that will decide in polynomial time if any given input is a yes-input or a no-input.

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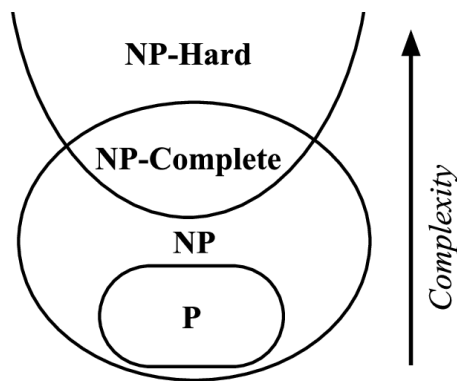
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**Proposition:** The problem **LongPath(G,k)** is in **NP**.

**Proof: (PARTIAL!)**

1. Note that **LongPath(G,k)** is a decision problem, as the definition of NP requires!
2. Here's my notion of certificate: A certificate is a list of vertices comprising a path of length at least  $k$
3. Here's my algorithm for verifying a certificate:

**Verify(G,k,C)**

1. Read  $G$ ,  $k$ , store graph  $G$  in an adjacency matrix
2. Read certificate  $C$  into an array
3. if  $m < k$ , where  $m$  is the length of  $C$ , return FALSE
4. for  $i = 1$  to  $m - 1$  do  
    if  $G$  has no edge from vertex  $C[i-1]$  to  $C[i]$  return FALSE
5. for  $i = 0$  to  $m - 1$  do  
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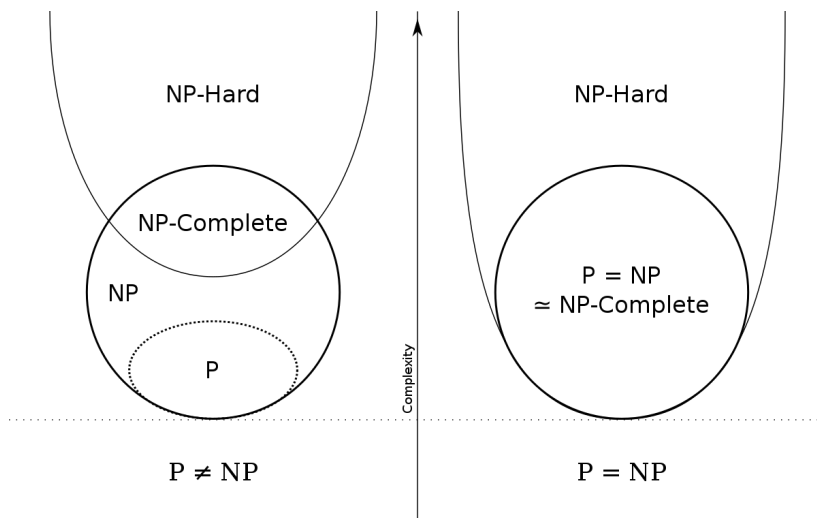
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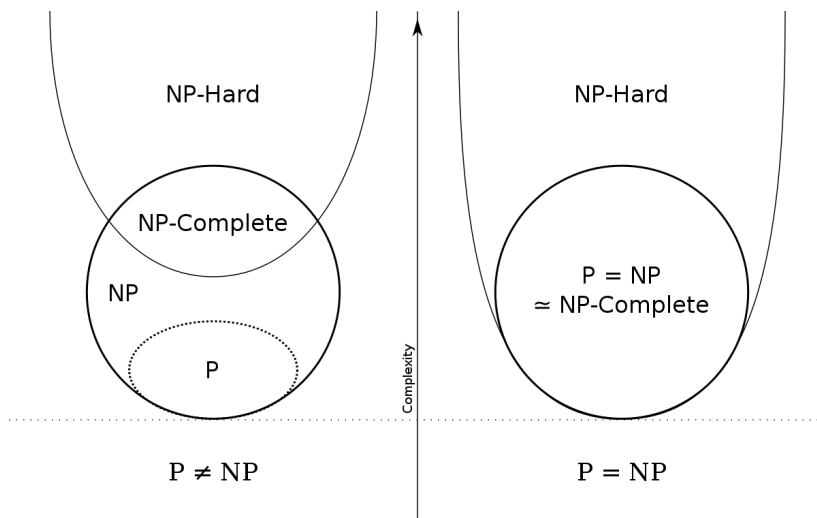


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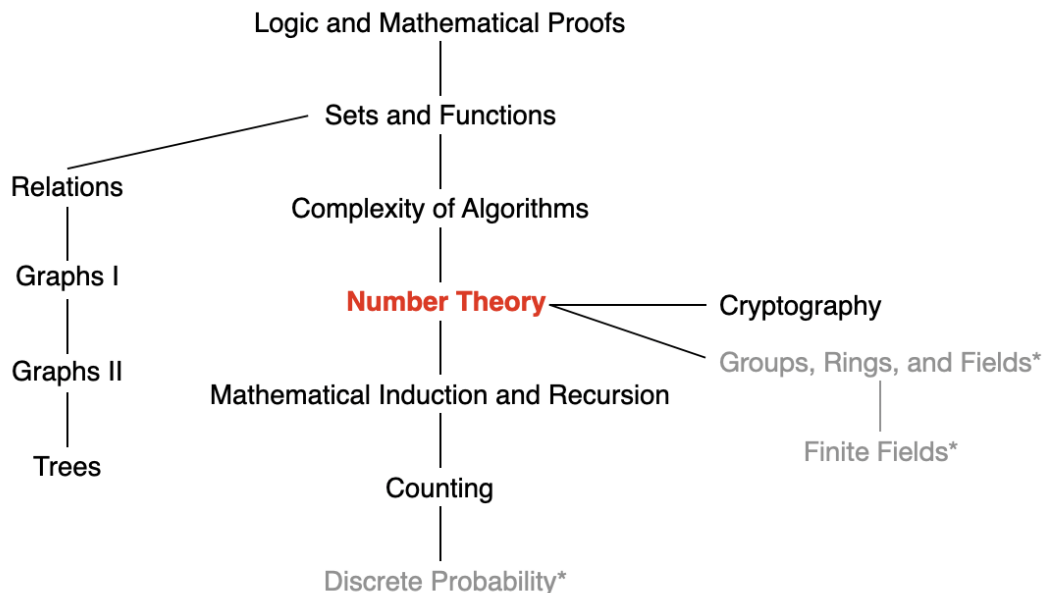
However, we are still **no** closer to solving it.

# What We Covered

- Decision problem and optimization
- Polynomial-time algorithms
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# Number Theory



Number Theory: divisibility and modular arithmetic,  
integer representations, primes, greatest common divisors, ...



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**Proof:** Suppose that  $a|b$  and  $a|c$ . Then, from the definition of divisibility, it follows that there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  with  $b = as$  and  $c = at$ . Hence,

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**Example:** The quotient and remainder when 101 is divided by 11?

$$101 = 11 \times 9 + 2$$

Hence, the quotient is  $9 = 101 \text{ div } 11$ , and the remainder is  $2 = 101 \text{ mod } 11$ .

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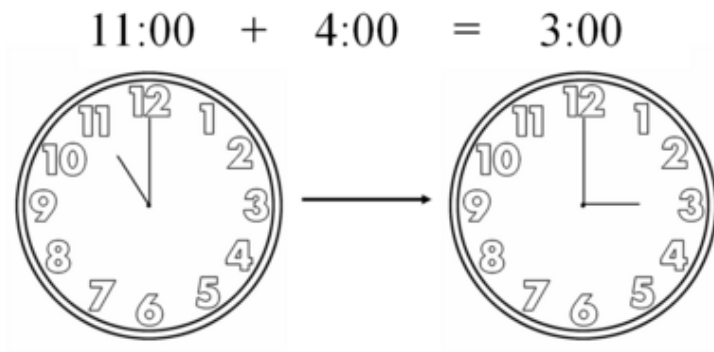


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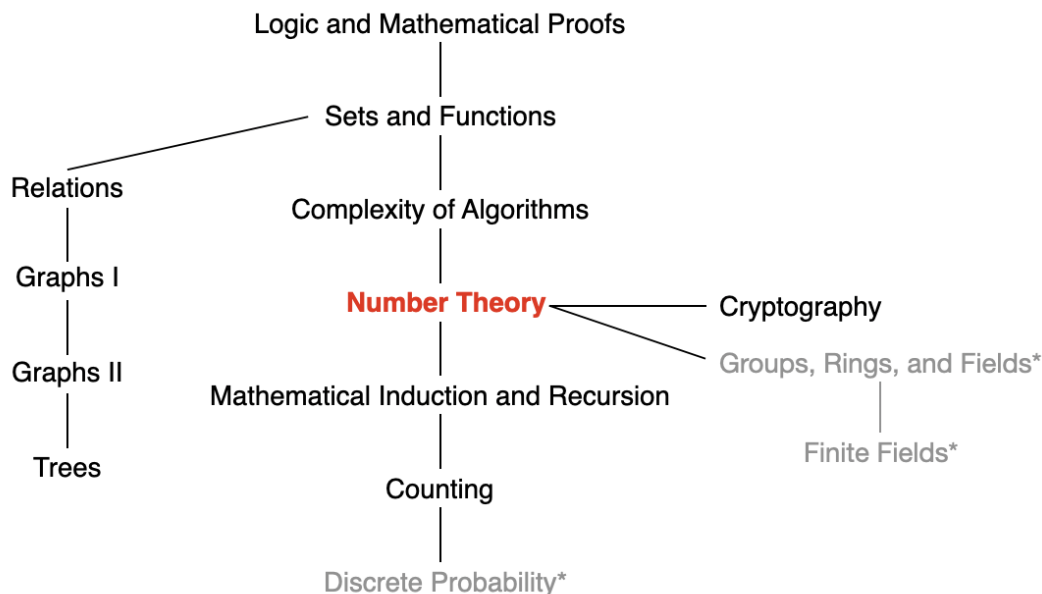
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Let  $b > 1$  be an integer. Then if  $n$  is a positive integer, it can be expressed uniquely in the form

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

where  $k$  is nonnegative,  $a_k$ 's are nonnegative integers less than  $b$ . The representation of  $n$  is called the **base- $b$  expansion** of  $n$  and is denoted by  $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ .

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- $a_1$  is the second digit from the right; continue by successively dividing the quotients by  $b$  until the quotient is 0

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procedure base  $b$  expansion( $n, b$ : positive integers with  $b > 1$ )  
   $q := n$   
   $k := 0$   
  while ( $q \neq 0$ )  
     $a_k := q \bmod b$   
     $q := q \operatorname{div} b$   
     $k := k + 1$   
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The successive remainders that we have found, 10, 14, 3, 11, 2. It follows that  $(177130)_{10} = (2B3EA)_{16}$ .

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$O(q \log a)$  bit operations. But there exist more efficient algorithms with complexity  $O(n^2)$ , where  $n = \max(\log a, \log d)$

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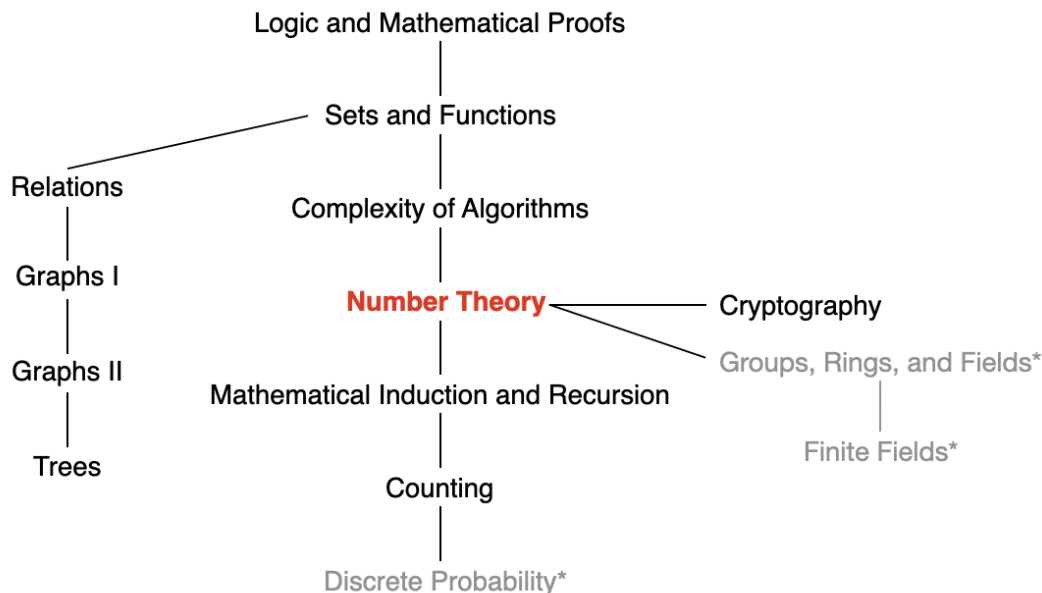
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The algorithm initially sets  $x = 1$  and  $power = 3 \bmod 645 = 3$ . The binary expansion of 644 is  $(1010000100)_2$ . Here are the steps used:

*i* = 0: Because  $a_0 = 0$ , we have  $x = 1$  and  $power = 3^2 \bmod 645 = 9 \bmod 645 = 9$ ;  
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*i* = 4: Because  $a_4 = 0$ , we have  $x = 81$  and  $power = 66^2 \bmod 645 = 4356 \bmod 645 = 486$ ;  
*i* = 5: Because  $a_5 = 0$ , we have  $x = 81$  and  $power = 486^2 \bmod 645 = 236,196 \bmod 645 = 126$ ;  
*i* = 6: Because  $a_6 = 0$ , we have  $x = 81$  and  $power = 126^2 \bmod 645 = 15,876 \bmod 645 = 396$ ;  
*i* = 7: Because  $a_7 = 1$ , we find that  $x = (81 \cdot 396) \bmod 645 = 471$  and  $power = 396^2 \bmod 645 = 156,816 \bmod 645 = 81$ ;  
*i* = 8: Because  $a_8 = 0$ , we have  $x = 471$  and  $power = 81^2 \bmod 645 = 6561 \bmod 645 = 111$ ;  
*i* = 9: Because  $a_9 = 1$ , we find that  $x = (471 \cdot 111) \bmod 645 = 36$ .

# Next Lecture



Number Theory: divisibility and modular arithmetic, integer representations, primes, greatest common divisors, ...