

Summary on Lecture 9, November 3, 2014

• More examples on the principle of inclusion and exclusion:

(3) Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6\}$ ,  $B = \{b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4, b_5\}$ . Then  $N = |\mathcal{F}(A, B)| = 5^6$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} N &= 5^6 \\ N(c_i) &= 4^6 \\ N(c_{i_1}c_{i_2}) &= 3^6 \\ N(c_{i_1}c_{i_2}c_{i_3}) &= 2^6 \\ N(c_{i_1}c_{i_2}c_{i_3}c_{i_4}) &= 1^6 \end{aligned}$$

We obtain the answer:

$$\begin{aligned} |\mathcal{F}^{\text{onto}}(A, B)| &= 5^6 - \binom{5}{1}4^6 + \binom{5}{2}3^6 - \binom{5}{3}2^6 + \binom{5}{4}1^6 \\ &= 15,625 - 5 \cdot 4,096 + 10 \cdot 729 - 10 \cdot 64 + 5 \cdot 1 \\ &= 15,625 - 20,480 + 7,290 - 640 + 5 = 1,800 \end{aligned}$$

(4) **Euler function.** For given positive integer  $n$ , consider the set of numbers  $m$  such that  $1 \leq m < n$  and  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ . Leonhard Euler defined the function:

$$\phi(n) = ||\{ m \mid 1 \leq m < n, \text{ and } \gcd(m, n) = 1 \}|.$$

Here is the values of  $\phi(n)$  for some  $n$ :

$n$	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$\phi(n)$	1	2	2	4	2	6	4	9	4	10	4	12	6	8	8	16

There is a simple formula to compute  $\phi(n)$ . Recall that for every integer  $n$  there exist primes  $p_1, \dots, p_s$  and positive  $e_1, \dots, e_s$  such that  $n = p_1^{e_1} \dots p_s^{e_s}$ . Here is the formula:

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{i=1}^s \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right)$$

**Example:** Let  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} p_4^{e_4}$ , and  $S = \{1, \dots, n\}$ . We notice that for  $m < n$  with  $\gcd(m, n) > 1$ ,  $m$  has to be divisible by one of the primes  $p_i$ . We say that “ $m$  satisfies  $c_i$ ” iff  $p_i | m$ . Let

$$S_i = \{ m \in S \mid p_i | m \}, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, 4.$$

Then  $N = |S| = n$ ,  $N(c_i) = |S_i| = \frac{n}{p_i}$ . Then  $N(c_i c_j) = \frac{n}{p_i p_j}$ ,  $N(c_i c_j c_k) = \frac{n}{p_i p_j p_k}$ ,  $N(c_1 c_2 c_3 c_4) = \frac{n}{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} N(\bar{c}_1 \bar{c}_2 \bar{c}_3 \bar{c}_4) &= n - \left( \frac{n}{p_1} + \frac{n}{p_2} + \frac{n}{p_3} + \frac{n}{p_4} \right) + \left( \frac{n}{p_1 p_2} + \frac{n}{p_1 p_3} + \frac{n}{p_1 p_4} + \frac{n}{p_2 p_3} + \frac{n}{p_2 p_4} + \frac{n}{p_3 p_4} \right) \\ &\quad - \left( \frac{n}{p_1 p_2 p_3} + \frac{n}{p_1 p_2 p_4} + \frac{n}{p_1 p_3 p_4} + \frac{n}{p_2 p_3 p_4} \right) + \frac{n}{p_1 p_2 p_3 p_4} \end{aligned}$$

It is easy to check:

$$N(\bar{c}_1\bar{c}_2\bar{c}_3\bar{c}_4) = \frac{n(p_1-1)(p_2-1)(p_3-1)(p_4-1)}{p_1p_2p_3p_4} = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_4}\right).$$

**Examples:** (1) Let  $p$  be a prime. Then  $\phi(p) = p - 1$ , and  $\phi(p^k) = p^{k-1}(p - 1)$ .

(2) Since  $2014 = 2 \cdot 19 \cdot 53$ , we obtain:

$$\phi(2014) = 2 \cdot 19 \cdot 53 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{19}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{53}\right) = 18 \cdot 52 = 936.$$

- **Recursive definitions.** There are many mathematical objects which we can define only *recursively*. We start with well-known example:

(1) **Fibonacci numbers**  $F_n$ . We define:

(B)  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$ ,

(R)  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

Here are the first few values of  $F_n$ :

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$F_n$	0	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144	233	377	610

We prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n F_i^2 = F_n F_{n+1}$  by induction. Indeed, it's true if  $n = 1$ .

Assume  $\sum_{i=1}^k F_i^2 = F_k F_{k+1}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} F_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^k F_i^2 + F_{k+1}^2 \\ &= F_k F_{k+1} + F_{k+1}^2 = F_{k+1}(F_k + F_{k+1}) = F_{k+1} F_{k+2}. \end{aligned}$$

(2) We define a sequence of numbers  $a_n$  as:

(B)  $a_0 = 1$ ,  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_2 = 1$ , and

(R)  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  for  $n \geq 3$ .

Here are the first few values of  $a_n$ :

$n$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
$a_n$	1	1	1	2	3	5	8	13	21	34	55	89	144	233	377	

We notice that  $a_n = F_{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 3$ . We would like to prove that  $a_{n+2} \geq (\sqrt{2})^n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . Indeed, it's true if  $n = 0, 1$ . Assume  $a_{k+2} \geq (\sqrt{2})^k$  for all  $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$ . We should prove that  $a_{n+3} \geq (\sqrt{2})^{n+1}$ . We have:

$$\begin{aligned} a_{n+3} = a_{n+2} + a_{n+1} &\geq (\sqrt{2})^n + (\sqrt{2})^{n-1} \\ &= (\sqrt{2})^{n-1}(\sqrt{2} + 1) \geq (\sqrt{2})^{n-1} \cdot 2 = (\sqrt{2})^{n+1}. \end{aligned}$$

Here we use that  $\sqrt{2} + 1 \geq 2$  and  $2 = (\sqrt{2})^2$ .

(3) We can define recursively the binomial coefficients  $\binom{n}{r}$ :

(B)  $\binom{n}{0} = 1$ ,  $\binom{n}{0} = 0$  if  $r < 0$  and  $r > n$ .

(R)  $\binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n}{r} + \binom{n}{r-1}$ .

(4) We define factorial  $\text{FAC}(n)$ :

(B)  $\text{FAC}(0) = 1$

(R)  $\text{FAC}(n) = \text{FAC}(n-1) \cdot n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

(5) We define the Harmonic numbers  $H_n$ :

(B)  $H_1 = 1$

(R)  $H_n = H_{n-1} + \frac{1}{n}$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

(6) We define the sequence  $\text{SEC}(n)$ :

(B)  $\text{SEC}(0) = 1$

(R)  $\text{SEC}(n+1) = \frac{n+1}{\text{SEC}(0)}$ .

**Exercise.** Use induction to prove that the sequence  $\text{SEC}(n)$  is well-defined.

(7) We define the sequence  $T(n)$  as follows:

(B)  $T(1) = 1$

(R)  $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor)$  for  $n \geq 2$ .

We compute a couple of values of  $T(n)$ :

$$T(73) = 2 \cdot T(36) = 2^2 \cdot T(18) = 2^3 \cdot T(9) = 2^4 \cdot T(4) = 2^5 \cdot T(2) = 2^6$$

$$T(2014) = 2 \cdot T(1007) = 2^2 \cdot T(503) = 2^3 \cdot T(251) = 2^4 \cdot T(125) = 2^5 \cdot T(62)$$

$$= 2^6 \cdot T(31) = 2^7 \cdot T(15) = 2^8 \cdot T(7) = 2^9 \cdot T(3) = 2^{10}$$

**Exercise.** Use induction to prove that  $T(n) = \max\{k \mid 2^k \leq n\}$ .

**Exercise.** Define a sequence  $S(n)$  such that  $S(n) = \min\{k \mid n \leq 2^k\}$ .

**Exercise.** Let  $p$  be a prime. Define recursively a sequence  $T_p(n)$  such that

$$T(n) = \max\{k \mid p^k \leq n\}.$$

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**Exercise.** Define recursively what does it mean “well-formed formula”, see Ex. 17, p. 220.