

1.

We can conclude that  $\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1} = p^k * (1 - \frac{1}{p})$ . Since  $p$  is prime, there is  $p^{k-1}$  numbers can be divisible to  $p^k$ , like  $p, 2p, \dots, p^{k-1} * p$  in total. Subtracting those numbers from  $p^k$  will give other numbers which are prime to  $p^k$ .

Since for  $p_1 \dots p_i$  are distinct prime numbers dividing  $n$  (1 doesn't count). There is always an equation existing:  $n = p_1^{j_1} * p_2^{j_2} \dots * p_i^{j_i}$ . Applying  $\phi(n)$ , will give

$$p_1^{j_1} * (1 - \frac{1}{p_1}) * p_2^{j_2} * (1 - \frac{1}{p_2}) * \dots * p_i^{j_i} * (1 - \frac{1}{p_i})$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{equals: } p_1^{j_1} * p_2^{j_2} * \dots * p_i^{j_i} * (1 - \frac{1}{p_1}) * (1 - \frac{1}{p_2}) * \dots * (1 - \frac{1}{p_i}) \\ & = n * (1 - \frac{1}{p_1}) * (1 - \frac{1}{p_2}) * \dots * (1 - \frac{1}{p_i}), \text{ thus proves the equation.} \end{aligned}$$

2.

Given  $f_n - 1 + f_n = f_{n+1}$

$$f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_3 = 2, f_4 = 3, f_5 = 5$$

$$f_0^2 = 0, f_1^2 = 1, f_2^2 = 1, f_3^2 = 4, f_4^2 = 9$$

$$\text{We observe that } S(n) = f_0^2 + f_1^2 + f_2^2 \dots + f_n^2, S(3) = 6 = 2*3; S(4) = 15 = 3*5$$

Make a assumption about the formula:  $f_n * f_{n+1} = S(n), n \geq 0, n$  is integer.

By induction: Base case:  $S(0) = 0 = 0 * 1$ , satisfies the case.

Now we want to prove  $S(n+1) = f_{n+1} * f_{n+2}$  by giving  $f_n * f_{n+1} = S(n)$ .

Both sides add  $f_{n+1}^2$

RHS:  $S(n+1)$

LHS:  $f_n * f_{n+1} + f_{n+1}^2 = f_{n+1} * (f_{n+1} + f_n)$ . By the basic formula given at the beginning,  $f_{n+1} * (f_{n+1} + f_n) = f_{n+1} * f_{n+2}$

RHS = LHS, now it proves the equation.

3.

By trying small  $n$  values, there are :

$$t_1 = 1, t_2 = 3, t_3 = 7, t_4 = 15, \text{ assumption about the recurrence formula is :}$$

$a_n = 2 * a_{n-1} + 1, n > 1$ . Unfortunately, it is not a linear recurrence relationship, the guess method won't apply here. Instead of that, we do a simple expansion:

$$a_0 = 1; a_1 = 1; a_2 = (2 * (a_1) + 1); a_3 = (2 * (a_2) + 1) = (2 * ((2 * (a_1) + 1) + 1));$$

$$\text{for } a_n = 2 * a_{n-1} + 1$$

$$= 2^{n-1} * a_1 + (1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-2})$$

$$= 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-1} - 1 = 2^n - 1$$

.By plug  $t_1, t_2, t_3$  in, it satisfies the equation.

By induction, we want to prove  $t_{n+1} = 2^n - 1$ , we start with  $t_n = 2^{n-1} - 1$ . Adding  $t_n + 1$  on both sides.

LHS:  $t_{n+1}$

$$\text{RHS: } (2^{n-1} - 1) + (2^{n-1} - 1) + 1 = 2^n - 1, \text{ thus proves the equation.}$$

4.

Total cases:  $6^k$

There are  $k$  standard dices (value 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6) sum up to  $n$ .

Generating function:  $f_1(x) = x + x^2 \dots + x^6, f_2(x) = x + x^2 \dots + x^6 \dots f_k(x) = x + x^2 \dots + x^6$ .

According to Newtons binomial theorem:(no restriction on dice)

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} C(n+k-1, k)x^k$$

Suppose  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k = n, 1 \leq a_k \leq 6$

By substitute  $a_k = b_k + 1$ , then  $b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_k = n - k, 0 \leq b_k$ ,

$$f(x) = \sum_{k \geq 0} C(n-k+k-1, k)x^k = \sum_{k \geq 0} C(n-1, k)x^k$$

However this case will include dice has value over 7.

That is we want to find  $c_1 + c_2 + \dots + c_k = n - k, 7 \leq c_k$ , substitute  $c_k = d_k + 7, d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_k = n - k - 7k = n - 8k$ , thus the case over 7 is

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} C(n-7k-1, k)x^k$$

By exclusion rule, the probability is

$$\frac{\sum_{k \geq 0} C(n-1, k)x^k - \sum_{k \geq 0} C(n-7k-1, k)x^k}{6^k}$$