



Proof Terminology

- A ***proof*** is a valid argument that establishes the truth of a mathematical statement
- ***Axiom*** (or ***postulate***): a statement that is assumed to be true
- ***Theorem***
 - A statement that has been proven to be true
- ***Hypothesis, premise***
 - An assumption (often unproven) defining the structures about which we are reasoning



More Proof Terminology

- ***Lemma***

- A minor theorem used as a stepping-stone to proving a major theorem.

- ***Corollary***

- A minor theorem proved as an easy consequence of a major theorem.

- ***Conjecture***

- A statement whose truth value has not been proven. (A conjecture may be widely believed to be true, regardless.)



Proof Methods

- For proving a statement p alone
 - ***Proof by Contradiction*** (indirect proof):
Assume $\neg p$, and prove $\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$.



Proof Methods

- For proving implications $p \rightarrow q$, we have:
 - **Trivial proof:** Prove q by itself.
 - **Direct proof:** Assume p is true, and prove q .
 - **Indirect proof:**
 - **Proof by Contraposition** ($\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$):
Assume $\neg q$, and prove $\neg p$.
 - **Proof by Contradiction:**
Assume $p \wedge \neg q$, and show this leads to a contradiction. (i.e. prove $(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$)
 - **Vacuous proof:** Prove $\neg p$ by itself.



Direct Proof Example

- **Definition:** An integer n is called *odd* iff $n=2k+1$ for some integer k ; n is *even* iff $n=2k$ for some k .
- **Theorem:** Every integer is either odd or even, but not both.
 - This can be proven from even simpler axioms.
- **Theorem:**
(For all integers n) If n is odd, then n^2 is odd.

Proof:

If n is odd, then $n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k .

Thus, $n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1$.

Therefore n^2 is of the form $2j + 1$ (with j the integer $2k^2 + 2k$), thus n^2 is odd. ■



Indirect Proof Example: Proof by Contraposition

- **Theorem:** (For all integers n)
If $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd.

- **Proof:**

(Contrapositive: If n is even, then $3n + 2$ is even)

Suppose that the conclusion is false, *i.e.*, that n is even.

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k .

Then $3n + 2 = 3(2k) + 2 = 6k + 2 = 2(3k + 1)$.

Thus $3n + 2$ is even, because it equals $2j$ for an integer $j = 3k + 1$. So $3n + 2$ is not odd.

We have shown that $\neg(n \text{ is odd}) \rightarrow \neg(3n + 2 \text{ is odd})$,
thus its contrapositive $(3n + 2 \text{ is odd}) \rightarrow (n \text{ is odd})$ is
also true. ■



Vacuous Proof Example

- Show $\neg p$ (i.e. p is false) to prove $p \rightarrow q$ is true.
- **Theorem:** (For all n) If n is both odd and even, then $n^2 = n + n$.
- **Proof:**

The statement “ n is both odd and even” is necessarily false, since no number can be both odd and even. So, the theorem is vacuously true. ■



Trivial Proof Example

- Show q (i.e. q is true) to prove $p \rightarrow q$ is true.
- **Theorem:** (For integers n) If n is the sum of two prime numbers, then either n is odd or n is even.
- **Proof:**

Any integer n is either odd or even. So the conclusion of the implication is true regardless of the truth of the hypothesis. Thus the implication is true trivially. ■



Proof by Contradiction

- A method for proving p .
 - Assume $\neg p$, and prove both q and $\neg q$ for some proposition q . (Can be anything!)
 - Thus $\neg p \rightarrow (q \wedge \neg q)$
 - $(q \wedge \neg q)$ is a trivial contradiction, equal to **F**
 - Thus $\neg p \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$, which is only true if $\neg p = \mathbf{F}$
 - Thus p is true



Rational Number

- Definition:

The real number r is *rational* if there exist integers p and q with $q \neq 0$ such that $r = p/q$.
A real number that is not rational is called *irrational*.



Proof by Contradiction Example

■ **Theorem:** $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

■ **Proof:**

■ Assume that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational. This means there are integers x and y ($y \neq 0$) with no common divisors such that $\sqrt{2} = x/y$.

Squaring both sides, $2 = x^2/y^2$, so $2y^2 = x^2$. So x^2 is even; thus x is even (see earlier).

Let $x = 2k$. So $2y^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$. Dividing both sides by 2, $y^2 = 2k^2$. Thus y^2 is even, so y is even.

But then x and y have a common divisor, namely 2, so we have a contradiction.

Therefore, $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational. ■



Proof by Contradiction

- Proving implication $p \rightarrow q$ by contradiction
 - Assume $\neg q$, and use the premise p to arrive at a contradiction, i.e. $(\neg q \wedge p) \rightarrow \mathbf{F}$
 $(p \rightarrow q \equiv (\neg q \wedge p) \rightarrow \mathbf{F})$
 - How does this relate to the proof by contraposition?
 - ***Proof by Contraposition*** $(\neg q \rightarrow \neg p)$:
Assume $\neg q$, and prove $\neg p$.



Proof by Contradiction

Example: Implication

- **Theorem:** (For all integers n)
If $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd.

- **Proof:**

Assume that the conclusion is false, *i.e.*, that n is even, and that $3n + 2$ is odd.

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k and $3n + 2 = 3(2k) + 2 = 6k + 2 = 2(3k + 1)$. Thus $3n + 2$ is even, because it equals $2j$ for an integer $j = 3k + 1$.

This contradicts the assumption “ $3n + 2$ is odd”.

This completes the proof by contradiction, proving that if $3n + 2$ is odd, then n is odd. ■



Circular Reasoning

- The fallacy of (explicitly or implicitly) assuming the very statement you are trying to prove in the course of its proof. Example:
- Prove that an integer n is even, if n^2 is even.
- **Attempted proof:**

Assume n^2 is even. Then $n^2 = 2k$ for some integer k .

Dividing both sides by n gives $n = (2k)/n = 2(k/n)$.

So there is an integer j (namely k/n) such that $n = 2j$.
Therefore n is even.

- Circular reasoning is used in this proof.

Where?

*Begs the question: How do you show that $j = k/n = n/2$ is an integer, without **first** assumig that n is even?*



The Identity Function

- For any domain A , the **identity function** $I: A \rightarrow A$ (also written as I_A , 1 , 1_A) is the unique function such that $\forall a \in A: I(a) = a$.
- Note that the identity function is always both one-to-one and onto (i.e., bijective).
- For a bijection $f: A \rightarrow B$ and its inverse function $f^{-1}: B \rightarrow A$,

$$f^{-1} \circ f = I_A$$

- Some identity functions you've seen:
 - $+ 0$, $\times 1$, $\wedge \mathbf{T}$, $\vee \mathbf{F}$, $\cup \emptyset$, $\cap U$.

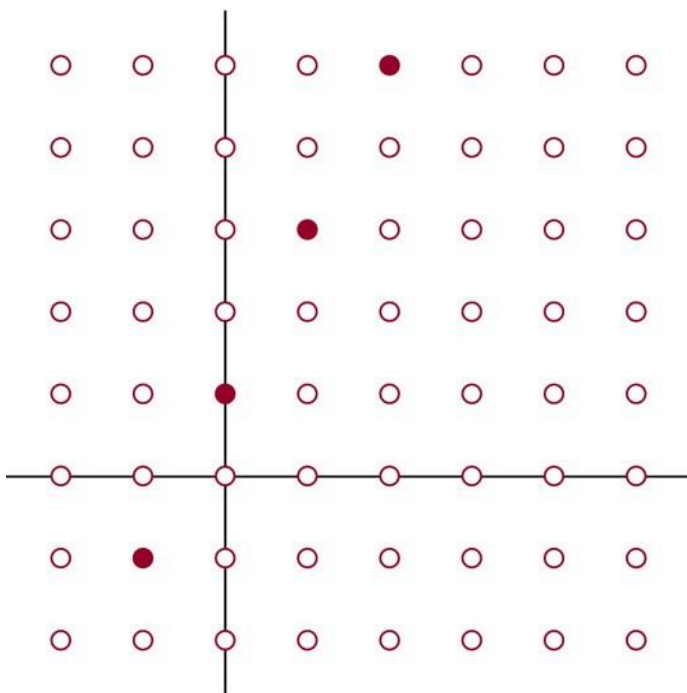


Graphs of Functions

- We can represent a function $f: A \rightarrow B$ as a set of ordered pairs $\{(a, f(a)) \mid a \in A\}$.
← The function's *graph*.
- Note that $\forall a \in A$, there is only 1 pair (a, b) .
- For functions over numbers, we can represent an ordered pair (x, y) as a point on a plane.
- A function is then drawn as a curve (set of points), with only one y for each x .

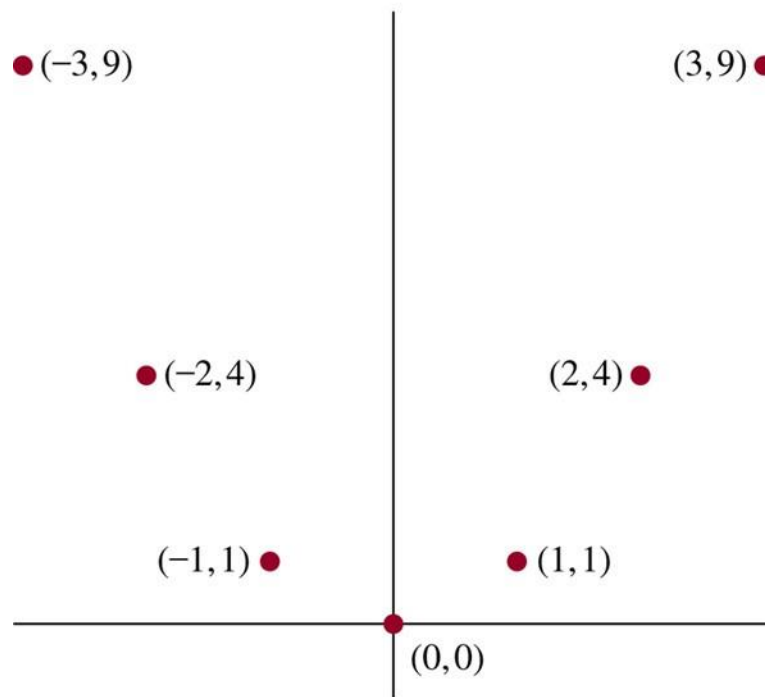
Graphs of Functions: Examples

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The graph of $f(n) = 2n + 1$
from \mathbf{Z} to \mathbf{Z}

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The graph of $f(x) = x^2$
from \mathbf{Z} to \mathbf{Z}



Floor&Ceiling Functions

In discrete math, we frequently use the following two functions over real numbers:

- The **floor function** $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ (“floor of x ”) means the **largest integer** $\leq x$, i.e., $\lfloor x \rfloor = \max(\{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid i \leq x\})$.

$$\text{E.g. } \lfloor 2.3 \rfloor = 2, \lfloor 5 \rfloor = 5, \lfloor -1.2 \rfloor = -2$$

- The **ceiling function** $\lceil \cdot \rceil: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$, where $\lceil x \rceil$ (“ceiling of x ”) means the **smallest integer** $\geq x$, i.e., $\lceil x \rceil = \min(\{i \in \mathbb{Z} \mid i \geq x\})$

$$\text{E.g. } \lceil 2.3 \rceil = 3, \lceil 5 \rceil = 5, \lceil -1.2 \rceil = -$$

Visualizing Floor & Ceiling

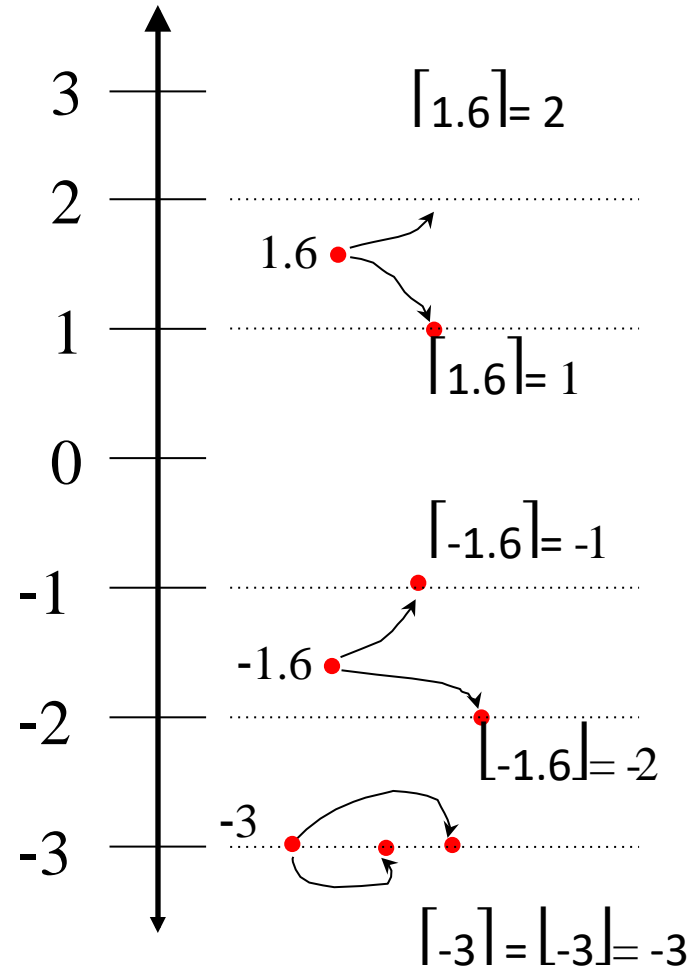
- Real numbers “fall to their floor” or “rise to their ceiling.”

Note that if $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$,
 $\lceil -x \rceil \neq -\lfloor x \rfloor$ &

$$\lceil -x \rceil \neq -\lfloor x \rfloor$$

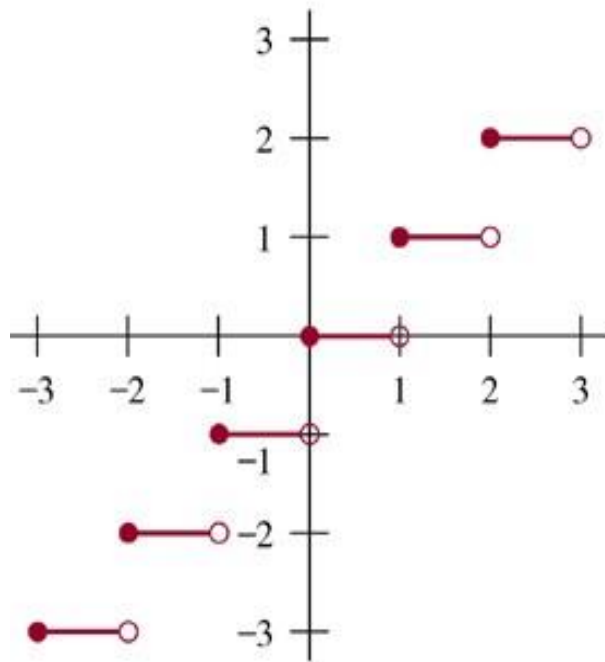
Note that if $x \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = \lceil x \rceil = x.$$

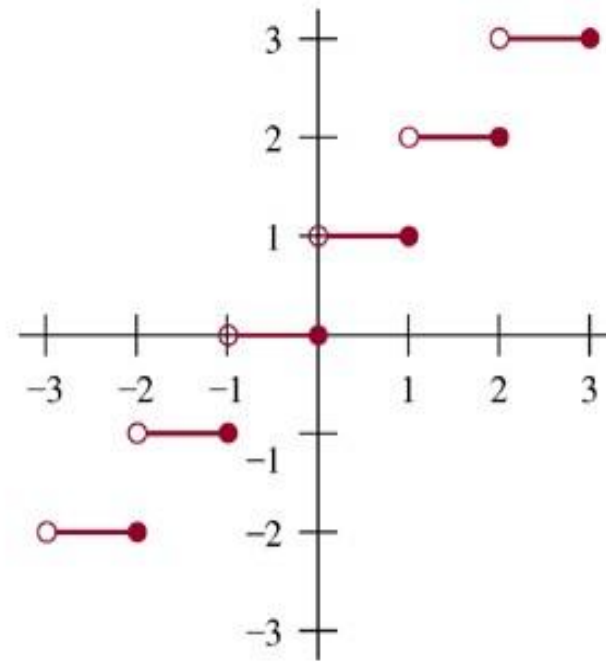


Plots with Floor/Ceiling: Example

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$$y = \lfloor x \rfloor$$



$$y = \lceil x \rceil$$

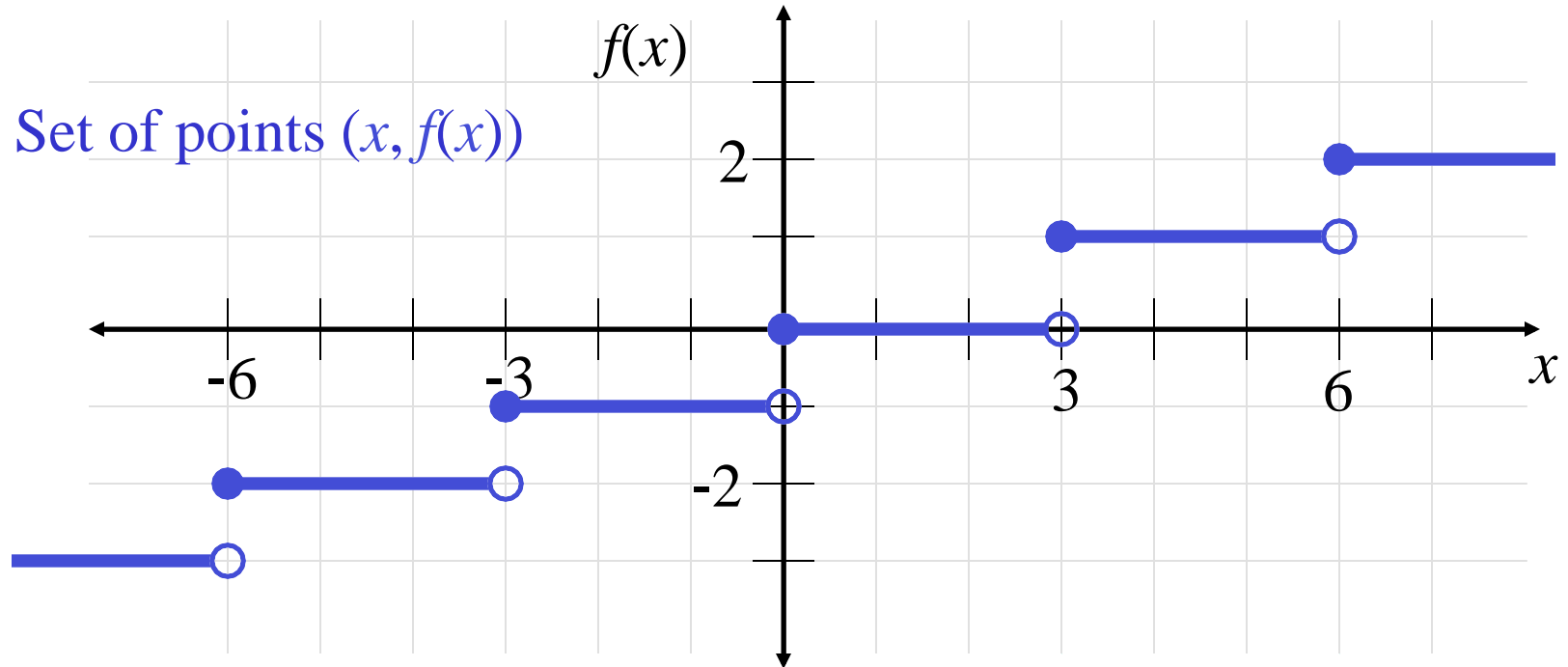


Plots with Floor/Ceiling

- Note that for $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$, the graph of f includes the point $(a, 0)$ for all values of a such that $0 \leq a < 1$, but not for the value $a = 1$.
- We say that the set of points $(a, 0)$ that is in f does not include its *limit* or *boundary* point $(1, 0)$.
- Sets that do not include all of their limit points are called *open sets*.
- In a plot, we draw a limit point of a curve using an open dot (circle) if the limit point is not on the curve, and with a closed (solid) dot if it is on the curve.

Plots with Floor/Ceiling: Another Example

- Plot of graph of function $f(x) = \lfloor x/3 \rfloor$:





2.4 Sequences and Summations

- Sequences are ordered lists of elements, represents solutions to certain counting problems.
 - A sequence is a discrete structure used to represent an ordered list.
 - *A sequence is a function from a subset of the set of integers.*
 - *Notation a_n to denote the image of the integer n . a_n a term of the sequence.*
- A **summation** is a compact notation for the sum of the terms in a (possibly infinite) sequence.



Sequences

- A **sequence** or **series** $\{a_n\}$ is identified with a **generating function** $f: I \rightarrow S$ for some subset $I \subseteq \mathbf{N}$ and for some set S .
- Often we have $I = \mathbf{N}$ or $I = \mathbf{Z}^+ = \mathbf{N} - \{0\}$.
- If f is a generating function for a sequence $\{a_n\}$, then for $n \in I$, the symbol a_n denotes $f(n)$, also called **term** n of the sequence.
- The **index** of a_n is n . (Or, often i is used.)
- A sequence is sometimes denoted by listing its first and/or last few elements, and using ellipsis (...) notation.
- E.g., “ $\{a_n\} = 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, \dots$ ” is taken to mean $\forall n \in \mathbf{N}, a_n = n^2$.



Sequence Examples

- Some authors write “the sequence a_1, a_2, \dots ” instead of $\{a_n\}$, to ensure that the set of indices is clear.
- Be careful: Our book often leaves the indices ambiguous.
- An example of an infinite sequence:
 - Consider the sequence $\{a_n\} = a_1, a_2, \dots$, where $(\forall n \geq 1) a_n = f(n) = 1/n$.
 - Then, we have $\{a_n\} = 1, 1/2, 1/3, \dots$
 - Called “harmonic series”



Example with Repetitions

- Like tuples, but unlike sets, a sequence may contain *repeated* instances of an element.
- Consider the sequence $\{b_n\} = b_0, b_1, \dots$ (note that 0 is an index) where $b_n = (-1)^n$.
- Thus, $\{b_n\} = 1, -1, 1, -1, \dots$
- Note repetitions!
- This $\{b_n\}$ denotes an infinite sequence of 1's and -1's, not the 2-element set $\{1, -1\}$.



Geometric Progression

- A geometric progression is a sequence of the form

$$a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^n, \dots$$

where the **initial term** a and the **common ratio** r are real numbers.

- A geometric progression is a discrete analogue of the exponential function $f(x) = ar^x$

- Examples

Assuming $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

- $\{b_n\}$ with $b_n = (-1)^n$

initial term 1, common ratio -1

- $\{c_n\}$ with $c_n = 2 \cdot 5^n$

initial term 2, common ratio 5

- $\{d_n\}$ with $d_n = 6 \cdot (1/3)^n$

initial term 6, common ratio $1/3$



Arithmetic Progression

- An arithmetic progression is a sequence of the form

$$a, a+d, a+2d, \dots, a+nd, \dots$$

where the *initial term* a and the *common difference* d are real numbers.

- An arithmetic progression is a discrete analogue of the linear function $f(x) = a + dx$

- Examples

Assuming $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$

- $\{s_n\}$ with $s_n = -1 + 4n$ initial term -1 , common diff. 4
- $\{t_n\}$ with $t_n = 7 - 3n$ initial term 7 , common diff. -3



Recognizing Sequences (I)

- Sometimes, you're given the first few terms of a sequence,
- and you are asked to find the sequence's generating function,
- or a procedure to enumerate the sequence.

- Examples: What's the next number?
 - 1, 2, 3, 4,... 5 (the 5th smallest number > 0)
 - 1, 3, 5, 7, 9,... 11 (the 6th smallest odd number > 0)
 - 2, 3, 5, 7, 11,... 13 (the 6th smallest prime number)



Recognizing Sequences (II)

- General problems

- Given a sequence, find a formula or a general rule that produced it

- Examples: How can we produce the terms of a sequence if the first 10 terms are

- 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4?

Possible match: next five terms would all be 5, the following six terms would all be 6, and so on.

- 5, 11, 17, 23, 29, 35, 41, 47, 53, 59?

Possible match: n th term is $5 + 6(n - 1) = 6n - 1$
(assuming $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$)



Special Integer Sequences

- A useful technique for finding a rule for generating the terms of a sequence is to compare the terms of a sequence of interest with the terms of a well-known integer sequences (e.g. arithmetic/geometric progressions, perfect squares, perfect cubes, etc.)

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TABLE 1 Some Useful Sequences.

<i>nth Term</i>	<i>First 10 Terms</i>
n^2	1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81, 100, ...
n^3	1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729, 1000, ...
n^4	1, 16, 81, 256, 625, 1296, 2401, 4096, 6561, 10000, ...
2^n	2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024, ...
3^n	3, 9, 27, 81, 243, 729, 2187, 6561, 19683, 59049, ...
$n!$	1, 2, 6, 24, 120, 720, 5040, 40320, 362880, 3628800, ...



Coding: Fibonacci Series

- Series $\{a_n\} = \{1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, \dots\}$
- Generating function (recursive definition!):
 - $a_0 = a_1 = 1$ and
 - $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$ for all $n > 1$
- Now let's find the entire series $\{a_n\}$:

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■ int [] a = new int [n];
  a[0] = 1;
a[1] = 1;
  for (int i = 2; i < n; i++) {
    a[i] = a[i-1] + a[i-2];
  }
  return a;
```




Coding: Factorial Series

- Factorial series $\{a_n\} = \{1, 2, 6, 24, 120, \dots\}$

- Generating function:

- $a_n = n! = 1 \times 2 \times 3 \times \dots \times n$

- This time, let's just find the term a_n :

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■ int an = 1;
for (int i = 1; i <= n; i++) {
    an = an * i;
}
return an;
```



Summation Notation

- Given a sequence $\{a_n\}$, an integer *lower bound (or limit)* $j \geq 0$, and an integer *upper bound* $k \geq j$, then the *summation of $\{a_n\}$ from a_j to a_k* is written and defined as follows:

$$\sum_{i=j}^k a_i = a_j + a_{j+1} + \dots + a_k$$

- Here, i is called the *index of summation*.

$$\sum_{i=j}^k a_i = \sum_{m=j}^k a_m = \sum_{l=j}^k a_l$$



Generalized Summations

- For an infinite sequence, we write:

$$\sum_{i=j}^{\infty} a_i = a_j + a_{j+1} + \cdots$$

- To sum a function over all members of a set $X = \{x_1, x_2, \dots\}$:

$$\sum_{x \in X} f(x) = f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots$$

- Or, if $X = \{x \mid P(x)\}$, we may just write:

$$\sum_{P(x)} f(x) = f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \cdots$$



Simple Summation Example

- $\sum_{i=2}^4 (i^2 + 1) =$

- $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdots + \frac{1}{100} = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{1}{i}$



More Summation Examples

- An infinite sequence with a finite sum:

$$\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 2^{-i} = 2^0 + 2^{-1} + \dots = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots = 2$$

- Using a predicate to define a set of elements to sum over:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\substack{(x \text{ is prime}) \wedge \\ x < 10}} x^2 &= 2^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + 7^2 \\ &= 4 + 9 + 25 + 49 = 87 \end{aligned}$$

Summation Manipulations

- Some handy identities for summations:

- Summing constant value

$$\sum_{n=i}^j c = (j - i + 1) \cdot c$$

Number of terms
in the summation

$$\sum_{n=1}^3 2 = 6$$

$$\sum_{n=-1}^2 2i$$

$$= 4 \oplus (2i) = 8i$$



Summation Manipulations

- Distributive law

$$\sum_{n=i}^j cf(n) = c \sum_{n=i}^j f(n)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n=1}^3 (4 \cdot n^2) &= 4 \cdot 1^2 + 4 \cdot 2^2 + 4 \cdot 3^2 \\ &= 4 \cdot (1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2) \\ &= 4 \sum_{n=1}^3 n^2\end{aligned}$$



Summation Manipulations

- ■ An application of commutativity

$$\sum_{n=i}^j (f(n) + g(n)) = \sum_{n=i}^j f(n) + \sum_{n=i}^j g(n)$$

$$\sum_{n=2}^4 (n + 2n) = (2 + 2 \cdot 2) + (3 + 2 \cdot 3) + (4 + 2 \cdot 4)$$

$$= (2 + 3 + 4) + (2 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 4)$$

$$= \sum_{n=2}^4 n + \sum_{n=2}^4 2n$$



Index Shifting

$$\sum_{i=j}^m f(i) = \sum_{k=j+n}^{m+n} f(k-n)$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 i^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2$$

■ Let $k = i + 2$, then $i = k - 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1+2}^{4+2} (k-2)^2 &= \sum_{k=3}^6 (k-2)^2 \\ &= (3-2)^2 + (4-2)^2 + (5-2)^2 + (6-2)^2 \end{aligned}$$



More Summation Manipulations

■ Sequence splitting

$$\sum_{i=j}^k f(i) = \sum_{i=j}^m f(i) + \sum_{i=m+1}^k f(i) \quad \text{if } j \leq m < k$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^4 i^3 = 0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3$$

$$= (0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3) + (3^3 + 4^3)$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^2 i^3 + \sum_{i=3}^4 i^3$$



More Summation Manipulations

- Order reversal

$$\sum_{i=0}^k f(i) = \sum_{i=0}^k f(k-i)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{i=0}^3 i^3 &= 0^3 + 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 \\ &= (3-0)^3 + (3-1)^3 + (3-2)^3 + (3-3)^3 \\ &= \sum_{i=0}^3 (3-i)^3\end{aligned}$$



Example: Geometric Progression

- A *geometric progression* is a sequence of the form $a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, \dots, ar^m, \dots$ where $a, r \in \mathbf{R}$.
- The sum of such a sequence is given by:

$$S = \sum_{i=0}^n ar^i$$

- We can reduce this to *closed form* via clever manipulation of summations...




THEOREM 1

If a and r are real numbers and $r \neq 0$, then

$$\sum_{j=0}^n ar^j = \begin{cases} \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1} & \text{if } r \neq 1 \\ (n + 1)a & \text{if } r = 1. \end{cases}$$

Proof: Let

$$S_n = \sum_{j=0}^n ar^j.$$



To compute S , first multiply both sides of the equality by r and then manipulate the resulti sum as follows:

$$r S_n = r \sum_{j=0}^n ar^j$$

substituting summation formula for S

$$= \sum_{j=0}^n ar^{j+1}$$

by the distributive property

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n+1} ar^k$$

shifting the index of summation, with $k = j + 1$

$$= \left(\sum_{k=0}^n ar^k \right) + (ar^{n+1} - a)$$

removing $k = n + 1$ term and adding $k = 0$ term

$$= S_n + (ar^{n+1} - a)$$

substituting S for summation formula



From these equalities, we see that

$$rS_n = S_n + (ar^{n+1} - a).$$

Solving for S_n shows that if $r \neq 1$, then

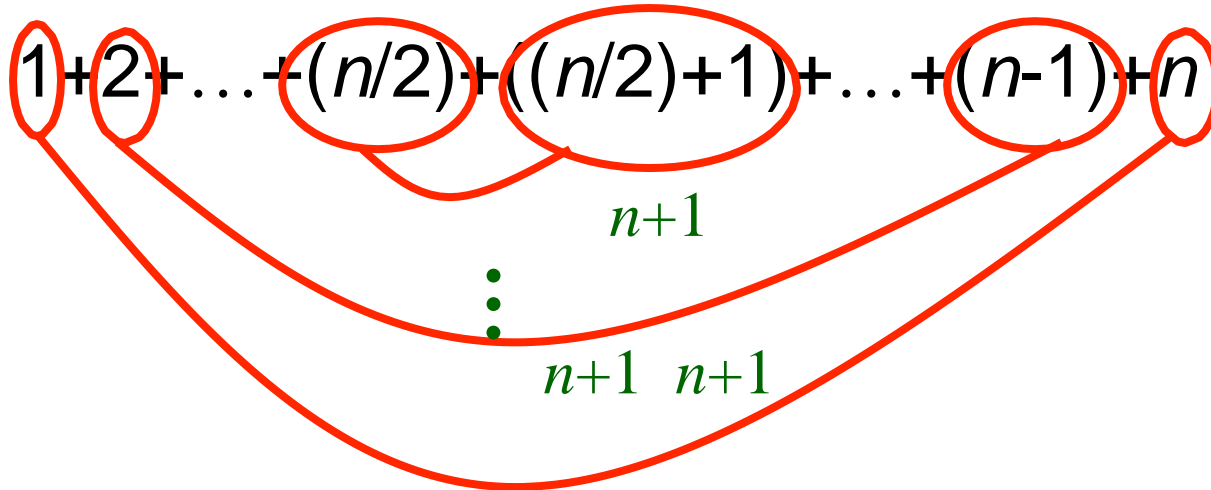
$$S_n = \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1}.$$

If $r = 1$, then the $S_n = \sum_{j=0}^n ar^j = \sum_{j=0}^n a = (n + 1)a$.



Gauss' Trick, Illustrated

- Consider the sum:

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (n/2) + ((n/2) + 1) + \dots + (n-1) + n$$


$n+1$

\vdots

$n+1 \quad n+1$

- We have $n/2$ pairs of elements, each pair summing to $n+1$, for a total of $(n/2)(n+1)$.

Some Shortcut Expressions

TABLE 2 Some Useful Summation Formulae.

<i>Sum</i>	<i>Closed Form</i>
$\sum_{k=0}^n ar^k \ (r \neq 0)$	$\frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1}, r \neq 1$
$\sum_{k=1}^n k$	$\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$
$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2$	$\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3$	$\frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$
$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k, x < 1$	$\frac{1}{1-x}$
$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1}, x < 1$	$\frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$

Geometric sequence

Gauss' trick

Quadratic series

Cubic series

Using the Shortcuts

■ Example: Evaluate $\sum_{k=50}^{100} k^2$

■ Use series splitting.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{49} k^2 + \sum_{k=50}^{100} k^2$$

■ Solve for desired summation.

■ Apply quadratic series rule.

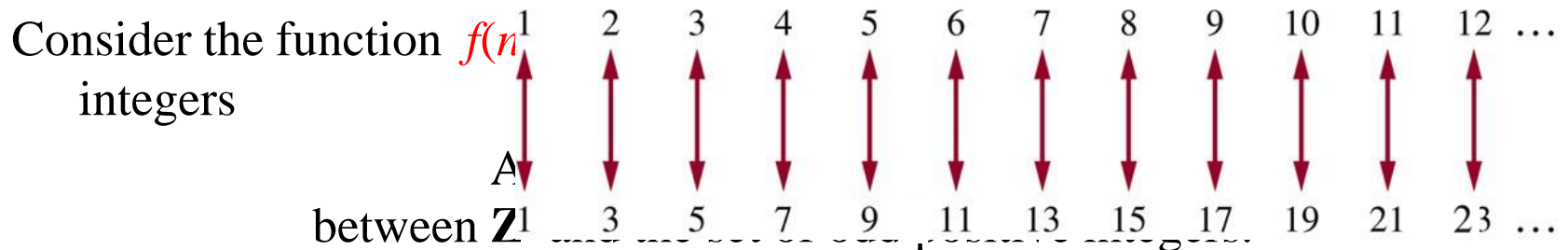
■ Evaluate.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{49} k^2 + \sum_{k=50}^{100} k^2 \\ \sum_{k=50}^{100} k^2 &= \sum_{k=1}^{100} k^2 - \sum_{k=1}^{49} k^2 \\ &= \frac{100 \cdot 101 \cdot 201}{6} - \frac{49 \cdot 50 \cdot 99}{6} \\ &= 338,350 - 40,425 \\ &= 297,925. \end{aligned}$$

Cardinality

- The sets A and B have the same **cardinality** if and only if there is a one-to-one correspondence from A to B .
- A set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the set of positive integers is called **countable**.
- A set that is not countable is called **uncountable**.
- Example: Show that the set of odd positive integers is a countable set.

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Summation Manipulations

■ Useful identities:

$$\sum_{i=j}^k f(i) = \sum_{i=j}^m f(i) + \sum_{i=m+1}^k f(i) \quad \text{if } j \leq m < k$$

(Sequence splitting.)

$$\sum_{i=0}^k f(i) = \sum_{i=0}^k f(k-i) \quad \text{(Order reversal.)}$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{2k} f(i) = \sum_{i=1}^k (f(2i-1) + f(2i)) \quad \text{(Grouping.)}$$