



DISCRETE MATHEMATICS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

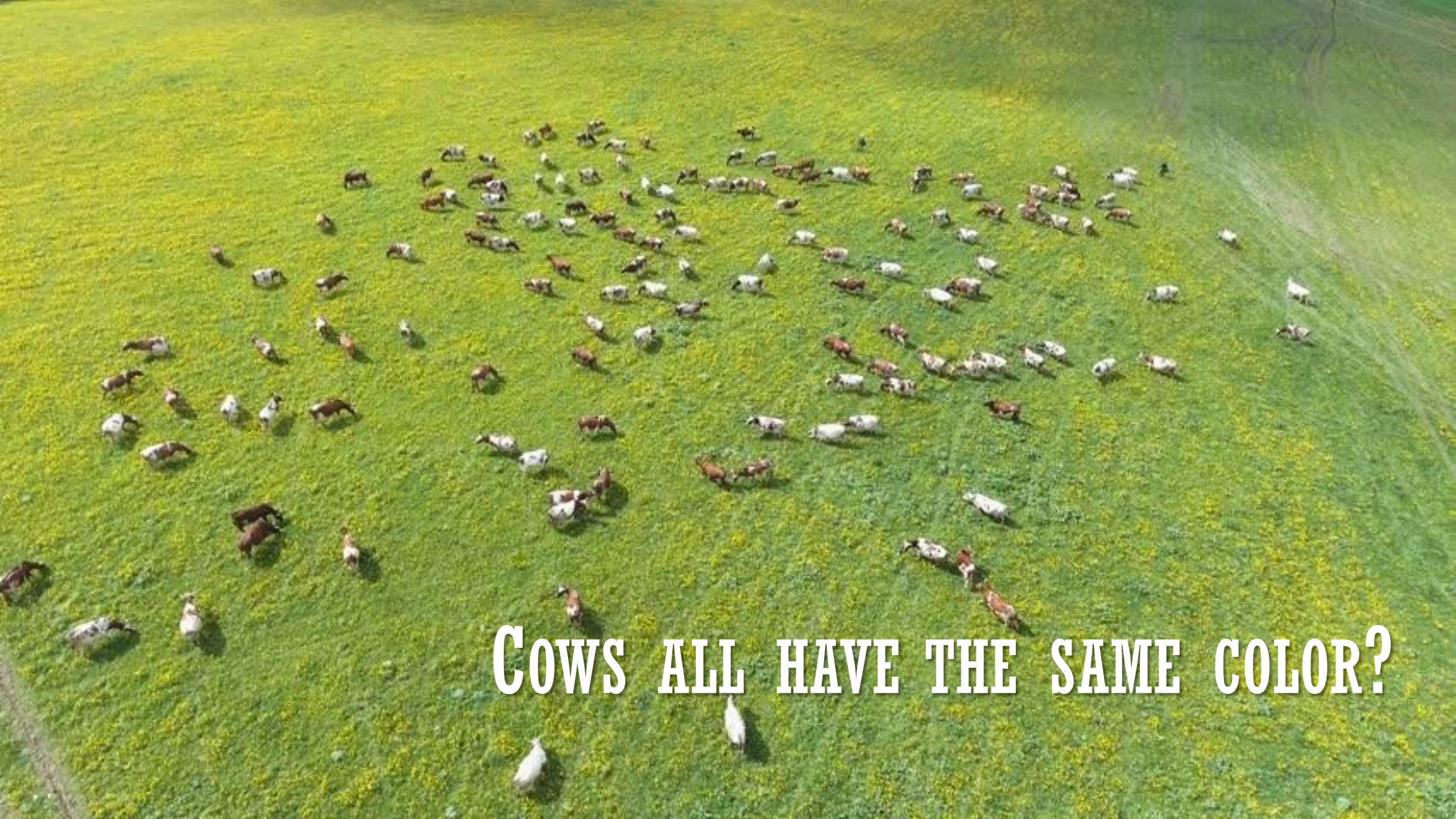
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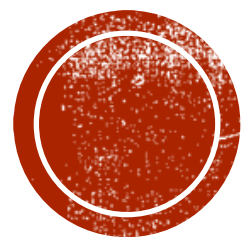
- Homework 2 due today
- Homework 3 will be out
- Midterm 1 to be announced

- Confusion in terminology: hyperplanes





COWS ALL HAVE THE SAME COLOR?



MORE INDUCTION



THEOREM. $P(x)$ holds for every object x .

Let x be an arbitrary object.

Assume $P(y)$ is true for every smaller $y < x$.

[Assume recursion fairy is with us.]

- If x is ... [base case]

- If x is ... [inductive case]

The induction hypothesis implies ...

[Recursion fairy says ...]

Thus $P(x)$ is true.

BOILERPLATE FOR INDUCTION



**EVERY NON-NEGATIVE INTEGER CAN BE WRITTEN AS
THE SUM OF DISTINCT POWERS OF 2.**

PROOF 1



EVERY NON-NEGATIVE INTEGER CAN BE WRITTEN AS
THE SUM OF DISTINCT POWERS OF 2.

BINARY(n):

if $n = 0$:

return ϵ

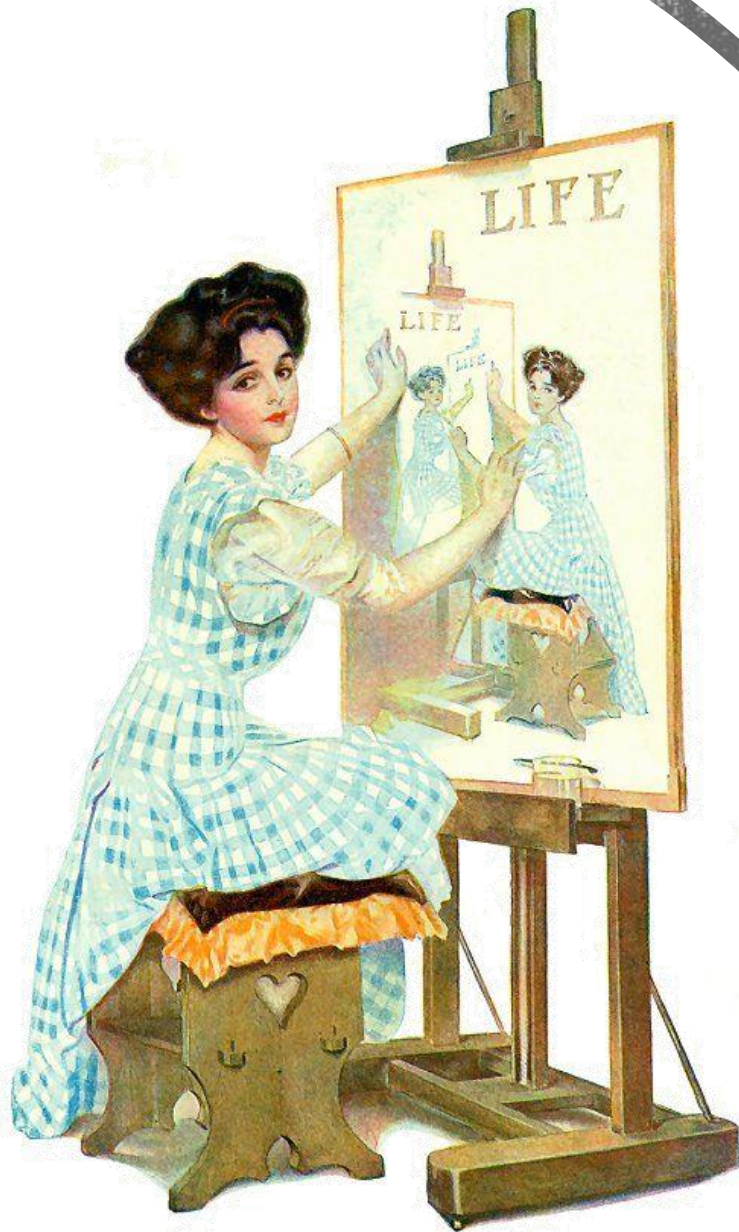
else (if $n > 0$):

$2^k \leftarrow$ largest power of 2s at most n

return $2^k + \text{BINARY}(n - 2^k)$

PROOF 2





FROM THE MIRROR.

Induction
IS
Recursion



**EVERY NON-NEGATIVE INTEGER CAN BE WRITTEN AS
THE SUM OF DISTINCT POWERS OF 2.**

Let S be a bag containing n copies of 2^0 s.

BINARY(S):

if S has ≥ 2 copies of any 2^i :
 remove 2 copies of 2^i from S
 insert 1 copy of 2^{i+1} into S
 return BINARY(S)
else: return S

PROOF 3



**EVERY NON-NEGATIVE INTEGER CAN BE WRITTEN AS
THE SUM OF DISTINCT POWERS OF 2.**

BINARY(n):

$w = \varepsilon$

while $n > 0$:

if n is even:

$n \leftarrow n/2, w \leftarrow 0 \cdot w$

else (if n is odd):

$n \leftarrow (n-1)/2, w \leftarrow 1 \cdot w$

return w

PROOF 4



MAY THE RECURSION FAIRY BE WITH YOU.

**NEXT TIME.
NEW MODULE: GRAPHS!**

