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# Introduction to Algorithms

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# Overview

- **Combinatorics**
- Break (5-minute)
- **Modular Arithmetic and Number Theory**

# Now, let's cover:

- **Combinatorics AKA Counting**
  - Binomial Coefficients and bijection techniques
  - Stars and Bars
  - Counting paths
  - Inclusion-Exclusion principle

# Binomial Coefficients: Formulas

$$(a + b)^n = \binom{n}{0} a^n + \binom{n}{1} a^{n-1} b + \binom{n}{2} a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k + \dots + \binom{n}{n} b^n$$

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$$

For  $n < k$ ,  $\binom{n}{k} = 0$ .



# Proving combinatorial identities

1. Algebra

2. Bijection

# Binomial Coefficients: Properties

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

$$\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n}{k} \binom{n-1}{k-1}$$

## Pascal's identity

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$$

# Binomial Coefficients: Properties

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$$

$$\sum_{m=0}^n \binom{m}{k} = \binom{n+1}{k+1}$$

# Binomial Coefficients: Properties

For  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\binom{n}{0} + \binom{n}{2} + \cdots = \binom{n}{1} + \binom{n}{3} + \cdots = 2^{n-1}$$

# Binomial Coefficients: Properties

$$1 \binom{n}{1} + 2 \binom{n}{2} + \cdots + n \binom{n}{n} = n2^{n-1}$$

## Binomial Coefficients: Properties

$$\binom{n}{0}^2 + \binom{n}{1}^2 + \cdots + \binom{n}{n}^2 = \binom{2n}{n}$$

## Pascal's identity revisited

$$\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$$



# Pascal's Triangle: Implementation

```
const int maxn = ...;
int C[maxn + 1][maxn + 1];
C[0][0] = 1;
for (int n = 1; n <= maxn; ++n) {
    C[n][0] = C[n][n] = 1;
    for (int k = 1; k < n; ++k)
        C[n][k] = C[n - 1][k - 1] + C[n - 1][k];
}
```

# Applications of binomial coefficients

Count the number of integer solutions  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k)$  to the equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_k = n,$$

with  $x_i \geq 0$  for all  $i$ .

# Solution

Choose places for  $k-1$  separator bars.

$$\binom{n + k - 1}{n}$$

Can we generalize this?

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with  $x_i \geq a_i$  for all  $i$ .

$$(x'_1 + a_1) + (x'_2 + a_2) + \cdots + (x'_k + a_k) = n$$

New problem:

$$x'_1 + x'_2 + \cdots + x'_k = n - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i,$$

subject to  $x'_i \geq 0$ .

Apply Stars and Bars:

$$\binom{\left(n - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i\right) + k - 1}{n - \sum_{i=1}^k a_i}$$

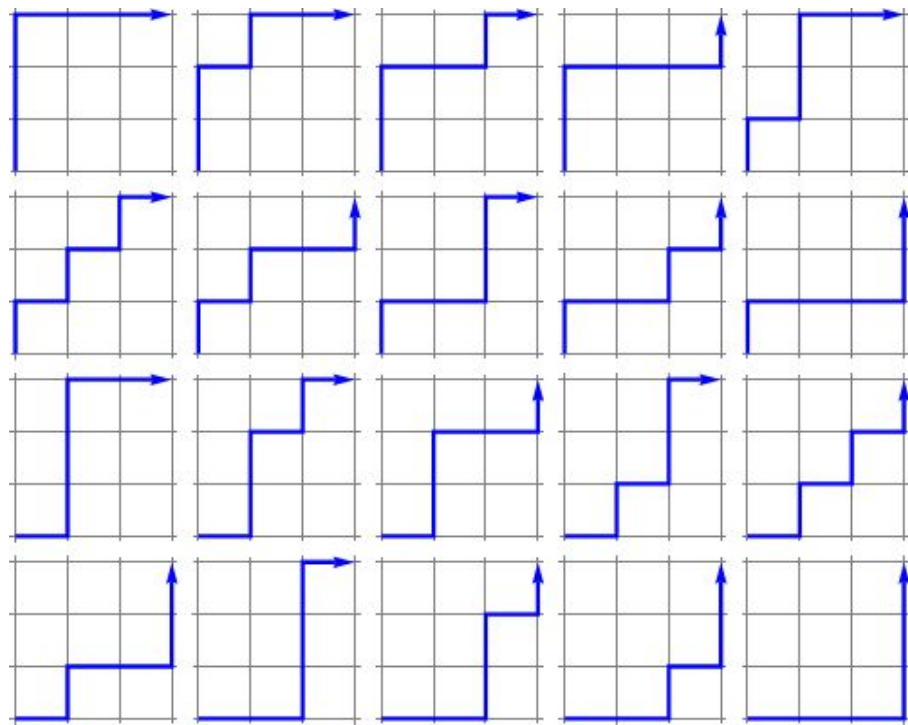
# Counting paths

# Paths in a grid

For a grid with  $n$  edges in each column and  $m$  edges in each row, how many paths are there from the bottom right cell to the upper left cell?

**You can only go right or up**

Example:  $n=3, m=3$ .



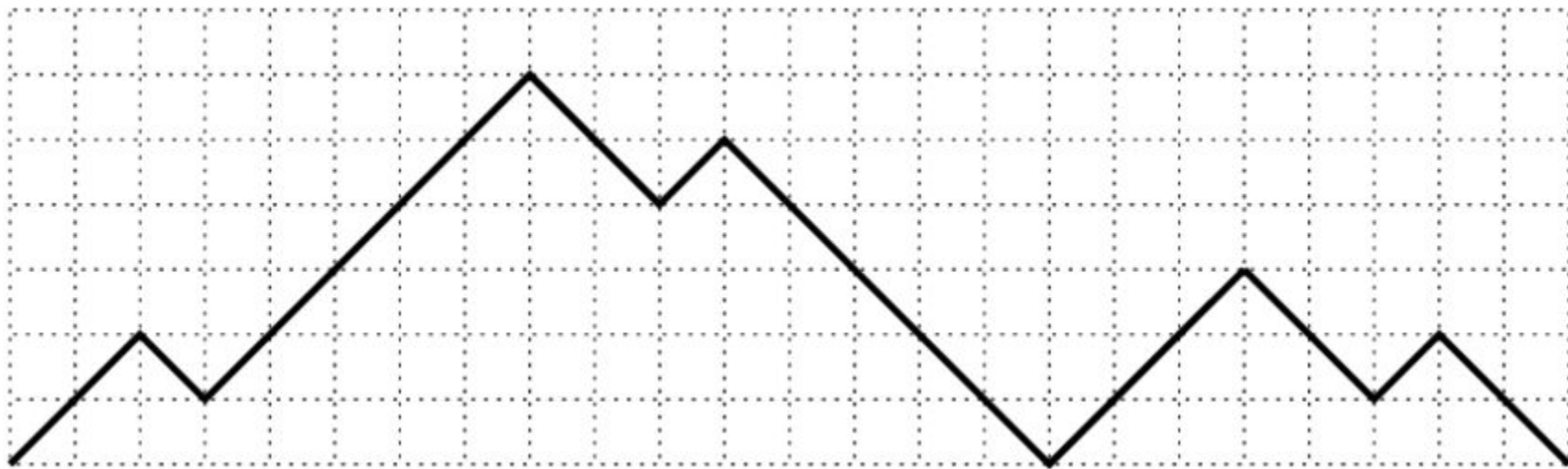


$$\binom{n+m}{n}$$

# Dyck paths: paths on a plane

Start at  $(0,0)$  and **move to the right**. On each step, move diagonally upwards or downwards. Arrive at  $(2n,0)$  without going below the y-axis.

How many Dyck paths are there for a fixed  $n$ ? Call this number  $C_n$



**Recursive formula?**

$$C_0 = C_1 = 1$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k}, n \geq 2$$

**Bijection?**

# Let's count non-Dyck paths

- Count the paths that **do** go below the  $y$ -axis.
- Then, subtract this number from the total number of paths.

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} C_k C_{n-1-k}, n \geq 2$$

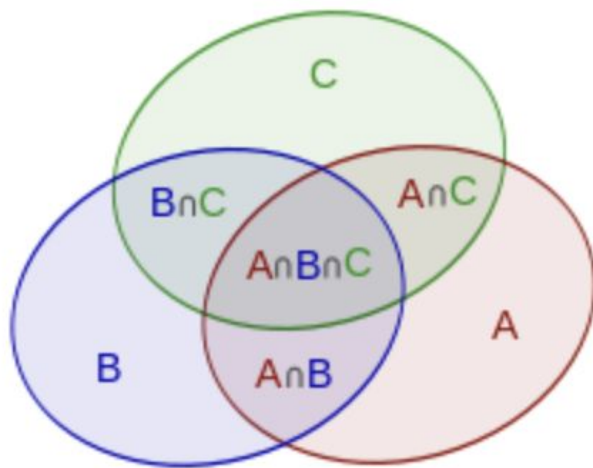
$$C_n = \binom{2n}{n} - \binom{2n}{n-1} = \frac{1}{n+1} \binom{2n}{n}, n \geq 0$$

# Catalan Numbers: More applications

- Number of regular bracket sequence consisting of  $n$  opening and  $n$  closing brackets.
- The number of rooted full binary trees with  $n + 1$  leaves (vertices are not numbered). A rooted binary tree is full if every vertex has either two children or no children.
- The number of ways to completely parenthesize  $n + 1$  factors.
- The number of ways to connect the  $2n$  points on a circle to form  $n$  disjoint chords.
- The number of non-isomorphic full binary trees with  $n$  internal nodes (i.e. nodes having at least one son).
- ...



# The Inclusion-Exclusion Principle: Venn Diagrams



$$S(A \cup B \cup C) = S(A) + S(B) + S(C) - S(A \cap B) - S(A \cap C) - S(B \cap C) + S(A \cap B \cap C)$$

# The Inclusion-Exclusion Principle

$$\left| \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i \right| = \sum_{\emptyset \neq J \subseteq \{1, 2, \dots, n\}} (-1)^{|J|-1} \left| \bigcap_{j \in J} A_j \right|$$

## Example: Derangements

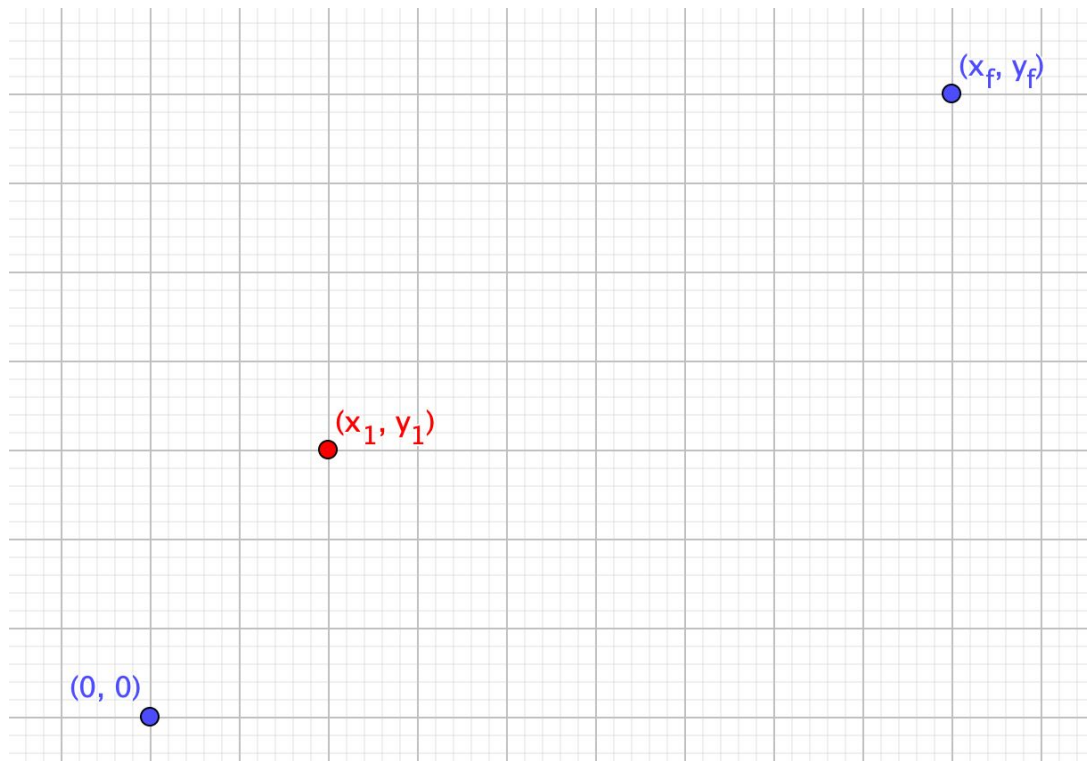
- Suppose a teacher wants  $n$  students to grade each other's tests, so they receive all tests and give one to each student at random. What is the probability that no one receives their own test?

# Paths revisited: only up and right moves



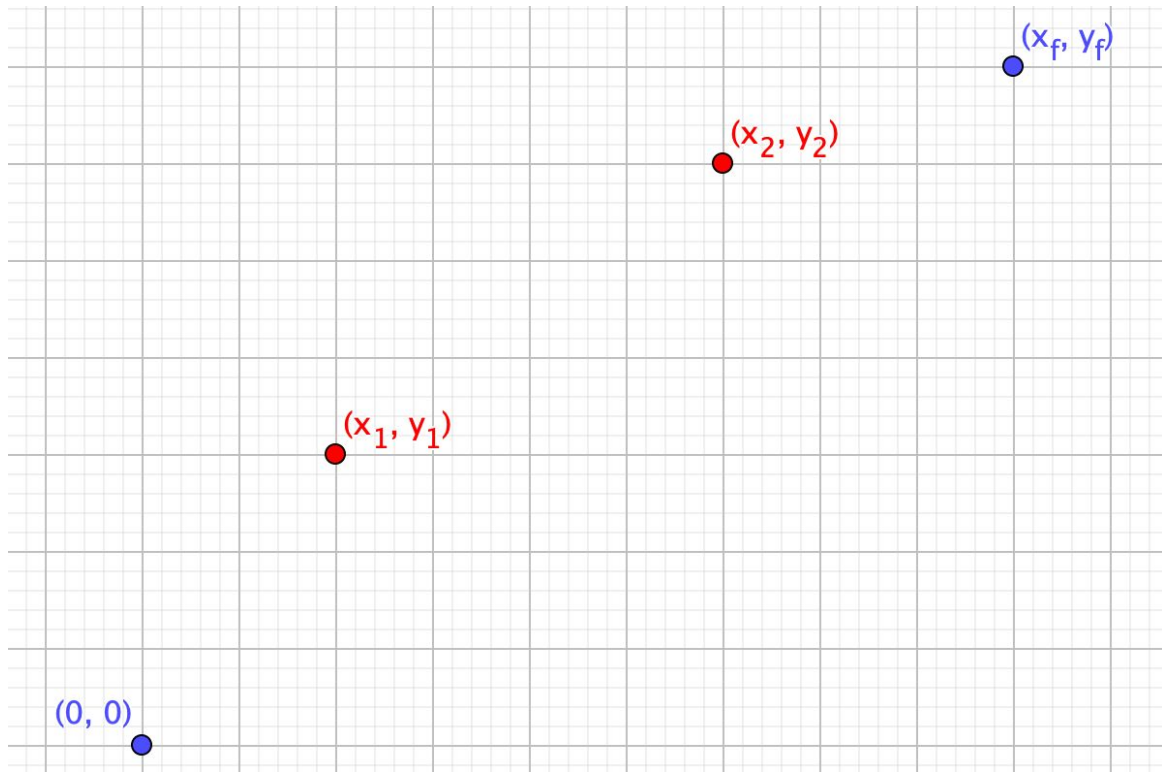
$$\begin{pmatrix} x_f + y_f \\ x_f \end{pmatrix}$$

# Can't visit the red lattice point



$$\begin{pmatrix} x_f + y_f \\ x_f \end{pmatrix} - \begin{pmatrix} x_1 + y_1 \\ x_1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} (x_f - x_1) + (y_f - y_1) \\ x_f - x_1 \end{pmatrix}$$

## Can't visit any of the red lattice points





$$\begin{aligned}
& \binom{x_f + y_f}{x_f} - \left[ \sum_{i=1}^2 \binom{x_i + y_i}{x_i} \binom{(x_f - x_i) + (y_f - y_i)}{x_f - x_i} \right] \\
& + \binom{x_1 + y_1}{x_1} \binom{(x_2 - x_1) + (y_2 - y_1)}{x_2 - x_1} \binom{(x_f - x_2) + (y_f - y_2)}{x_f - x_2}
\end{aligned}$$

# Computing binomial coefficients modulo large prime

$$\binom{n}{k} \equiv n! \cdot (k!)^{-1} \cdot ((n - k)!)^{-1} \pmod{m}.$$

# Factorial precomputation

$$n! = n \cdot (n - 1)!$$

1. Precalculate factorials, take inverses naïvely.

Precomputation:  $\mathcal{O}(N)$ .

Query:  $\mathcal{O}(\log \text{MOD})$ .

**Can we do better?**

## Factorial precomputation improved

$$(n!)^{-1} = ((n + 1)!)^{-1} (n + 1)$$

2. Precalculate factorials up to  $N$ , find  $\text{inv\_fact}(N)$ , propagate the answer down. Now you have an array of factorials and their inverses, so you can do lookups for each query.

Precomputation:  $\mathcal{O}(N + \log \text{MOD}) \approx \mathcal{O}(N)$ .

Query:  $\mathcal{O}(1)$ .

Attendance

**BREAK #1**

# Now, let's cover:

- **Modular Arithmetic**
  - Modular Inverse
  - Extended Euclidean Algorithm
  - Linear Congruence Equation
  - Chinese Remainder Theorem
  - Primitive Root
- And if time permits,
  - Discrete Logarithm
  - Discrete Root



# Inclusion-Exclusion in number theory

# The number of relative primes in a given interval

- Given two numbers  $n$  and  $r$ , count the number of integers in the interval  $[1, r]$  that are relatively prime to  $n$  (their greatest common divisor is 1).

# The Main Idea

- We will denote the prime factors of  $n$  as  $p_i$  ( $i = 1, \dots, k$ ).
- How many numbers in the interval  $[1, r]$  are divisible by  $p_i$ ?

# Solution Sketch

- The answer to this question is:  $r/p_i$ .
- However, if we simply sum these numbers, some numbers will be counted several times (those that share multiple  $p_i$  as their factors).
- Therefore, it is necessary to use the inclusion-exclusion principle.
- We will iterate over all  $2^k$  subsets of  $p_i$ 's, calculate their product and add or subtract the number of multiples of their product.

# Implementation

```
int solve (int n, int r) {  
    vector<int> p;  
    for (int i=2; i*i<=n; ++i)  
        if (n % i == 0) {  
            p.push_back (i);  
            while (n % i == 0)  
                n /= i;  
        }  
    if (n > 1)  
        p.push_back (n);  
}
```

# Implementation

```
int sum = 0;
for (int msk=1; msk<(1<<p.size()); ++msk) {
    int mult = 1, bits = 0;
    for (int i=0; i<(int)p.size(); ++i)
        if (msk & (1<<i)) ++bits, mult *= p[i];
    int cur = r / mult;
    if (bits % 2 == 1) sum += cur;
    else sum -= cur;
}
return r - sum;
}
```

# Totient Function

- Euler's totient function, also known as  **$\phi$ -function**  $\phi(n)$ , counts the number of integers between 1 and  $n$  inclusive, which are coprime to  $n$ .
- Two numbers are **coprime** if their greatest common divisor equals 1.

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\phi(n)$	1	1	2	2	4	2	6	4	6	4	10	4

# Totient Function

$$\phi(p) = p - 1.$$

$$\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}.$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b).$$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a) \cdot \phi(b) \cdot \frac{d}{\phi(d)}$$



# Totient Function

$$\phi(n) = \phi(p_1^{a_1}) \cdot \phi(p_2^{a_2}) \cdots \phi(p_k^{a_k})$$

$$= (p_1^{a_1} - p_1^{a_1-1}) \cdot (p_2^{a_2} - p_2^{a_2-1}) \cdots (p_k^{a_k} - p_k^{a_k-1})$$

$$= p_1^{a_1} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \cdot p_2^{a_2} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \cdots p_k^{a_k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$$

$$= n \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$$

# Totient Function: Implementation ( $n^{1/2}$ )

```
int phi(int n) {  
    int result = n;  
    for (int i = 2; i * i <= n; i++) {  
        if (n % i == 0) {  
            while (n % i == 0) n /= i;  
            result -= result / i;  
        }  
    }  
    if (n > 1) result -= result / n;  
    return result;  
}
```

## Totient Function: Implementation ( $n \log \log n$ )

```
void phi_1_to_n(int n) {  
    vector<int> phi(n + 1);  
    for (int i = 0; i <= n; i++)  
        phi[i] = i;  
    for (int i = 2; i <= n; i++) {  
        if (phi[i] == i) {  
            for (int j = i; j <= n; j += i)  
                phi[j] -= phi[j] / i;  
        }  
    }  
}
```

# Modular Inverse

- A modular multiplicative inverse of an integer  $a$  is an integer  $x$  such that  $ax$  is congruent to 1 modular some modulus  $m$ .
- We want to find an integer  $x$  so that:

$$a \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

- We will also denote  $x$  simply with  $a^{-1}$ .

# Modular Inverse: Extended Euclidean algorithm

- Consider the following equation with unknown  $x$  and  $y$ :

$$a \cdot x + m \cdot y = 1$$

- This is a Linear Diophantine equation in two variables. When  $\gcd(a, m)=1$ , the equation has a solution which can be found using the extended Euclidean algorithm. Note that  $\gcd(a, m)=1$  is also the condition for the modular inverse to exist.

## Modular Inverse: Extended Euclidean algorithm (con't)

- Now, if we take modulo  $m$  of both sides, we can get rid of  $m \cdot y$  and the equation becomes:

$$a \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

- Thus, the modular inverse of  $a$  is  $x$ .

## Modular Inverse: Extended Euclidean algorithm (con't)

```
int x, y;  
int g = extended_euclidean(a, m, x, y);  
if (g != 1) {  
    cout << "No solution!";  
}  
else {  
    x = (x % m + m) % m;  
    cout << x << endl;  
}
```

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- The extended Euclidean algorithm finds a way to represent GCD in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ . So, it finds coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  for which:

$$a \cdot x + b \cdot y = \gcd(a, b)$$



# Extended Euclidean Algorithm (con't)

- The changes to the Euclidean algorithm are very simple:
  - We can see that the algorithm ends with  $b=0$  and  $a=g$ .
  - For these parameters we can easily find coefficients, namely  $g \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 = g$ .
  - Starting from these coefficients  $(x,y)=(1,0)$ , we can go backwards up the recursive calls.
  - All we need to do is to figure out how the coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  change during the transition from  $(a,b)$  to  $(b,a \% b)$ .

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm (iterative)

- Alternatively, we can keep track of the two triples  $(a, 1, 0)$  and  $(b, 0, 1)$
- Apply logic of Euclidean algorithm on these two triples, subtracting and multiplying as you would with vectors until you end up with the triple  $(g, x, y)$
- Each triple acts in a sense as a set of “instructions” for how to produce the first number by multiplying  $a$  and  $b$  by constants and adding them up

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm: Implementation #1

```
int gcd(int a, int b, int& x, int& y) {  
    if (b == 0) {  
        x = 1;  
        y = 0;  
        return a;  
    }  
    int x1, y1;  
    int d = gcd(b, a % b, x1, y1);  
    x = y1;  
    y = x1 - y1 * (a / b);  
    return d;  
}
```

## Extended Euclidean Algorithm: Implementation #2

```
int gcd(int a, int b, int& x, int& y) {  
    x = 1, y = 0;  
    int x1 = 0, y1 = 1, a1 = a, b1 = b;  
    while (b1) {  
        int q = a1 / b1;  
        tie(x, x1) = make_tuple(x1, x - q * x1);  
        tie(y, y1) = make_tuple(y1, y - q * y1);  
        tie(a1, b1) = make_tuple(b1, a1 - q * b1);  
    }  
    return a1;  
}
```

# Modular Inverse: Binary Exponentiation

- Another method for finding modular inverse is to use **Euler's Totient Theorem**, which states that the following congruence is true if  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime:

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

- where  $\phi$  is totient function.

# Modular Inverse: Binary Exponentiation (con't)

- Note that  $a$  and  $m$  being relative prime is the condition for the modular inverse to exist.
- If  $m$  is a prime number, this simplifies to Fermat's little theorem:

$$a^{m-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

# Modular Inverse: Binary Exponentiation (con't)

- For an arbitrary (but coprime) modulus  $m$ :

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

- For a prime modulus  $m$ :

$$a^{m-2} \equiv a^{-1} \pmod{m}$$

- From here, we can use the binary exponentiation.

## Modular Inverse: Binary Exponentiation (con't)

```
11 inv(11 a, 11 m) {  
    return exp(a, phi(m)-1, m);  
}
```

```
11 invp(11 a, 11 m) {  
    return exp(a, m-2, m);  
}
```



# Linear Congruence Equation

- We just need to solve:

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- If not, let  $g := \gcd(a,n)$ . If  $b$  is not divisible by  $g$ , then there is **no solution**! If  $g$  divides  $b$ , then by dividing both sides of the equation by  $g$  (i.e. dividing  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $n$  by  $g$ ), we get:

$$a' \cdot x \equiv b' \pmod{n'}$$

# Linear Congruence Equation (con't)

- We get  $x'$  as solution for  $x$ .
- It is clear that  $x'$  will also be a solution of the original equation. However, it will not be the only solution. It can be shown that the original equation has exactly  $g$  solutions, given by:

$$x_i \equiv (x' + i \cdot n') \pmod{n} \quad \text{for } i = 0 \dots g - 1$$

- Summarizing, we can say that the number of solutions of the linear congruence equation is equal to either  $\gcd(a,n)$  or 0.

# Chinese Remainder Theorem

- Where  $m_i$  are pairwise coprime, let:

$$m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdots m_k$$

- Where  $a_i$  are some given constants, suppose we have:

$$\begin{cases} a \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ a \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\ \vdots \\ a \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k} \end{cases}$$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem (con't)

- The original form of CRT then states that the given system of congruences always has ***one and exactly one solution*** modulo  $m$ .
- For example,
$$\begin{cases} a \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ a \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ a \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \end{cases}$$
- has the solution 23 modulo 105.

# Chinese Remainder Theorem (con't)

$$x \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

equivalent



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# Chinese Remainder Theorem: Solution for Two Moduli

$$\begin{cases} a \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ a \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \end{cases}$$

- We want:

$$a \pmod{m_1 m_2}$$

- Using the **Extended Euclidean Algorithm** we can find **Bézout** coefficients  $n_1, n_2$  such that

$$n_1 m_1 + n_2 m_2 = 1$$

## Chinese Remainder Theorem: Solution for Two Moduli

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$$a = a_1 n_2 m_2 + a_2 n_1 m_1 \pmod{m_1 m_2}$$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem: Solution for Two Moduli

- We can check:

$$\begin{aligned}a &\equiv a_1 n_2 m_2 + a_2 n_1 m_1 && (\text{mod } m_1) \\ &\equiv a_1 (1 - n_1 m_1) + a_2 n_1 m_1 && (\text{mod } m_1) \\ &\equiv a_1 - a_1 n_1 m_1 + a_2 n_1 m_1 && (\text{mod } m_1) \\ &\equiv a_1 && (\text{mod } m_1)\end{aligned}$$

- The same holds for  $m_2$  by symmetry!

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$$a \equiv \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_i N_i \pmod{m_1 m_2 \cdots m_k}$$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem: Solution for General Case

- We can check this is indeed a solution:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv \sum_{j=1}^k a_j M_j N_j && (\text{mod } m_i) \\ &\equiv a_i M_i N_i && (\text{mod } m_i) \\ &\equiv a_i M_i M_i^{-1} && (\text{mod } m_i) \\ &\equiv a_i && (\text{mod } m_i) \end{aligned}$$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem: Implementation

```
struct Congruence { ll a, m; };  
ll crt(vector<Congruence> const& cs) {  
    ll M = 1, ret = 0;  
    for (auto const& c : cs)  
        M *= c.m;  
    for (auto const& c : cs) {  
        ll a_i=c.a, M_i=M/c.m, N_i = mod_inv(M_i,c.m);  
        ret=(ret+a_i*M_i%M*N_i) % M;  
    }  
    return ret;  
}
```

# CRT: Solution for not coprime moduli

- In the not coprime case, a system of congruences has **exactly one** solution modulo **lcm**( $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$ ) or has **no** solution at all.
- Where

$$p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$$

- is a prime factorization of  $m_i$ , the following are equivalent!

$$a \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

$$a \equiv a_i \pmod{p_j^{n_j}}$$

## CRT: Solution for not coprime moduli (con't)

- Because originally some moduli had common factors, we will get some congruences moduli based on the same prime, however possibly with **different** prime powers.
- The congruence with the **highest** prime power modulus will be the strongest congruence of all congruences based on the same prime number.
- If there are no contradictions, then the system of equation has a solution.
  - We can ignore all congruences except the ones with the highest prime power moduli. These moduli are now coprime. So, we are back to coprime moduli!

# Primitive Root

- A number  $g$  is called a primitive root modulo  $n$  if every number coprime to  $n$  is congruent to a power of  $g$  modulo  $n$ .
  - $g$  is a primitive root modulo  $n$  if and only if for any integer  $a$  such that  $\gcd(a,n)=1$ , there exists an integer  $k$  such that:

$$g^k \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

- $k$  is then called the **index** or **discrete logarithm** of  $a$  to the base  $g$  modulo  $n$ .  $g$  is also called the **generator** of the multiplicative group of integers modulo  $n$ .

# Primitive Root (con't)

- Primitive root modulo  $n$  exists if and only if:
  - $n$  is **1, 2, 4**, or
  - $n$  is power of an odd prime number ( $n = p^k$ ), or
  - $n$  is twice power of an odd prime number ( $n = 2p^k$ ).
- This theorem was proved by Gauss in 1801.

# Primitive Root: Naive Idea

- From **Lagrange's theorem**, we know that the index of any number modulo  $n$  must be a divisor of  $\phi(n)$ . Thus, it is sufficient to verify for all proper divisor  $d \mid \phi(n)$  that  $g^d$  is not 1 modulo  $n$ . **We can do better!**



# Primitive Root: Better Idea

- First, find  $\phi(n)$  and factorize it:  $p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_s^{a_s}$
- Then iterate through all numbers  $g$  in  $[1, n]$ , and for each number, to check if it is primitive root, we do the following:
  - Calculate

$$g^{\frac{\phi(n)}{p_i}} \pmod{n}$$

- If all the calculated values are different from 1, then  $g$  is a primitive root.

# Practice Problems: Modular Arithmetic

- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/300/C>
- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/622/F>
- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/717/A>
- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/896/D>
- <https://codeforces.com/problemset/problem/687/B>
- <https://codeforces.com/gym/101853/problem/G>
- <https://codeforces.com/contest/1106/problem/F>

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# Again, CodeForces Columbia SHP Algorithms Group

- Please join the following group:

<https://codeforces.com/group/lfDmo9iEr5>



# Strings on April 20!

- On **April 20**, we will cover:
  - **Strings: Fundamentals**
  - **Strings: Matchings**

# Slide Deck

- You may **always** find the slide decks from:
  - <https://github.com/yongwhan/yongwhan.github.io/blob/master/columbia/shp>

# THANK YOU



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- **baby-step giant-step algorithm**, an algorithm to compute the discrete logarithm proposed by Shanks in 1971, which has the time complexity  $O(m^{1/2})$ .
  - This is a meet-in-the-middle algorithm because it uses the technique of separating tasks in half.

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# Discrete Logarithm

- So, let's write it as:

$$f_1(p) = f_2(q)$$

- Compute  $f_1$  for all possible values of  $p$  and sort them and call it  $L$ .
- Compute  $f_2$  for all possible values of  $q$  and find it in  $L$  using binary search/set.
- The time complexity is  $O((m/n + n) \log m)$ , which is minimized when  $n$  is  $m^{1/2}$ . Then, the time complexity can become  $O(m^{1/2} \log m)$ .
- We can remove  $\log m$  by avoiding binary exponentiation!

# Discrete Logarithm: When $a$ and $m$ are not coprime

- Let  $g = \gcd(a, m) > 1$ . Clearly  $a^x \bmod m$  is divisible by  $g$ .
- If  $b$  is not divisible by  $g$ , there is no solution for  $x$ .
- If  $b$  is divisible by  $g$ , let:

$$a = g\alpha, b = g\beta, m = g\nu$$

- Then,

$$\begin{aligned} a^x &\equiv b \pmod{m} \\ (g\alpha)a^{x-1} &\equiv g\beta \pmod{g\nu} \\ \alpha a^{x-1} &\equiv \beta \pmod{\nu} \end{aligned}$$

- We can apply baby-step giant-step algorithm here!

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- Use discrete logarithm!

# Discrete Root: one solution

- Let  $g$  be a primitive root modulo  $n$ .
- We can easily discard the case where  $a=0$ . In this case, obviously there is only one answer:  $x = 0$ .

- Otherwise,

$$(g^y)^k \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

- where

$$x \equiv g^y \pmod{n}$$



## Discrete Root: one solution (con't)

- So, using discrete logarithm, we can find  $y$  satisfying:

$$(g^k)^y \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

- Having found  $y_0$ , one of the solutions will be:

$$x_0 = g^{y_0} \pmod{n}$$

# Discrete Root: all solutions

- We know:

$$x^k \equiv g^{y_0 \cdot k + l \cdot \phi(n)} \equiv a \pmod{n} \forall l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- So, we recover,

$$x = g^{y_0 + \frac{l \cdot \phi(n)}{k}} \pmod{n} \forall l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

- where the fraction is an integer. Equivalently:

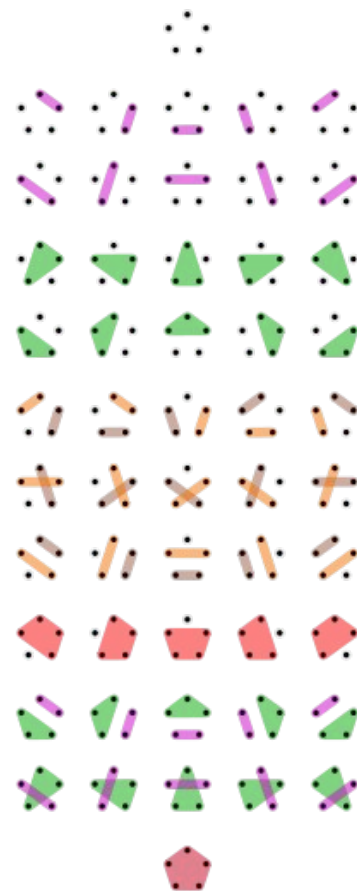
$$x = g^{y_0 + i \frac{\phi(n)}{\gcd(k, \phi(n))}} \pmod{n} \forall i \in \mathbb{Z}$$

# Bell Numbers

- Bell numbers count **the possible partitions of a set**.
- For example, when  $n=3$  (e.g.,  $\{a,b,c\}$ ), we have:
  - $\{\{a\},\{b\},\{c\}\};$
  - $\{\{a\},\{b,c\}\};$
  - $\{\{b\},\{a,c\}\};$
  - $\{\{c\},\{a,b\}\};$
  - $\{\{a,b,c\}\};$

# Bell Numbers (A000110)

- 1
- 1
- 2
- 5
- 15
- 52
- 203
- 877
- 4140
- ...



# Bell Numbers: Recurrence & Explicit

$$B_{n+1} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} B_k$$

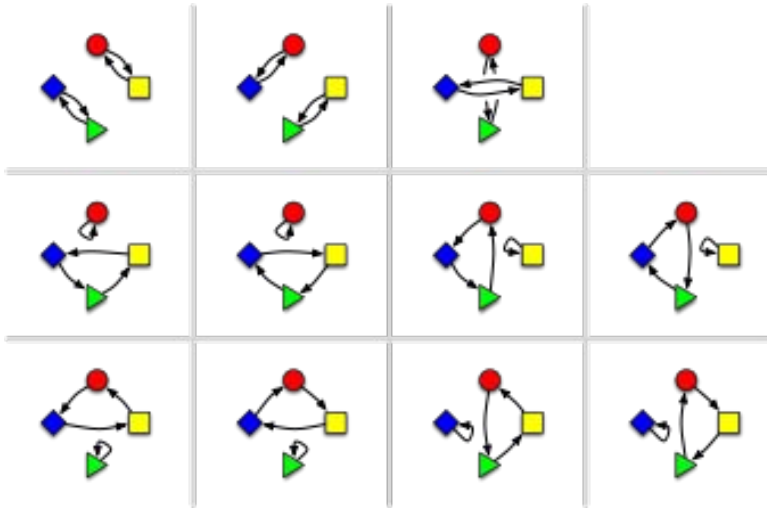
**Binomial coefficient**

$$B_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\}$$

**Stirling number of second kind**  
number of ways to partition a set  
of cardinality  $n$  into exactly  $k$   
nonempty subsets

# Stirling numbers of the first kind

- Count permutations according to their number of cycles (counting fixed points as cycles of length one)



$$\left[ \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 2 \end{matrix} \right] = 11$$

## Stirling numbers of the first kind: Recurrence

$$\begin{bmatrix} n+1 \\ k \end{bmatrix} = n \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n \\ k-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1 \quad \begin{bmatrix} n \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ n \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

# Stirling numbers of the first kind: Explicit

$$s(n, n-p) = \frac{1}{(n-p-1)!} \sum_{0 \leq k_1, \dots, k_p: \sum_1^p k_m = p} (-1)^K \frac{(n+K-1)!}{k_1! k_2! \cdots k_p! 2!^{k_1} 3!^{k_2} \cdots (p+1)!^{k_p}}$$



# Stirling numbers of the second kind

- the number of ways to partition a set of  $n$  objects into  $k$  non-empty subsets

## Stirling numbers of the second kind: Recurrence

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n+1 \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} = k \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} + \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k-1 \end{matrix} \right\} \quad \text{for } 0 < k < n$$

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ n \end{matrix} \right\} = 1 \quad \text{for } n \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ 0 \end{matrix} \right\} = \left\{ \begin{matrix} 0 \\ n \end{matrix} \right\} = 0 \quad \text{for } n > 0.$$

## Stirling numbers of the second kind: Explicit

$$\left\{ \begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right\} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i \binom{k}{i} (k-i)^n$$