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Numbers and Sets ①

Merky $N = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ set of natural numbers
Hamilton

Leverpool $n \in N$ • n is an element of N

• n is a natural number

• n is a member of N

~~nothing
≥ stems from
egg sandwich
≥ nothing~~
 $N_0 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ integers

\mathbb{Q} rational numbers, fractions

\mathbb{R} real numbers

\mathbb{C} complex numbers

We assume standard properties

$$a+b = b+a, ab = ba$$

$$a(b+c) = ab+ac \quad \text{commutativity}$$

distributivity

A function $f: A \rightarrow B$ is a rule assigning to each element $a \in A$ some element $f(a) \in B$

PROOFS

A proof is a sequence of true statements without logical gaps; a logical argument establishing some conclusion.

We have to begin somewhere with agreed assumptions (axioms)

We want to prove things because :

- we want to know they are true
- we hope to gain insight into why they are true
- we might be lucky and the proof is beautiful

Examples of statements

1. Infinitely many primes of the form $n^2 + 1$
2. Always a prime between n and $2n$
3. There is no computer program that can factorise an n digit number in n^3 steps

4. For every polynomial $p(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$, $a_i \in \mathbb{C}$

not all $a_1, \dots, a_0 = 0$
There exists $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $p(z) = 0$

5. $m \times n = n \times m$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$

6. $2 + 2 = 4$

Statements

1. Probably true? Unproved and unsure, p (is prime) $\approx \frac{1}{\log n}$
For $n^2 + 1$, expect infinite. $2^{2^n} + 1$, expect finite

2. True and proved

3. Unproved and unsure

4. Fundamental theorem of Algebra, ~~the~~ proved true.

5. Food for thought

6. Is proof necessary?

PROOFS and NON PROOFS

Assertion: for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n^3 - n$ is a multiple of 3

Proof $n^3 - n = (n-1)n(n+1)$ three consecutive integers
One must be divisible by 3.

Hence so is the product \square

A: If n^2 is even, n is even

P: If n is even, $n = 2k$, $n^2 = 4k^2$, even \times

Not a proof, we showed n^2 even $\Rightarrow n$ even (though
We wanted n even $\Rightarrow n^2$ even statement is true)

A: $n^2 / 9$, then $n / 9$ P: $n = 9k$, $n^2 = 81k^2$

'Similarly False Proof and statement is actually false'

Counterexample $6 / 9$; $6^2 = 36 / 9$
One is enough

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Proper Proof that if n^2 is even, so is n .

Suppose on the contrary n is odd.

$$\text{So } n = 2k + 1 \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

But then $n^2 = 4(k^2 + k) + 1$, odd
contradicting assumption

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Mistaken Assertion: The solution of $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ is $x=2$ or $x=3$.
There are actually two assertions:
i) $x=2$
ii) $x=3$ are solutions
iii) No other solutions exist.

Equivalently

- i) $x=2$ or $x=3 \Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
- ii) $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x=2$ or $x=3$

We can write " $P \Rightarrow Q$ " and " $Q \Rightarrow P$ " as " $P \Leftrightarrow Q$ "
mean " P is equivalent to Q ", " P is true if and only if Q is true"
" P iff Q ".

Proof: i) if $x=2$ or $x=3$
then $x-2=0$ or $x-3=0$
so $(x-2)(x-3) = x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
ii) if $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$
so $x-2=0$ or $x-3=0$
so $x=2$ or $x=3$.

Alternatively

$$\begin{aligned} &x=2 \text{ or } x=3 \\ \Leftrightarrow &x-2=0 \text{ or } x-3=0 \\ \Leftrightarrow &(x-2)(x-3)=0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

IMPORTANT! Uses iff

Assertion: Every positive real number is ≥ 1

"Proof": Let r be the smallest +ve real number.
Either $r < 1$ or $r = 1$ or $r > 1$ (trichotomy)

If $r < 1$ then $0 < r^2 < r < 1$ a contradiction

If $r > 1$ then $0 < \sqrt{r} < r < 1$ a contradiction

So $r = 1$

FALSE! Because there is no smallest +ve real number

Moral: Every claim must be justified

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If P and Q are assertions, we can (but usually don't) write $P \wedge Q$ for " P and Q ".
 $P \vee Q$ for " P or Q ".
 $\neg P$ for "not P ".

Truth Tables.

The truth of these assertions depends on that of P and Q .

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$
f	f	f
f	t	f
t	f	f
t	t	t

P	Q	$P \vee Q$
f	f	f
f	t	t
t	f	t
t	t	t

P	$\neg P$
f	t
t	f

P	Q	$P \Rightarrow Q$
f	f	t
f	t	t
t	f	f
t	t	t

Note e.g. $\neg(P \wedge Q) \Leftrightarrow (\neg P) \vee (\neg Q)$
 $P \Rightarrow Q$ equivalent $(\neg P) \vee Q$
Hence also to $(\neg Q) \Rightarrow (\neg P)$

Quantifiers are often used. "for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ "

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ means "for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ "

$\exists x \in \mathbb{R}$ means "there exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ "

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} P(x)$ means P is true for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\exists (x \in \mathbb{R} P(x))$ means $\exists x \in \mathbb{R} \neg P(x)$

$\neg (\exists x \in \mathbb{R} P(x))$ means $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \neg P(x)$

Order of \forall, \exists matters. "Something is wrong with everybody."

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Proof of Fundamental Theorem of Algebra

Assertion If $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$

$a_i \in \mathbb{C}, a_n \neq 0, n \geq 1$
 then $\exists z \in \mathbb{C}, p(z) = 0$

Proof Choose $z \in \mathbb{C}$ with $|p(z)|$ smallest

If $|p(z)| = 0$ we are done.

If $|p(z)| \neq 0$, write

$$p(z+h) = p(z) + b_1 h + \dots + b_n h^n$$

Let $l = \min \{ j : b_j \neq 0 \}$

Note $b_l = a_l \neq 0$ so l is well defined

Thus $p(z+h) = p(z) + b_l h^l + \dots + b_n h^n$
 Let $q(h) = p(z) + b_l h^l$

Choose $r \in \mathbb{R}, r > 0$ such that

$$\text{i)} |b_l| r^l < \frac{1}{2} |p(z)|$$

$$\text{ii)} |b_{l+1}| r + \dots + |b_n| r^{n-l} < \frac{|b_l|}{2}$$

As h whizzes round the circle $|h| = r$ then $q(h)$ whizzes l times round the circle centre ~~$p(z)$~~ $p(z)$ radius $|b_l| r^l$



Found a point with lower dist.

3 by i) we can choose $|q(h)| = ||p(z)| - |b_l| r^l|$

$$\text{by ii)} \quad |p(z+h)| \leq |q(h)| + |b_1| \frac{|h|^L}{2} \\ < |p(z)|$$

a contradiction

□

assumes there is actually a [↑]smallest value, and though closer value to zero has been found, does $p(z)$ reach zero?

We can pick $R \in \mathbb{R}$ so $|z| > R$

$$|p(z)| > |p(0)| = |a_0|$$

\rightarrow include boundary

Theorem $|p(z)|$ is continuous on closed disc

so attains its minimum value

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Sets The order of elements in a set is immaterial and each element is counted only once.

e.g. $a=2, b=1, c=1$ then $\{a, b, c\} = \{1, 2\}$

Two sets are equal if they have the same elements. Equivalently

$$A = B \Leftrightarrow (\forall x : x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B)$$

A is a subset of B, written $A \subseteq B$ or $A \subset B$, if every element of A is an element of B. Note, $A = B \Leftrightarrow A \subseteq B, B \subseteq A$

In particular, there is only one empty set \emptyset with no elements.

If X is a set and P is a property of some elements of X we can write:

$$\{x \in X : P(x)\} \text{ or } \{x \in X \mid P(x)\} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Subset of } X \\ \text{elements of } X \text{ for which } P(x) \text{ is true} \end{matrix}$$

Subset of X comprising the elements of X for which $P(x)$ is true
 $P(x)$ is true.

e.g. $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is prime}\} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, \dots\}$

If A and B are sets, their intersection is $A \cap B = \{x : x \in A, x \in B\}$

their union is $A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$, at least one of

Clearly $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$

Also $A \setminus B = \{x \in A : x \notin B\}$ \notin is not an element of

Example: Show $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

if $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ then $x \in A$ and $x \in B \cup C$

$\Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ and } x \in B) \text{ or } (x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)$

hence $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \Rightarrow \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$

if $x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$, $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in B)$ or $(x \in A \text{ and } x \in C)$,

$\Rightarrow x \in A$ and $(x \in B \text{ or } x \in C)$

$\Rightarrow x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$

$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$

If X is a set, the power set PX is the set of all subsets of X
 $PX = \{Y : Y \subseteq X\}$
 note $\emptyset \in PX$ $X \in PX$

If A_1, A_2, \dots are sets then

$$\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots = \{x : x \in A_n \text{ for all } n\}$$

More generally, if we have a collection of sets $A_\alpha, \alpha \in I$ indexed by the set I , write

$$\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha = \{x : x \in A_\alpha \text{ for all } \alpha \in I\}$$

$$\bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha = \{x : x \in A_\alpha \text{ for some } \alpha \in I\}$$

Making new sets from old by the above operations is legitimate.

This doesn't allow:

$$\{x : x \text{ is a set and } x \notin x\}$$

Russell's Paradox For if this were a set, say Z , then $Z \in Z \Leftrightarrow Z \notin Z$
 Equivalently, the collection of all sets is not a set.

A final operation is that of Cartesian Product:

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

the set of ordered pairs (a, b)

$$\text{Here } (a, b) = (a', b') \Leftrightarrow a = a', b = b'$$

We can extend to triple products e.g. $\mathbb{R}^3 = \{(x, y, z) : x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}\}$

$$\text{Define } (a, b) = \{a, \{a, b\}\}$$

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$f: A \rightarrow B$ a rule that assigns to each element $a \in A$ exactly one element $f(a) \in B$

We can write $x \mapsto f(x)$

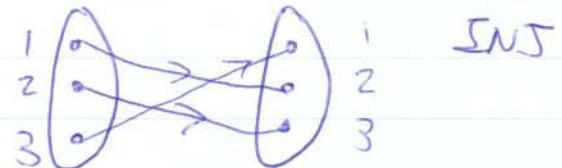
Formally, it is a subset of $A \times B$ such that for each $a \in A$ there is exactly one $b \in B$ with (a, b) in the subset.

e.g. $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$ is not a function as, no $f(0)$

$x \mapsto \pm x$ is not a function, no unique value

1. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $x \mapsto x^2$ NOT Inj, $f(1) = f(-1)$
NOT

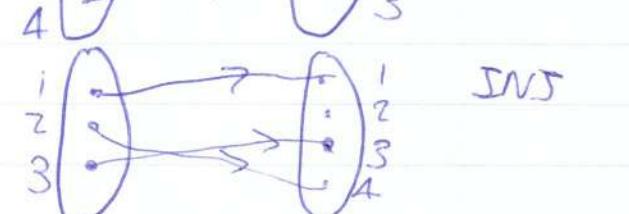
2. $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ Not Inj, $f(1) = f(2)$



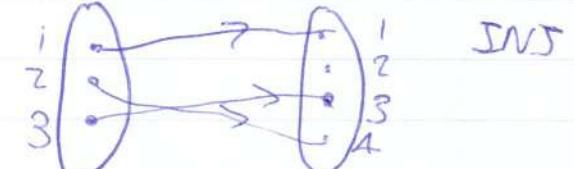
3. $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$



4. $f: \{1, 2, 3, 4\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3\}$



5. $f: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$



"Function" exactly one arrow per LH dot

Injective: $a \neq a' \Rightarrow f(a) \neq f(a')$

No two left points go to same point on right

equivalently $f(a) = f(a') \Rightarrow a = a'$

Surjective: $\nexists A \rightarrow B$ is injective if $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A f(a) = b$

Bijection is both

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$X \rightarrow Y$ Injective: Exactly one element in X maps to an element in Y

Surjective: Every element in Y is mapped to by at least one in X

Bijective: $\text{Inj} + \text{Surj}$

$f: A \rightarrow B$ is bijection if each element in X is mapped to exactly once
 "f pairs A with B "

A permutation is a bijection $f: A \rightarrow A$

$f: A \rightarrow B, g: B \rightarrow C$ composition ~~of~~ gf or $g \circ f$
 Note: $h: C \rightarrow D$ the function from $A \rightarrow D$ given by $a \mapsto g(f(a))$

$$h \circ (g \circ f) = (h \circ g) \circ f \quad \text{associative, drop brackets}$$

If $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $U \subset A$

$$\text{We write } f(U) = \{b \in B : b = f(u) \exists u \in U\}$$

$$\text{e.g. example 4 } f(\{2, 3, 4\}) = \{2, 3\}$$

We call $f(A)$ the image of f . A is the domain of f . The range is B
 Thus f is injective if and only if $f(A) = B$

If $f: A \rightarrow B$ and $V \subset B$, we write $f^{-1}(V) = \{a \in A : f(a) \in V\}$

$$\text{e.g. example 4 } f^{-1}(\{2, 3\}) = \{2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\text{Hence } f^{-1}(B) = A.$$

Note we did not define an inverse function $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$

Let $\text{id}_A: A \rightarrow A$ be the identity map, $\text{id}_A(a) = a$

Let ~~$f: A \rightarrow B$~~ $f: A \rightarrow B$. Is there a map g from B to A with

$$g \circ f = \text{id}_A$$

If ~~$a, a' \in A$~~ $a, a' \in A$ and $f(a) = f(a')$

$$g(f(a)) = g(f(a')) \quad \text{i.e. } a = a', f \text{ is injective}$$

If f is injective we can construct g :

$b \in f(A)$ let $g(b) = a$ where $f(a) = b$ (only one choice as f is injective)

If $b \notin f(A)$ let $g(b) = \text{anything in } A$

Is there a map $g: B \rightarrow A$ with $fg = \text{id}_B$
We need $f(g(B)) = B$ so f must be injective.

If f is injective we can construct g : for each $b \in B$,
for each $b \in B$, pick some a with $f(a) = b$ and put $g(b) = a$

[The assertion that we can make all these choices is called 'the axiom of choice']

If f is a bijection we can find g with $fg = \text{id}_A$
and $gf = \text{id}_B$. This g is called the inverse of $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$
It exists if and only if f is bijective.

Relations

A relation R on a set A specifies that some elements of A are related to other elements.

We write $a R b$ to mean "a related by R , to b "

e.g.

- Relations on \mathbb{N}
- i) $a R b$ if a, b have the same final digit
 - ii) $a R b$ if $a | b$
 - iii) $a R b$ if $a \neq b$
 - iv) $a R b$ if $a = b = 1$
 - v) $a R b$ if $|a - b| \leq 3$
 - vi) $a R b$ if either $a, b \geq 5$ or $a, b \leq 4$

Formally, R is a subset of $A \times A$
We write $a R b$ instead of $(a, b) \in R$

Notice a function $f: A \rightarrow A$ is just a special kind of relation.

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Three interesting properties of relationsR is reflexive if $\forall a \in A, aRa$ symmetric if $\forall a, b \in A, aRb \Rightarrow bRa$ transitive if $\forall a, b, c \in A, aRb \text{ and } bRc \Rightarrow aRc$

Eg.	1	2	3	4	5	6
Reflexive	✓	✓	✗	✗	✓	✓
symmetric	✓	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
transitive	✓	✓	✗	✓	✗	✓

Definition A relation is an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric and transitive. So 1, 6 are equivalence relations.

The relation R on a deck of cards: "aRb if a, b have the same suit"

So is the relation \mathbb{R} on \mathbb{R} which ~~is~~ is xRy if $x-y \in \mathbb{Z}$

In our examples, the relation partitions the set into related elements:

i) Partition into classes with final digit 0, 1, 2, etc

b) $\{1, 2, 3, 4\} \quad \{5, 6, 7, 8, \dots\}$

cards clubs, spades, diamonds, hearts

\mathbb{R} classes of reals with same fractional part.

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Two sets are disjoint if their intersection is empty.

A partition of a set A is a collection of pairwise disjoint subsets called "parts" whose union is the whole set.

An equivalence relation is often denoted by ~~\sim~~ $A \sim B$ instead of $A R B$

If \sim is an equivalence relation, the equivalence class of $a \in A$ is

$$[a] = \{ b \in A : a \sim b \}$$

e.g. 1) $[973] = \{ \text{all numbers ending in } 3 \}$

2) cards $[\text{8 of clubs}] = \{ \text{all clubs} \}$

Important observation: if we have a set A with a partition, we can define an equivalence relation such that the equivalence classes are the parts.

Define $a \sim b$ if a and b are in the same part

Theorem: Let \sim be an equivalence relation on the set A . Then the equivalence classes form a partition of A .

Remark: by observation, equivalence relations and partitions are 2 sides of the same coin.

Partition: Global view Equivalence relation: Local view

Since \sim is reflexive we have $a \in [a]$ for all $a \in A$.

$$\text{So } \bigcup_{a \in A} [a] = A$$

What remains is to prove that for all elements $a, b \in A$, either the equivalence classes are disjoint, $[a] \cap [b] = \emptyset$ or $[a] = [b]$.

Suppose $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$, say $c \in [a] \cap [b]$

So $a \sim c$ and $b \sim c$. By symmetry, $c \sim a$, so $b \sim a$ due to transitivity.

Now let d be any element of $[a]$. I.e. $a \sim d$. By transitivity $b \sim a$, and $\Rightarrow b \sim d$. I.e. $d \in [b]$. Hence $[a] \subset [b]$.

Hence if $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$ then $[a] \subset [b]$, likewise $[b] \subset [a]$

Hence $[a] = [b]$. \square

The quotient map is the map $q: A \rightarrow \text{set of equivalence classes}$
 $q: a \mapsto [a]$

e.g. $q: \text{cards} \rightarrow \{\text{hearts}\} \cup \{\spades\} \cup \{\clubs\} \cup \{\diamonds\}$

Division

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, " a divides by" means
 $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = ac$

3795
4931
2659

We write $a | b$ to mean " a divides b " or " a is a factor of b ".
 $\pm 1, \pm b$ are factors of b , other factors are called proper factors.

Theorem / Division Algorithm

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist numbers ~~and~~ $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$
with $a = qb + r$ and $0 \leq r < b$

Moreover, q and r are unique.

Proof Choose $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ maximal such that $qb < a$. Then $(q+1)b > a$
Thus $r = a - qb$ then $0 \leq r < b$.

Suppose $a = qb + r = q'b + r'$ where $0 \leq r', r' < b$
Then $(q - q')b = r' - r$. Now $-b < r' - r < b$

So $q - q' = 0$, $q = q'$, $r' - r = 0$, $r = r'$ \square

A common factor of a and b is a number $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $c | a$ and $c | b$.
A "highest common factor" or "greatest common divisor" of two numbers
 $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ is a number $d \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $d | a$ and $d | b$ and if
 $c | a$ and $c | b$, then $c | d$.

Clearly if the hcf exists it has to be the largest common factor (because
every other common factor divides it) so in particular it is unique.

We write $d = \text{lcf}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(a, b) = (a, b)$
(don't confuse with ordered pair)

The problem is to show hcf's exist. How do we find the common factors
of 4931 and 3795? \rightarrow fundamental theorem of

Prime factorisation is a) hard b) not allowed! better ways

Now we spot that if $c | 4931$ and $3795 \Rightarrow c | 4931 - 3795 = 1136$

So $c | 3795, c | 1136$, then $c | 1136, c |$

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$$d = \text{hcf}(a, b) \quad d \mid a \quad d \mid b$$

$$\forall c \quad c \mid a \quad c \mid b \Rightarrow c \mid d$$

$$4931 \quad 3795$$

~~4931
3795~~

factors of 4931 and 3795 are also factors of 3795 and 1136
 reversible, factors of 3795 and 1136 are factors of 3795 and 4931

Conclusion

Common factors of (4931, 3795) same as (3795, 1136)

Check: if $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$ and $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a = kc, b = lc$
 $\Rightarrow ua + vb = (uk + vl)c$
 i.e. $c \mid (ua + vb)$, a linear combination of a and b .

Theorem Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, then $\text{hcf}(a, b)$ exists.

Proof Let $S = \{ua + vb \mid u, v \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ be the set of all linear combinations of a and b . Let d be the smallest possible positive element of S , say, $d = xc + yb$

If $c \mid a$ and $c \mid b$ then $c \mid d$. We show that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, then $d = \text{hcf}(a, b)$.

By the division algorithm, there exist $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a = qd + r$ and $0 \leq r < d$. Thus $r = a - qd = (1-qx)a - qyb$
 Linear combination of a, b , so $r \in S$. Since $0 \leq r < d$ and d is the smallest pos. element of S , $r = 0$.

Hence $d \mid a$, and using the same argument, $d \mid b$ \square

Corollary Bezout's Theorem

Let $d = \text{hcf}(a, b)$. Then $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \quad d = xa + yb$?

Proof from theorem 2

Corollary Bezout's Theorem also

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ and $c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then there exist ~~$u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$~~ with $c = ua + vb$ if and only if $\text{hcf}(a, b) \mid c$

Proof Let $d = \text{hcf}(a, b)$. If $c = ua + vb$ then $d \mid c$ because $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$
 Conversely suppose $d \mid c$, so $c = kd$

By corollary $\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d = xa + yb \Rightarrow c = (kx)d + (ky)b$

Proofs so far are existential. How do we find d ? Can we also find x, y in Bezout?

E.g. $a = 57, b = 42 \quad 57 = 1 \cdot 42 + 15$

common factors equal to 15, $42 = 2 \cdot 15 + 12$
 $15 = 1 \cdot 12 + 3$
 $12 = 4 \cdot 3$ $\Rightarrow (57, 42) = 3$
 3 and 0 , factors of 3 .

gives
an
alternative
proof
that
hcf's
exist.

Euclid's Algorithm

$$\begin{aligned} a &= q_1 b + r_1 \\ b &= q_2 r_1 + r_2 \\ \oplus r_1 &= q_3 r_2 + r_3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r_{n-3} &= q_{n-1} r_{n-2} + r_{n-1} \\ r_{n-2} &= q_n r_{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Note This terminates because $b > r_1 > r_2 \dots \geq 0$ continues forever
 It works because common factors of a and b are cf's of $b, r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{n-1}, 0$, factors of r_{n-1} ; $r_{n-1} = (a, b)$

$$(609953, 466007)$$

$$609953 = 1 \cdot 466007 + 143946$$

$$466007 = 3 \cdot 143946 + 34169$$

$$143946 = 4 \cdot 34169 + 7270$$

$$34169 = 4 \cdot 7270 + 5089$$

$$7270 = 1 \cdot 5089 + 2181$$

$$5089 = 2 \cdot 2181 + 727$$

$$2181 = 3 \cdot 727$$

$$\text{hcf}(609953, 466007)$$

$$= 727$$

In fact $a \geq b + r_1 > 2r_1$, so the left hand number in the algorithm halves at least every two steps. Hence the number of steps is at most $7 \times \# \text{ digits in } a$.

Moreover working backwards, we can write r_{n-1} as a linear combination of r_{n-2} and r_{n-3} etc \rightarrow then of a, b

$$57 = 2 \cdot 21 + 15 \quad \therefore (57, 21) = 3 \quad 3 = 15 - 2 \cdot 6$$

$$21 = 1 \cdot 15 + 6$$

$$15 = 2 \cdot 6 + 3$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3 + 0$$

$$3 = 15 - 2(21 - 15)$$

$$= 3 \cdot 15 - 2 \cdot 21$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot (57 - 2 \cdot 21) - 2 \cdot$$

$$3 = 3 \cdot 57 - 8 \cdot 21$$

Alternate prob of Bezout
and ways to find x, y

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Can we work out x, y directly?

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Write $A_{-1} = 0$, $B_{-1} = 1$, $A_0 = 1$, $B_0 = 0$
 and for $j \geq 1$ $A_j = q_j A_{j-1} + A_{j-2}$, $B_j = q_j B_{j-1} + B_{j-2}$

<u>j</u>	<u>Euclid</u>	<u>A_j</u>	<u>B_j</u>	<u>$aB_j - bA_j$</u>
-1		0	1	$\frac{a}{a}$
0		1	0	$-b$
1	$a = q_1 b + r_1$	q_1	1	$a - b q_1 = r_1$
2	$b = q_2 r_1 + r_2$	$q_2 A_1 + A_0$	$q_2 B_1 + B_0$	$-r_2$
3	$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3$			r_3
4	$r_2 = q_4 r_3 + r_4$	$q_4 A_3 + A_2$	$q_4 B_3 + B_2$	$-r_4$
	j^{th} line	$= q_j (j-1)^{\text{th}}$ line	$+ (j-2)^{\text{nd}}$ line	
	(We might prove this by induction)	Hence	$a \cdot B_j - b \cdot A_j = (-1)^{j-1} r_j$	

Eg. (57, 21)

<u>A_j</u>	<u>B_j</u>	<u>(A_j, B_j)</u>	<u>A_j</u>	<u>B_j</u>	<u>(A_j, B_j)</u>
57	$2 \times 21 + 15$	21	1	83	$2 \times 30 + 23$
$21 = 1 \times 15 + 6$	3	1	30	$1 \times 23 + 7$	23
$15 = 2 \times 6 + 3$	83	3	$23 = 3 \times 7 + 2$	11	4
$6 = 2 \times 3$	19	7	$7 = 3 \times 2 + 1$	36	13
$(57, 21) = 3 = 3 \times 57 - 8 \times 21$			$2 = 2 \times 1$	$(83, 30) = 1 = -13 \cdot 83 + 36 \cdot 30$	
			$2 = 2 \times 1$	83	30

$$\text{So } [aB_{n-1} - bA_{n-1}] = (-1)^{n-2} r_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-2} \text{hcf}(a, b) \quad \frac{a}{b} = \frac{A_n}{B_n}$$

$$\text{Now } aB_n - bA_n = \pm r_n = 0 \text{ so}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Suggests looking at the formula } A_n B_{n-1} - B_n A_{n-1} \\ & \text{or more generally, } A_j B_{j-1} - B_j A_{j-1} = (q_j A_{j-1} + A_{j-2}) B_{j-1} \\ & \quad - (q_j B_{j-1} + B_{j-2}) A_{j-1} \\ & \quad = -(A_{j-1} B_{j-2} - B_{j-1} A_{j-2}) = + (A_{j-2} B_{j-3} - B_{j-2} A_{j-3}) \\ & \quad = (-1)^j (A_0 B_{-1} - B_0 A_{-1}) = (-1)^j \end{aligned}$$

In particular, the highest common factor of A_j and B_j = 1 $\boxed{\text{hcf}(A_j, B_j) = 1}$

How do we interpret A_3, B_3 ?

$$\frac{57}{21} = 2 + \frac{15}{21} = 2 + 1 + \frac{6}{15} = 2 + 1 + 2 +$$

$$\frac{15}{6} = 1 + \frac{6}{15} \quad \frac{15}{6} = 2 + \frac{3}{6} \quad \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\frac{57}{21} = 2 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{83}{30} = 2 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{3 + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}}}}$$

We have $\frac{a}{b} = q_1 + \frac{1}{q_2 + \frac{1}{q_3 + \dots}}$ a continued fraction.

Hence $\frac{A_n}{B_n} = q_1 + \frac{1}{q_2 + \frac{1}{q_3 + \dots}}$

So A_3, B_3 ? $\frac{A_3}{B_3} = q_1 + q_2 + \frac{1}{q_3 + \dots}$

$\frac{A_3}{B_3}$ is the result of truncating our continued fraction for $\frac{a}{b}$.

These are called the convergents to the fraction $\frac{a}{b}$. It can be shown they approximate that fraction "very well". Many other very nice properties.

Primes

Definition

$p \in \mathbb{N}$ is prime if $p > 1$ and the only factors of p are $\pm 1, \pm p$.

Every number can be written as a product of primes, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$ not itself prime, $n = ab$. If a or b is not prime, it can be written as a product and so on, until all numbers in the product are prime.

Theorem Infinitely many primes

Proof Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k be primes. Let N be their product $+1$. $N = p_1 p_2 \dots p_k + 1$. Then p_1 to p_k are not factors of N , i.e. $p_i | N - p_1 \dots p_k$ would give $p_i | 1$.

But N is a product of primes \Rightarrow larger prime than p_1, \dots, p_k

Or N is prime \square

Why? Let $\frac{c}{d} = \text{RH fraction}$
 (c, d) to get q_1, q_2, q_3

hence same, so same
 A_3, B_3 as before

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There are infinitely many primes

Proof 2 Erdős 1930

Let p_1, \dots, p_k be a list of primes. Any number which is a product of these powers has the form,

$$p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} p_3^{i_3} \cdots p_k^{i_k} = m^2 p_1^{i_1} \cdots p_k^{i_k} \quad i_k = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

Let $M \in \mathbb{N}$. If a number $\leq M$ is of this form, then $m < \sqrt{M}$, and there are 2^k numbers $p_1^{i_1} \cdots p_k^{i_k}$, so there are at most $\sqrt{M} 2^k$ numbers of this form $\leq M$.

So if $\sqrt{M} 2^k < M$, i.e. $M > 4^k$, then some number $\leq M$ is not of this form, so has a prime factor not among p_1, \dots, p_k \square

Note Euclid's proof shows that the k^{th} prime is at most 2^{2^k} (check by induction)

Erdős's proof shows that the k^{th} prime is $< 4^k$

In fact, it is known that the k^{th} prime $\approx k \log k$ (prime number theorem).

Can a number have more than one prime factorisation?

Clearly $21 = 3 \times 7$ is unique. But what about 295869 ? ($= 3 \times 7 \times 73 \times 193$)

Does $7049 \times 40099 = 6701 \times 54151$? (No)

$$\text{I.e. } \frac{6701}{7049} = \frac{40099}{54151}$$

Previous argument that every number has a factorisation does not give uniqueness because two different people might arrive at different answers. There are "arithmetical systems" (permitting addition, subtraction, multiplication where factorisation is not unique).

e.g. "Even numbers" = $\{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$

"primes" in this set are $2 \times \text{odd}$, e.g. 2, 6, 10 etc. But $60 = 2 \times 30$ and $60 = 6 \times 10$. This example has no 1 or identity but the next does.

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a + b\sqrt{-5} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b = 2 \cdot 3 = (1 + \sqrt{-5})(1 - \sqrt{-5}) \end{array} \right.$$

can show these are all primes

Theorem
Proof

If $a|bc$ and $(a,b)=1$, then $a|c$.

From Euclid or Bezout, there exist $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $ua + vb = 1$
 $uac + vbc = c$. Then $a|LHS \Rightarrow a|c$ \square

We say that a and b are coprime if the highest common factor is 1.

Corollary

If p is prime and $p|bc$ then $p|b$ or $p|c$.

Proof

$(p, b) = 1$ or p by definition of a prime. If $(p, b) = p$ then $p|b$.

If $(p, b) = 1$, by Theorem $p|c$ \square

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic) Every natural number is expressible as a product of primes in exactly one way. In particular, if $p_1, \dots, p_k = q_1, \dots, q_l$ where p_1, \dots, q_l are all primes then $k=l$ and p_1, \dots, p_k are q_1, \dots, q_k in some order.

Remark We already showed there is at least one way, only uniqueness is required

Proof 1 Let $p_1 \cdots p_k = q_1 \cdots q_l$. Then $p_1 | q_1 (q_2 \cdots q_l)$. By the corollary applied to p_1 , either $p_1 | q_1$ or $p_1 | q_2 \cdots q_l$.
If $p_1 | q_1$, $p_1 = q_1$ because q_1 is prime, and in the second case $p_1 | q_2 \cdots q_l \Rightarrow p_1 | q_2 (q_3 \cdots q_l)$. So either $p_1 = q_2$ or $p_1 | q_3 \cdots q_l$, and so on. Hence $p_i = q_i$ for some i . By relabelling the q_j 's we may assume $p_1 = q_1$. Cancelling, we obtain $p_2 \cdots p_k = q_2 \cdots q_l$. Similarly, $p_2 = q_2$ after relabelling, and so on.

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Proof 2 (without Euclid etc)

Suppose FTT is false. Let $N = p_1 \dots p_k = q_1 \dots q_l$ be the smallest counterexample. Then no $p_i = \text{any } q_j$, otherwise cancelling would produce a smaller "N". So we may assume $p_1 < q_1$.

Then $N - p_1 q_2 \dots q_l = (q_1 - p_1) q_2 \dots q_l$ is a positive integer less than N so has a unique factorisation. One such factorisation is $(q_1 - p_1)$ plus $q_2 \dots q_l$.

But $N - p_1 q_2 \dots q_l = p_1 (p_2 \dots p_k - q_2 \dots q_l)$ so $N - p_1 q_2 \dots q_l$ has a factorisation with p_1 .
 Therefore $p_1 | q_1 - p_1 \Rightarrow p_1 | q_1 \Rightarrow p_1 = q_1 \quad \# \quad \square$

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Remark if $a = p_1^{i_1} p_2^{i_2} p_3^{i_3} \cdots p_r^{i_r}$
 $b = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} p_3^{j_3} \cdots p_r^{j_r}$

where p_1, \dots, p_r are distinct primes, and i_j, j allowed to be 0

$$\text{lcf}(a, b) = p_1^{\min(i_1, j_1)} p_2^{\min(i_2, j_2)} \cdots p_r^{\min(i_r, j_r)}$$

Least common multiple $\text{lcm}(a, b)$, smallest integer divisible by both a and

$$\text{lcm} = p_1^{\max(i_1, j_1)} p_2^{\max(i_2, j_2)} \cdots p_r^{\max(i_r, j_r)}$$

Moreover, any number divisible by both a and b is divisible by their lowest common multiple.

$$\text{lcf}(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$$

Counting and Integers

Pigeonhole principle. Given $(m-1)n + 1$ pigeons in n pigeonholes, some pigeonhole contains at least m pigeons.

Let X be a set. For $A \subset X$ the indicator function of A is the function $i_A : X \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$, $i_A(x) = \begin{cases} 0, & x \notin A \\ 1, & x \in A \end{cases}$, sometimes called characteristic function χ_A .

Notice $i_A = i_B \Leftrightarrow A = B$

Can be used to prove set identities.

$$i_{A \cap B} = i_A i_B \quad \text{(i.e. } \forall x \ i_{A \cap B}(x) = i_A(x) i_B(x) \text{)}, \\ i_{\bar{A}} = 1 - i_A \quad [\bar{A} = X \setminus A \text{ and } 1(x) = 1 \ \forall x \text{ i.e. } 1 = i_x]$$

$$\text{We have } \overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$$

$$i_{A \cup B} = 1 - i_{\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}} = 1 - i_{\bar{A}} i_{\bar{B}} = 1 - (1 - i_A)(1 - i_B) \\ = 1 - (1 - i_A - i_B + i_A i_B) = i_A + i_B - i_{A \cap B}$$

$$i_{A \cap B} = i_{A \bar{B}} = i_A i_{\bar{B}} = i_A (1 - i_B) = i_A - i_{A \cap B}$$

Prove $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$

Proof $i_{LHS} = i_A i_{B \cup C} = i_A (i_B + i_C - i_B i_C) = i_A i_B + i_A i_C - i_A i_B i_C$
 $i_{RHS} = i_{A \cap B} + i_{A \cap C} = i_A i_B + i_A i_C - i_A i_B i_A i_C = i_{LHS}$

$$i_A^2 = i_A \quad (\text{Note } i_{A \cap B} \text{ has the same parity as } i_A + i_B)$$

$$i_{A \cap B} \equiv (i_A + i_B) \bmod 2$$

Indicator functions are handy for finding the sizes of finite sets.

$$|A| = \sum_{x \in X} i_A(x)$$

E.g. $\sum_{x \in X} i_{A \cup B}(x) = \sum_x i_A(x) + \sum_x i_B(x) - \sum_x i_{A \cap B}(x)$

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

How does it generalize?

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - |A \cap B| - |B \cap C| - |C \cap A| + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

$$|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{B}_1 \cap \bar{C}_1| = |X| - |A_1| - |B_1| - |C_1| + |A_1 \cap B_1| + |B_1 \cap C_1| + |C_1 \cap A_1| - |A_1 \cap B_1 \cap C_1|$$

Principle of Inclusion - Exclusion.

Let A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n be subsets of a finite set X , then

$$|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n| = |X| - \sum_i |A_i| + \sum_{i < j} |A_i \cap A_j| - \sum_{i < j < k} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| + \dots + (-1)^n |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

Equivently

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_i |A_i| - \sum_{i < j} |A_i \cap A_j| + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_n|$$

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Proof $i_{\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \bar{A}_3 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n} = i_{\bar{A}_1} i_{\bar{A}_2} i_{\bar{A}_3} \dots i_{\bar{A}_n}$

$$= (1 - i_{A_1})(1 - i_{A_2}) \dots (1 - i_{A_n})$$
$$= 1 - \sum_i i_{A_i} + \sum_{i < j} i_{A_i} i_{A_j} - \dots + (-1)^n i_{A_1} i_{A_2} \dots i_{A_n}$$
$$= 1 - \sum_i i_{A_i} + \sum_{i < j} i_{A_i \cap A_j} - \dots + (-1)^n i_{A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3 \cap \dots \cap A_n}$$

Take each indicator and sum its values over the whole set X .

$$|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n| = |X| - \sum_i |A_i| + \sum_{i < j} |A_i \cap A_j| - \dots (-1)^n |\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n|$$

Example: How many numbers ≤ 200 are coprime to 110?

$$(a, b) = d$$

$$(a, c) = e$$

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Example of Inclusion - Exclusion

How many numbers ≤ 200 are coprime to 110?

Let $X = \{1, 2, \dots, 200\}$

$$A_1 = \{x : 2|x\}, A_2 = \{x : 5|x\}, A_3 = \{x : 11|x\}$$

$$|A_1| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{2} \right\rfloor = 100$$

$$|A_2| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{5} \right\rfloor = 40$$

$$|A_3| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{11} \right\rfloor = 18$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_2 \cap A_3| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{110} \right\rfloor = 1$$

$$\text{round down } |A_1 \cap A_3| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{22} \right\rfloor = 9$$

$$|A_1 \cap A_2| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{10} \right\rfloor = 20$$

$$|A_2 \cap A_3| = \left\lfloor \frac{200}{55} \right\rfloor = 3$$

$$\text{Answer} = |\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \bar{A}_3| = 200 - 100 - 40 - 18 + 20 + 9 + 3 - 1 = 73$$

How many subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ are there?

There are 2^n ways to choose a subset.

Equivalently, there are 2^n indicator functions

$$\{1, 2, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

Definition There are $\binom{n}{r}$ subsets of $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ of size r .

So by definition, $\binom{0}{0} + \binom{1}{1} + \binom{1}{2} + \dots + \binom{1}{n} = 2^n$

More generally, the Binomial Theorem, for $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$(a+b)^n = \binom{0}{0} a^0 b^0 + \binom{1}{1} a^{n-1} b^1 + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^{n-r} + \dots + \binom{n}{n} a^0 b^n$$

$$\text{Proof} \quad (a+b)^n = \underbrace{(a+b)(a+b) \dots (a+b)}_{n \text{ factors}}$$

When we expand the product, we get the sum of all possible products of one term (a or b) from each bracket.

The term $a^{n-r} b^r$ comes when we take ' b ' from r brackets and ' a ' from the remaining $n-r$ brackets; there are $\binom{n}{r}$ ways to make this choice.

$\binom{n}{r}$ is sometimes called a binomial coefficient due to this theorem.

Some identities:

$$\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{n-r} \quad \text{choosing } r \text{ items to keep is the same as discarding } n-r$$

$$\binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r} \quad \boxed{\text{Pascal's Identity}}$$

Choosing a team of r from $n+1$ players, one of whom is Rooney. LHS is teams with Rooney, and teams without.

$\binom{n}{0} = \binom{n}{n} = 1$ we can construct Pascal's Triangle.

$$\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{r} = \binom{n}{r} \binom{n-k}{k-r}$$

E.g. Choose a squad of k players to send to Australia, from n players.

Then choose a team of r players from the squad.

RHS: Choose the team first, then the $k-r$ other squad players from $n-r$.

$$\binom{a}{r} \binom{b}{0} + \binom{a}{r-1} \binom{b}{1} + \binom{a}{r-2} \binom{b}{2} + \dots + \binom{a}{0} \binom{b}{r} = \binom{a+b}{r}$$

Vandermonde's Convolution

RHS: Choose r from $(a+b)$ men and women

LHS: Could choose all men, or $(r-1)$ men, 1 woman, etc

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A greengrocer stocks n kinds of fruit. In how many ways can we choose a bag of r fruits?

If we are allowed only one of each, answer = $\binom{n}{r}$

But if $r=4$, allowed 2 apples, 1 pear, 1 quince...

Answer is actually $\binom{n+r-1}{r}$

Because there is a bijection from all the bags of fruit to the set of 0-1 strings $n+r-1$ with r 0s and $(n-1)$ 1s.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \overset{\circ \circ \circ}{\swarrow} & | & \overset{\circ \circ}{\swarrow} & | \downarrow & \overset{\circ \circ}{\swarrow} & | & \circ \\ 3 \text{ type 1} & & 2 \text{ type 2} & & 2 \text{ type 4} & & 1 \text{ type 5} \\ & & & & & & \downarrow \\ & & \overset{0 \text{ type 3}}{\searrow} & & & & \end{array} \quad n=5, r=8$$

What is the numerical value of $\binom{n+r-1}{r}$?

There are $n(n-1)(n-2) \dots (n-r+1)$ to choose r elements in order.

Each subset gets chosen $r!$ times.

So it follows that $n(n-1) \dots (n-r+1) = r! \binom{n+r-1}{r}$

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$$

" x to the r
falling"

We might write $x^{\underline{r}}$ for the polynomial $x(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-r+1)$

$$\binom{n+r-1}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!}$$

Multiply Vandermonde's Convolution by $r!$: "falling binomial theorem"

$$\binom{n}{0} a^{\underline{r}} b^{\overline{0}} + \binom{n}{1} a^{\underline{r-1}} b^{\overline{1}} + \dots + \binom{n}{r} a^{\underline{0}} b^{\overline{r}} = (a+b)^{\underline{r}}$$

A bank prepares a letter for each of its n customers to tell them how much it cares for them (at a cost of £50 per letter).

There are $n!$ ways to put the n letters in the n envelopes. How many of these ways are called derangements where every gets a wrong letter?

Let X be the set of all ways to put into envelopes, $|X| = n!$
For each person i , let A_i be assignments where i gets the right letter

Want $|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \bar{A}_3 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n|$

$$|A_i| = (n-1)! \quad |A_i \cap A_j| = (n-2)!$$

So the answer $|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n| = |X| - \sum |A_i| + \sum |A_i \cap A_j| - \dots$

$$= n! \left[1 - \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^n}{n!} \right] \approx \frac{n!}{e}$$
 for large n .

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Well ordering and Induction

Several times we used "the largest/smallest integer such that" e.g. division algorithm, proof $\exists \text{ hcf}$ or had a sequence of operations and "and so on" eg Euclid, the A_j and B_j , every number is a product of primes, FTA, ind/excl, binomial.

We rely on the following:

(Weak) Principle of Induction

Let $p(n)$ be a statement about the number $n \in \mathbb{N}$

Suppose i) $p(1)$ is true

ii) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $p(n)$ is true, then $p(n+1)$ is true

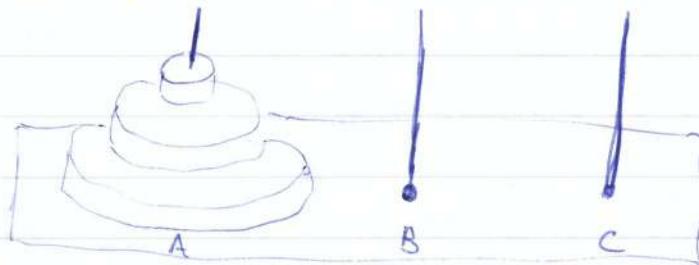
Then $p(n)$ is true for all n .

examples Tower of Hanoi

n rings on peg A.

Must move them to peg B.

Rules: One ring at a time, never put larger on small.



Claim: We need exactly $2^n - 1$ moves.

Proof: Let $p(n)$ be the statement, " n rings require $2^n - 1$ moves exactly" $p(1)$ is true.

Suppose we have $n+1$ rings.

We could move the top n rings to C, then the largest ring from A to B, then the n rings to B. Moves $\leq (2^n - 1) + 1 + 2^n = 2 \cdot 2^n - 1 = 2^{n+1} - 1$

Assuming $p(n)$ is true, at most $2^{n+1} - 1$ moves are needed.

At some point, the bottom ring must leave peg A, by $p(n)$ there must be at least $2^n - 1$ moves before this. At some point the bottom ring reaches B, then it takes at least $2^n - 1$ moves to get the other rings on top, by $p(n)$.

Moves $\geq 2^{n+1} - 1$ by $p(n)$

$p(n+1)$ is implied by $p(n)$. Thus by the principle of induction, $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ □

"Proof" Claim: All numbers are equal.
 Let $p(n)$ be "if $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$ is a set of numbers,
 $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_n$ ".
 $p(1)$ is true.

Suppose we have $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$. Assuming $p(n)$;
 apply to $\{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$ then $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_n$
 apply to $\{a_2, \dots, a_{n+1}\}$ then $a_2 = a_3 = \dots = a_{n+1}$

$p(n) \Rightarrow p(n+1)$. So principle of mathematical induction, $p(n)$ is true
 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

NOTE!! " $p(1) \Rightarrow p(2)$ " fails.

Moral: Check the general argument on small cases. If it doesn't work, establish
 these cases individually.

Claim: Inclusion-Exclusion Formula is correct.

Proof: Let $p(n)$ be the statement

$$|A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n| = \sum_{i=1}^n |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots$$

$p(1)$ is true. $p(2)$ true by base hands,

$$\text{Let } n \geq 2. \text{ Let } B_i = A_i \cap A_{n+1} \quad 1 \leq i \leq n$$

$$\text{Then } B_i \cap B_j = A_i \cap A_j \cap A_{n+1}$$

$$B_i \cap B_j \cap B_k = A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k \cap A_{n+1}$$

$$\text{Now } |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_{n+1}| = |(A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \cup A_{n+1}|$$

$$= |A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots \cup A_n| + |A_{n+1}| - |(A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3 \cup \dots \cup A_n) \cap A_{n+1}|$$

by $p(2)$.

$$= |A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_n| + |A_{n+1}| - |B_1 \cup \dots \cup B_n|$$

Apply $p(n)$ to both the A_i and B_i .

$$|A_1 \cup \dots \cup A_{n+1}| = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} |A_i| - \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n+1} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j < k \leq n+1} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots$$

$$+ |A_{n+1}| - \sum_{i=1}^n |B_i| + \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} |B_i \cap B_j| - \dots$$

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$$= \sum_{i \in n} |A_i| - \sum_{i \in n} |A_i \cap A_j| + \sum_{i \in j \in n} |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_k| - \dots$$

$$+ |A_{n+1}| - \sum_{i \in n} |A_i \cap A_{n+1}| + \dots$$

Thus $p(n) \Rightarrow p(n+1)$. So by WPI, $p(n)$ is true for all n \square .

WPI isn't tailored for some proofs.

Strong principle of induction

Let $p(n)$ be a statement about $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Suppose i) $p(1)$ is true

ii) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, if $p(k)$ is true $\forall k < n$ then $p(n)$ is true.

Then $p(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. (Note, i) is redundant, included in ii))

Example Evolutionary Trees

$p(n)$: "n-1 mutants yield n animals".



for clarity
 \times

Given a tree with n animals, remove the top mutant to get two smaller evolutionary trees with n_1 and n_2 animals. $n_1 + n_2 = n$.

Thus if $p(k)$ true for all $k < n$ then $p(n_1)$ and $p(n_2)$ are true.

So total mutants is $(n_1 - 1) + (n_2 - 2) + 1 = n - 1$.

So by SPI, $p(n)$ true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. \square

(note, n_1, n_2 depend on the tree. did we prove $p(1)$?)

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- WPI
- i) $P(1)$
 - ii) $\forall n \ P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)$
- SP1
- i) $P(1)$
 - ii) $\forall n \ (\forall k < n \ P(k) \text{ is true}) \Rightarrow P(n)$
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} P(n) \text{ true for all } n \\ \uparrow \\ \end{array} \right\}$

Theorem WPI is equivalent to SP1

Proof (Clearly $SP1 \Rightarrow WPI$ [Either: note $[P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)] \Rightarrow [P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n) \Rightarrow P(n+1)]$])
Or, any proof of something using the weak principle can be proved using the strong principle.

To show $WPI \Rightarrow SP1$, assume $P(1)$ is true and $\forall n \ P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n-1) \Rightarrow P(n)$. We wish to show $P(n)$ true for all n . Let $Q(n)$ be " $P(k)$ is true for all $k \leq n$ ". $Q(1)$ is true. Suppose $Q(n)$ is true. Then $P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n)$ is true. Hence $P(n+1)$ is true.

Now $P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(n+1)$ is true so $Q(n+1)$ is true. Thus $Q(n) \Rightarrow Q(n+1)$. So by the ~~weak~~ WPI applied to Q , $Q(n)$ true for all n , then $P(n)$ is true for all n . \square

A partial order on a set is a relation that is reflexive, antisymmetric and transitive.

e.g. \mathbb{N} is partially ordered by $|$

An order is well founded if every non empty subset has a minimal element (i.e. if $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and $\forall x \in S \exists m \in S \text{ s.t. } x < m \Rightarrow x \notin S$)

If $\forall a, b$ either $a \leq b$, $b \leq a$ the order is called a total order.
A well founded total order is called a well order.

Note \mathbb{Q} is totally ordered but not well ordered. e.g. $S = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0\}$

Well ordering principle. \mathbb{N} is well ordered.

i.e. every non empty subset of \mathbb{N} has a minimal element.

Theorem

Proof

SPI is equivalent to WOP

To prove $\text{WOP} \Rightarrow \text{SPI}$:

Suppose $p(1)$ true, and $(p(k) \ \forall k < n) \Rightarrow p(n)$

Suppose, contrary to SPI, $p(n)$ is not true for all n .

Let $C = \{n \in \mathbb{N}, p(n) \text{ is false}\}$

"The set of counterexamples". Then $C \neq \emptyset$ so by WOP, C has a minimal element $m \in C$. "a minimal counterexample". Now for all $k < m$, $k \notin C$ so $p(k)$ is true for $k < m$. However $(p(k) \ \forall k < m) \Rightarrow p(m)$ contradicting that $m \in C$. This contradiction implies SPI true.

To show $\text{SPI} \Rightarrow \text{WOP}$: Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ and suppose S has no smallest element. We shall show $S = \emptyset$. Let $p(n)$ be " $n \notin S$ ". Certainly $1 \notin S$ (because 1 is the smallest natural number).
 $p(1)$ is true.

Suppose $p(k)$ is true, $\forall k < n$. Then $k \notin S \ \forall k < n$. Thus $n \notin S$ as n would become a minimal element in S . Hence $p(n)$ true.
By SPI, $p(n)$ is true $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ i.e. $S = \emptyset$

WOP allows us to prove a statement P always true as follows:
If p is false, there is a minimal counterexample, then argue for a contradiction.

Eg. FTA, evolutionary trees

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E.g. Can you draw a diagram with one pencil stroke returning to starting position?

Claim If and only if diagram is "connected" (can reach any point from any other) and every junction has an even number of lines.

Proof "Only if" is clear.

"If" Suppose not. Take a minimal counterexample (minimal number of lines). Start anywhere: Wander randomly until you get stuck. By evenness, you must be back at the start. The bits not covered form a collection of connected pieces each of which has the evenness property. By minimality of counterexample, each of these pieces can be drawn. So: go round your previous random tour, taking time out to traverse each uncovered piece when encountered (which will happen, as the whole thing is connected) □

"All numbers are interesting" Certainly 1 is interesting.

If not, by WOP, there is a minimal counterexample.

"The smallest uninteresting number". What could be more interesting?
Hence no counterexamples □

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WIP \Leftrightarrow SIP \Leftrightarrow WOP

Idea of "minimal counterexample" works with other orders.

Eg. The Ackermann Function

$a : \mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by :

$$a(0, n) = n+1$$

$$a(m, 0) = a(m-1, 1) \text{ if } m > 0$$

$$a(m, n) = a[m-1, a(m, n-1)] \text{ if } m, n > 0$$

But is it well defined?

The lexicographic or dictionary order on $\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0$ is $(u, v) \leq (x, y)$ if $u < x$ or $u = x$ and $v \leq y$

The definition of $a(m, n) = a(x, y)$ where $(x, y) < (m, n)$

Definition is sound provided the order is well founded.

Note an order is well founded if and only if there is no infinite descending chain. [if there is such a chain $x_1 > x_2 > x_3 > \dots$ then the set has no minimal element. Conversely if S is a set with no min element we can construct an infinite descending chain]

$\mathbb{N}_0 \times \mathbb{N}_0$ lex order is well founded, for suppose

$$(u_1, v_1) > (u_2, v_2) > (u_3, v_3) > \dots$$

$u_1 > u_2 > u_3 > \dots$ by WOP for \mathbb{N} , must be a minimal element, there exists k such that $u_k = u_{k+1} = u_{k+2} = \dots$

then ~~$V_k > V_{k+1} > V_{k+2} > \dots$~~ contradicting WOP for \mathbb{N}

$$\text{What is } a(4, 4) = a[3 \boxed{a(4, 3)}]$$

$$a(4, 3) = a$$

□

Peano Arithmetic

(1892) Peano defined \mathbb{N} as a set with a special element 1 and a map $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, $n \mapsto n^+$ successor, such that:

$$i) \forall n, n^+ \neq 1$$

$$ii) \forall n, m, n \neq m \Rightarrow n^+ \neq m^+ \quad (\text{injective})$$

iii) That's all i.e. $A \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, $1 \in A$ and $n \in A \Rightarrow n^+ \in A$, then $A = \mathbb{N}$

Note iii) equivalent to WPI

Work to recover the usual properties of \mathbb{N} .

Crucial: if $n \neq 1$, $\exists m, n = m^+$ (follows from P(iii))

Now write 2 for 1^+ , 3 for 2^+

Define addition by induction: $(k+1) = k^+$, $k+n = (k+n)^+$, $n = m^+$
multiplication, order on \mathbb{N} .

Modular Arithmetic

Definition If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ have the same remainder after division by m , we say a and b are congruent modulo m : that is $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ means $m | a - b$.

$$\text{e.g. } 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad 11 \equiv 16 \pmod{5}$$

By definition, if $d | m$ then $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{d}$
 $21 \equiv 11 \pmod{10} \Rightarrow 21 \equiv 11 \pmod{5}$

Observe that $\equiv \pmod{m}$ is an equivalence relation. The set of equivalence classes is often written \mathbb{Z}_m or $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{e.g. } \mathbb{Z}_3 = \{[0], [1], [2]\} = \{\{-3, 0, 3\}, \{-2, 1, 4\}, \{-1, 2, 5\}\}$$

Note If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $u \equiv v \pmod{m}$

$$\text{then } m|ka - kb + (u - v) = (a + u) - (b + v)$$

$$\text{also } m | (a - b)u + b(u - v) = au - bv$$

$$\begin{aligned} a \equiv b \pmod{m} \\ u \equiv v \pmod{m} \end{aligned} \Rightarrow \begin{aligned} a + u &\equiv b + v \pmod{m} \\ au &\equiv bv \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence we can do arithmetic modulo m . (Formally we are doing arithmetic with congruence classes).

Example

Show

$$2a^2 + 3b^3 \equiv 1 \text{ has no solution, } a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{If so, then } 2a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \quad (\text{mod } 3)$$

$$\text{But } 2 \cdot 0^2 \equiv 0, 2 \cdot 1^2 \equiv 2, 2 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 2, \text{ so no } a \text{ satisfies equation}$$

Note that all primes are either 2 , or $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ or $\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

Example There are infinitely many primes with $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$.

Proof Let p_1, \dots, p_k be a list of primes $\equiv -1 \pmod{4}$. Let $N = 4p_1 p_2 \cdots p_k - 1$. Then $N \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$.

Now N is a product of primes $N = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_l$

Clearly, for all i , $q_i \neq 2$ and $q_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ as no $p_j \mid N$.

If all $q_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ then $N \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ which is false. Hence, some $q_i \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ i.e. there is a prime $\equiv -1 \pmod{4}$ not in our list.

How does this proof fail if we want infinitely many primes $\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$?

Example Solve $7x \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$

$$\text{We note } 3 \cdot 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$3 \cdot 7 \cdot x \equiv 3 \cdot 2 \pmod{10}$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

→ We "divided by 7"

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$$7x \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$$

$$(x3) \quad 7 \times 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$2/x \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

Definition u is a unit modulo n if there exists v such that $uv \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

Theorem u is a unit modulo m iff $(u, m) = 1$.

Proof Suppose u is a unit and let $d = (u, m)$

Since $m | uv - 1$ and $d | m \Rightarrow d | uv - 1$

But $d | u \Rightarrow d | 1 \Rightarrow d = 1$.

Suppose conversely that $(u, m) = 1$. Then $\exists v, w \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $uv + mw = 1 \Rightarrow uv \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Important not only does v exist but we can find it efficiently by Euclid's Algorithm.

Corollary If $(a, m) = 1$ then the congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a unique solution.

Proof There exists u with $au \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow ua x \equiv bu \pmod{m}$
 $\Rightarrow x \equiv bu \pmod{m}$

What if $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $(a, m) > 1$?

Let $(a, m) = d$. Then $m | ax - b \Rightarrow d | ax - b$ and $d | a$.
Hence if there is some x satisfying $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ then it is necessary that $d | b$.

If $d | b$, write $m = dm'$, $a = da'$, $b = db'$

Then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow ax - b = km$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
 $\Leftrightarrow a'x - b' = km' \Leftrightarrow a'x \equiv b' \pmod{m'} \quad (a', m') = 1$

If $(a, m) = d > 1$ the congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ is insoluble unless $d | b$,
then the solutions are of $\frac{a}{d}x \equiv \frac{b}{d} \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}$

Multiple moduli

Observe $x \equiv 5 \pmod{12} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \equiv 5 \pmod{3} \text{ or } x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 5 \pmod{4} \text{ or } x \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$

Is the converse true?

I.e. does $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow x \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$

Inspection shows yes.

Theorem (Chinese Remainder Theorem)

Let $(m, n) = 1$, and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then there is a solution to the simultaneous congruences $x \equiv a \pmod{m}$ and $x \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

Moreover, if $y \equiv x \pmod{mn}$ then y is also a solution, and there are no other solutions.

Proof Since (m, n) are coprime, we can find $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $um + vn = 1$. Let $x = umb + vna$.

$vn \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ so $x \equiv a \pmod{m}$.

Likewise $x \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

Moreover $y \equiv a \pmod{m}$ and $y \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$\Leftrightarrow y \equiv xc \pmod{m}$ and $y \equiv xc \pmod{n}$

$\Leftrightarrow m | y - xc$ and $n | y - xc$

$\Leftrightarrow mn | y - xc$ by FTA or LCMs using $(m, n) = 1$

$\Leftrightarrow y \equiv xc \pmod{mn}$

Sum $\sum_i (zc - xc)$

- 1) Can be extended to multiple moduli (more than two) by repetition or induction
- 2) It shows a congruence \pmod{mn} is equivalent to one \pmod{m} and one \pmod{n}
- 3) We have a bijection $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{mn}$

$x \equiv a \pmod{m}, x \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow x \equiv c \pmod{mn}$

Note c is a unit \pmod{mn} iff a is a unit \pmod{m} and b is a unit \pmod{n}

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For if $cu \equiv 1 \pmod{mn}$ then $a \equiv c \pmod{m} \Rightarrow au = cu \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
 $\Rightarrow a$ is unit mod m .
 $cu \equiv kmn + 1$

Conversely if c is not a unit then $(c, mn) > 1 \Rightarrow$
 \exists prime p , $p | c$, $p | mn$. Then say $p | m$, $\Rightarrow p | a = c + km$
 $\Rightarrow (a, m) > 1 \Rightarrow a$ is not a unit \pmod{m} .

Definition (Euler's Totient Function)

We denote by $\phi(m)$ the number of integers a , $0 \leq a \leq m$ such that $(a, m) = 1$.

$$\text{So } \phi(1) = 1.$$

$$\text{Note, } p \text{ is prime } \phi(p) = p - 1$$

It follows from the above that $\phi(m)$ is multiplicative:

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n) \text{ if } (m, n) = 1.$$

More generally $\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1} = p^k(1 - \frac{1}{p})$

Thus if $m = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$ distinct primes then

$$\phi(m) = \phi(p_1^{k_1})\phi(p_2^{k_2}) \cdots \phi(p_r^{k_r})$$

$$= p_1^{k_1}(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}) p_2^{k_2}(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}) \cdots p_r^{k_r}(1 - \frac{1}{p_r})$$

$$\phi(m) = m \prod_{p|m} (1 - \frac{1}{p})$$

An alternative proof of this formula (which thus implies multiplicativity) is by inclusion-exclusion.

Let $m = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$. Let $X = \{0, \dots, n-1\}$

Let $A_i = \{x \in X : p_i | x\}$

$$\text{Then } |X| = m, |A_i| = \frac{m}{p_i}$$

$$\text{and e.g. } |A_i \cap A_j \cap A_l| = \frac{m}{p_i p_j p_l}$$

Thus

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(m) &= |\overline{A_1} \cap \overline{A_2} \cap \cdots \cap \overline{A_r}| = m - \sum \frac{m}{p_i} + \sum \frac{m}{p_i p_j} - \sum \cdots \\ &= m(1 - \frac{1}{p_1})(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}) \cdots (1 - \frac{1}{p_r}) \end{aligned}$$

$$p + p^2 + \cdots + p^k = \frac{p(1-p^{k+1})}{1-p} \quad p^k - \frac{p(1-p^k)}{1-p}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 p^k - \frac{p(1-p^k)}{1-p} \\
 = \frac{p^k(1-p) - p(1-p^k)}{1-p} \\
 = \frac{p^k - p^{k+1} - p + p^{k+1}}{1-p} \\
 \cancel{\leftarrow \textcircled{1}(p+1)} = p \frac{(p^{k-1} - 1)}{1-p}
 \end{aligned}$$

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Note: if a, b are units mod m then so is ab ; for if $au \equiv 1$
 $bv \equiv 1$ then $(au)(bv) \equiv 1$

Thus the units (mod m) form a multiplicative group

Let p be a prime. $1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1$ are all units. The units come in pairs a, b which are inverses to each other, plus some elements which are self inverse, i.e. $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Now:

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow p \mid x^2 - 1 = (x+1)(x-1)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \mid x-1 \text{ or } p \mid x+1 \Leftrightarrow x \equiv 1 \text{ or } x \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

Thus 1 and -1 are both self inverse: others come in inverse pairs:

1 and 10 are self inverse, $(2, 8), (3, 4), (7, 8), (5, 9)$ are pairs.

Theorem (Wilson's Theorem) $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ if p is prime.

Proof $(p-1)!$ is the product of $\frac{p-3}{2}$ pairs of inverses, together with 1 and $p-1$ \square

Theorem (Fermat's Little Theorem) Let p be prime.

Then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Or $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Remark 2nd statement implies the first, but conversely, the first implies the second, because if $a \not\equiv 0$, a is a unit and we obtain the second statement
(Cauchy)

Proof 1 The numbers $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$ are units so they form a group. So $a^{p-1} \equiv 1$

Proof 2 If $a \not\equiv 0$ then a is a unit. Thus $ax \equiv ay \iff x \equiv y$.

Hence $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{(p-1)}$ are pairwise incongruent \pmod{p} . So they are congruent to $1, 2, \dots, p-1$ in some order.

$$\text{Hence } a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1) \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1)$$

$$\text{Hence } a^{p-1} \cdot a^{p-1} \cdot (p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! \quad (p-1)! \text{ is a product of units, it is a unit}$$

$$\text{Thus } a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}. \quad \square$$

Proof 3

If $0 < k < p$ then $\binom{p}{k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

So if $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ then

$$(a+b)^p = a^p + \binom{p}{1} a^{p-1} b + \binom{p}{2} a^{p-2} b^2 + \dots + \binom{p}{p} b^p$$

$$= a^p + b^p \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{Now } 0^p \equiv 0, 1^p = 1, 2^p \equiv (1+1)^p \equiv 1^p + 1^p \equiv 2$$

$3^p \equiv (2+1)^p \equiv 2^p + 1^p \equiv 2+1 \equiv 3$, proceed by induction \square

Both Wilson and Fermat fail if the modulus is not prime. But Fermat does generalise.

Theorem (Fermat-Euler Theorem) Let $(a, m) = 1$.
Then $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Proof

Let $U = \{x \in \mathbb{N} : 0 < x < m, (x, m) = 1\}$ $|U| = \phi(m)$

be the $\phi(m)$ numbers $< m$ coprime to m .

Since a is a unit $a \cdot x \equiv a \cdot y \Leftrightarrow x \equiv y$

So if $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\phi(m)}\}$ then $au_1, au_2, \dots, au_{\phi(m)}$ are distinct units \pmod{m} so are congruent to $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_{\phi(m)}$ in some order. Hence

$$au_1 \cdot au_2 \cdots au_{\phi(m)} \equiv u_1 \cdot u_2 \cdots u_{\phi(m)}$$

Thus $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ \square

Squares: $1^2, 2^2, \dots, (p-1)^2$ are squares \pmod{p} . We call a square a "quadratic residue".

If $a^2 \equiv b^2$ then $p \mid a^2 - b^2 = (a-b)(a+b)$

so $p \mid a-b$ or $p \mid a+b$ so $a \equiv b$ or $a \equiv -b$

Thus every non zero square is the square of exactly two numbers. Hence there are exactly $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic residues.

$$p=7 \quad 1^2 \equiv (-1)^2 \equiv 1 \quad 2^2 \equiv (-2)^2 \equiv 4 \quad 3^2 \equiv (-3)^2 \equiv 2$$

So 1, 2, 4 are squares $\pmod{7}$, 3, 5, 6 are not.

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Suppose a is a square modulo n , where $n = pq$, p, q : prime, and $(a, n) = 1$. Then $\Leftrightarrow a$ is a square mod p and a square mod q .

$$\exists s \quad (\pm s)^2 \equiv a \pmod{p} \quad \exists t \quad (\pm t)^2 \equiv a \pmod{q}$$

By CRT we get 4 square roots of $a \pmod{n}$ corresponding to $s, t, -s, -t$

$$[e.g. c \equiv -s \pmod{p}, c \equiv t \pmod{q} \Rightarrow c^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}]$$

They come in 2 pairs $\pm u, \pm v$

$$e.g. 4 \equiv (\pm 2)^2 \equiv (\pm 5)^2 \pmod{21}$$

Tossing a coin over the phone

Anneka and Brian wish to toss a coin fairly by phone.

A: Chooses two 100 digit primes $p, q \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$. Tells B product $n = pq$.

B: Picks a number u coprime to n , $a \equiv u^2 \pmod{n}$

A: Computes the 4 square roots $\pm u, \pm v \pmod{n}$. Picks a pair and tells Brian.

B: If A picks $\pm u$, B says "You win", A picks $\pm v$, B says "You lose"

Can Brian cheat? If A picks $\pm u$ and B says "you lose", must produce $\pm v$ as evidence.

To know $\pm v$ is equivalent to factoring n .
 Conversely if he can find $\pm v$ he knows $u^2 \equiv v^2 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow n \mid (u-v)(u+v)$
 but $n \nmid u-v, n \nmid u+v$ so wlog $p \mid u-v, q \mid u+v$ and
 $p = (n, u-v), q = (n, u+v)$

It works because it is possible to find 100 digit primes with near certainty (based on random Fermat) and the congruence / power / CRT / hcf calculations are feasible, but factorisation is thought to be unfeasible.

Public key Cryptography

Let us agree to write text messages as strings of numbers, e.g. A, B, Z, 700, 25
 I wish for people to be able to encrypt messages to me so I can decrypt them but no one else (e.g. a malicious eavesdropper) can do so. So we need an encryption scheme which is public knowledge, but only I can decrypt.

The RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman)

I think of two large primes p, q . Let $n = pq$. Pick e coprime to $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$. Work out d which has the inverse of $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$. Publish the pair n, e .

To send me a message, split $M < n$, send $M^e \pmod{n}$. How do I find M ? $(M^e)^d \equiv M^{e \cdot d} \equiv M \pmod{n}$.

How can a bad guy find M ? Finding $\phi(n)$ is as hard as factoring n . (If he knows $\phi(n)$ then p and q are the roots of $x^2 - (n+1-\phi)x + n = 0$.) No one knows if RSA can be broken without factoring n .

Some choices of p and q are less secure.

e.g. $p=31, n=81, n=1891, \phi(n)=30 \cdot 60 = 1800$
but $M^{60} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow M^{60} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
 $M^{60} \equiv 1 \pmod{q} \Rightarrow M^{60} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
HMG knew RSA before R, S and A

Real Numbers

The central characteristic of \mathbb{N} is WOP. Formally, can construct via Peano.

\mathbb{Z} is obtained from the natural numbers by allowing subtraction.

\mathbb{Q} is obtained from \mathbb{Z} by allowing division.

Formally; we can construct relations from the integers in the following way:
define a relation R on $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{N}$ by

(a, b) R (c, d) if $ad = bc$, then R is an equivalence relation.

Let \mathbb{Q} be the set of equivalence classes. Write $\frac{a}{b}$ for $[(a, b)]$.

Need to check can define $+$, \times , $<$ on \mathbb{Q} so defined to make it a totally ordered field.

- a) \mathbb{Q} is an additive abelian group with identity 0 .
- b) $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$ is a multiplicative abelian group with identity 1 .
- c) Multiplication is distributive over addition $a(b+c) = ab + ac$
means that \mathbb{Q} is a field.
- d) there is an order relation on \mathbb{Q} which is reflexive, antisymmetric, & transitive.
- e) which is total i.e. $\forall p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ either $p < q$, $p = q$ or $p > q$,
make \mathbb{Q} a totally ordered set.
- f) The order respects the field i.e. $\forall p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}$ $p < q \Rightarrow p+r < q+r$

A totally ordered field satisfies a) to f). Note that in any totally ordered field we have $0 < 1$ for otherwise, $1 < 0$ so $1+(-1) < 0+(-1)$
so $0 < -1$, $0 < -1 \Rightarrow 0 < (-1)^2 = 1 \times$

Observe that \mathbb{Z}_p is a field.

But it cannot be ordered: for we would have $0 < 1, 0+1 < 1+1, 1+1 < 2 < 3, 3 < 4$ etc ... $p-1 < p = 0$ so by transitivity $0 < 0$, a contradiction.

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Numbers and Sets (17)

Remark \mathbb{Q} is dense: if $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}, p < q$, then $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $p < r < q$.
But we cannot solve equations ~~in~~ in the rationals.

Theorem There is no $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ with $q^2 = 2$.

Proof Suppose not, and $(\frac{a}{b})^2 = 2$ where b is as small as possible, so $(a, b) = 1$ and $a^2 = 2b^2$.

Proof 1 Since a^2 is even, a is even, then $a = 2c$. So $2c^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow b^2$ is even, b is even. Contradiction as $(a, b) = 1$.

Proof 2 We know b is a product of primes. Let $p \mid b$. Then $p \mid a^2$.
 $p \mid a$, contradicting $(a, b) = 1$.

Proof 3 (Dirichlet) We have $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2b}{a}$. So for every $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$,
 $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{au+2bv}{bu+av}$. Put $u = -1, v = 1$ then $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2b-a}{a-b}$, which has denominator $< b$ (since $a < 2b$), a contradiction.

Proof 4 As proof 3, but pick u, v with $av + bu = 1$. Then $\frac{a}{b}$ is an integer!
False.

Remark To prove there is no rational with $q^2 = 2$.

Proof 1 hard; Proof 3 uses only the division algorithm.
Proofs 2 and 4 use Bezout, then they are immediate.

So we can split \mathbb{Q} as $\{q \in \mathbb{Q}; q < 0 \text{ or } q^2 < 2\} \cup \{q \in \mathbb{Q}; q > 0, q^2 \geq 2\}$
with a "pinhole".
The real numbers fill this hole. But we can no longer appeal to intuition.
(e.g. is $0.9999\dots = 1$?).

Definition The number $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ is a least upper bound for the set

$S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ if:

- S is an upper bound for S i.e. $\forall x \in S, x \leq s$
- If t is an upper bound for S , then $s \leq t$.

The central characteristic of \mathbb{R} is the following assumption:

Every non-empty subset of real numbers that has an upper bound has a least upper bound.
By definition, the least upper bound for S is unique. We write

$s = \sup S$, the supremum of S .

Formally, we can construct a set \mathbb{R} for \mathbb{Q} by letting \mathbb{R} be the set of all positions $L \in \mathbb{R}$ of \mathbb{Q} , where $L < r$ for all $r \in L, r \in \mathbb{R}$.
 Inject $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by $q \mapsto \{x : x \leq q\} \cup \{x : x > q\}$
 Show \mathbb{R} has stated properties. "Dedekind cuts".

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Define $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$ "closed interval"
 $(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$ "open interval"

Example

$S = [0, 1]$. Then $S \neq \emptyset$. Also, 2 is an upper bound as $x \leq 2 \forall x \in S$. Hence $\sup S$ exists.

Notice that 1 is an upper bound as $x \leq 1, \forall x \in S$. If $t < 1$ then t is not an upper bound because $1 \in S$. Hence $\sup S = 1$.

Let $S = (0, 1)$. Then 1 is an upper bound for S . If $t < 1$, then if $t < 0$, then $t < \frac{1}{2} \in S$. If $t > 0$, then $t < \frac{1+t}{2} \in S$. Therefore t is not an upper bound. Hence $\sup S = 1$.

If S has a maximum element then $\sup S = \max S$, but $\sup S$ can exist even if $\max S$ does not, in which case $\sup S \notin S$.

Theorem (Axiom of Archimedes) Given $r \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > r$.

Proof If not, r is an upper bound for \mathbb{N} . Since $\mathbb{N} \neq \emptyset, \exists s = \sup \mathbb{N}$. Since s is the sup, $s - 1$ is not an upper bound. Hence there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $s - 1 < n$, $\Rightarrow s < n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$, contradicts s being an upper bound for \mathbb{N} .

Notice that every non empty set of $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ which is bounded below has a greatest lower bound or infimum as $-S = \{-x : x \in S\}$ is nonempty and bounded above and $\inf S = -\sup(-S)$.

Corollary $\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} = 0$.

Proof Clearly 0 is a lower bound for this set. If $\epsilon > 0$, then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ (by axiom of Archimedes) so $\frac{1}{n} > \frac{1}{n+1} > \frac{1}{n+2} > \dots > \frac{1}{n+\epsilon} > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$, but $\frac{1}{n} \in S$, so it is not a lower bound.

Hence there are no infinitely large or infinitesimally small reals.

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Axiom of Archimedes : $\forall r \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq r$
 Corollary : $\inf \left\{ \frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\} = 0$

We can now see that \mathbb{Q} is dense in \mathbb{R} :

i.e. $\forall r, s \in \mathbb{R} \exists q \in \mathbb{Q}, r < q < s$

By the corollary there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $\frac{1}{n} < s - r$

By the axiom of Archimedes $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ with $N > s$. Let

$T = \left\{ k \in \mathbb{N} : \frac{k}{n} \geq s \right\}$. Since $N \in T$, we have $T \neq \emptyset$,
 so by WOP there is a least element $m \in T$. Let $q = \frac{m-1}{n}$

Since $m-1 \in T, q < s$. If $q \leq r$, then $\frac{m}{n} = q + \frac{1}{n}(r + (s - r)) < s$
 contradicting $m \in T$.
 Hence $r < q < s$.

Theorem There exists $x \in \mathbb{R}$ with $x^2 = 2$.

Proof Let $S = \{r \in \mathbb{R} : r^2 \leq 2\}$. Then $0 \in S$, so $S \neq \emptyset$
 and $r \leq 3 \forall r \in S$. So S is bounded above by 3. Hence
 $x = \sup S$ exists, and $0 \leq x \leq 3$.

Suppose $x^2 < 2$. Let $0 < t < 1$. Then ~~$x+t \in S$~~
 $(x+t)^2 = x^2 + 2tx + t^2 \leq x^2 + 6t + t^2 = x^2 + 7t$

Pick $t < \frac{(2-x^2)}{7}$, with $0 < t < 1$. Then $(x+t)^2 < 2$

Shows that $x+t \in S$, contradicting x being an upper bound.

Suppose $x^2 > 2$. Let $0 < t < 1$. Then
 $(x-t)^2 = x^2 - 2tx + t^2 > x^2 - 6t$. Pick $t < \frac{x^2-2}{6}$ with
 $0 < t < 1$. Then $(x-t)^2 > 2$, so $x-t$ is an upper bound for S ,
 contradicting x as the least upper bound.

So $x^2 = 2 \quad \square$

Sequences A sequence is a function $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. If $a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ then we usually write a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots instead of $a(1), a(2), a(3)$.

What does it mean for a sequence to tend to a limit?

Definition The sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^{\infty}$ tends to the limit L as $n \rightarrow \infty$ if, for every positive ϵ , $\exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\forall n > N, |a_n - L| < \epsilon$ holds.

Symbolically $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \forall n > N |a_n - L| < \epsilon$

Also " $a_n \rightarrow L$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ "

or $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L$ or "an converges to L".

If L exists but we don't know its value, we might just say "an converges".

"Diverges" means "Doesn't converge". Examples:

$$a_n = \frac{1}{1-n}$$

Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$ (Archimedean Axiom).

If $n > N$, $|a_n - 1| = \left| \frac{1}{1-n} - 1 \right| = \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$. Hence $a_n \rightarrow 1$.

$$a_n = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{n} & n \text{ even} \\ 0 & n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

Given $\epsilon > 0$, choose $N > \frac{1}{\epsilon}$. If $n > N$ then $|a_n - 0| \leq \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$. Hence $a_n \rightarrow 0$.

The definition of $a_n \not\rightarrow L$ is $\exists \epsilon > 0 \ \forall N \ \exists n > N \ |a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$

$$a_n = \begin{cases} 1 & n \text{ odd} \\ -1 & n \text{ even} \end{cases}$$

Let $L \in \mathbb{R}$ be a potential limit. Let $\epsilon = \frac{1}{2}$. Let $N \in \mathbb{N}$. If $L \geq 0$ pick $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > N, n \text{ even}$. If $L \leq 0$ pick $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \text{ odd}$. Then $|a_n - L| \geq \epsilon$. So (for any $L \in \mathbb{R}$) $a_n \not\rightarrow L$. Hence (a_n) diverges.

The following is used constantly.

Every bounded, monotonic sequence converges.

"Monotonic" means either increasing or decreasing

Suppose a_n is increasing; i.e. $a_{n+1} \geq a_n \ \forall n$. The set $\{a_n : n \geq 1\}$ is bounded above so it has a supremum, say L . Given $\epsilon > 0$, then $L - \epsilon$ is not an upper bound for the set, so there exists N with $a_N > L - \epsilon$. Since a_n is increasing, $a_n > L - \epsilon \ \forall n > N$. Thus $L - \epsilon \leq a_n \leq L \ \forall n \geq N$ implying $|a_n - L| < \epsilon$. Hence $a_n \rightarrow L$.

Decreasing case is very similar.

Remarks

- i) $a_n = n$ is not bounded and diverges
- ii) Theorem is in fact equivalent to our axiom.

Something like $a_2, a_3, a_5, a_{11}, a_{17}$ is a subsequence of (a_n)

Formally a subsequence is a sequence $a_{g(n)}$ where $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a strictly increasing function.

Theorem

Every sequence has a monotonic subsequence.

Call a_k a high point if $a_k \geq a_n \ \forall n \geq k$. If there are infinitely many high points, they form a decreasing subsequence. If there are only finitely many high points, there exists s_0, s_1, s_2, \dots with $s_0 > s_1 > s_2 > \dots$ and a_{s_0} a high point. So pick a subsequence $N' > N$ with $a_{N'} > a_{s_0}$ (since $a_{N'}$ is not a high point) then $N'' > N'$, etc. Carry on to construct an increasing subsequence $a_{N'}, a_{N''}, a_{N'''}, \dots$ etc.

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$a_n \rightarrow L$ means $\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists N \forall n > N |a_n - L| < \epsilon$
 Recall the triangle inequality $|bc + y| \leq |x| + |y|$

Theorem

- i) If $a_n \rightarrow a$, and $a_n \rightarrow b$, then $b = a$ (limits are unique)
- ii) If $a_n \rightarrow a$ and $b_n = a_n$ except for finitely many n , then $b_n \rightarrow a$.
- iii) If $a_n = a$ for all n then $a_n \rightarrow a$
- iv) If $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow b$ then $(a_n + b_n) \rightarrow (a + b)$
- v) If $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow b$ then $a_n b_n \rightarrow ab$
- vi) If $a_n \rightarrow a \neq 0$ and $a_n \neq 0 \forall n$ then $\frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a}$
- vii) (sandwich theorem) if $a_n \rightarrow a, b_n \rightarrow a, a_n \leq c_n \leq b_n \forall n$ then $c_n \rightarrow a$

Proof i) Suppose $a < b$. Let $\epsilon = \frac{b-a}{2}$. Then there exists N_1 so that $|a_n - a| < \epsilon \forall n > N_1$ and $N_2, |a_n - b| < \epsilon \forall n > N_2$

Pick $n > \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then:
 $|a - b| \leq |a - a_n| + |a_n - b| < \epsilon + \epsilon = 2\epsilon$, contradiction $\#$

ii) There exists k so $a_n = b_n$ if $n > k$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists N_1 so that $|a_n - a| < \epsilon$ for $n > N_1$. Let $N = \max\{N_1, k\}$. Then if $n > N$, $|b_n - a| = |a_n - a| < \epsilon$. Hence $b_n \rightarrow a$.

iii) For any $\epsilon > 0$ we can take $N = 1$,

iv) Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exists N_1 so that $|a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for $n > N_1$. There exists N_2 so that $|b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ for $n > N_2$. Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then $\forall n > N$
 $|a_n + b_n - (a + b)| \leq |a_n - a| + |b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$
 Hence $(a_n + b_n) \rightarrow (a + b)$

v) Let $\epsilon > 0$. There exist N_1, N_2, N_3 so $|a_n - a| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(|b|+1)}$ for $n > N_1$,
 $|b_n - b| < \frac{\epsilon}{2(|a|+1)}$ for $n > N_2$, $|b_n - b| < 1$ for $n > N_3$

$|b_n| < |b| + 1$ Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2, N_3\}$. Then for $n > N$
 $|a_n b_n - ab| = |b_n(a_n - a) + a(b_n - b)| \leq |b_n||a_n - a| + |a||b_n - b|$
 $< \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$, so $a_n b_n \rightarrow ab$

vi) Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then $\exists N_1, N_2$ so $|a_n - a| < \epsilon^{\frac{|a|}{2}}$ for $n > N_1$ and
 $|a_n - a| < \frac{|a|}{2}$ for $n > N_2$ ($\Rightarrow |a_n| > \frac{|a|}{2}$).
 Let $N = \max\{N_1, N_2\}$. Then for all $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{1}{a_n} - \frac{1}{a} \right| = \frac{|a_n - a|}{|a_n||a|} < \frac{2|a_n - a|}{|a|^2} < \epsilon, \text{ so } \frac{1}{a_n} \rightarrow \frac{1}{a}$$

vii) by (iii) and (iv) $b_n - a_n \rightarrow 0$. Let $\epsilon > 0$. Then there exists N with
 $|b_n - a_n| < \epsilon$ for all $n > N$
 $|c_n - a_n| < \epsilon$ for all $n > N$, Hence $c_n - a_n \rightarrow 0$
 $\Rightarrow c_n \rightarrow a$ \square

Examples $x_n = \frac{n^2(n+1)(2n+1)}{n^4+1}$, so $x_n = \frac{(1+\frac{1}{n})(2+\frac{1}{n})}{1+\frac{1}{n^4}} \rightarrow \frac{1 \cdot 2}{1} = 2$ by (ii) to (vi)

$$y_n = \frac{100^n}{n!}, \quad \frac{y_{n+1}}{y_n} = \frac{100}{n+1} < \frac{1}{2} \text{ if } n \geq 200$$

$$\text{So } 0 < y_n < y_{200} \cdot \frac{2^{200}}{2^n} < y_{200} \cdot \frac{2^{200}}{n} \text{ if } n > 200$$

$$\text{by (ii), (vii)} \quad y_n \rightarrow 0.$$

$$x_1 = 1, x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n^2 + 1}{3}, n \geq 1. \text{ Then } x_n \geq \frac{1}{3} \text{ for all } n. x_2 = \frac{2}{3} < x_1$$

$$x_{n+1} - x_n = \frac{x_n^2 + 1}{3} - \frac{x_{n-1}^2 + 1}{3} = \frac{(x_n + x_{n-1})(x_n - x_{n-1})}{3}$$

So $x_n < x_{n-1} \Rightarrow x_{n+1} < x_n$ so x_n decreases by induction.
Since $x_n \leq \frac{1}{3}$, (x_n) is monotonic and bounded (so by theorem) $x_n \rightarrow L$ for some
 $x_{n+1} \rightarrow L$, $L = \frac{L^2 + 1}{3} \Rightarrow L = \frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{5}$.
since $\frac{1}{3} \leq x_n \leq L$ we have $x_n \rightarrow \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$

Series In a field, the sum of two numbers is defined, so by induction, the
sum of finitely many is defined. Infinite sums are not defined.
Let (a_n) be a sequence. Then $S_m = \sum_{n=1}^m a_n$ is the m^{th} partial sum of
the series whose n^{th} term is a_n .
 $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n = \lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} S_m$ if the limit exists.

Examples i) $a_n = \frac{1}{n(n-1)}$, $n \geq 2$. $S_m = \sum_{n=2}^m \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = \sum_{n=2}^m \left\{ \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right\} = 1 - \frac{1}{m} \rightarrow 1$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$

ii) $a_n = \frac{1}{n^2}$, $S_m = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{n^2}$. Then S_m is increasing and $S_m = 1 + \sum_{n=2}^m \frac{1}{n(n-1)} < S_m$. Increases and is bounded above so it converges to a limit ≤ 2 .

iii) $a_n = r^n$, $|r| < 1$. $S_m = r + \frac{r^2}{1-r} + \dots + \frac{r^m}{1-r} \rightarrow \frac{r}{1-r}$ since $r^m \rightarrow 0$, $S_{\infty} = \frac{r}{1-r}$

iv) $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$. $S_{2^k} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} \geq 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{2^k} = 1 + \frac{k}{2}$

Hence S_m is unbounded $\Leftrightarrow \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$ diverges.

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Decimal Expansions

Let (d_n) be a sequence of numbers with $d_n \in \{0, 1, \dots, 9\}$. Then $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_n}{10^n}$ converge to a limit r , $0 \leq r \leq 1$ because the partial sums $S_m = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{d_n}{10^n}$ are increasing and bounded above by $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{9}{10^n} = \frac{9}{10} - \frac{1}{10} = 1$. We say that $r = 0 \cdot d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots$ is the decimal expansion of r .

Does every x $0 \leq x \leq 1$ have a decimal expansion? Pick d_1 maximal so $\frac{d_1}{10} \leq x < 1$, so $d_1 \leq 9$ and $0 \leq x - \frac{d_1}{10} < \frac{1}{10}$.
 d_2 max so $\frac{d_1}{100} \leq x - \frac{d_1}{10} < \frac{1}{10}$, so $d_2 \leq 9$ and $0 \leq x - \frac{d_1}{10} - \frac{d_2}{100} < \frac{1}{100}$. Inductively pick $\frac{d_1}{10^n} \leq x - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{d_j}{10^j} < \frac{1}{10^{n-1}}$, so $0 \leq x - \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \frac{d_j}{10^j} < \frac{1}{10^n}$.

$x - \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{d_j}{10^j}$ is sandwiched between 0 and $\frac{1}{10^n} \rightarrow 0$ so $x = 0 \cdot d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots$.

Can we have $0 \cdot a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots = 0 \cdot b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots$?
Say $a_j = b_j$ for $j < k$ and $a_k < b_k$. Then $\sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{a_j}{10^j} \leq \sum_{j=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{b_j}{10^j} = \frac{1}{10^k}$ so we must have $b_k = a_k + 1$, $a_k = 9$ $j > k$, $b_j = 0$ $j > k$.

A decimal is periodic if after a finite number of digits it repeats in blocks of k : i.e. $d_{l+k} = d_n$ for $n > l$, e.g. $x = 0 \cdot 7643 157 157 157 \dots$
Clearly a periodic decimal is rational, e.g. $10^4 x - 7643 = 0 \cdot 157 157 157$
 $10^4 x - 7643 = 157 \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^j} = \frac{157}{10^3} \frac{1}{1-10^{-1}} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Conversely, if x is rational then x has a periodic decimal expansion. For suppose $x = \frac{p}{2^a 5^b q}$ where $(q, 10) = 1$. Then $10^{\max(a,b)} x = \frac{p}{q} = n + \frac{f}{q}$

where $e, n, f \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $0 \leq f < q$. By Fermat-Euler:
 $10^{e(q)} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$ i.e. $10^{e(q)} - 1 = kq$, $k \in \mathbb{N}$. $\frac{f}{q} = \frac{kf}{kq} = \frac{kf}{10^{e(q)} - 1}$

$= kf \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^{e(q)j}}$. Since $kf < kq$, we can write kf as a ~~4~~ digit number $kf = d_1 d_2 \dots d_k$ so $\frac{f}{q}$ is a repeating decimal $0 \cdot d_1 d_2 \dots d_k d_1 \dots$
Shift to the right, x is periodic.

A number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is irrational if it is not rational, $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

e.g. $x = 0 \cdot 0110101000101 \dots$ with 10 in prime positions is irrational since for every k there is a block of more than k zeros. Likewise:
 $x = 235711131719 \dots$ is irrational because for every L and k we can choose t so that $10^{tk} > L$ and a prime $10^{tk} < p < 10^{tk+1}$ having tk digits. Then x cannot repeat after L digits with period k otherwise $p = d_1 \dots d_k d_1 \dots d_k$ is not prime.

We define $e = \sum_{j=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{j!}$. Note that the limit exists because the partial sums are increasing, $\leq 1 + \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots = 3$

Is e a rational number?

Suppose $e = \frac{p}{q}$, $2 < e < 3$ so $q \geq 2$. Then $q!e \in \mathbb{N}$.

But $q!e = q! + q! + \frac{q!}{2!} + \dots + \frac{q!}{q!} + \frac{q!}{(q+1)!} + \dots$

$q!e = N! + x$ where $N \in \mathbb{N}$ $x = \frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{q!}$

$$x < \frac{1}{(q+1)} + \frac{1}{(q+1)^2} + \dots = \frac{1}{q} < 1$$

Since $0 < x < 1$ this contradicts $q!e = N+x \in \mathbb{N}$

An algebraic number is the root of a polynomial with integer coefficients, (or rational coefficients). Rationals are algebraic: $x = \frac{p}{q}$ is a root of $qx - p = 0$. $\sqrt{2}$ is a root of $x^2 - 2 = 0$. A number is transcendental if it is not algebraic. Do transcendental numbers exist?

Let $L = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^n} = 0.\overline{1000010\dots}$ \rightarrow has a 1 in every $(n!)^{th}$ place

Theorem (Liouville, 1851) L is transcendental.

Proof Suppose $f(L) = 0$ where $f(x) = a_k x^k + \dots + a_1 x + a_0, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Let } C = k|a_k| + (k-1)|a_{k-1}| + \dots + |a_1|$$

Pick $m \in \mathbb{N}$ so $m \geq k$ and $10^m! > \frac{10C}{q}$

Let $S = \sum_{j=1}^m \frac{1}{10^{j!}} \rightarrow S = \frac{p}{q}, p \in \mathbb{Z}, q = 10^{m!}$

We may assume $f(S) \neq 0$ since f has finitely many roots and can increase m to avoid $f(S) = 0$.

$$\text{Then } L-S = \sum_{j=m+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{10^{j!}} < \frac{1}{10^{(m+1)!}} \sum_{n \geq 0} \frac{1}{10^n} = \frac{10}{9q^{m+1}} < \frac{1}{Cq^m} < \frac{1}{Cq^k}$$

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$L = \sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{10^n}$ is transcendental. $f(L) = 0$, $f(x) = a_k x^k + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$

$$C = k|a_k| + \dots + |a_1| \quad m \in \mathbb{N}, m \geq k, \quad 10^{m!} \geq \frac{10^C}{q} \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{1}{10^n} \leq \frac{1}{10^{(m+1)!}} \sum_{n \geq m} \frac{1}{10^n} = \frac{10}{9q^{(m+1)!}} < \frac{1}{Cq^{m+1}} < \frac{1}{Cq^k}$$

$f(S) \neq 0$. Clearly $0 < S < L < 1$ so for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$
 $0 < L^n - S^n = (L-S)(L^{n-1} + SL^{n-2} + \dots + S^{n-1}) < n(L-S)$
 Since $S = \frac{p}{q}$ and $f(S) \neq 0$, we have $|f(S)| \geq \frac{1}{q^k}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{q^k} &\leq |f(S)| = |f(S) - f(L)| = \left| \sum_{n=0}^k a_n (S^n - L^n) \right| \leq \sum_{n=0}^k |a_n| n |L-S| \\ &= (L-S)C < \frac{1}{q^k} \quad \# \text{ a contradiction} \quad \square \end{aligned}$$

Countability !!! We count sets by constructing bijections with known sets, normally with $[n] = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$.

Lemma Proof If $f: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ is injective then it is also surjective (therefore bijective)
 By induction on n . True for $n=1$.
 Let $n > 1$. Let $j = f(n)$. Let $g: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ be $g(i) = i$, $g(n) = j$, $g(j) = i$.
 Then g is a bijection. The map $g \circ f: [n] \rightarrow [n]$ is injective and $g \circ f(n) = n$.
 So the map $h: [n-1] \rightarrow [n-1]$, $h(i) = g \circ f(i)$ exists and is injective
 so by induction hypothesis, is surjective. Hence $g \circ f$ is surjective. Hence,
 so is f . \square

Corollary Proof If A is a set and $f: A \rightarrow [n]$, $g: A \rightarrow [m]$ are bijections, then $n=m$.
 We may suppose $m \geq n$. Let h be $h: [n] \rightarrow [m]$, $h(i) = i$. Then
 $[m] \xrightarrow{g} A \xrightarrow{f} [n] \xrightarrow{h} [m]$ is injective. By the lemma it is injective. So
 h is surjective, $m=n$. \square

Definition The set A is finite if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}_0$ with a bijection from $A \rightarrow [n]$. The size of A , $|A|$ is n . By the corollary, the size of A is well defined.
 What about infinite sets?

Lemma Remark Proof Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. Then either S is finite, or there is a bijection $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ which "counts" S .

If $S \neq \emptyset$, then by WSP it has a least element $s_1 \in S$. If $S \setminus \{s_1\} \neq \emptyset$ it has a least element s_2 . If $S \setminus \{s_1, s_2\} \neq \emptyset$ it has a least element s_3 , and so on. If at some point the process stops, then $S = \{s_1, \dots, s_n\}$ is finite. Otherwise, $g(i) = s_i$, $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow S$ is well defined; each i has a unique s_i , and g is injective. Is it surjective?

Yes, because if $k \in S$, then $k \in \mathbb{N}$ and there are $< k$ elements of S less than k so $g(i) = k$ for some $i \leq k$. \square

Definition The set A is countable if it is finite, or there is a bijection between A and \mathbb{N} .

Theorem The following are equivalent :

i) A is countable

ii) There is an injection of $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

iii) $A = \emptyset$ or there is a surjection $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$

Proof Plainly (i) \Rightarrow (ii). Conversely, if there is an injection $f: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, then f gives a bijection between A and $S = f(A)$. If S is finite then so is A . If S is infinite, there is a bijection $S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ (by Lemma), so $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is a bijection. Either way A is countable so (ii) \Rightarrow (i).

Plainly (i) \Rightarrow (iii). Conversely, if $A \neq \emptyset$ and there is a surjection $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ define a map $g: A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ by $g(a) = \min f^{-1}[a]$ which exists by WOP. Then g is an injection so by (ii) A is countable, hence (iii) \Rightarrow (i).

Example

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} 2n & n > 0 \\ 2(-n)+1 & n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ a bijection $\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is countable.

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Definition: Set is countable \Leftrightarrow finite or bijects with \mathbb{N}

Theorem: i) A countable

ii) \exists injection $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$

iii) \exists surjection $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow A$ (or $A = \emptyset$)

\mathbb{Z} is countable.

$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ $(a, b) = 2^a 3^b$ is injective, hence $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ is countable.

In fact, we can give an explicit bijection:

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|} \hline & 6 \\ \hline 1 & 5 \\ \hline 3 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \quad (a, b) \mapsto \left(\sum_{i=1}^{a+b} - a + 1 \right)$$

Since \mathbb{Z} is countable we have an injection $\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. So there are injections $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ because \mathbb{Z} and $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ are both countable, so $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is countable.

If $A \rightarrow B$ is injective and B is countable then A is countable since we can inject \mathbb{N} $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \xrightarrow{\frac{p}{q}} (p, q)$, $(p, q) = 1$, injective, $q > 0$. $0 \mapsto (0, 0)$ so \mathbb{Q} is countable.

$\mathbb{Z}^3 = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ is countable, since we can inject $\mathbb{Z}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. By induction \mathbb{Z}^k is countable, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem A countable union of countable sets is countable.

Proof Let I be a countable index set. For each $\alpha \in I$ let A_α be a countable set. We want to show $A = \bigcup_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha$ is countable.

Since I is countable there is a bijection $f: I \rightarrow [n]$ for some n or $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. So we may relabel A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n or A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots (using label f_α instead of α).

Hence $A = \bigcup_{j \in \mathbb{N}} A_j$. For each A_j there is an injection $g_j: A_j \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$.

For each $a \in A$ let $m_a = \min \{j : a \in A_j\}$ (exists by WOP)

Then:

$a \mapsto (m_a, g_{m_a}(a))$ is an injection $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ so A is countable.

Example $\mathbb{Q} = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \frac{1}{n} \mathbb{Z} = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : m \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ so again \mathbb{Q} is countable.

Theorem The set of algebraic numbers is countable.

Proof Let P_k be the set of polynomials of degree k with integer coefficients.

The map $a_k x^k + a_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + a_0 \mapsto (a_k, a_{k-1}, \dots, a_0)$ $P_k \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}^k$ is an injection.

Let P be the set of all polynomials with integer coefficients. Then $P = \bigcup_{k \geq 0} P_k$ is a countable union of countable sets. For each polynomial $p \in P$ let R_p be the set of its roots. Then R_p is finite. Thus the union $\bigcup_{p \in P} R_p$ is the set of algebraic numbers and is a countable union of countable sets, so is countable. \square

Not countable

Are there uncountable sets? Yes.

Theorem
Proof

\mathbb{R} is uncountable.

Suppose \mathbb{R} is countable, then we can list the reals as r_1, r_2, r_3, \dots .
Write each r_n in decimal form (unique decimal). Never use $0.\overline{999\dots}$

$$r_1 = r_1 \cdot d_{11} d_{12} d_{13} \dots$$

$$r_2 = r_2 \cdot d_{21} d_{22} d_{23} \dots$$

$$r_3 = r_3 \cdot d_{31} d_{32} d_{33} \dots$$

$$d_n = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } d_{nn} \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } d_{nn} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Write $r = 0 \cdot d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots$, a real number not listed, because for all n , $r \neq r_n$ as d_n is clearly different.

This is the diagonal argument of Cantor (1783).

Corollary

There are uncountably many transcendental numbers.

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\mathbb{R} is uncountable \therefore transcendental numbers are uncountable

$\mathbb{R} = \text{transcendentals} \cup \text{algebraics}$

If the transcendentals were countable, then \mathbb{R} , as a (finite) union of countable sets would also be countable, but we know this is not the case.

Recall: $PX = \{Y : Y \subset X\}$

Suppose $P\mathbb{N}$ were countable, then $S_1, S_2, S_3, S_4, \dots$ is a list of all subsets of \mathbb{N} . Let $S = \{n : n \notin S_n\}$. Then S is not in the list.
(Where is S ? Is $S = S_{n+1}$?) Hence $P\mathbb{N}$ is uncountable. (diagonal argument).

Let Σ be the set of all functions $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. If Σ were countable we could list its members f_1, f_2, f_3 but then f given by $f(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & f_n(1) \neq 1 \\ 2 & f_n(1) = 1 \end{cases}$ is not in the list. Hence Σ is uncountable.

Alternatively, 0-1 sequences are just indicator functions of subsets of \mathbb{N} : add 1 everywhere to get an injection $P\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \Sigma$ (If Σ is countable then so is $P\mathbb{N}$).

Let $\Sigma^* \subset \Sigma$ be the set of bijections $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$. Then Σ^* is uncountable.

Even $\Sigma^{**} \subset \Sigma^*$ is uncountable, where for each n , either

$$\text{i)} f(2n-1) = 2n-1, f(2n) = 2n$$

$$\text{ii)} f(2n-1) = 2n, f(2n) = 2n-1$$

because each such f is encoded by a 0-1 sequence $(a_n)_{n=1}^\infty$ where $a_n = 0$ if (i) holds, and 1 if (ii) holds.

This gives an injection $\Sigma^{**} \leftarrow \text{0-1 sequences} \leftarrow P\mathbb{N}$.

In some sense \mathbb{R} is "more infinite" than \mathbb{N} . We say A, B "have the same cardinality" if there is a bijection between them, $A \xrightarrow{\sim} B$. We say \mathbb{N} has cardinality \aleph_0 , the smallest infinite cardinality. We say \mathbb{R} has cardinality \mathfrak{c} , the cardinality of the continuum.

Theorem

Proof

Let A be a set. Then, there is no surjection $A \rightarrow PA$

Suppose instead that $f: A \rightarrow PA$ is surjective. Let $S = \{a \in A : a \notin f(a)\}$

Since f is surjective, then there exists $s \in A$ with $f(s) = S$.

If so, $s \notin S$ by definition. Likewise, if $s \in S$ then $s \in S$ by definition. $\#$ So f cannot exist \square

Hence the cardinality of PA is "greater" than that of A , and there must be infinitely many different cardinalities.

Constructing bijections directly is sometimes possible: e.g.

$$(0, 1) \xrightarrow{\sim} (1, \infty), x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$$

$$(0, 1) \xrightarrow{\sim} (0, \infty), x \mapsto \frac{1}{x} - 1$$

$$(-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad x \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} - 1 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ \frac{1}{|x|} + 1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(0, 1) \leftrightarrow (-1, 1) \quad x \mapsto 2x - 1$$

So $(0, 1)$ has cardinality.

What is the cardinality of $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{N}$? Since there is a bijection $\mathbb{Q} \leftrightarrow \mathbb{N}$ there is a bijection $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{Q}$ to $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{N}$. The map $r \mapsto \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q \leq r\}$ is an injection $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{P}\mathbb{Q}$.

The map $\mathbb{P}\mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ $S \mapsto \sum_{n \in S} 2^{-n}$ is injective, where \sum is the indicator function of S .

Theorem (Schröder-Bernstein or Cantor-Bernstein Theorem)

Suppose there are injections $A \rightarrow B$ and $B \rightarrow A$. Then there is a bijection $A \rightarrow B$.

Proof

$$\begin{array}{ccc} A & & B \\ \nearrow & \searrow & \downarrow \\ f: A \rightarrow B & & g: B \rightarrow A \end{array}$$

Define a relation \sim on $A \cup B$ by $x \sim y$ if there is a directed path (path of finite length) from x to y . Then \sim is an equivalence relation.

(Transitive because f and g are injective maps)

Equivalence classes are:

{ finite : hence cycle
on a two way infinite path
or a one way infinite path }

$$h: A \rightarrow B = h = f$$

$$h = f$$

$h = f$ or g^{-1} depending on start

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Bertrand's Postulate

Bertrand (1845) postulated that there is always a prime between n and $2n$.
 The primes $2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 23, 43, 83, 163, 317, 631, 1259, 2503$ shows this is true
 for $n \leq 2^n = 2048$

Bertrand verified it for $n < 3 \times 10^6$. Chebyshev (1850) proved it.
 Ramanujan (1919) gave a simpler proof based on the Gamma Function.

$$F(z) = \int_0^z e^t t^{z-1} dt \quad \Gamma(n+1) = n!$$

Erdős (1932) gave a very simple proof.

$\binom{n}{k}$ / $\binom{n}{k+1} = \frac{n-k}{k+1}$. It is evident that $\binom{n}{k}$ increases in k while $k < \frac{n}{2}$ and decreases while $k > \frac{n}{2}$

In particular $\binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{2^{2n}}{2n+1}$

Lemma If p is prime and $p^k \mid \binom{2n}{n}$ then $p^k \leq 2n$

We know that the power of p dividing $n!$ is $\sum_{i \geq 1} \lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \rfloor$

Let L be the largest power of p with $p^L \leq 2n$. Then $k \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \lfloor \frac{2n}{p^i} \rfloor - 2 \sum_{i \geq 1} \lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \rfloor$

$k \leq \sum_{i \geq 1} \lfloor \frac{2n}{p^i} \rfloor - 2 \lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \rfloor$ only $i \leq L$ gives non-zero terms

$$\leq \sum_{i=1}^L 1 = L, \text{ so } k \leq L$$

□

Lemma For all $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $\prod_{p \leq m} p \leq 4^m$, product over all primes $\leq m$

Proof Easily true for $m \leq 2$. Proceed by induction.

If $m > 2$ is even then $\prod_{p \leq m} p = \prod_{p \leq m-1} p \leq 4^{m-1} < 4^m$ by hypothesis

If $m = 2k+1$, all the primes in the range $k+2 \leq p \leq 2k+1$ divide $\binom{2k+1}{k}$

$$\text{Thus } \prod_{k+2 \leq p \leq 2k+1} p \leq \binom{2k+1}{k} \leq \frac{2^{2k+1}}{2} = 4^k$$

By the induction hypothesis $\prod_{p \leq m} p = \prod_{p \leq k+1} p \prod_{k+2 \leq p \leq m} p = 4^{k+1} 4^k = 4^m$

Theorem For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ there is a prime $p < n \leq 2n$.

Proof The prime factors of $\binom{2n}{n}$ are all $< 2n$. If the theorem fails, they all $\leq n$. Crucial fact: There is no prime factor with $\frac{2n}{3} < p \leq n$, for such a prime divides $n!$ exactly once, and $(2n)!$ exactly twice.

Consider the prime factorisation of $\binom{2n}{n}$. By the first lemma each prime contributes at most $2n$ to the product. Moreover, if $p > \sqrt{2n}$ then p contributes at most p to the product, since p^2 doesn't appear in $(2n)!$. Hence

$$\frac{4^n}{2n+1} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq \prod_{p \leq \sqrt{2n}} 2n \prod_{\frac{2n}{3} < p \leq \sqrt{2n}} p \leq (2n)^{\sqrt{2n}} \prod_{p \leq \sqrt{2n}} p \leq (2n)^{\sqrt{2n}} 4^{\frac{2n}{3}}$$

This fails if n is large. Indeed we have

$$4^{\frac{2n}{3}} \leq (2n+1)(2n)^{\sqrt{2n}}$$

$$(2n+1) \leq (2n)^2 \leq (2n)^{\frac{2n}{3}} \text{ for } n \geq 18$$

$$4^{\frac{2n}{3}} \leq (2n)^{\frac{4\sqrt{2n}}{3}}$$

$$\text{or } 4^n \leq (2n)^{\frac{4\sqrt{2n}}{3}} \text{ Put } r = \sqrt{2n} \Rightarrow r^2 = 2n$$

$$4^{\frac{r^2}{3}} \leq r^8 \text{ or } 2^r \leq r^8 \text{ This fails if } r = 2^6 \text{ or larger.}$$

So the proof works if $n \geq 2^{11}$. Examples show it works for smaller n .

Let Let $\pi(x)$ be the number of primes $\leq x$. Euclid shows $\pi(x) \geq \log \log x$

Erdős shows $\pi(x) \geq \log x$. PMT says $\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}$

We can almost get this:

First lemma implies $4^x \geq \prod_{p \leq \sqrt{x}} p > \sqrt{x}^{\pi(x) - \pi(\sqrt{x})}$

$$\text{Logs: } \pi(x) \leq \frac{4x}{\log x} + \pi(\sqrt{x}) \leq \frac{4x}{\log x} + \sqrt{x} \leq \frac{5x}{\log x}$$

first
lemma

$$\text{Conversely } \binom{2n+2}{n+1} = \frac{2(2n+1)}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n} \leq 4 \binom{2n}{n}$$

So pick n with $\frac{x}{\sqrt{n}} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq x$. Then $\pi(x) \geq \pi\left(\binom{2n}{n}\right) \geq \frac{\binom{2n}{n}}{2n}$

$$\text{Since } x \geq \binom{2n}{n} \geq \frac{x}{2n+1} \geq \frac{2^n}{2n+1} > 2^n, n \leq \log_2 x$$

$$\frac{5x}{\log x} \geq \pi(x) \geq \frac{x}{2 \log x}$$