

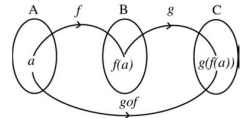
# Function composition

## Pigeonhole principle (抽屉原理)

### Lec 16: Composition Proofs & Pigeonhole Principle -- ANSWERS

#### Proof: $f, g$ onto $\rightarrow g \circ f$ onto

- $f: A \rightarrow B$  is onto, then by definition
  - $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A [f(a) = b]$
- $g: B \rightarrow C$  is onto, then by defn
  - $\forall c \in C \exists b \in B [g(b) = c]$
- Consider any element  $c_0 \in C$ 
  - $g$  is onto so there must be some element  $b_0$  with  $g(b_0) = c_0$ .
  - $f$  is onto so there must be some element  $a_0$  with  $f(a_0) = b_0$ .
  - So  $(g \circ f)(a_0) = g(f(a_0)) = g(b_0) = c_0$ .
  - So  $\exists a \in A$  such that  $(g \circ f)(a) = c_0$ .
- $\forall c \in C \exists a \in A [(g \circ f)(a) = c]$
- So  $g \circ f$  is onto (by definition of onto)



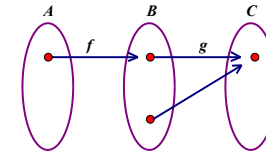
Simple logic:  
every point in C can be reached by some point in B, and every point in B can be reached by some point in A, so every point in C can be reached by some point in A.

recap:  
 $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x))$   
Theorem 1:  
 $f, g$  满射且  $\exists g \circ f(x)$ ,  
则  $g \circ f(x)$  满射

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#### Proof: $g, g \circ f$ onto $\nrightarrow f$ onto

- Define functions  $f$  and  $g$  as follows:



- Every element in C can be reached from B ( $g$  is onto)
- Every element in C can be reached from A ( $g \circ f$  is onto)
- There is an element in B that cannot be reached from A ( $f$  is not onto)

Simple logic:  
Every point in C can be reached by some point in B and A, but there's no "every point" in B all along.

ex: How many cards must you be dealt from the standard 52 card deck to guarantee 2 cards of the same unit?  $4 \times 5 = 20$

### Pigeonhole Principle

#### Generalized Pigeonhole Principle

- If there are  $P$  pigeons in  $H$  pigeonholes, then there must be at least  $\lceil \frac{P}{H} \rceil$  pigeons in some hole.

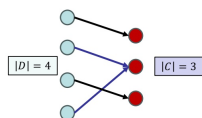


- How many cards do you need to draw from a standard deck to guarantee that you get 2 cards with the same suit?  $4+1=5$   
Holes = suits (4)  
Pigeons = cards
- How many people to guarantee that 2 people have the same birth month?  $12+1=13$   
Holes = birth months (12)  
Pigeons = people
- How many people to guarantee that 5 people have the same birth month?  $4(12)+1=49$   
Holes = birth months (12)  
Pigeons = people
- Do two EECS 203 students have the same 2-letter initials? 985 students total  
#holes = (26 options for 1st initial) \* (26 options for last initial) = 676  
 $26*26+1=677$   
Holes = 2-letter initials  
Pigeons = students (985)

Officially, the pigeonhole principle is a statement about injective functions.

#### The Pigeonhole Principle:

- If  $f: D \rightarrow C$  is a function, and  $|D| > |C|$ , then  $f$  is not an injection. That is, there are distinct  $d_1, d_2 \in D$  with  $f(d_1) = f(d_2)$ .



$P$  = a set of 13 people  
 $M$  = the 12 months  
Function  $\text{birthMonth}: P \rightarrow M$  maps people to the month they were born

By the pigeonhole principle,  $\text{birthMonth}$  is not an injection. There are distinct  $p_1, p_2 \in P$  with  $\text{birthMonth}(p_1) = \text{birthMonth}(p_2)$ .

### Prove or Disprove: Exists $x, y$ with Sum of 9

#### Prove or disprove:

For all sets  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 8\}$ , if  $|S| \geq 5$ , then there exist  $x, y \in S$  with  $x + y = 9$ .

Pair off the elements of  $S$  like this.

- There are 4 holes (pairs)
- There are 5 pigeons (elements of  $S$ )
- By the pigeonhole principle,  $S$  contains two elements  $x, y$  in the same pair.
- These two elements have  $x + y = 9$ .



$\lceil \frac{P}{H} \rceil$ : floor  $\frac{P}{H}$  (向上取整)  
eg  $\lceil \frac{49}{12} \rceil = 5$   
 $\lfloor \frac{49}{12} \rfloor = 4$

## Prove : Exists distinct $x, y$ where $x|y$

Prove:

For all sets  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 18\}$ , if  $|S| \geq 10$ , then there exist **distinct**  $x, y \in S$  with  $x|y$ .

- **Holes:** Consider the partition of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 18\}$  represented below. There are 9 parts.
  - Note: This is not the only partition that would work. Any partition where each element in the set divides each larger element in the set would work.
- **Pigeons:** Elements in  $S$ . There are  $|S| \geq 10$  pigeons.
- By the **pigeonhole principle** there exist two distinct elements  $x, y \in S$  in the same part.
- By our choice of parts, we have  $x|y$  or  $y|x$ .



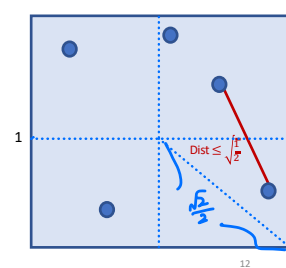
## Point Placement

Prove:

For all ways of placing 5 points in a  $1 \times 1$  square, there exist two points at distance  $\leq \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$ .

- **Pigeons = points**. There are 5 pigeons.
- **Holes = subsquares**. There are 4 holes.
- So, **by the pigeonhole principle**, there is a **subsquare** with at least 2 points in it
  - Find distance using  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$
  - distance  $\leq \sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$

Example:



eg:  $7 \times 158730 = 1111110$

## Decimal Digits

Prove:

For every integer  $n$ , there exists a multiple of  $n$  that has only 0s and 1s in its decimal expansion.

- **(Holes)** A number can have  $n$  possible values (mod  $n$ )
- **(Pigeons)** Consider the first  $n + 1$  integers written with just 1s:  $\{1, 11, 111, \dots\}$
- **By the pigeonhole principle**, there exist distinct numbers  $x, y$  both written with only 1's, that have the same value (mod  $n$ ). That is,  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$ .
- Consider the number  $x - y$  (WLOG, assume  $x > y$ )
  - Since  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$ , we know that  $x - y$  is a multiple of  $n$
  - Since  $x$  and  $y$  are both written with all 1s, then  $x - y$  has only 1s and 0s in its decimal expansion
  - So the number  $x - y$  satisfies the proposition.

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## Party Pals

There is a party with  $n \geq 2$  people. Each pair of people either chats, or doesn't chat.

**Prove:** there are two people at the party who chat with the same number of people.

We will use a proof by cases. Either there is someone who chats with 0 others, or everyone at the party chats with at least 1 other.

**Case 1:** Assume there is a person who chats with 0 others.

- **(Pigeons)** There are  $n$  people at the party
- **(Holes)** Everyone at the party chats with  $\{0, \dots, n-2\}$  others. Nobody chats with themselves, nor with the person who chats with 0 others.
- There are  $n$  pigeons and  $n-1$  holes, so by the **Pigeonhole Principle**, there are two people who chat with the same number of other people.

**Case 2:** Assume everyone at the party chats with at least 1 other.

- **(Pigeons)** There are  $n$  people at the party.
- **(Holes)** Everyone at the party chats with  $\{1, \dots, n-1\}$  others. Nobody chats with themselves, and we assume at least 1 chat
- There are  $n$  pigeons and  $n-1$  holes, so by the **Pigeonhole Principle**, there are two people who chat with the same number of other people.

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# New Property Composition Proof

• Definition:  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is "even" if

-  $\forall x, f(-x) = f(x)$

• Definition:  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is "odd" if

-  $\forall x, f(-x) = -f(x)$

Reminder: You don't need to memorize these specific properties

• Consider arbitrary functions  $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

• Suppose  $f$  is even and  $g$  is odd. Prove that  $f \circ g$  is even

• Goal: prove  $\forall x, (f \circ g)(-x) = (f \circ g)(x)$

• Consider an arbitrary  $x$

•  $(f \circ g)(-x) = f(g(-x))$

•  $= f(-g(x))$  (g is odd)

•  $= f(g(x))$  (f is even)

•  $= (f \circ g)(x)$

•  $\forall x, (f \circ g)(-x) = (f \circ g)(x)$ , so  $f \circ g$  is even!

## Stable Subsequences [Erdos-Szekeres theorem]

Let  $S$  be a sequence of  $n^2 + 1$  distinct integers. Prove that  $S$  contains an **increasing** or **decreasing** subsequence of length  $n + 1$ .

**Proof.**

• Label each number in  $S$  with a pair of numbers  $(i, d)$  where:

•  $i$ : the length of the longest **increasing** subsequence *that ends at that number*.

•  $d$ : the length of the longest **decreasing** subsequence *that ends at that number*.

• **Seeking contradiction**, assume that the max label size is  $(n, n)$ .

• By **pigeonhole principle**, there are two numbers with the same label  $(i, j)$ .

• Whether the second number is **larger or smaller**, then we get a **contradiction**: labels can't be exactly the same.

possible number of pairs:  
 $n \cdot n = n^2 < n^2 + 1$

so

5      0      4      9      8      1      3      7      2      6  
(1,1)   (1,2)   (2,2)   (3,1)   and so on   (i,j)   (i+1,j)   (i,j+1)

i) If the next num is smaller, then we can build a decreasing sequence of length  $j+1$  by adding it to the  $j$ -seq ending at the num  
ii) larger, it's increasing.

## Subset Sums

Prove:

For all sets  $S \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$  with  $|S| = 10$ , there exist two distinct subsets  $A, B \subseteq S$  where the sum of the elements in  $A$  is equal to the sum of the elements in  $B$ .

• **(Pigeons)** Subsets of  $S$ .

• There are  $|P(S)| = 2^{10} = 1024$  pigeons.

• **(Holes)** Possible Sums.

• Every subset of  $S$  sums to a number that is at least 0, and at most  $10 \cdot 100 = 1000$

Note: we could get a tighter upper bounds on our subset sums by thinking harder. But we don't need to!

• So, **by the pigeonhole principle**, there exist two distinct subsets of  $S$  that have the same sum.

$> 900$  (because not possible 1024)

$(1+10) \cdot 10 / 2 = 55$

(Actually:  $(91+100) \cdot 10 / 2 = 955$ )