

# Discrete Mathematics

the halting problem, countable, Schröder-Bernstein theorem  
the sum rule, the product rule, the bijection rule  
permutations of set and multiset, T-Route

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# The Halting Problem

*program* *input* *string* 停机问题

$$\text{HALT}(P, I) = \begin{cases} \text{"halts"} & \text{if } P(I) \text{ halts;} \\ \text{"loops forever"} & \text{if } P(I) \text{ loops forever.} \end{cases}$$

- $P$ : a program;  $I$ : an input to the program  $P$ .

**QUESTION:** Is there a Turing machine **HALT**?

- Turing machine: can be represented as an element of  $\{0,1\}^*$ 
  - $\{0,1\}^* = \bigcup_{n \geq 0} \{0,1\}^n$ : the set of all finite bit strings

**THEOREM:** There is no Turing machine **HALT**.

- Assume there is a Turing machine **HALT**
- Define a new Turing machine **Turing**( $P$ ) that runs on any Turing machine  $P$

- 规定*
- If **HALT**( $P, P$ ) = "halts", loops forever
  - If **HALT**( $P, P$ ) = "loops forever", halts

*矛盾*

- **Turing**(**Turing**) loops forever  $\Rightarrow$  **HALT**(**Turing**, **Turing**) = "halts"  $\Rightarrow$  **Turing**(**Turing**) halts

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- **Turing**(**Turing**) halts  $\Rightarrow$  **HALT**(**Turing**, **Turing**) = "loops forever"  $\Rightarrow$  **Turing**(**Turing**) loops forever

# Countable and Uncountable

**DEFINITION:** A set  $A$  is **countable** if  $|A| < \infty$  or  $|A| = |\mathbb{Z}^+|$ ; otherwise, it is said to be **uncountable**.

- countably infinite:  $|A| = |\mathbb{Z}^+|$

**EXAMPLE:**

- $\mathbb{Z}^-, \mathbb{Z}^+, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}^-, \mathbb{Q}^+, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , are countable
- $\mathbb{R}^-, \mathbb{R}^+, \mathbb{R}, (0,1), [0,1], (0,1], [0,1), (a,b), [a,b]$  are uncountable

**THEOREM:** A set  $A$  is countably infinite iff its elements can be arranged as a sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots$

- If  $A$  is countably infinite, then there is a bijection  $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A$ 
  - $a_i = f(i)$  for every  $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$
- If  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ , then the  $f: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow A$  defined by  $f(i) = a_i$  is a bijection

# Countable and Uncountable

**THEOREM:** If  $A$  is countably infinite, then any infinite subset  $X \subseteq A$  is countable.

- Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ . Then  $X = \{a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots\}$   $X$  is countable

**THEOREM:** If  $A$  is uncountable, then any super set  $X \supseteq A$  is uncountable.

- 反证  $|X| < \infty / |X| = |\mathbb{R}^+|$   
If  $X$  is countable, then  $A$  is finite or countably infinite  $\times$

**THEOREM:** If  $A, B$  are countably infinite, then so is  $A \cup B$

- $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}, B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$
- $A \cup B = \{a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, a_3, b_3, \dots\}$  // no elements will be included twice
  - application: the set of irrational numbers is uncountable  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

**THEOREM:** If  $A, B$  are countably infinite, then so is  $A \times B$

- $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}, B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots\}$
- $A \times B = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_1, b_2), (a_2, b_1), (a_1, b_3), (a_2, b_2), (a_3, b_1), (a_1, b_4), \dots\}$

按下标求和排列

$$|\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{R}|$$

# Schröder-Bernstein Theorem

**QUESTION:** How to compare the cardinality of sets in general?

- $|\mathbb{Z}^-| = |\mathbb{Z}^+| = |\mathbb{Z}| = |\mathbb{Q}^-| = |\mathbb{Q}^+| = |\mathbb{Q}| = |\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}|$
- $|\mathbb{R}^-| = |\mathbb{R}^+| = |\mathbb{R}| = |(0,1)| = |[0,1]| = |(0,1]| = |[0,1)|$
- $|\mathbb{Z}^+| \neq |(0,1)|$ : In fact, we have that  $|\mathbb{Z}^+| < |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$
- $|\mathbb{Z}^+| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)|$
- $|\mathbb{R}|? |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)|$ : which set has more elements?

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$|\mathbb{Z}^+| \leq |(0,1)| \quad n \mapsto \frac{1}{2^n}$

$|\mathbb{Z}^+| \neq |(0,1)|$

**THEOREM:** If  $|A| \leq |B|$  and  $|B| \leq |A|$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .

**EXAMPLE:** Show that  $|(0,1)| = |[0,1)|$

- $|(0,1)| \leq |[0,1)|$ 
  - $f: (0,1) \rightarrow [0,1) \quad x \mapsto \frac{x}{2}$  is injective
- $|[0,1)| \leq |(0,1)|$ 
  - $g: [0,1) \rightarrow (0,1) \quad x \mapsto \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$  is injective

存在  $A \rightarrow B$  单射

$B \rightarrow A$  单射

则有  $A \rightarrow B$  双射

# Schröder-Bernstein Theorem

$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}^+\}$

$0.b_1b_2\cdots$

**EXAMPLE:**  $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| = |[0,1)| = (|\mathbb{R}|)$

- $|\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| \leq |[0,1)|$ 
  - $f: \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+) \rightarrow [0,1)$   $\{a_1, a_2, \dots\} \mapsto 0.\overset{0}{\cdot}1_{a_1}\overset{0}{\cdot}1_{a_2}\cdots$  is an injection.
- $|[0,1)| \leq |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)|$ 
  - $\forall x \in [0,1), x = 0.r_1r_2\cdots$  ( $r_1, r_2, \dots \in \{0, \dots, 9\}$ , no 9)
    - $0 \leftrightarrow 0000, 1 \leftrightarrow 0001, \dots, 9 \leftrightarrow 1001$
    - $x$  has a binary representation  $x = 0.b_1b_2\cdots$ 
      - $f: [0,1) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)$   $x \mapsto \{i: i \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \wedge b_i = 1\}$  is an injection

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 $\downarrow$   
 $\{5,8\}$

**THEOREM:**  $|\mathbb{Z}^+| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| = |[0,1)| = |(0,1)| = |\mathbb{R}|$

$\aleph_0$  阿列夫0

$2^{\aleph_0}$

连续统假设

$c$

**The continuum hypothesis:** There is no cardinal number between  $\aleph_0$  and  $c$ , i.e., there is no set  $A$  s.t.  $\aleph_0 < |A| < c$ .

$|\mathbb{Z}^+| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+)| < |\mathcal{P}(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{Z}^+))| < \dots$



# Basic Rules of Counting

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A$  be a finite set. A **partition** of set  $A$  is a family  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\}$  of nonempty subsets of  $A$  such that

- $\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i = A$  and  $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i, j \in [k]$  with  $i \neq j$ .

**The Sum Rule:** Let  $A$  be a finite set. Let  $\{A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k\}$  be a partition of  $A$ . Then  $|A| = |A_1| + |A_2| + \dots + |A_k|$ .

**The Product Rule:** Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  be finite sets. Then

$$|A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_k| = |A_1| \times |A_2| \times \dots \times |A_k|.$$

**The Bijection Rule:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two finite sets. If there is a bijection  $f: A \rightarrow B$ , then  $|A| = |B|$ .

— 对应原则 / 相等原则



# Basic Rules of Counting

合数

**EXAMPLE:** Find # of all/composite divisors of  $N = 2^{100} \times 3^{200}$ .

- $A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ : n|N\}$ : the # of all divisors of  $N$  is  $|A|$ 
  - $n|N$  must have the form  $n = 2^a 3^b$ ,  $0 \leq a \leq 100$ ,  $0 \leq b \leq 200$
  - $|A| = \#$  of ways of constructing an integer of the form  $2^a 3^b$
  - $D_1 = \{2^0, 2^1, \dots, 2^{100}\}$ ;  $D_2 = \{3^0, 3^1, \dots, 3^{200}\}$
  - $|A| = |D_1 \times D_2| = |D_1| \times |D_2| = 101 \times 201$
- $A_1 = \{n \in A : n \text{ is prime}\}$ ;  $A_2 = \{n \in A : n \text{ is composite}\}$ ;  $A_3 = \{1\}$ 
  - # of composite divisors of  $N$  is  $|A_2|$
  - $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$  is a partition of  $A$ .
    - $|A| = |A_1| + |A_2| + |A_3|$ 
      - $|A_2| = |A| - |A_1| - |A_3|$
      - $|A_1| = 2$ ,  $|A_3| = 1$
      - $|A_2| = 101 \times 201 - 2 - 1 = 20298$

1不是合数 ☆



# Permutations of Set

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $r \in [n]$ . An  $r$ -permutation of  $A$  is a sequence of  $r$  distinct elements of  $A$ .

- An  $n$ -permutation of  $A$  is simply called a permutation of  $A$ .
  - The 2-permutations of  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  are 1,2; 1,3; 2,1; 2,3; 3,1; 3,2

**THEOREM:** An  $n$ -element set has  $P(n, r) = n!/(n - r)!$  Different  $r$ -permutations.

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  and  $r \in [n]$ . An  $r$ -permutation of  $A$  with repetition is a sequence of  $r$  elements of  $A$ .

- The 2-permutations of  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  with repetition are
  - 1,1; 1,2; 1,3; 2,1; 2,2; 2,3; 3,1; 3,2; 3,3

**THEOREM:** An  $n$ -element set has  $n^r$  different  $r$ -permutations with repetition.

# Multiset

多重集 (元素可重)

**DEFINITION:** A **multiset** is a collection of elements which are not necessarily different from each other.

- An element  $x \in A$  has **multiplicity**  $m$  if it appears  $m$  times in  $A$ .
- A multiset  $A$  is called an  **$n$ -multiset** if it has  $n$  elements.
- $A = \{n_1 \cdot a_1, n_2 \cdot a_2, \dots, n_k \cdot a_k\}$ : an  $(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k)$ -multiset
  - $a_i$  has multiplicity  $n_i$  for all  $i \in [k]$ .
- $T = \{t_1 \cdot a_1, t_2 \cdot a_2, \dots, t_k \cdot a_k\}$  is called an  **$r$ -subset** of  $A$  if
  - $0 \leq t_i \leq n_i$  for every  $i \in [k]$ , and
  - $t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_k = r$

**EXAMPLE:**  $A = \{1 \cdot a, 2 \cdot b, 3 \cdot c, 100 \cdot z\}$ ,  $T = \{1 \cdot b, 98 \cdot z\}$

- $A$  is a 106-multiset; the multiplicities of  $a, b, c, z$  are 1, 2, 3, 100, resp.
- $T$  is a 99-subset of  $A$

# Permutations of Multiset

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A = \{n_1 \cdot a_1, \dots, n_k \cdot a_k\}$  be an  $n$ -multiset. A **permutation** of  $A$  is a sequence  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  of  $n$  elements, where  $a_i$  appears exactly  $n_i$  times for every  $i \in [k]$ .

- **$r$ -permutation** of  $A$ : a permutation of some  $r$ -subset of  $A$

- $A = \{1 \cdot a, 2 \cdot b, 3 \cdot c\}$

「排列」:  $A$  的元素的排列

- $a, b, c, b, c, c$  is a permutation of  $A$ ;  $bcb$  is a 3-permutation of  $A$ ;

**THEOREM:** Let  $A = \{n_1 \cdot a_1, n_2 \cdot a_2, \dots, n_k \cdot a_k\}$  be a multiset.

Then  $A$  has exactly  $\frac{(n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k)!}{n_1! n_2! \dots n_k!}$  permutations.

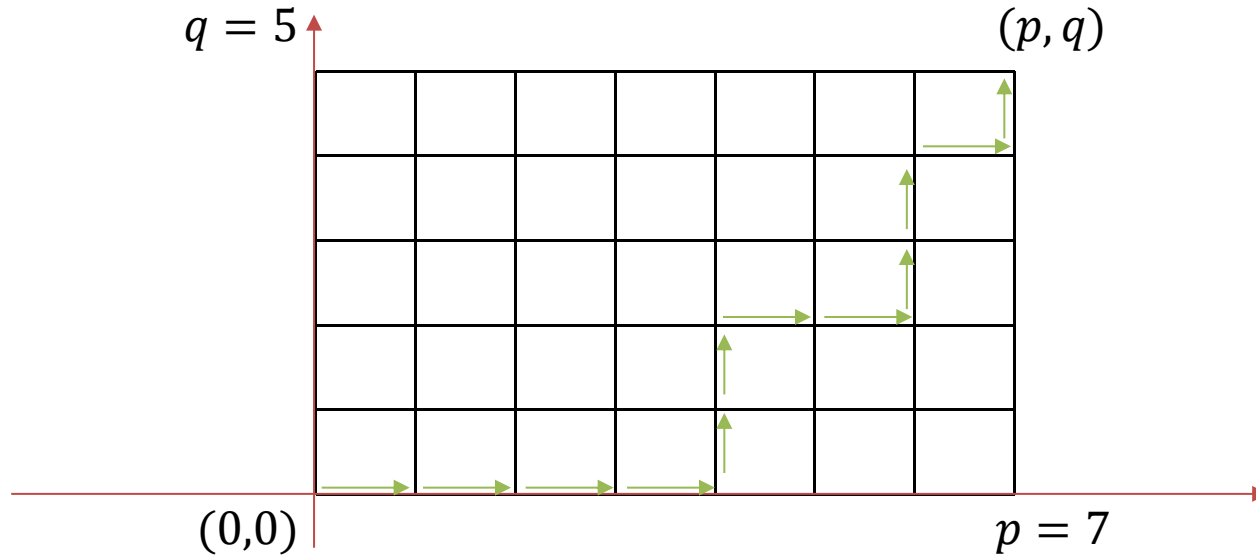
**REMARK:** Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$  be a set of  $n$  elements.

- $r$ -permutation of  $A$  w/o repetition:  $r$ -permutation of  $\{1 \cdot a_1, \dots, 1 \cdot a_n\}$ .
- $r$ -permutation of  $A$  with repetition:  $r$ -permutation of  $\{\infty \cdot a_1, \dots, \infty \cdot a_n\}$ .



# Shortest Path

**DEFINITION:** A  $p \times q$ -grid is a collection of  $pq$  squares of side length 1, organized as a rectangle of side length  $p$  and  $q$ .



**THEOREM:** # of shortest paths from  $(0,0)$  to  $(p, q)$  is  $\frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!}$ .

- Let  $A = \{p \cdot \rightarrow, q \cdot \uparrow\}$  be a  $(p + q)$ -multiset.
- # of shortest paths = # of permutations of  $A$ .

# T-Route 丁路

**DEFINITION:** Let  $A = (x, y)$ ,  $B \in \mathbb{Z}^2$ . // **integral points** 整点

- A **T-Step** at  $A$  is a segment from  $A$  to  $(x + 1, y + 1)$  or  $(x + 1, y - 1)$ .
- A **T-Route** from  $A$  to  $B$  is a route where each step is a T-step.

