

# CS40 Notes: Foundations of Computer Science

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## 1 Proofs and Logic

### 1.1 Propositional Logic

**Truth Value:** the value true or false

**Proposition:** statements that declares a fact that is either true or false

**Atomic Proposition:** a single proposition which cannot be broken down into simpler statements

**Compound Proposition:** a proposition formed by atomic propositions and logical operators

### Logical Connectives

**Negation:** a unary operator ( $\neg$ ) that negates the truth value

**Conjunction:** a binary operator ( $\wedge$ ) that evaluates to true only when both propositions are true

**Disjunction:** a binary operator ( $\vee$ ) that evaluates to true only when at least one propositions is true (also known as an **inclusive or**).

**Exclusive Or:** a binary operator ( $\oplus$ ) that evaluates to true only when one proposition is true and not the other

**Implication:** a binary operator ( $\rightarrow$ ) for propositions p and q such that p implies q (also known as a **conditional statement**) *Note: implication doesn't imply causation*

*Ways of Stating Implications ( $p \rightarrow q$ ):*

|                                  |                                   |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| if p, then q                     | p implies q                       |
| if p, q                          | p only if q                       |
| p is sufficient for q            | a sufficient condition for q is p |
| q if p                           | q whenever p                      |
| q when p                         | q is necessary for p              |
| a necessary condition for p is q | q follows from p                  |
| q unless $\neg p$                |                                   |

**Biconditional:** a binary operator ( $\leftrightarrow$ ) for propositions p and q such that p if and only if q

*Ways of Stating Biconditionals ( $p \leftrightarrow q$ ):*

p is necessary and sufficient for q

if p, then q, and conversely

p if and only if (iff) q

**Truth Table:** a table that displays all possible truth values for a proposition

| $\neg P$ | P | Q | $P \wedge Q$ | $P \vee Q$ | $P \oplus Q$ | $P \rightarrow Q$ | $P \leftrightarrow Q$ |
|----------|---|---|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| F        | T | T | T            | T          | F            | T                 | T                     |
| F        | T | F | F            | T          | T            | F                 | F                     |
| T        | F | T | F            | T          | T            | T                 | F                     |
| T        | F | F | F            | F          | F            | T                 | T                     |

**Converse:** If  $p \rightarrow q$ , then the converse statement is  $q \rightarrow p$

**Contrapositive:** If  $p \rightarrow q$ , then the contrapositive statement is  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$

**Inverse:** If  $p \rightarrow q$ , then the inverse statement is  $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

| P | Q | $P \rightarrow Q$ | $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ | $Q \rightarrow P$ | $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ |
|---|---|-------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| T | T | T                 | T                           | T                 | T                           |
| T | F | F                 | F                           | T                 | T                           |
| F | T | T                 | T                           | F                 | F                           |
| F | F | T                 | T                           | T                 | T                           |

**Logical Equivalence:** compound propositions with the same truth values are equivalent ( $\equiv$ )

*Thus,  $P \rightarrow Q \equiv \neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ . Also,  $Q \rightarrow P \equiv \neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ .*

## 1.2 Propositional Equivalences

**Contingency:** a compound proposition that is neither a tautology or a contradiction

**Tautology:** a compound proposition that is always true regardless of the truth values of the propositional variables (tautologies are logical equivalences)

**Contradiction:** a compound proposition that is always false regardless of the truth values of the propositional variables; such proposition is said to be **unsatisfiable**

**Satisfiable Proposition:** if any values of the proposition variables makes a compound proposition true then it satisfiable (the particular assignment of variables is said to be a **solution**)

**Consistent:** a set of propositions satisfied by same truth values for their atomic propositions

**Logic Gate:** a circuit which receives a set of input signals and outputs a true or false; there exists an inverter (negation) denoted by a triangle and a circle, an 'and' gate denoted by a bullet, and an 'or' gate denoted by half a cylinder

**Bitstrings:** strings of bits which operations are performed upon; (i.e., the negation of 0110 is 1001)

**Fundamental Conjunctions:** a conjunction of all the atomic propositions and their negation

**Disjunctive Normal Form:** a disjunction of the fundamental conjunctions

## Logical Equivalence Laws:

### Identity Laws:

$$P \wedge T \equiv P$$

$$P \vee F \equiv P$$

### Domination Laws:

$$P \vee T \equiv T$$

$$P \wedge F \equiv F$$

### Idempotent Laws:

$$P \vee P \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge P \equiv P$$

### Commutative Laws:

$$P \vee Q \equiv Q \vee P$$

$$P \wedge Q \equiv Q \wedge P$$

### Associative Laws:

$$(P \vee Q) \vee R \equiv P \vee (Q \vee R)$$

$$(P \wedge Q) \wedge R \equiv P \wedge (Q \wedge R)$$

### Distributive Laws:

$$P \vee (Q \wedge R) \equiv (P \vee Q) \wedge (P \vee R)$$

$$P \wedge (Q \vee R) \equiv (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R)$$

### De Morgan's Laws:

$$\neg(P \wedge Q) \equiv \neg P \vee \neg Q$$

$$\neg(P \vee Q) \equiv \neg P \wedge \neg Q$$

### Absorption Laws:

$$P \vee (P \wedge Q) \equiv P$$

$$P \wedge (P \vee Q) \equiv P$$

**Negation Laws:**

$$P \vee \neg P \equiv T$$

$$P \wedge \neg P \equiv F$$

**Double Negation Law:**

$$\neg(\neg P) \equiv P$$

### 1.3 Predicate Logic (Calculus)

**Predicate:** a property of the subject; also known as an **open sentence**

**Propositional Function:** a function with regards to a variable; when that variable is assigned a value, the function becomes a proposition with a truth value

**Quantification:** expresses to what extent a predicate is true

**Domain:** also known as the **domain of discourse** or **universal discourse**, range of values for a variable which makes a proposition true

**Universal Quantification:**  $P(x)$  is true for all values of  $x$  in the domain; evaluates to true when  $P(x)$  is true for every  $x$  in the domain; false when there exists at least 1 counter example

**Universal Quantifier:**  $\forall$

**Existential Quantification:** There exists an element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$  is true

**Existential Quantifier:**  $\exists$

**Uniqueness Quantifier:** There exists one unique element  $x$  in the domain such that  $P(x)$  is true; denoted by  $\exists!$

**Nested Quantifiers:** quantifiers inside the scope of other quantifiers

**Bounded Variables:** A variable is bound if a quantifier is used on it

**Free Variables:** A variable is free if it isn't bound by a quantifier or set equal to a particular value

**Scope:** The part of a logical expression a quantifier is applied; a variable is free if it isn't in the scope of any quantifiers

**Contingent:** A statement is contingent if it must evaluate to true or false but depends on a variable.

**Logical Equivalence of Predicates and Quantifiers:** Statements involving predicates and quantifiers are logically equivalent if and only if they have the same truth value regardless of which predicates are substituted into these statements and which domain of discourse is used for these variables.

**DeMorgan's Laws of Quantifiers:**

$$\neg \exists x P(x) \equiv \forall x \neg P(x)$$

$$\neg \forall x P(x) \equiv \exists x \neg P(x)$$

## 1.4 Rules of Inference

**Argument:** a series of propositions that result in a conclusion

**Valid:** the conclusion logically follows from the truths of the premises

**True Conclusion:** also known as a **sound argument**, a conclusion formed by a valid argument given that the premises are true

**Clause:** a disjunction of variables (and their negations)

**Modus Ponens:**

$$(P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow Q$$

**Modus Tollens:**

$$(\neg Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow \neg P$$

**Hypothetical Syllogism:**

$$((P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow R)) \rightarrow (P \rightarrow R)$$

**Disjunctive Syllogism:**

$$((P \vee Q) \wedge \neg P) \rightarrow Q$$

**Addition:**

$$P \rightarrow (P \vee Q)$$

**Simplification:**

$$(P \wedge Q) \rightarrow P$$

**Conjunction:**

$$((P) \wedge (Q)) \rightarrow (P \wedge Q)$$

**Resolution:**

$$((P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R)) \rightarrow (Q \vee R)$$

**Universal Modus Ponens:**  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ ,  $P(a)$  where  $a$  is a particular element in the domain;  
 $\therefore Q(a)$

**Universal Modus Tollens:**  $\forall x (P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$ ,  $\neg Q(a)$  where  $a$  is a particular element in the domain;  
 $\therefore \neg P(a)$

## Fallacies

**Fallacies:** common forms of incorrect reasoning that lead to invalid arguments

**Affirming the Conclusion:**  $(Q \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow P$

**Denying the Hypothesis:**  $(\neg P \wedge (P \rightarrow Q)) \rightarrow \neg Q$

**Begging the Question:** a statement is proved by using itself (or a statement equivalent to it), also known as **circular reasoning**

## 1.5 Proofs

**Informal Proofs:** a proof that combines the rules of inference in a single step, skips steps, assumes axioms, or not explicitly state the rules of inference

**Theorem:** statement (that is important) that can be shown to be true; less important statements that can be shown to be true is known as a **fact**

**Corollary:** a theorem that can be established from a theorem that has been proved

**Lemma:** a less important theorem (used as intermediary steps in a proof)

**Conjecture:** a statement that is proposed to be a true statement on the basis of partial evidence; when proved, it becomes a theorem

**Proof:** a valid argument that establishes the truth of a theorem

**Axiom:** also known as a **postulate**, a statement assumed to be true that do not require definition

**Even Integer:** an integer  $n$  is even when there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 2k$

**Odd Integer:** an integer  $n$  is odd when there exists an integer  $k$  such that  $n = 2k + 1$

**Rational Real Number:** there exists integers  $p$  and  $q$  such that  $q \neq 0$  and  $r = p/q$  where  $r$  is real

**Parity:** two integers have the same parity when they are both even or odd; they have opposite parity when one is even and the other is odd

**Indirect Proof:** proofs that do not start with the premises and end with the conclusion **Counterexample:** a single  $x$  for which  $P(x)$  is false to show that  $\forall x P(x)$  is false

## 1.6 Proof Methods

**Direct Proof:** a proof of the conditional  $P \rightarrow Q$  (for all  $x$  in the domain) where the first step is the assumption that  $P$  is true; subsequent steps come from the rules of inference, with the final conclusion showing that  $Q$  must also be true (shows that the combination  $P = T$  and  $Q = F$  never occurs)

**Proof by Contraposition:** since an implication and its contrapositive are logically equivalent, a proof to show that the contrapositive must be true shows that the implication must also be true; the proof by contraposition of  $P \rightarrow Q$  starts with the premise  $\neg Q$ , and using the rules of inference, shows that  $\neg P$  must follow

**Vacuous Proof:** a proof to show that  $P$  is false, since if  $P$  is false,  $P \rightarrow Q$  must be true

**Trivial Proof:** a proof to show that  $Q$  is true, since if  $Q$  is true,  $P \rightarrow Q$  must be true

**Proof by Contradiction:** a proof to show that  $\neg P \rightarrow (R \wedge \neg R)$  because then,  $P$  must evaluate to true; for proofs by contradiction involving conditional statements, assume the  $P$  and  $\neg Q$  are true; then, if  $\neg Q$  results in  $\neg P$  is true by rules of inference, there is a contradiction since  $P \wedge \neg P$  cannot be both true

**Proofs of Equivalence:** A theorem in the form  $P \leftrightarrow Q$  can be proved by showing that both  $P \rightarrow Q$  and  $Q \rightarrow P$  are true since  $(P \leftrightarrow Q) \leftrightarrow (P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (Q \rightarrow P)$ ; this can also be used to show equivalent statements since if  $P \equiv Q$ ,  $P \leftrightarrow Q$

**Proof by Cases:** a proposition  $P$  can be split into cases such that  $(P_1 \vee P_2 \vee \dots \vee P_N) \rightarrow Q$  since it has a logical equivalence of  $((P_1 \rightarrow Q) \wedge (P_2 \rightarrow Q) \wedge \dots \wedge (P_N \rightarrow Q))$  and each case of the proposition can be proved individually

**Exhaustive Proofs:** proving every possibility is true

**Without Loss of Generality:** completing a different case using the exact same argument

**Existence Proof:** a proof such that there  $\exists x P(x)$

**Constructive Existence Proof:** a proof where an element  $a$ , called a **witness**, is found such that  $P(a)$  is true

**Nonconstructive Existence Proof:** a proof to prove the existence in a manner other than finding a witness

**Uniqueness Proof:** a proof showing both the existence of an element  $x$  with the desired property, and that when  $y \neq x$ ,  $y$  does not have the desired property (or  $x$  and  $y$  are equivalent)

**Fermat's Last Theorem:**  $x^n + y^n + z^n$  has no integer solutions  $x, y, z$  with  $xyz \neq 0$  whenever  $n$  is an integer with  $n > 2$

## Order of Precedence:

$\forall, \exists, \exists!$

$\neg$

$\wedge$

$\vee$

$\rightarrow$

$\leftrightarrow$

## 2 Set Theory

### 2.1 Sets

**Set:** an unordered collection of unique objects called **elements** or **members** denoted by  $\{ \dots \}$

**Member Notation:** a member  $a$  in set  $S$  is denoted by  $a \in S$

**Roster Method:** describing a set  $S$  by listing all the elements denoted by  $S = \{ \dots \}$

**Set Builder Method:** describing a set by listing all the properties it must satisfy denoted by  $S = \{ \text{generic element} \mid \text{conditions need to be satisfied} \}$

**Closed Interval:**  $[a, b]$  denotes  $\{ x \mid a \leq x \leq b \}$

**Open Interval:**  $(a, b)$  denotes  $\{ x \mid a < x < b \}$

**Equal Sets:** two sets  $A$  and  $B$  are equal if and only if  $\forall x (x \in A \leftrightarrow x \in B)$ ; if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ , then  $A = B$

**Empty Sets:** also known as a **null set**, an empty set has no elements denoted by  $\emptyset$

**Singleton Set:** an element with a single set

**Universal Set:** denoted by the letter  $U$ , this set contains all the elements under consideration represented by a rectangle in a Venn Diagram

**Cardinality:** if there are exactly  $n$  distinct elements of set  $S$ , then the cardinality of the **finite** set  $S$  is  $n$ , denoted by  $|S| = n$

**Power Set:** given the set  $S$ , the power set of  $S$  denoted by  $\mathcal{P}(S)$  is the set of all the subsets of  $S$

**Ordered n-Tuple:** an ordered collection  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  where  $a_1$  is the first element,  $a_2$  is the second element, ..., and  $a_n$  is the  $n$ th element

**Equal Ordered Tuples:** two ordered tuples are equal if  $a_i = b_i$  for elements  $i = 1$  to  $i = n$

**Cartesian Product:** the cartesian product of sets  $A$  and  $B$  is the set of all ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ :  $A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$

**Set Notation and Quantifiers:**  $\forall x \in S (P(x))$  denotes  $P(x)$  for all elements  $x$  in the set  $S$

**Truth Set:** the truth set of a predicate  $P(x)$  for a domain  $D$  is the set of elements in  $D$  such that  $P(x)$  is true:  $\{x \in D \mid P(x)\}$

## Common Infinite Sets

**N:** Natural Numbers:  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

**Z:** Integers:  $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

**Z<sup>+</sup>:** Positive Integers:  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

**Q:** Rational Numbers:  $\{a / b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0\}$

**Q<sup>+</sup>:** Positive Rational Numbers:  $\{a / b \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \geq 0, b > 0\}$

**R:** Real Numbers

## 2.2 Subsets

**Subset:** The set  $A$  is a subset of  $B$ , denoted by  $A \subseteq B$ , if and only if every element in  $A$  is in  $B$

**Proper Subset:** The set  $A$  is a proper subset of  $B$ , denoted by  $A \subset B$ , if  $A \subseteq B$  and there exists an element in  $B$  that isn't in  $A$ :  $\forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B) \wedge \exists x (x \in B \rightarrow x \notin A)$

**Subset Quantification:**  $A \subseteq B \leftrightarrow \forall x (x \in A \rightarrow x \in B)$

*Note: to show that  $A \not\subseteq B$ , find a single element  $x \in A$  such that  $x \notin B$*

**Subset Theorem:** Given a nonempty set  $S$ , the set  $S$  is guaranteed to contain at least 2 subsets,  $\emptyset \subseteq S$  and  $S \subseteq S$

## 2.3 Set Operations

**Union:** The union of two sets A and B, denoted by  $A \cup B$  is the set that contains the elements in A, B, or both.

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$

**Generalized Union:** The union of a collections of sets is the set that contains all elements that are in at least one set of the collection.

$$A_1 \cup A_2 \cup \dots A_n = \bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i$$

**Intersection:** The intersection of two sets A and B, denoted by  $A \cap B$  is the set that contains the elements in both A and B.

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$

**Generalized Intersection:** The intersection of a collections of sets is the set that contains all elements that are in every set of the collection.

$$A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots A_n = \bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i$$

**Disjoint:** Two sets A and B are considered disjoint if their intersection is the empty set.

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$

**Inclusion Exclusion Principle (for two sets):** The cardinality of the union of sets A and B is the sum of the cardinalities of sets A and B minus the cardinality of the intersection of sets A and B.

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

**Difference:** The difference of sets A and B, denoted by  $A - B$  or  $A \setminus B$ , is the set containing elements in A and not B, also known as the complement of B with respect to A.

$$A - B = \{x \mid x \in A \wedge x \notin B\}$$

**Complement:** The complement of the set A, denoted by  $\overline{A}$  or  $A^c$ , is the complement of A with respect to U (the universal set.)

$$\overline{A} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$

**Membership Table:** a truth table for sets where all combinations of each element is listed (1 denoting the element is in the set and 0 denoting they aren't)

## Set Identities

### Identity Laws:

$$A \cap U = A$$

$$A \cup \emptyset = A$$

### Domination Laws:

$$A \cup U = U$$

$$A \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$$

### Idempotent Laws:

$$A \cup A = A$$

$$A \cap A = A$$

### Complementation Law:

$$\overline{(\overline{A})} = A$$

### Commutative Laws:

$$A \cup B = B \cup A$$

$$A \cap B = B \cap A$$

### Associative Laws:

$$A \cup (B \cup C) = (A \cup B) \cup C$$

$$A \cap (B \cap C) = (A \cap B) \cap C$$

### Distributive Laws:

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

### De Morgan's Laws:

$$\overline{A \cap B} = \overline{A} \cup \overline{B}$$

$$\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$$

### De Morgan's Laws, Generalized:

$$\overline{\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i} = \bigcap_{i=1}^n \overline{A_i}$$

$$\overline{\bigcap_{i=1}^n A_i} = \bigcup_{i=1}^n \overline{A_i}$$

### Absorption Laws:

$$A \cup (A \cap B) = A$$

$$A \cap (A \cup B) = A$$

### Complement Laws:

$$A \cup \bar{A} = U$$

$$A \cap \bar{A} = \emptyset$$

## 2.4 Functions

**Function:** A function, also known as a **mapping** or **transformation**,  $f$  from set  $A$  to set  $B$  is an assignment of one unique element of  $B$  to each element of  $A$ , denoted by  $f : A \rightarrow B$  ( $f$  maps  $A$  to  $B$ ) where  $f(a) = b$  and  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ .

**Domain:**  $A$  is the domain of  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

**Codomain:**  $B$  is the codomain of  $f : A \rightarrow B$ .

**Image:** If  $f(a) = b$ , then  $b$  is the image of  $a$ .

**Preimage:** If  $f(a) = b$ , then  $a$  is the preimage of  $b$ .

**Range:** Also known as the **image**, the range is the set of all images of the elements of  $A$ .

**Equal Functions:** Two functions are equal when they have the same domain, codomain, and map each element of their common domain to the same element in their common codomain.

**Real-Valued Function:** A function with the set of all real numbers (**R**) as its codomain.

**Integer-Valued Function:** A function with the set of all integers (**Z**) as its codomain.

**Sum of Functions:** The sum of functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  from  $A$  to **R** can be expressed as:

$$(f_1 + f_2)(x) = f_1(x) + f_2(x)$$

**Product of Functions:** The product of functions  $f_1$  and  $f_2$  from  $A$  to **R** can be expressed as:

$$(f_1 f_2)(x) = f_1(x) f_2(x)$$

**One-to-One Function:** A function is said to be one-to-one, or an **injection**, if and only if  $f(a) = f(b)$  implies that  $a = b$  for all  $a$  and  $b$  in the domain of  $f$ .

$$\forall a \forall b (a \neq b \rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b))$$

*Note: to prove an injective function, show if  $f(x) = f(y)$  for any  $x, y \in A$  with  $x \neq y$ , then  $x = y$ .*

*Note: to prove a non-injective function, find particular elements  $x, y \in A$  with  $x \neq y$  and  $f(x) = f(y)$ .*

**Increasing Function:** A function  $f$  whose domain and codomain are subset of the set of all real numbers is said to be increasing if  $f(x) \leq f(y)$  whenever  $x < y$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are in the domain of  $f$ .

$$\forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow f(x) \leq f(y))$$

**Decreasing Function:** A function  $f$  whose domain and codomain are subset of the set of all real numbers is said to be decreasing if  $f(x) \geq f(y)$  whenever  $x < y$  and  $x$  and  $y$  are in the domain of  $f$ .

$$\forall x \forall y (x < y \rightarrow f(x) \geq f(y))$$

**Strictly:** A function is strictly increasing or decreasing if the if a strict inequality is used instead ( $>$  or  $<$ ).

**Onto Function:** A function is called onto, or a **surjection**, if and only if for every element  $b \in B$  there is an element  $a \in A$  with  $f(a) = b$ .

$$\forall b \exists a (f(a) = b)$$

*Note: to prove a surjective function, consider any element  $y \in B$  and find an element  $x \in A$  where  $f(x) = y$ .*

*Note: to prove a non-surjective function, find an element  $y \in B$  such that  $f(x) \neq y$  for all  $x \in A$ .*

**One-to-One Correspondence:** A function  $f$  is a one-to-one correspondence, or a **bijection**, if it is both an injection and a surjection.

**Identity Function:** A function  $f : A \rightarrow A$  is an identity function when  $f(x) = x$  for all  $x \in A$ .

$$\forall x \in A (f(x) = x)$$

**Inverse Function:** The inverse function of a function  $f$  that is a one-to-one correspondence from set  $A$  to set  $B$  is the function that assigns an element  $b \in B$  and a unique element  $a \in A$  such that  $f(a) = b$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}$ .

**Invertible:** A function is invertible if the inverse of a function is defined.

**Not Invertible:** A function is not invertible if it is not a one-to-one correspondence, because the inverse of such function doesn't exist.

**Composition:** The compositions of functions  $f : B \rightarrow C$  and  $g : A \rightarrow B$ , denoted by  $(f \circ g)(a)$  is defined to be  $f(g(a))$ .

**Graph:** The graph of a function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is the set of ordered pairs:  $\{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } f(a) = b\}$ .

**Floor:** The floor function assigns the real number  $x$  the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , denoted by  $\lfloor x \rfloor$ .

**Ceiling:** The floor function assigns the real number  $x$  the smallest integer greater than or equal to  $x$ , denoted by  $\lceil x \rceil$ .

**Partial Function:** A partial function  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is an assignment of each element  $a$  in a subset of  $A$ , called the **domain of definition**, to a unique element  $b \in B$ . For elements in  $A$  and not the domain of definition of  $f$ ,  $f$  is undefined. When the domain of definition equals  $A$ ,  $f$  is a total function.

## Floor and Ceiling Properties

- $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$  iff  $n \leq x < n + 1$
- $\lceil x \rceil = n$  iff  $n - 1 < x \leq n$
- $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$  iff  $x - 1 < n \leq x$
- $\lceil x \rceil = n$  iff  $x \leq n < x + 1$
- $x - 1 < \lfloor x \rfloor \leq x \leq \lceil x \rceil < x + 1$
- $\lfloor -x \rfloor = -\lceil x \rceil$
- $\lceil -x \rceil = -\lfloor x \rfloor$
- $\lfloor x + n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n$
- $\lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + n$

## 2.5 Sequences

**Sequence:** A function from a subset of the set of integers to the set  $S$  where  $a_n$  denotes the  $n$ th term in the sequence and  $\{a_n\}$  denotes the sequence.

**Geometric Progression:** A sequence with an initial term  $a$  and a common ratio  $r$  between each term in the sequence:  $a, ar, ar^2, \dots, ar^n, \dots$

**Arithmetic Progression:** A sequence with an initial term  $a$  and a common difference  $d$  between each term in the sequence:  $a, a + d, a + 2d, \dots, a + nd, \dots$

**Recurrence Relation:** A recurrence relation for the sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is an equation that expresses  $a_n$  in terms of one or more of the previous terms in the sequence for term  $n \geq n_0$  where  $n_0$  is a nonnegative integer.

**Solution of a Recurrence Relation:** A sequence is called a solution of a recurrence relation if its terms satisfy the recurrence relation.

**Initial Condition:** The terms that precede the first term where the recurrence relation takes effect.

**Fibonacci Sequence:** A sequence defined by the initial conditions  $f_0 = 0$  and  $f_1 = 1$ , and the recurrence relation  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$ .

**Closed Formula:** An explicit formula for the terms of the sequence.

## 2.6 Summations

**Summation Notation:** The sum of the terms  $a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_n$  can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{j=m}^n a_j = \sum_{m \leq j \leq n} a_j$$

where  $j$  is the **index of summation**,  $m$  is the **lower limit**, and  $n$  is the **upper limit**.

**Geometric Series:** A sum of the terms of a geometric progression. When  $a$  and  $r$  are real numbers such that  $r \neq 0$ , the sum can be expressed as:

$$\sum_{j=0}^n ar^j = \begin{cases} \frac{ar^{n+1} - a}{r - 1} & r \neq 0 \\ (n + 1)a & r = 1 \end{cases}$$

### Common Summation Formulas

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} x^k, |x| < 1 = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} kx^{k-1}, |x| < 1 = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

## 2.7 Cardinality of Sets

**Equal Cardinality:** Sets  $A$  and  $B$  have the same cardinality if and only if there exists a one-to-one correspondence from  $A$  to  $B$ .

$$|A| = |B|$$

**One-to-One Cardinality:** If there is a one-to-one function from  $A$  to  $B$ , the cardinality of  $A$  is less than or equal to the cardinality of  $B$ .

$$|A| \leq |B|$$

**Countable:** A countable set is a set that is either finite or has the same cardinality as the set of positive integers and is denoted by  $\aleph_0$ .

Note: a countable union of countable sets is countable

Note: a countably infinite union with countably infinite sets is countably infinite

**Uncountable:** An uncountable infinite set has greater cardinality as the set of positive integers.

**Countability Theorem:** If A and B are countable sets,  $A \cup B$  is also countable.

**Schroder-Bernstein Theorem:** If there are one-to-one functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow A$ , then there is a one-to-one correspondence between A and B.

$$((|A| \leq |B|) \wedge (|B| \leq |A|)) \leftrightarrow (|A| = |B|)$$

**Computable:** A function is computable if a computer program can find values of this function. Otherwise, it is **uncomputable**.

**Cardinality of Power Sets:** The cardinality of the power set of a countably infinite set is the same as the cardinality of the real numbers

## 3 Number Theory

### 3.1 Division

**Divisible:** If a and b are integers where  $a \neq 0$ , then a divides b if there is an integer c such that  $b = ac$  (e.g.,  $\frac{b}{a}$ ). Also, a divides b means a is a **factor** of b, and b is a **multiple** of a, denoted by  $a \mid b$ .

$$\exists c(b = ac)$$

**Divisibility Theorems:**

- If  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$ , then  $a \mid (b + c)$
- If  $a \mid b$ , then  $a \mid bc$  for all integers c
- If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid c$ , then  $a \mid c$
- **Corollary:** If a, b, and c are integers where  $a \neq 0$  such that  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$ , then  $a \mid (mb + nc)$  whenever m and n are integers

**Division Algorithm:** Let a and d be integers where d is positive. Then, there are unique integers q and r with  $0 \leq r < d$ , such that  $a = dq + r$ . Also, d is called the **divisor**, a the **dividend**, q the **quotient**, and r the **remainder**.

**Div Function:**  $q = a \text{ div } d = \lfloor a/d \rfloor$

**Mod Function:**  $r = a \text{ mod } d = a - d\lfloor a/d \rfloor$

## 3.2 Modular Arithmetic

**Congruence:** If  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$  are integers where  $m$  is positive, then  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$  if  $m$  divides  $a - b$ , denoted by  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , which is a **congruence** and  $m$  is its **modulus**.

**Congruence Theorems:**

- Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$  be integers where  $m$  is positive. Then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$ .
- Let  $m$  be a positive integer. The integers  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $m$  if and only if there is an integer  $k$  such that  $a = b + km$ .
- Let  $m$  be a positive integer. If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , then  $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$  and  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$ .
- **Corollary:** Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$  be integers where  $m$  is positive. Then,  $(a + b) \bmod m = ((a \bmod m) + (b \bmod m) \bmod m)$  and  $ab \bmod m = ((a \bmod m)(b \bmod m)) \bmod m$ .

**Congruence Class:** The set of all integers congruent to an integer  $a$  modulo  $m$  is the congruence class of  $a \bmod m$ .

**$Z_m$ :** The set of nonnegative integers less than  $m$

**Addition Modulo:**  $a +_m b = (a + b) \bmod m$

**Multiplication Modulo:**  $a *_m b = (a * b) \bmod m$

**Arithmetic Modulo Properties:**

- **Closure:** If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $Z_m$ , then  $a +_m b$  and  $a *_m b$  belong to  $Z_m$
- **Associativity:** If  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  belong to  $Z_m$ , then the addition and multiplication modulo is associative.
- **Commutativity:** If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $Z_m$ , then the addition and multiplication modulo is associative.
- **Distributivity:** If  $a$  and  $b$  belong to  $Z_m$ , then the addition and multiplication modulo is associative.
- **Identity:** The elements 0 and 1 are the identity elements for addition and multiplication modulo respectively.
- **Additive Inverses:** If  $a \neq 0$  belongs to  $Z_m$ , then  $m - a$  is an additive inverse of  $a \bmod m$  and 0 is its own additive inverse.

**Modular Exponent Algorithm:** To solve a modular exponent in the form  $b^n \bmod m$ , the following algorithm is used:

$a_i$  = ith digit of the binary representation of  $n$

$x = 1$

power =  $b \bmod m$

for  $i$  in range[0,  $k$ ]:

    if  $a_i = 1$ , then  $x = (x * \text{power}) \bmod m$

    power =  $(\text{power} * \text{power}) \bmod m$

return  $x$

### 3.3 Integer Representations

**Base Expansion Theorem:** Let  $b$  be an integer greater than 1. Then, if  $n$  is a positive integer, it can be expressed uniquely in the form:

$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b^1 + a_0 b^0$$

**Binary:** base 2 expansion

**Octal:** base 8 expansion

**Hexadecimal:** base 16 expansion (denoted by 0-9, A-F)

**Base Conversion:** The algorithm for converting from decimal to a different base is as follows.

$$n = bq_0 + a_0$$

$$q_0 = bq_1 + a_1$$

... and continues until  $q = 0$ .

**Binary, Octal, Hex Conversions:** Group digits into blocks (from the right) and convert using a table.

### 3.4 Prime Numbers:

**Prime:** An integer  $p$  greater than 1 is called prime if the only positive factors of  $p$  are 1 and  $p$ .

**Prime Theorem:** There are infinitely many primes.

**Prime Number Theorem:** The ratio of the number of primes not exceeding  $x$ , and  $x / \ln(x)$  approaches 1 as  $x$  grows without bound.

**Composite:** An positive integer that is greater than 1 and is not prime is called composite.

**Fundamental Theorem of Arithemtic:** Every integer can be written uniquely as a prime or as the product of two or more primes where the prime factors are written in order of nondecreasing size.

**Composite Divisor Theorem:** If  $n$  is a composite integer, then  $n$  has a prime divisor less than or equal to the square root of  $n$ .

**Trivial Division Algorithm:** To show an a number is prime, divide by all prime numbers smaller or equal to that number.

**Greatest Common Divisor:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be non-zero integers. The largest integer  $d$  such that  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$  is called the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ , denoted  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

$$\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} * p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} * \dots * p_n^{\min(a_n, b_n)}$$

where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  is the exponent of the prime number ( $p_i$ ) in the prime factorization of  $a$  and  $b$

**Relatively Prime:** Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime if  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

**Pairwise Relatively Prime:** The integers  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are pairwise relatively prime if  $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$  whenever  $1 \leq i < j \leq n$ .

**Least Common Multiple:** The least common multiple of positive integers  $a$  and  $b$  is the smallest positive integer divisible by both  $a$  and  $b$ , denoted by  $\text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} * p_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)} * \dots * p_n^{\max(a_n, b_n)}$$

where  $a_i$  and  $b_i$  is the exponent of the prime number ( $p_i$ ) in the prime factorization of  $a$  and  $b$

**GCD, LCM Theorem:** For positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ ,  $ab = \gcd(a, b) * \text{lcm}(a, b)$ .

**GCD Lemmas:**

- Let  $a = bq + r$  where  $a, b, q$ , and  $r$  are integers. Then,  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$ .
- If  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are positive integers such that  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $a \mid bc$ , then  $a \mid c$ .
- If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \mid a_1 * a_2 * \dots * a_n$  where each  $a_i$  is an integer, then  $p \mid a_i$  for some  $i$ .

**Euclidean Algorithm:** To find the  $\gcd(a, b)$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers,

$x = a$

$y = b$

while( $y \neq 0$ ):

$r = x \bmod y$

$x = y$

$y = r$

return  $x$

**Bezout's Theorem:** If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then there exists integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$ .

**Bezout's Identity:**  $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$

**Bezout's Coefficients:**  $s$  and  $t$  of Bezout's identity

**Extended Euclidean Algorithm:** Substitute intermediary quotients back into the equation to determine Bezout's coefficients.

**GCD Congruence Theorem:** Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$ , and  $m$  be integers where  $m$  is positive. If  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$  and  $\gcd(c, m) = 1$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

### 3.5 Congruences

**Linear Congruence:** A congruence in the form  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , where  $m$ ,  $a$ , and  $b$  are integers with  $m$  being positive, and  $x$  being a variable.

**Inverse:** The inverse of  $a \pmod{m}$ , denoted by  $\bar{a}$  has the property  $\bar{a} a \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

**Inverse Theorem:** If  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime integers and  $m > 1$ , then an inverse of  $a \pmod{m}$  exists where the inverse is unique modulo  $m$ .

**Chinese Remainder Theorem:** Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  be pairwise relatively prime positive integers  $> 1$  and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be integers. Then the system...

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1},$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2},$$

...

$$x \equiv a_n \pmod{m_n}$$

has a unique solution modulo  $m = m_1 * m_2 * \dots * m_n$  such that  $0 \leq x < m$  and  $x \equiv a_1 * s_1 * M_1 + a_2 * s_2 * M_2 + \dots + a_n * s_n * M_n$  where  $s_i$  is the Bezout Coefficient and  $M_i$  is  $m / m_i$ .

**Back Substitution:** Starting from the smallest mod  $m$ , substitute the congruence into the next smallest mod  $m$  until the entire system is substituted; then, find the inverse and solve for  $x$ .

**Fermat's Little Theorem:** If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is an integer not divisible by  $p$ , then

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

$$\forall a(a^p \equiv a \pmod{p})$$

**Pseudoprimes:** A pseudoprime to the base  $b$  is a composite integer  $n$  that satisfies the congruence,

$$b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

**Pseudo Random:** a systematic method of generating random numbers

**Linear Congruential Method:** Given a modulus  $m$ , increment  $c$ , multiplier  $a$ , and seed  $x_0$ , the  $i$ th random number is equal to...

$$x_i = (ax_{i-1} + c) \pmod{m}$$

**Parity Check Bits:** An extra bit appended to the end of a bit string equal to the sum of the digits of the bits mod 2, which allows to ensure that an odd number of errors did not occur.

**Single Error:** error in a single digit

**Transposition Error:** swapped placement of two digits

**ISBN Check Digit:** A digit at the end of an ISBN to satisfy the equation,

$$\sum_{i=1}^{10} d_i * i$$

*Note: If  $C = 10$ , since a digit cannot be two digits, then  $C = X$ .*

**Totient Function:** Denoted,  $\Phi(n)$ , the function returns the number of integers relatively prime to  $n$ .

**Euler's Theorem:** If  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then  $a^{\Phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

## 4 Induction

**Mathematical Induction:** To prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n$ , where  $P(n)$  is a proposition function, prove two steps:

- Base Step: Verify  $P(1)$  is true
- Inductive Step: Show that  $P(k)$  implies  $P(k + 1)$  for all positive integers  $k$

$$(P(1) \wedge \forall k(P(k) \rightarrow P(k + 1))) \rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$

**Inductive Hypothesis:** Assumption that  $P(k)$  is true

**Harmonic Series:** Sum of  $1 + 1/2 + 1/3 + \dots + 1/n + \dots$

**Strong Induction:** To prove that  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n$ , where  $P(n)$  is a proposition function, prove two steps:

- Base Step: Verify  $P(1)$  is true
- Inductive Step: Assume that  $P(j)$  is true for all  $j \leq k$  and show that  $P(k+1)$  is true

$$(P(1) \wedge ((P(1) \wedge P(2) \wedge \dots P(k)) \rightarrow P(k + 1))) \rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$

**Well-Ordering Property:** Every nonempty subset of nonnegative integers has a smallest element

## 5 Recursion

**Recursively Defined Functions:** A function defined by a base case and a recursive step:

- Base Step: The initial values in which the function
- Recursive Step: Rules of finding new values that are true based off known values

**Fibonacci Sequence:**  $f_0 = 0; f_1 = 1; f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$  for  $n > 1$  with the difference between two terms approaching the **golden ratio**,  $\Phi = \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}$ .

**Well-Defined:** Every valued can be determined unambiguously

**Lame's Theorem:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers where  $a \geq b$ . Then, the number of divisions used by the Euclidean algorithm to find  $\gcd(a, b)$  is less than or equal to  $5x$  the digits in  $b$  (base-10).

**Exclusion Rule:** An (assumed) rule which states that elements not in the definition of a recursively defined set is not in the set

**Well-Formed Formulae:** Recursion can define a set based on truth values, logical connectives, arithmetic operators, etc

**Exponentiation Symbol:**  $\uparrow$

**Rooted Trees:** A set of vertices containing a distinguished vertex call the **root** and edges connecting those vertices defined by recursive rules

**Extended Binary Trees:** recursively defined as...

Basis Step: Empty Set is an extended Binary Tree

Recursive Step: If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are nonempty disjoint extended binary trees, there is an extended binary tree consisting of  $T_1$ , the root, and  $T_2$ .

**Full Binary Trees:** (when each parent has either no children or two children) recursively defined as...

Basis Step: The root is a full binary tree

Recursive Step: If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are nonempty disjoint full binary trees, there is an full binary tree consisting of  $T_1$ , the root, and  $T_2$ .

**Height of a Full Binary Tree:**  $h(t)$  is the height of a full binary tree, recursively defined as...

Basis Step: The height of a full binary tree consisting only of the root  $h(r) = 0$ .

Recursive Step: If  $T_1$  and  $T_2$  are nonempty disjoint full binary trees, then the full binary tree  $T$  has height  $h(T) = \max(h(T_1), h(T_2))$ .

**Nodes of a Full Binary Tree:**  $n(t)$  is the number of nodes of a full binary tree...

$$n(T) \leq 2^{h(T)+1} - 1$$

**Structural Induction:**

- Base Step: Show the result holds for all elements defined in the basis step of the recursive definition
- Inductive Step: Show that if the statement is true for each of the elements used to construct new elements in the recursive step of the definition, the result holds for the new elements

**Recursive Algorithm:** An algorithm which solves a problem by reducing its input to an instance of the same problem the smaller input

**Iterative Solution:** Applying the recursive definition to the base cases to get to larger inputs

**Merge Sort Lemma:** Two sorted lists with  $m$  and  $n$  elements can be merged into a sorted list using no more than  $m + n - 1$  comparisons.

**Merge Sort Theorem:** The number of comparisons total for merge sort with an  $n$  element list is  $O(n * \log(n))$

## 6 Algorithms

### 6.1 Algorithms

**Algorithm:** Finite sequence of instructions to solve an algorithm

**Optimization Problem:** maximize or minimize the value of some parameter

**Greedy Algorithm:** make the best choice at each step

**Algorithmic Paradigm:** general approach to construct algorithms for solving problems

**Brute Force Algorithm:** solve the problem using the statement of the problem and definitions of terms

**Tractable:** problem solvable by using an algorithm with worst case polynomial-complexity (belong to the class P)

**Unsolvable:** a problem which cannot be solved using an algorithm

### 6.2 The Growth of Functions

**Big-O Notation:** Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions from  $\mathbb{Z}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  or  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f(x)$  is  $O(g(x))$  if there are constants  $C$  and  $k$  such that

$$|f(x)| \leq C |g(x)|$$

whenever  $x > k$ , where  $C$  and  $k$  are called the **witnesses**. Two functions with the same Big-O have the same order.

**Big O Theorems:**

- The big-O of a  $n$ th-degree polynomial is  $O(x^n)$ .
- The big-O of the sum of two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is  $O(\max(f(x), g(x)))$ .
- The big-O of the product of two functions  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is  $O(f(x)) * O(g(x))$ .
- $\log(n!)$  is  $O(n * \log(n))$

**Master Theorem:** For a function  $f(n) = a * f(n/b) + c * n^d$  whenever  $n = b^k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $a \geq 1$ ,  $b \in \mathbb{Z} > 1$  and  $c, d \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $c$  being positive and  $d$  being nonnegative,

$$O(f(n)) = \begin{cases} O(n^d) & a < b^d \\ O(n^d * \log(n)) & a = b^d \\ O(n^{\log_b(a)}) & a > b^d \end{cases}$$

## 7 Counting

### 7.1 Counting Methods:

**Counting Principle:** Suppose an experiment's outcome has  $k$  independent components. Then, the total number of outcomes is the product of the outcomes of each component, denoted by  $n_i$ .

$$\prod_{i=1}^k n_i$$

$$|A_1 \times A_2 \times \dots \times A_n| = |A_1| * |A_2| * \dots * |A_n|$$

**Addition Principle:** Suppose a collection of outcomes is partitioned into  $k$  subcollections. Then, the total number of outcomes is the sum of the outcomes of each subcollection, denoted by  $n_i$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^k n_i$$

**Permutation Principle:** Given  $n$  distinguishable objects, there are  $n!$  ways to arrange them.

$$0! = 1; (n > 0) : n! = \prod_{i=1}^n i$$

**R-Permutation:** Given  $n$  distinguishable objects, the number of ways to arrange  $r$  objects is

$$\prod_{i=n-r+1}^n i = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

**Distinguishable Principle:** In a collection of  $n$  total outcomes, each outcome is part of a family of  $k$  distinguishable outcomes. The total number of distinguishable outcomes is equal to:

$$\frac{n}{k}$$

**Choose Notation:**

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

**Choosing Principle:** The number of ways to choose k objects out of n objects where order doesn't matter is:

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

*Note: When the order does matter, it is considered a permutation.*

**Permutation Notation:**

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

**Word Counting Principle:** Given n letters, k of which are distinct, such that the first letter repeated  $r_1$  times up to the kth letter repeated  $r_k$  times, the total number of words that can be created from the n letters is:

$$\binom{n}{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k} = \frac{n!}{(r_1)!(r_2)! \dots (r_k)!} = \binom{n}{r_1} \binom{n-r_1}{r_2} \dots \binom{n-r_1-r_2-\dots-r_{k-1}}{r_k}$$

**Non-Negative Integer Solutions:** The number of ways to divide n indistinguishable objects into k bins (where bins may have 0 objects) is:

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

**Positive Integer Solutions:** The number of ways to divide n indistinguishable objects into k bins where each bin must have at least 1 objects is:

$$\binom{(n-i*k) + (k-1)}{k-1}$$

**Partition:** Let S be a non-empty set. A partition  $\pi$  of S is a family  $\pi = \{A_i\}_{i=1}^n$  of non-empty subsets of S satisfying the condition that every element in S belongs to exactly 1  $A_i$ .

$$\bigcup_{i=1}^n A_i = S$$

$$A_i \neq A_j; i \neq j$$

## 7.2 Pigeonhole Principle

**Pigeonhole Principle:** If k is a positive integer and k + 1 or more objects are placed into k boxes, then there is at least one box containing two or more of the objects.

**Generalized Pigeonhole Principle:** If N objects are placed into k boxes, then there is at least one

box containing at least  $\lceil N/k \rceil$  objects.

**Sequence Theorem:** Every sequence of  $n^2 + 1$  distinct real numbers contains a subsequence of length  $n + 1$  that is either strictly increasing or decreasing.

### 7.3 Binomial Coefficients

**Binomial Expansion:** Given the polynomial  $(x+y)^n$ , the binomial expansion of the polynomial is:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k}$$

*Note: when  $x$  and  $y$  both equal 1, then:*

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

*Note: when  $x = 1$  and  $y = -1$ , then:*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^k (-1)^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = (1-1)^n = 0$$

*Note: when  $x = 1$  and  $y = 2$ , then:*

$$\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^k (2)^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = (1+2)^n = 3^n$$

**Pascal's Identity:** For positive integers  $n$  and  $k$  with  $n \geq k$ ,

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

**Pascal's Triangle:** A triangle of binomial coefficients with rows starting at  $n = 0$  and diagonals from the top right starting at  $k = 0$ .

**Vandermonde's Identity:** For nonnegative integers  $m$ ,  $n$ , and  $r$  with  $r \leq n$  and  $r \leq m$ ,

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

*Note: when  $m = n = r$ , then:*

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

**Hockey Stick Theorem:** For nonnegative integers with  $r \leq n$ ,

$$\binom{n+1}{r+1} = \sum_{j=r}^n \binom{j}{r}$$

## 8 Relations

### 8.1 Properties of Relations

**Binary Relation:** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A binary relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is a subset  $A \times B$ . When an element  $(a, b) \in R$  where  $a \in A$  and  $b \in B$ ,  $a$  is said to be related to  $b$  by relation  $R$ .

**Inverse Relation:** For sets  $A$  and  $B$ , the inverse of relation  $R = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$ , is  $R^{-1} = \{(b, a) \mid a \in A \wedge b \in B\}$ .

**Functions as Relations:** A function  $f$  assigns exactly one element of  $B$  to each element of  $A$ . The graph of  $f$  is the set of ordered pairs  $(a, b)$  such that  $b = f(a)$ .

**Relation on a Set:** A relation on a set  $A$  is a relation from  $A$  to  $A$ .

**Reflexive:** A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called reflexive if  $(a, a) \in R$  for every element  $a \in A$ .

$$\forall a((a, a) \in R)$$

**Symmetric:** A relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is called symmetric if  $(b, a) \in R$  whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  for all  $a, b \in A$ .

$$\forall a \forall b((a, b) \in R \rightarrow (b, a) \in R)$$

**Antisymmetric:** A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called antisymmetric if for all  $a, b \in A$ , if  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, a) \in R$ , then  $a = b$ .

$$\forall a \forall b(((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, a) \in R) \rightarrow (a = b))$$

**Transitive:** A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is called transitive if whenever  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in R$  implies  $(a, c) \in R$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$ .

$$\forall a \forall b \forall c(((a, b) \in R \wedge (b, c) \in R) \rightarrow (a, c) \in R)$$

**Composite Relation:** Let  $R$  be a relation from set  $A$  to set  $B$  and  $S$  be a relation from set  $B$  to set  $C$ . Then, the composite relation of  $R$  and  $S$  is a relation consisting of ordered pairs  $(a, c)$  where  $a \in A$  and  $c \in C$ , where there exists an element  $b \in B$  such that  $(a, b) \in R$  and  $(b, c) \in S$ , denoted by  $S \circ R$ .

**Powers of Relations:** Let  $R$  be a relation of set  $A$ . The powers  $R^n$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  are defined recursively by  $R^1 = R$ ;  $R^{n+1} = R^n \circ R$ .

**Transitive Theorem:** A relation  $R$  on set  $A$  is transitive if and only if  $R^n \subseteq R$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

## 8.2 Equivalence Relations

**Equivalence Relation:** A relation on a set  $A$  is called an equivalence relation if it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

**Equivalent Elements:** Two elements  $a$  and  $b$  that are related by a equivalence relation are called equivalent, denoted  $a \sim b$ .