

Mid-Semester Wrap Up

Lecture 12

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Bounding
big-O

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Induction

Counting

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Graphs

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Pigeon Hole Principle Examples

- n people went to a Chinese restaurant, and sat on a large circular table, with a rotating disk in the centre
- Each one ordered a different dish. The servers brought all the dishes out at the same time and placed them on the disk, one in front of each person
- It turned out that no person had their dish in front of them
- Prove that they can rotate the disk in such a way that at least two diners will have their dishes in front of them
- For each person i , calculate d_i the number of positions that the disk needs to be rotated clockwise to get to their dish
- $d_i \in \{1, \dots, n-1\}$. d_1, \dots, d_n . So at least two values d_i, d_j which are equal. Rotate the disk by that much.



Pigeon Hole Principle Examples

- Given an arbitrary sequence of n integers a_1, \dots, a_n , there is some sequence of consecutive elements $a_i, a_{i+1}, \dots, a_{i+d}$ which sums up to a multiple of n

[e.g., $a_1=4, a_2=2, a_3=7, a_4=4, a_5=2$]

- First consider all n sequences starting with a_1 , and let their sums be s_1, \dots, s_n .

[e.g., $s_1=4, s_2=6, s_3=13, s_4=17, s_5=19$]

- If any one of them is a multiple of n , we are done
- Otherwise, $r_i = \text{rem}(s_i, n)$ is in the range $[1, n-1]$ for each i , and so by PHP, there are i, j s.t. $i < j$ (w.l.o.g.) and $r_i \equiv r_j \pmod{n}$

[e.g., $s_1=4, s_5=19$]

- Then, $a_i + \dots + a_j = s_j - s_i$ is a multiple of n [$2+7+4+2 = 15$]

Pigeon Hole Principle Examples

- A generalisation of PHP: If n numbers x_1, \dots, x_n add up to y , then there is an i s.t. $x_i \geq y/n$
 - Because if all $x_i < y/n$, then $x_1 + \dots + x_n < n(y/n) = y$
 - "Everyone cannot be below average."
 - Also true that $\exists i \ x_i \leq y/n$
 - For x_i being integers, can state as $\exists i \ x_i \geq \lceil y/n \rceil$
 - E.g., if $y = n(r-1) + 1$, $\exists i \ x_i \geq r$
- Further generalisation: If $x_1 + \dots + x_n \geq r_1 + \dots + r_n$, $\exists i$ s.t. $x_i \geq r_i$

Numbers

GCD

- Euclidean algorithm to find $\gcd(a,b)$

- $(a_0, b_0) \leftarrow (a, b)$ where $a \geq b$

- for $(i=0; b_i > 0; i++)$

- $a_{i+1} \leftarrow b_i$; $b_{i+1} \leftarrow \text{rem}(a_i, b_i)$;

- return a_i

a_i	b_i	q_i	u_i	v_i
20	9	2	0	1
9	2	4	1	-2
2	1	2	-4	9
1	0			

- Extended Euclidean algorithm to find u, v s.t. $au + bv = \gcd(a, b)$

- Idea: keep track of u_i, v_i s.t. $b_i = u_i a + v_i b$.

Let $q_i = \lfloor a_i / b_i \rfloor$ so that $b_{i+1} = a_i - q_i b_i$

- $u_0=0, v_0=1. u_1=1, v_1=-q_0$ (because $b_1 = a - q_0 b$)

- For $i \geq 1$, recall $a_i = b_{i-1} = u_{i-1}a + v_{i-1}b$.

So, $b_{i+1} = a_i - q_i b_i = (u_{i-1}a + v_{i-1}b) - q_i(u_i a + v_i b)$

- $u_{i+1} = u_{i-1} - q_i u_i. v_{i+1} = v_{i-1} - q_i v_i.$

Numbers

Totient Function

- $\varphi(m) = |\mathbb{Z}_m^*|$, where $\mathbb{Z}_m^* = \{ a \mid \gcd(a,m) = 1 \}$
 - e.g., for p prime, $\varphi(p) = p-1$
- $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*, a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
- $2^{2019} \pmod{100} = ?$
 - $2 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{100}^*$, so can't use Euler's theorem directly
 - $2^{2019} \equiv 2^{\text{rem}(2019, \varphi(25))} \pmod{25}$
 $\varphi(25) = 5(5-1) = 20$. And, $2019 \equiv -1 \pmod{20}$.
 $2^{2019} \equiv 2^{-1} \equiv 13 \pmod{25}$.
 - $2^{-1} \pmod{m}$ for odd m is $(m+1)/2$
 - Solve for x s.t. $x \equiv 13 \pmod{25}$; $x \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$.
 - Multiple of 4 in 13, 38, 63, 88 = 88

Numbers

Generators of \mathbb{Z}_p^*

- **Important Fact** (won't prove): If p is a prime, then $\exists g \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \exists k, 0 \leq k < p-1, x = g^k$
 - Such a g is called a "generator of \mathbb{Z}_p^* "
- **Consequence:** Can analyse \mathbb{Z}_p^* by considering it as $\{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{p-2}\}$, with exponents from \mathbb{Z}_{p-1} (because $g^{p-1} = 1$)
- e.g., How many generators?
 - Fix one generator g . Elements of \mathbb{Z}_p^* are $1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{p-2}$
 - g^t is a generator iff $\{1, g, g^2, \dots, g^{p-2}\} = \{1, g^t, g^{2t}, \dots, g^{(p-2)t}\} \pmod{p}$
 - i.e., $\{0, 1, \dots, p-2\} = \{0, t, \dots, (p-2)t\} \pmod{p-1}$
 - i.e., $\gcd(t, p-1) = 1$
 - $\varphi(p-1)$ such t
 - Number of generators of $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \varphi(p-1)$

Poset

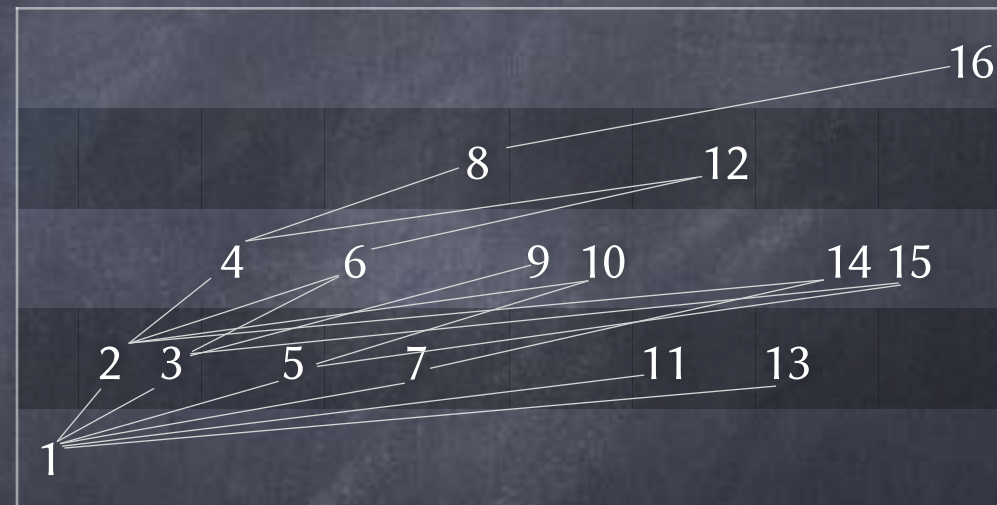
- Partial order: Reflexive, Anti-Symmetric, Transitive

- e.g., Divisibility poset (\mathbb{Z}^+, \leq) : $a \leq b$ iff $a|b$

- a covered by b ($a < b$)
iff $a \leq b$, $a \neq b$, and there
is no x s.t. $a \leq x \leq b$

Why?

- \leq is the reflexive and
transitive closure of $<$



- Hasse diagram: the graph for $<$ (with edges pointing upwards, so that the arrow is implicit)

Lattices

- A lattice is a poset in which every pair of elements $\{a,b\}$ has a greatest lower bound and a least upper bound
 - Implies the same for every finite set of elements
 - $\text{g.l.b.}(\{a,b,c\}) = \text{g.l.b.}(\{\text{g.l.b.}(\{a,b\}), c\})$
 - Let $z = \text{g.l.b.}(\{a,b\})$ (which exists).
 $x \in \text{LowerBd}(\{a,b,c\}) \Rightarrow x \in \text{LowerBd}(\{a,b\}) \Rightarrow x \leq z$;
so $x \in \text{LowerBd}(\{z,c\})$.
Conversely, if $x \in \text{LowerBd}(\{z,c\})$, $x \leq z \leq a$, $x \leq z \leq b$, $x \leq c$.
i.e., $\text{LowerBd}(\{a,b,c\}) = \text{LowerBd}(\{z,c\})$.
But RHS has a greatest element. So LHS does too: $\text{g.l.b.}(\{a,b,c\})$
- e.g., Divisibility poset (g.l.b. is g.c.d., l.u.b. is l.c.m.),
subsets poset (g.l.b. is intersection, l.u.b. is union)

Chains

- Consider poset (S, \leq)
- $C \subseteq S$ is called a chain if $\forall a, b \in C$, either $a \leq b$ or $b \leq a$
- $\text{height}(a) = \max_{C \text{ chain with } a \text{ as maximum}} |C|$
- Height of a poset = $\max_{C \text{ chain}} |C|$
 - Height of poset = $\max_{a \in S} \text{height}(a)$
- A maximal chain is a chain which is not contained in a longer chain
 - Suppose C is a finite maximal chain. The greatest element of C exists and is a maximal element of the poset. The least element of C exists and is a minimal element of the poset

Mirsky's Theorem

- $A \subseteq S$ is called an anti-chain if $\forall a, b \in A, a \leq b \rightarrow a = b$
- Given a poset of height H , the least number of anti-chains needed to partition S is H
- Need at least H anti-chains to partition S
 - Consider a chain of length H (exists). No two elements in that chain can be in one anti-chain
- And need no more: use $\{ A_h \mid h=1, \dots, H \}$, where $A_h \triangleq \{ a \mid \text{height}(a)=h \}$
 - A_h is an anti-chain Why?
 - $\{ A_h \mid h=1, \dots, H \}$ is a partition Why?

Mirsky's Theorem: Example

- Given a poset of height H , the least number of anti-chains needed to partition S is H
- Claim: Any poset with n elements must have either (i) a chain and an anti-chain both of size equal to \sqrt{n} or (ii) a chain or an anti-chain of size greater than \sqrt{n}
- Suppose (ii) doesn't hold. All chains, anti-chains of size $\leq \sqrt{n}$.
So, height of poset, $H \leq \sqrt{n}$.
By Mirsky, can partition the poset into H anti-chains, say of sizes n_1, \dots, n_H . So, $n = n_1 + \dots + n_H$.
But $n_i \leq \sqrt{n}$. So $n \leq H\sqrt{n}$. Thus $H \geq \sqrt{n}$. Then, each $n_i = \sqrt{n}$.
So (i) holds.

Mirsky's Theorem: Example

- Consider the numbers from 1 to n arranged in an arbitrary order on a line. There must exist a \sqrt{n} -long subsequence of that is completely increasing or completely decreasing as you move from right to left.
- Consider poset $([n], \preceq)$ defined as: $a \preceq b$ if $a \leq b$ and a appears not "later than" (left of) b in the line
 - Verify poset!
- Chain: An increasing subsequence (right to left)
- Anti-chain: If a appears before b , but not $a \preceq b$, then $a \succ b$. So a decreasing sequence (right to left)
- Previous claim: Chain or anti-chain of length at least \sqrt{n}

Bijections: Infinite sets

- e.g., $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ defined as $f(x) = -x$
 - f is a bijection
- A set S is **countably infinite** if there is a bijection from S to \mathbb{Z}
- e.g., set of even integers \mathbb{E} . $f: \mathbb{E} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ where $f(x)=x/2$, is a bijection
 - “Two countably infinite sets are only as numerous as one”
- e.g., there is a bijection $f: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ How?
 - “Countably infinitely many countably infinite sets are only as numerous as one”
- (We will return to this later)