

### 3 Integer Functions

#### 3.1 FLOORS AND CEILINGS

Define:  $\lceil x \rceil$  is the least integer greater than or equal to  $x$ , and  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Basic rules:

$$\lfloor x \rfloor \leq x; \quad (1)$$

$$\lceil x \rceil \geq x. \quad (2)$$

The two functions are equal precisely at the integer points:

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = x \iff x \text{ is an integer} \iff \lceil x \rceil = x. \quad (3)$$

The two functions are unequal if not at the integer points:

$$\lceil x \rceil - \lfloor x \rfloor = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x \text{ is not an integer} \\ 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is an integer} \end{cases}. \quad (4)$$

The two functions can be converted:

$$\lceil -x \rceil = -\lfloor x \rfloor; \quad (5)$$

$$\lfloor -x \rfloor = -\lceil x \rceil. \quad (6)$$

Integers can be easily removed or added in the two functions:

$$\lfloor x + n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n; \quad \{\text{integer } n\} \quad (7)$$

$$\lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + n. \quad \{\text{integer } n\} \quad (8)$$

For important rules:

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = n \iff n \leq x < n + 1; \quad (9)$$

$$\lceil x \rceil = n \iff x - 1 < n \leq x; \quad (10)$$

$$\lfloor x \rfloor = n \iff n - 1 < x \leq n; \quad (11)$$

$$\lceil x \rceil = n \iff x \leq n < x + 1. \quad (12)$$

There are many situations in which floor and ceiling brackets are redundant:

$$x < n \iff \lfloor x \rfloor < n; \quad (13)$$

$$n < x \iff n < \lceil x \rceil; \quad (14)$$

$$x \leq n \iff \lceil x \rceil \leq n; \quad (15)$$

$$n \leq x \iff n \leq \lfloor x \rfloor. \quad (16)$$

Define:  $\{x\} = x - \lfloor x \rfloor$  is the fractional part of  $x$ , then  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  is the integer part of  $x$ . A simple notation is  $x = n + \theta$ .

$$\lfloor x + y \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor + \lfloor \{x\} + \{y\} \rfloor. \quad (17)$$

#### 3.2 FLOOR/CEILING APPLICATIONS

Problem 1: what is the bit number to express  $n$  in binary?

$$2^{m-1} \leq x < 2^m \iff \text{the bit number is } m; \quad (18)$$

$$m - 1 \leq \lg x < m \quad (19)$$

$$m = \lfloor \lg x \rfloor + 1. \quad \{x > 0\} \quad (20)$$

To support  $x = 0$ , another better solution is  $\lceil \lg(x + 1) \rceil$ .

Problem 2: what is  $m = \lfloor \sqrt{\lfloor x \rfloor} \rfloor$  when  $x \geq 0$ ?

$$m \leq \sqrt{\lfloor x \rfloor} < m + 1; \quad (21)$$

$$m^2 \leq \lfloor x \rfloor < (m + 1)^2; \quad (22)$$

$$m^2 \leq x < (m + 1)^2; \quad (23)$$

$$m \leq \sqrt{x} < m + 1; \quad (24)$$

$$m = \lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor. \quad (25)$$

Problem 3: what is  $m = \lceil \sqrt{\lceil x \rceil} \rceil$  when  $x \geq 0$ ?

$$m - 1 < \sqrt{\lceil x \rceil} \leq m; \quad (26)$$

$$(m - 1)^2 < \lceil x \rceil \leq m^2; \quad (27)$$

$$(m - 1)^2 < x \leq m^2; \quad (28)$$

$$m - 1 < \sqrt{x} \leq m; \quad (29)$$

$$m = \lceil \sqrt{x} \rceil. \quad (30)$$

A general theorem: let  $f(x)$  be any continuous, monotonically increasing function with the property that

$$f(x) = \text{integer} \implies x = \text{integer}. \quad (31)$$

Then there is:

$$\lfloor f(x) \rfloor = \lfloor f(\lfloor x \rfloor) \rfloor; \quad (32)$$

$$\lceil f(x) \rceil = \lceil f(\lceil x \rceil) \rceil. \quad (33)$$

A special case of the theorem:

$$\left\lfloor \frac{x + m}{n} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor + m}{n} \right\rfloor; \quad (34)$$

$$\left\lceil \frac{x + m}{n} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{\lceil x \rceil + m}{n} \right\rceil. \quad (35)$$

Problem levels: **level 1** prove a given statement for a number; **level 2** prove a given statement for a set of numbers; **level 3** prove or disprove a given statement for a set of numbers; **level 4** find a necessary and sufficient condition that a statement is true; **level 5** find an interesting property given a set of numbers.

Consider the integer inside a range:

$$\alpha \leq n < \beta \iff \lceil \alpha \rceil \leq n < \lceil \beta \rceil; \quad (36)$$

$$\alpha < n \leq \beta \iff \lfloor \alpha \rfloor < n \leq \lfloor \beta \rfloor. \quad (37)$$

Then

$$[\alpha, \beta) \text{ contains } \lceil \beta \rceil - \lceil \alpha \rceil \text{ elements; } \quad \{\alpha \leq \beta\} \quad (38)$$

$$(\alpha, \beta] \text{ contains } \lfloor \beta \rfloor - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor \text{ elements; } \quad \{\alpha \leq \beta\} \quad (39)$$

$$(\alpha, \beta) \text{ contains } \lceil \beta \rceil - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1 \text{ elements; } \quad \{\alpha < \beta\} \quad (40)$$

$$[\alpha, \beta] \text{ contains } \lfloor \beta \rfloor - \lceil \alpha \rceil + 1 \text{ elements. } \quad \{\alpha \leq \beta\} \quad (41)$$

Example 1:

$$W = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq 1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \setminus n] \quad (42)$$

$$= \sum_{k, n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor][1 \leq n \leq 1000][k \setminus n] \quad (43)$$

$$= \sum_{k, n, m} [k^3 \leq n < (k + 1)^3][n = km][1 \leq n \leq 1000] \quad (44)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k, m} [k^3 \leq km < (k + 1)^3][1 \leq k < 10] \quad (45)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{k, m} [k^2 \leq m < (k + 1)^3/k][1 \leq k < 10] \quad (46)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} (\lceil (k + 1)^3/k \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil) \quad (47)$$

$$= 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} (3k + 4) = 172. \quad (48)$$

General case:

$$W = \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \setminus n] \quad (49)$$

$$= \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor][1 \leq n \leq N][k \setminus n] \quad (50)$$

$$= \sum_{k,n,m} [k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3][n = km][1 \leq n \leq N] \quad (51)$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} [k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3][1 \leq k < K] + \sum_{k,m} [K^3 \leq Km \leq N] \quad (52)$$

$$= \sum_{k,m} [k^2 \leq m < (k+1)^3/k][1 \leq k < K] + \sum_{k,m} [K^2 \leq m \leq N/K] \quad (53)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq k < K} (3k+4) + \sum_m [m \in [K^2, N/K]] \quad (54)$$

$$= (7+3K+1)(K-1)/2 + \lfloor N/K \rfloor - \lceil K^2 \rceil + 1 \quad (55)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}K^2 + \frac{5}{2}K - 3 + \lfloor N/K \rfloor. \quad \{K = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{N} \rfloor\} \quad (56)$$

Define  $Spec(\alpha) = \{\lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \lfloor 2\alpha \rfloor, \dots\}$  then  $Spec(\sqrt{2})$  and  $Spec(\sqrt{2}+2)$  forms a partition of positive integers. Define  $N(\alpha, n)$  is the number of elements in  $Spec(\alpha)$  that are  $\leq n$ .

$$N(\alpha, n) = \sum_{k>0} [\lfloor \alpha k \rfloor \leq n] \quad (57)$$

$$= \sum_{k>0} [\lfloor \alpha k \rfloor < n+1] \quad (58)$$

$$= \sum_{k>0} [\alpha k < n+1] \quad (59)$$

$$= \sum_{k>0} [0 < k < (n+1)/\alpha] \quad (60)$$

$$= \lceil (n+1)/\alpha \rceil - 1. \quad (61)$$

Then  $N(\sqrt{2}, n) + N(\sqrt{2}+2, n) = n$ . And it is easy to prove that if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  then  $Spec(\alpha) \neq Spec(\beta)$ .

### 3.3 FLOOR/CEILING RECURRENCES

Knuth numbers:

$$K_0 = 1; \quad (62)$$

$$K_{n+1} = 1 + \min(2K_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}, 3K_{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor}). \quad (63)$$

The Josephus problem:

$$J(1) = 1; \quad (64)$$

$$J(n) = 2J(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor) - (-1)^n. \quad (65)$$

Consider the more authentic Josephus problem in which every third person is eliminated:

$$J_3(n) = \left\lceil \frac{3}{2} J_3\left(\left\lfloor \frac{2}{3} n \right\rfloor\right) + a_n \right\rceil \mod (n+1). \quad (66)$$

where  $a_n = -2, 1, -\frac{1}{2}$  when  $n \mod 3 = 0, 1, 2$ .

Another method: Whenever a person is passed over, we can assign a new number.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12		13	14		15	16		17
18			19	20			21		22
			23	24					25
			26						27
			28						
			29						
			30						

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Any number  $3k + 1$  has a next value  $10 + 3k + 1 - k$ , and  $3k + 2$  has a next value  $10 + 3k + 2 - k$ . More general, there are  $n$  people at first and some person has a current number  $N$ . For this person his last number should be  $3k + 1$  or  $3k + 2$ , and this current number is  $N = n + 2k + 1$  or  $N = n + 2k + 2$ . This means

$$k = \left\lfloor \frac{N - n - 1}{2} \right\rfloor. \quad (67)$$

And his last number can be converted into

$$3k + (N - n - 2k) = k + N - n = \left\lfloor \frac{N - n - 1}{2} \right\rfloor + N - n. \quad (68)$$

For the last one to be terminated, his number should be  $3n$ . Use the method we can always find his last number until the number is smaller than  $n$  which is his initial number.

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1 def J3(n):
2     N = 3 * n
3     while N > n:
4         N = int((N - n - 1)/2) + N - n
5     return N

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Listing 1: Method 0

Let  $D = 3n + 1 - N$ , then  $D = 1$  when  $N = 3n$  and  $D > 2n + 1$  when  $N < n$ .  $D$  can also be updated as  $N$ :

$$D = 3n + 1 - N \quad (69)$$

$$= 3n + 1 - \left( \left\lfloor \frac{(3n + 1 - D) - n - 1}{2} \right\rfloor + (3n + 1 - D) - n \right) \quad (70)$$

$$= n + D - \left\lfloor \frac{2n - D}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (71)$$

$$= D - \left\lfloor \frac{-D}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (72)$$

$$= D + \left\lceil \frac{D}{2} \right\rceil \quad (73)$$

$$= \left\lceil \frac{3D}{2} \right\rceil. \quad (74)$$

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1 import math
2 def J3(n):
3     D = 1
4     while D <= 2*n:
5         D = math.ceil(D*3/2)
6     return 3*n + 1 - D

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Listing 2: Method 1

More general:

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1 import math
2 def J(n,q):
3     D = 1
4     while D <= (q-1)*n:
5         D = math.ceil(D*q/(q-1))
6     return q*n + 1 - D

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Listing 3: Method 2

Write it into a recurrence:

$$D_0^{(q)} = 1; \quad (75)$$

$$D_n^{(q)} = \left\lceil \frac{q}{q-1} D_{n-1}^{(q)} \right\rceil. \quad (76)$$

### 3.4 ‘MOD’: THE BINARY OPERATION

Define operator ‘mod’:

$$x \bmod y = x - y \lfloor x/y \rfloor. \quad \{y \neq 0\} \quad (77)$$

Based on the definition, there are some attributes:

$$0 \leq x \bmod y < y; \quad \{y > 0\} \quad (78)$$

$$0 \geq x \bmod y > y. \quad \{y < 0\} \quad (79)$$

To complete the definition, we can let  $x \bmod y = x$  when  $y = 0$ .

The ‘mod’ operator can be used to show the fractional part of a number:

$$x = \lfloor x \rfloor + x \bmod 1. \quad (80)$$

A similar ‘mumble’ operator can be defined:

$$x \text{ mumble } y = y \lceil x/y \rceil - x. \quad \{y \neq 0\} \quad (81)$$

The ‘mod’ operator follows the distributive law:

$$c(x \bmod y) = (cx) \bmod (cy). \quad (82)$$

Problem: how to partition  $n$  things into  $m$  groups as equally as possible?

There will be  $n \bmod m$  groups contains  $\lceil n/m \rceil$  things and the rest contains  $\lfloor n/m \rfloor$  things. It also can be converted into:

$$n = \left\lceil \frac{n}{m} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n-1}{m} \right\rceil + \dots + \left\lceil \frac{n-m+1}{m} \right\rceil. \quad (83)$$

and if change  $n$  to  $km + n \bmod m$ , the equation can be converted into:

$$n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{m} \right\rfloor + \dots + \left\lfloor \frac{n+m-1}{m} \right\rfloor. \quad (84)$$

If  $n = \lfloor mx \rfloor$ :

$$\lfloor mx \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{m} \right\rfloor + \dots + \left\lfloor x + \frac{m-1}{m} \right\rfloor. \quad (85)$$

### 3.5 FLOOR/CEILING SUMS

Example 1, let  $a = \lfloor \sqrt{n} \rfloor$ :

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{k, m \geq 0} m[m = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor][k < n] \quad (86)$$

$$= \sum_{k, m \geq 0} m[k < n][m \leq \sqrt{k} < m+1] \quad (87)$$

$$= \sum_{k, m \geq 0} m[k < n][m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] \quad (88)$$

$$= \sum_{k, m \geq 0} m[m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \leq n] + \sum_{k, m \geq 0} m[m^2 \leq k < n < (m+1)^2] \quad (89)$$

$$= \sum_{m \geq 0} m((m+1)^2 - m^2)[m+1 \leq a] + \sum_{m \geq 0} m(a^2 \leq k < n) \quad (90)$$

$$= \sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + m)[m+1 \leq a] + a(n - a^2) \quad (91)$$

$$= \sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + 3m^1)[m < a] - a^3 + an \quad (92)$$

$$= \sum_0^a (2m^2 + 3m^1)\delta m - a^3 + an \quad (93)$$

$$= \frac{2}{3}m^3 + \frac{3}{2}m^2 - a^3 + an \quad (94)$$

$$= na - \frac{1}{3}a^3 - \frac{1}{2}a^2 - \frac{1}{6}a. \quad (95)$$

Anothe method is le  $\lfloor x \rfloor = \sum_j [1 \leq j \leq x]$ :

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{j, k} [1 \leq j \leq \sqrt{k}][0 \leq k \leq a^2] \quad (96)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq j < a} \sum_k [j^2 \leq k < a^2] \quad (97)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq j < a} (a^2 - j^2) \quad (98)$$

$$= na - \frac{1}{3}a^3 - \frac{1}{2}a^2 - \frac{1}{6}a. \quad (99)$$

Equidistribution theorem:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{0 \leq k < n} f(\{k\alpha\}) = \int_0^1 f(x)dx. \quad (100)$$

for all irrational  $\alpha$  and all functions  $f$  that are continuous almost everywhere.

Example 2, let  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ :

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < m} \left\lfloor \frac{nk + x}{m} \right\rfloor = d \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor + \frac{m-1}{2}n + \frac{d-m}{2} \quad (101)$$

$$= d \left\lfloor \frac{x}{d} \right\rfloor + \frac{mn}{2} - \frac{n}{2} - \frac{m}{2} + \frac{d}{2} \quad (102)$$

$$= \sum_{0 \leq k < n} \left\lfloor \frac{mk + x}{n} \right\rfloor. \quad (103)$$

### 3.6 Exercises

**Warmups 3.1:** Let

$$n = 2^m + l. \quad \{0 \leq l < 2^m\} \quad (104)$$

Then:

$$m = \lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil; \quad (105)$$

$$l = n - 2^{\lceil \lg(n+1) \rceil}. \quad (106)$$

**Warmups 3.2:**

$$\text{round}_{\text{down}}(x) = \lfloor x + 0.5 \rfloor; \quad (107)$$

$$\text{round}_{\text{up}}(x) = \lceil x - 0.5 \rceil. \quad (108)$$

**Warmups 3.3:**

$$\left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor m\alpha \rfloor n}{\alpha} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{m\alpha n - \{m\alpha\}n}{\alpha} \right\rfloor = mn - \left\lceil \frac{\{m\alpha\}n}{\alpha} \right\rceil = mn - 1. \quad (109)$$

**Warmups 3.4:** Pass.

**Warmups 3.5:**

$$\lfloor n\lfloor x \rfloor + n\{x\} \rfloor = n\lfloor x \rfloor \iff \lfloor n\{x\} \rfloor = 0 \iff 0 \leq n\{x\} < 1 \iff \{x\} < \frac{1}{n}. \quad (110)$$

**Warmups 3.6:**

$$\lfloor f(\lceil x \rceil) \rfloor = A \iff A \leq f(\lceil x \rceil) < A+1 \quad (111)$$

$$\iff f^{-1}(A) \geq \lceil x \rceil > f^{-1}(A+1) \quad (112)$$

$$\iff f^{-1}(A) \geq x > f^{-1}(A+1) \quad (113)$$

$$\iff \lfloor f(\lceil x \rceil) \rfloor = \lfloor f(x) \rfloor. \quad (114)$$

**Warmups 3.7:**

$$X_n = n; \quad \{0 \leq n < m\} \quad (115)$$

$$X_n = X_{n-m} + 1. \quad \{n \geq m\} \quad (116)$$

Solution:

$$X_n = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{m} \right\rfloor + n \bmod m. \quad (117)$$

**Warmups 3.8:** If  $m$  boxes contains  $< \lceil n/m \rceil$  elements:

$$n \leq m(\lceil n/m \rceil - 1) \iff n/m + 1 \leq \lceil n/m \rceil. \quad (118)$$

If  $m$  boxes contains  $> \lfloor n/m \rfloor$  elements:

$$n \geq m(\lfloor n/m \rfloor + 1) \iff n/m - 1 \geq \lfloor n/m \rfloor. \quad (119)$$

These two statements contradict function 9 and 11.

**Warmups 3.9:** Because

$$\frac{m}{n} - \frac{1}{q} = \frac{m\lceil \frac{n}{m} \rceil - n}{nq} = \frac{n \text{ mumble } m}{nq}. \quad (120)$$

Then  $n$  mumble  $m$  is smaller than  $m$  and  $nq$  is larger than  $q$ . This means 1) it is possible to split a fractional number into a number series; 2) The number series  $1/x_1, 1/x_2, \dots$  has distinct numbers; 3) This is a finite number series.

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**Basics 3.10:**

$$\left\lceil \frac{2x+1}{2} \right\rceil - \left\lceil \frac{2x+1}{4} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{2x+1}{4} \right\rfloor = \lceil x + 0.5 \rceil - \lfloor x \neq 2k - 0.5 \rfloor. \quad \{k \text{ is a integer}\} \quad (121)$$

This means:

$$\left\lceil \frac{2x+1}{2} \right\rceil - \left\lceil \frac{2x+1}{4} \right\rceil + \left\lfloor \frac{2x+1}{4} \right\rfloor = \lceil x \rceil; \quad \{x = 2k - 0.5 \text{ or } \{x\} > 0.5\} \quad (122)$$

$$= \lfloor x \rfloor. \quad \{\text{else}\} \quad (123)$$

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**Basics 3.11:**

$$\alpha < n < \beta \iff \lfloor \alpha \rfloor < n < \lceil \beta \rceil. \quad (124)$$

The number of possible n is

$$(\lceil \beta \rceil - \lfloor \alpha \rfloor - 1)[\lceil \beta \rceil > \lfloor \alpha \rfloor]. \quad (125)$$

If  $\alpha = \beta = \text{integer}$  then  $\lceil \beta \rceil = \lfloor \alpha \rfloor$ , this results a wrong answer.

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**Basics 3.12:** Prove

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{m} \right\rceil = \left\lfloor \frac{n+m-1}{m} \right\rfloor \iff \left\lceil \frac{km+n \bmod m}{m} \right\rceil = \left\lfloor \frac{km+n \bmod m + m-1}{m} \right\rfloor \quad (126)$$

$$\iff k + \left\lceil \frac{n \bmod m}{m} \right\rceil = k + 1 + \left\lfloor \frac{n \bmod m - 1}{m} \right\rfloor \quad (127)$$

$$(128)$$

If  $n \bmod m = 0$

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{m} \right\rceil = \left\lfloor \frac{n+m-1}{m} \right\rfloor \iff k = k + 1 - 1. \quad (129)$$

Else

$$\left\lceil \frac{n}{m} \right\rceil = \left\lfloor \frac{n+m-1}{m} \right\rfloor \iff k + 1 = k + 1 - 0. \quad (130)$$

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**Basics 3.13:** Because

$$N(\alpha, n) + N(\beta, n) = N\left(\frac{\beta}{\beta-1}, n\right) + N(\beta, n) \quad (131)$$

$$= n + 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\beta} \right\rceil - \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{\beta} \right\rfloor - 2 \quad (132)$$

$$= n. \quad (133)$$

And it is easy to prove that if  $\alpha \neq \beta$  then  $\text{Spec}(\alpha) \neq \text{Spec}(\beta)$ .

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**Basics 3.14:**

$$(x \bmod ny) \bmod y = x - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{ny} \right\rfloor ny - \left\lfloor \frac{x - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{ny} \right\rfloor ny}{y} \right\rfloor y \quad (134)$$

$$= x - y \left( \left\lfloor \frac{x}{ny} \right\rfloor n - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{x}{ny} \right\rfloor n \right) \quad (135)$$

$$= x - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \right\rfloor y = x \bmod y. \quad (136)$$



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**Basics 3.15:**

$$\lceil mx \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + \left\lceil x - \frac{1}{m} \right\rceil + \dots + \left\lceil x - \frac{m-1}{m} \right\rceil. \quad (137)$$

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**Basics 3.16:** Prove

$$n \bmod 2 = (1 - (-1)^n)/2. \quad (138)$$

It is true in both even and odd cases.

Solve

$$n \bmod 3 = a + bw^n + cw^{2n}, \quad \{w = (-1 + i\sqrt{3})/2\} \quad (139)$$

Try  $n = 0, 1, 2$ :

$$a + b + c = 0; \quad (140)$$

$$a + bw + cw^2 = a + bw + c(-1 - w) = 1; \quad (141)$$

$$a + bw^2 + cw^4 = a + b(-1 - w) + cw = 2. \quad (142)$$

Solution is  $a = 1$ ,  $b = (-1 - w)/(1 + 2w) = (w - 1)/3$ ,  $c = -1 - b = -(w + 2)/3$ .

To prove this is easy, because  $w^3 = 1$ .

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**Basics 3.17:**

$$\sum_j \sum_k [0 \leq k < m][1 \leq j \leq x + k/m] \quad (143)$$

$$= \sum_j \sum_k [0 \leq k < m][1 \leq j \leq \lceil x \rceil][j \leq x + k/m] \quad (144)$$

$$= \sum_j \sum_k [0 \leq k < m][1 \leq j \leq \lceil x \rceil][k \geq m(j - x)] \quad (145)$$

$$= \sum_{1 \leq j \leq \lceil x \rceil} \sum_k [0 \leq k < m] - \sum_{j=\lceil x \rceil} \sum_k [0 \leq k < m(j - x)] \quad (146)$$

$$= m\lceil x \rceil - \lceil m(\lceil x \rceil - x) \rceil \quad (147)$$

$$= \lfloor mx \rfloor. \quad (148)$$

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**Basics 3.18:** pass.

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**Homework exercises 3.19:** To let  $f(x) = \lfloor \log_b(x) \rfloor = \lfloor \log_b(\lfloor x \rfloor) \rfloor$ :

$$f(x) = \text{integer} \implies x = \text{integer}. \quad (149)$$

Then  $b$  should be an integer.

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**Homework exercises 3.20:**

$$\sum_k [\alpha \leq kx \leq \beta]xk = x \sum_k [\alpha/x \leq k \leq \beta/x]k \quad (150)$$

$$= x \sum_k [\lceil \alpha/x \rceil \leq k \leq \lfloor \beta/x \rfloor]k \quad (151)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x(\lfloor \beta/x \rfloor \lfloor \beta/x \rfloor + \lfloor \beta/x \rfloor - \lceil \alpha/x \rceil \lceil \alpha/x \rceil + \lceil \alpha/x \rceil). \quad (152)$$

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**Homework exercises 3.21:** Small cases 1, 16, 128, 1024, ... show that for a number which has  $k$  digits in decimal notation, there always exactly one number  $2^m$  has leading 1. This is true because for any number  $n$ :

$$\log_{10}(n) < \lfloor \log_{10}(n) + 1 \rfloor \iff 2n < n + 10^{\lfloor \log_{10}(n) + 1 \rfloor}. \quad (153)$$

Then solution is  $\lfloor M \log_{10} 2 \rfloor + 1$ .

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**Homework exercises 3.22:**

$$S_n = \sum_{k \geq 1} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor. \quad (154)$$

Small cases show that  $S_n = n$ . Let  $n = m_k 2^k + d$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \neq \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \iff \quad (155)$$

$$m_k + \left\lfloor \frac{d}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \neq m_k + \left\lfloor \frac{d-1}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \iff \quad (156)$$

$$d = 2^{k-1}. \quad (157)$$

Consider  $S_n$  and  $S_{n-1}$ , there always one and only one  $k$  to make  $n \bmod (2^k) = 2^{k-1}$ . Let  $n = 2^{k'} q$  where  $q$  is a odd, here  $k'$  is the one. Then  $S_n = S_{n-1} + 1 = n$ .

$$T_n = \sum_{k \geq 1} 2^k \left\lfloor \frac{n}{2^k} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2. \quad (158)$$

From the observation above, let  $n = 2^{k'} q$  where  $q$  is a odd. The different terms between  $T_n$  and  $T_{n-1}$  is  $\left\lfloor \frac{2^{k'} q}{2^{k'+1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor$  and  $\left\lfloor \frac{2^{k'} q - 1}{2^{k'+1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor$ . Then:

$$T_n - T_{n-1} = 2^{k'+1} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{2^{k'} q}{2^{k'+1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2 - \left\lfloor \frac{2^{k'} q - 1}{2^{k'+1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2 \right) \quad (159)$$

$$= 2^{k'+1} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2 - \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} - \frac{1}{2^{k'+1}} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2 \right) \quad (160)$$

$$= 2^{k'+1} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor^2 - \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor^2 \right) \quad (161)$$

$$= 2^{k'+1} \left( \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor \right) \left( \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{q}{2} \right\rfloor \right) \quad (162)$$

$$= 2^{k'+1} q = 2n. \quad (163)$$

Then  $T_n = n(n+1)$ .

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**Homework exercises 3.23:** The  $n$ th elements should be  $X_n = m$

$$\frac{1}{2}m(m-1) < n \leq \frac{1}{2}m(m+1) \iff \quad (164)$$

$$m(m-1) < 2n \leq m(m+1) \iff \quad (165)$$

$$m(m-1) + \frac{1}{4} < 2n < m(m+1) + \frac{1}{4} \iff \quad (166)$$

$$m - \frac{1}{2} < \sqrt{2n} < m + \frac{1}{2} \quad (167)$$

$$m < \sqrt{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \quad (168)$$

$$m = \left\lfloor \sqrt{2n} + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor. \quad (169)$$

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**Homework exercises 3.24:**  $\text{Spec}(\alpha/(\alpha+1)) = \text{Spec}(\alpha) + n + 1$ .

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**Homework exercises 3.25:** Can prove  $K_n > n$  with induction.

The initial cases are true:

$$K_0 = 1; \quad (170)$$

$$K_1 = 3. \quad (171)$$

Assume that  $K_i > i$  when  $i \leq n$ , then:

$$K_{n+1} = 1 + \min(2K_{\lfloor n/2 \rfloor}, 3K_{\lfloor n/3 \rfloor}) \quad (172)$$

$$\geq 1 + \min(2(\lfloor n/2 \rfloor + 1), 3(\lfloor n/3 \rfloor + 1)) \quad (173)$$

$$\geq 1 + \min(n + 1, n + 1) \quad (174)$$

$$> n + 1. \quad (175)$$

Proved.

**Homework exercises 3.26:** For the left side:

$$D_n^{(q)} = \left\lceil \frac{q}{q-1} D_{n-1}^{(q)} \right\rceil \iff \quad (176)$$

$$\frac{q}{q-1} D_{n-1}^{(q)} \leq D_n^{(q)} \quad (177)$$

$$\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)^n D_0^{(q)} \leq D_n^{(q)} \quad (178)$$

$$\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)^n \leq D_n^{(q)} \quad (179)$$

For the right side, can prove with induction:

$$D_n^{(q)} \leq q\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)^n - q + 1. \quad \{\text{this is wired but can be guessed from the initial case.}\} \quad (180)$$

The initial case is true:

$$D_0^{(q)} = 1 \geq q - q + 1. \quad (181)$$

Assume that it is true when  $i \leq n$ , then:

$$D_{n+1}^{(q)} = \left\lceil \frac{q}{q-1} D_n^{(q)} \right\rceil \quad (182)$$

$$\leq \left\lceil q\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)^{n+1} - q \right\rceil \quad (183)$$

$$\leq q\left(\frac{q}{q-1}\right)^{n+1} - q + 1. \quad (184)$$

Proved.

**Homework exercises 3.27:** Let  $D_n^{(3)} = 2^m b - a$  where  $a = 0$  or  $1$  and  $b$  is odd, then:

$$D_{n+1}^{(3)} = \left\lceil \frac{3}{2}(2^m b - a) \right\rceil = 3 * 2^{m-1} b - \left\lfloor \frac{3}{2} a \right\rfloor = 3 * 2^{m-1} b - a; \quad (185)$$

$$D_{m+n}^{(3)} = 3^m b - a. \quad (186)$$

This formula shows another way to generate the next number in the  $D_n^{(3)}$ . This way does not generate the next number one by one which means the formula only generates a subset.

Let the seed number is  $D_0^{(3)} = 2^1 - 1 = 1$ , then  $a = 1$ . The numbers generated from the seed contains infinite numbers and these numbers are arranged in the order: odd, even, odd, even, ...

**Homework exercises 3.28:** Not solved yet.

From an initial number  $a_n = m^2$ , all numbers can be generated:

$$a_{n+2k+1} = (m+k)^2 + m - k; \quad \{0 \leq k \leq m\} \quad (187)$$

$$a_{n+2k+2} = (m+k)^2 + 2m; \quad \{0 \leq k \leq m\} \quad (188)$$

$$a_{n+2m+1} = 4m^2. \quad (189)$$

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**Homework exercises 3.29:** pass.

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**Homework exercises 3.30:** Small cases show that

$$X_n = \alpha^{2^n} + \alpha^{-2^n}. \quad (190)$$

It is easy to prove this with the induction.

$\alpha^{-2^n} < 1$  because  $\alpha > 1$  which means the integer  $X_n$  should be  $\lceil \alpha^{2^n} \rceil$ .

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**Homework exercises 3.31:** A really smart solution:

$$\lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor + \lfloor x + y \rfloor = \lfloor x + \lfloor y \rfloor \rfloor + \lfloor x + y \rfloor \quad (191)$$

$$\leq \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \lfloor 2y \rfloor \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor x + \frac{1}{2} \lfloor 2y \rfloor + \frac{1}{2} \right\rfloor \quad (192)$$

$$= \lfloor 2x + \lfloor 2y \rfloor \rfloor = \lfloor 2x \rfloor + \lfloor 2y \rfloor. \quad (193)$$

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**Homework exercises 3.32:**