

Summary on Lecture 10, March 4, 2019

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

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

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

(B) $a_0 = 0, a_1 = 0, a_2 = 1,$ and

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

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a_n	0	0	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 $n \geq 2$. Indeed, it's true if $n = 2, 3$. Assume $a_{k+2} \geq (\sqrt{2})^k$ for all $k = 2, 3, \dots, n$. 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) $\binom{n}{0} = 1, \binom{n}{r} = 0$ 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) $\text{SEC}(n+1) = \frac{n+1}{\text{SEC}(n)}$.

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) $T(n) = 2 \cdot T(\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor)$ for $n \geq 2$.
- We compute a couple of values of $T(n)$:

$$\begin{aligned} T(73) &= 2 \cdot T(36) = 2^2 \cdot T(18) = 2^3 \cdot T(9) = 2^4 \cdot T(4) = 2^5 \cdot T(2) = 2^6 \\ T(2019) &= 2 \cdot T(1009) = 2^2 \cdot T(504) = 2^3 \cdot T(252) = 2^4 \cdot T(126) = 2^5 \cdot T(63) \\ &= 2^6 \cdot T(31) = 2^7 \cdot T(15) = 2^8 \cdot T(7) = 2^9 \cdot T(3) = 2^{10} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

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

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

• **Division algorithm and prime numbers.** Recall that if $m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$, and $n \neq 0$, we say that n divides m or m is divisible by n iff $m = n \cdot j$, where $j \in \mathbf{Z}$. We can say also that m is a multiple of n . The notation: $n|m$.

Properties:

- (1) $1|m$ and $m|0$ for any $m \in \mathbf{Z}$;
- (2) $(n|m) \wedge (m|k) \implies n|k$;

$$(3) \quad (n|m) \wedge (m|n) \implies m = \pm n;$$

$$(4) \quad \text{if } m = c_1 m_1 + \cdots c_s m_s, \text{ and } n|m_i \text{ for all } i = 1, \dots, s, \text{ then } n|m.$$

Exercise. Prove (3), (4).

Recall that p is a prime number if p has no divisors but 1 and itself. We also recall the following fact (see Lecture 5 for the proof):

Lemma 1. *Let $n \in \mathbf{Z}_+$ be not a prime number. Then there exists a prime p such that $p|n$.*

We use Lemma 1 to prove the following remarkable fact:

Theorem 2. *There is infinite number of primes.*

Proof. Assume there exist only finite number of primes. Let $P = \{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k\}$ is the set of all prime numbers, $|P| = k$. Consider the integer: $p_{k+1} = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_k + 1$. The integer p_{k+1} is either prime or not. If p_{k+1} is not a prime, then by Lemma 1 it has to be divisible by some prime p_j , $j = 1, \dots, k$, but it is not since the remainder will be 1. Thus p_{k+1} is a prime, and $p_{k+1} \in P$. Then $|P| = k + 1$, not $|P| = k$. This two properties cannot hold together. Contradiction. \square

• **Division Algorithm.** First we prove the existence result.

Theorem 2. *Let $m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$, and $n \neq 0$. Then there exist unique integers $q \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ such that $m = n \cdot q + r$.*

Proof. We consider only the case when $m > 0$ and $n > 0$, leaving the remaining cases to you. If $n|m$, then $m = n \cdot q$ for some $q \in \mathbf{Z}$. If $m = n \cdot q'$, then $n \cdot q - n \cdot q' = 0$, or $n(q - q') = 0$, which implies $q = q'$.

Let $n \nmid m$ and $n < m$. Then we consider the set

$$S = \{ m - t \cdot n \mid m - t \cdot n > 0 \}.$$

We notice that $S \neq \emptyset$ since $m > n$, i.e., $m - 1 \cdot n > 0$. Also, by definition, all elements of S are positive. By the Well-Ordering Principle, there exists a minimal element of S . We denote it by r . We have $m = q \cdot n + r$. We notice that $n > r \geq 0$: indeed, if $r \geq n$, then there is an element $(r - n) = m - (q + 1) \cdot n$ in S . \square

Exercise. Prove uniqueness of q and r in the case when $m > n > 0$.

• **The Euclidian Algorithm: warm-up.** Recall: let $m, n \in \mathbf{Z}$, and $n \neq 0$. Then there exist unique integers $q \in \mathbf{Z}$ and $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ such that $m = n \cdot q + r$.

We look at the division:

$$m = q \cdot n + r, \quad 0 \leq r < n.$$

The following fact is very important for us: it gives a key to compute $\gcd(m, n)$ for arbitrary integers m and n . Euclid has discovered this property around 2,300 years ago.

Lemma 1. $\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(n, r)$.

Proof. We will show that every common divisor of m and n is also a common divisor of n and r , and that every common divisor of n and r is also a common divisor of m and n .

Indeed, let $d|m$ and $d|n$. Then, since $r = m - q \cdot n$, $d|r$. Thus d is a common divisor of n and r .

Let $d|n$ and $d|r$. Then, since $m = q \cdot n + r$, $d|m$. Thus d is a common divisor of m and n .

Now, since the common divisors of the pairs (m, n) and (n, r) coincide, the greatest common divisor is the same, i.e., $\gcd(m, n) = \gcd(n, r)$. \square

Examples. We compute few examples:

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(27, 5) &= \gcd(5, 2) = \gcd(2, 1) = 1 \\ \gcd(183, 15) &= \gcd(15, 3) = \gcd(3, 0) = 3 \\ \gcd(2014, 323) &= \gcd(323, 76) = \gcd(76, 19) = \gcd(19, 0) = 19.\end{aligned}$$

We introduce the notations: $(m \text{ DIV } n) := q$, and $(m \text{ MOD } n) := r$. Thus we can write:

$$m = (m \text{ DIV } n) \cdot n + (m \text{ MOD } n).$$

We fix $n > 0$ and then we say that m and m' are equal **mod** n iff $(m - m' \text{ MOD } n) = 0$, i.e. that $m - m'$ is divisible by n .

Example. Let $n = 5$. Then there are only possible remainders are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4. Thus we can put together all integers in 5 different classes:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &:= \{0, \pm 5, \pm 2 \cdot 5, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{1} := \{1, 1 \pm 5, 1 \pm 2 \cdot 5, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{2} := \{2, 2 \pm 5, 2 \pm 2 \cdot 5, \dots\}, \\ \mathbf{3} &:= \{3, 3 \pm 5, 3 \pm 2 \cdot 5, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{4} := \{4, 4 \pm 5, 4 \pm 2 \cdot 5, \dots\}.\end{aligned}$$

Now we can add the classes: say, let $4 + 5j \in \mathbf{4}$, and $1 + 5i \in \mathbf{1}$. Then

$$4 + 5j + 1 + 5i = 5(1 + i + j) \in \mathbf{0},$$

and we choose different numbers in $\mathbf{4}$ and $\mathbf{1}$, the result will be the same. Thus we have that $\mathbf{4} + \mathbf{1} = \mathbf{0}$. Similarly, we can multiply. Say, let $2 + 5j \in \mathbf{2}$, and $3 + 5i \in \mathbf{3}$. Then

$$(2 + 5j)(3 + 5i) = 6 + 5 \cdot 3i + 5 \cdot 2j + 5 \cdot 5ji = 1 + 5(3i + 2j + 5ji) \in \mathbf{1}.$$

Thus $\mathbf{2} \cdot \mathbf{3} = \mathbf{1}$. Here are the addition and multiplication tables **mod** 5:

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

×	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

Example. Let $n = 6$. Then there are only possible remainders are 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5. Thus we can put together all integers in 6 different classes:

$$\begin{aligned}\mathbf{0} &:= \{0, \pm 6, \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{1} := \{1, 1 \pm 6, 1 \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{2} := \{2, 2 \pm 6, 2 \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}, \\ \mathbf{3} &:= \{3, 3 \pm 6, 3 \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{4} := \{4, 4 \pm 6, 4 \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}, \quad \mathbf{5} := \{5, 5 \pm 6, 5 \pm 2 \cdot 6, \dots\}.\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we can add and multiply. Here are the addition and multiplication tables **mod** 6:

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

×	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

We notice that $2 \cdot 3 = 0$, $4 \cdot 3 = 0$, and $3 \cdot 3 = 3$.

Exercise. Write the addition and multiplication tables for $n = 10$ and $n = 11$.

Example. Compute last three digits of the following integer: 2019^{79} .

In other words, we have to compute $2019^{79} \bmod 1000$. To warm-up, we compute $2019^{2^k} \bmod 1000$ for several values of k :

$$\begin{aligned} 2019^1 &= 19 &= 19 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^2 &= 19^2 &= 361 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^{2^2} &= 361^2 &= 321 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^{2^3} &= 321^2 &= 41 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^{2^4} &= 41^2 &= 681 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^{2^5} &= 681^2 &= 761 &\bmod 1000, \\ 2019^{2^6} &= 761^2 &= 121 &\bmod 1000. \end{aligned}$$

Now we find a binary decomposition of 79: We have: $79 = 1 + 2 + 4 + 8 + 64 = 1 + 2 + 2^2 + 2^3 + 2^6$. Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} 2019^{79} &= 2019^1 \cdot 2019^2 \cdot 2019^{2^2} \cdot 2019^{2^3} \cdot 2019^{2^6} \\ &= 19 \cdot 361 \cdot 321 \cdot 41 \cdot 121 && \bmod 1000 \\ &= (19 \cdot 361) \cdot (321 \cdot 41) \cdot 121 && \bmod 1000 \\ &= 859 \cdot 161 \cdot 121 && \bmod 1000 \\ &= 859 \cdot (161 \cdot 121) && \bmod 1000 \\ &= 859 \cdot 481 && \bmod 1000 \\ &= 179 && \bmod 1000 \end{aligned}$$

The answer: $2019^{79} = 179 \bmod 1000$.

Exercise. Compute last two digits of the integer 2019^{2019} .