

New Office Hours: M 11:45am - 1:15pm, T 4:45pm - 5+,
WF 9:40 - 10:10am, Th 2:30 - 3:15pm, and by appointment.

Thm 2.1.1. Pigeonhole Principle (weak form): If you have $n+1$ pigeons in n pigeonholes, then at least one pigeonhole will be occupied by 2 or more pigeons.

Thm 2.1.1 If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function and $|A| = n + 1$, and $|B| = n$, then f is not 1:1.

Cor: If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function and A is finite and $|A| > |B|$, then f is not 1:1.

Note that the domain must have more elements than the codomain to **guarantee** that f is not 1:1 as the following example illustrates: $id : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$, $id(k) = k$ is 1 : 1.

Recall that the *converse* of $[p \text{ implies } q]$ is $[q \text{ implies } p]$. Note the converse of a theorem is frequently false as the following example illustrates:

$c : \{1, \dots, n\} \rightarrow \{1, \dots, n\}$, $id(k) = 1$ is not 1 : 1, but domain does not have more elements than the codomain.

$f : A \rightarrow B$ a function which is not 1:1 does not imply $|A| > |B|$.

The *contrapositive* of $[p \text{ implies } q]$ is $[\text{not } q \text{ implies not } p]$. The contrapositive of a theorem is true:

Cor: If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function which is 1:1, then $|A| \leq |B|$.

Related theorem:

Thm AB: Thm 2.1.1 If $f : A \rightarrow B$ is a function and if $|A| = n = |B|$, then f is 1:1 iff f is onto.

Application 6: Chinese remainder theorem:

Suppose $m, n, a, b \in \mathcal{Z}$, $(m, n) = 1$, $0 \leq a \leq m-1$, $0 \leq b \leq n-1$, then $\exists x \geq 0$ such that $x = pm + a = qn + b$ for $p, q \in \mathcal{Z}$.

Moreover can take $p \in \{0, \dots, n-1\}$.

Scratch work:

a is the remainder when x is divided by m .

b is the remainder when x is divided by n .

$$x = a \pmod{m}, \quad x = b \pmod{n}.$$

Proof plus thoughts:

We need to use the Pigeonhole principle (or related theorem). Thus we need to create objects. We are interested in $pm + a$ for some unknown $p \in \mathcal{Z}$. Thus one idea is to create the following objects:

$$\mathcal{O} = \{a, m + a, 2m + a, \dots, (n-1)m + a\}.$$

Note \mathcal{O} has _____ distinct objects.

We need to create boxes. What else are we interested in? How about remainders?

Let $r_k =$ the remainder of $km + a$ when divided by n .

Properties of r_k :

Thm 2.2.1 Pigeonhole Principle (strong form): Let q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n be positive integers. If $q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_n - n + 1$ objects are put into n boxes, then for some i the i th box contains at least q_i objects

Proof Outline:

Cor: Pigeonhole Principle (weak form):

Proof. Let $q_i = 2$ for all i .

Cor: If $n(r - 1) + 1$ objects are put into n boxes, then there exists a box containing at least r objects.

Proof: Let $q_i = r$ for all i . Note $nr - n + 1 = n(r - 1) + 1$.

Cor A: If $m_i \in \mathcal{Z}_+$ and if $\frac{m_1 + \dots + m_n}{n} > r - 1$, then there exists an i such that $m_i \geq r$.

Cor A: If $m_i \in \mathcal{Z}_+$ and if $\frac{m_1 + \dots + m_n}{n} \geq r$, then there exists an i such that $m_i \geq r$.

Lemma B: If $\frac{m_1 + \dots + m_n}{n} < r$, then there exists an i s. t. $m_i < r$.

Appl: Suppose you have 20 pairs of shoes in your closet. If you grab n shoes at random, what should n be so that you are guaranteed to have a matching pair of shoes.

Appl: Suppose you have 20 pairs of socks. If you grab n socks at random, what should n be so that you are guaranteed to have a matching pair of shoes.

Appl: Suppose you have 20 pairs of socks. If 7 are black and 13 are white, and if you grab n socks at random, what should n be so that you are guaranteed to have a pair of socks of the same color.

Appl 7: If you have an arbitrary number of apples, bananas and oranges, what is the smallest number of these fruits that one needs to put in a basket in order to guarantee there are at least 8 apples or at least 6 bananas or at least 9 oranges in the basket.