

CS 222 Lec 8

Pigeonhole Principle

①  $n+1$  pigeons  
 $n$  holes

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$\exists$  a hole with  $\geq 2$  pigeons

"Generalized"

②  $m \cdot n + 1$  pigeons  
 $n$  holes

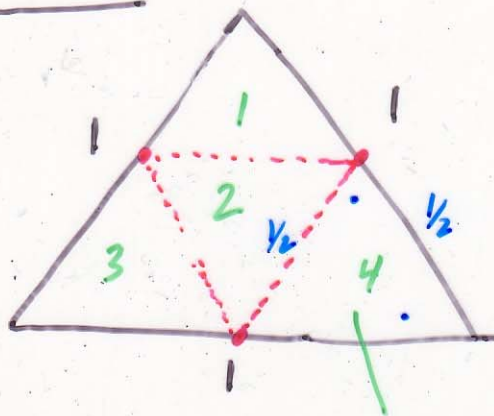
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$\exists$  a hole with  $\geq m+1$  pigeons

Example

Claim: Every equilateral triangle (sidelength = 1) contain 5 pts, has two points that are within a distance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  from each other.

Proof



buckets =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

There are 4 buckets and 5 points, so one bucket must contain two points  $\rightarrow$  these at most a distance of  $1/2$  apart.

□

Claim Given any 7 integers  
 a subset of 4 of them will  
 have the sum of their  
 squares divisible by 4.

$$\{ \underset{\bullet}{a}, \underset{\bullet}{b}, \underset{\bullet}{c}, \underset{\bullet}{d}, \underset{\bullet}{e}, \underset{\bullet}{f}, \underset{\bullet}{g} \}$$

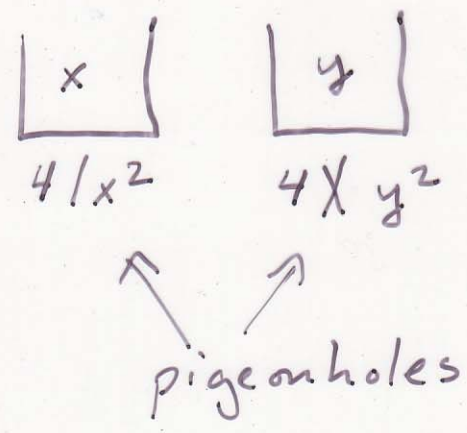
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$\{ a, c, d, f \}$  some subset

Claim says  $4 \mid (a^2 + c^2 + d^2 + f^2)$

Proof use Pigeonhole Principle

pigeons = given 7 numbers



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By G.P.H.P., one of  
these buckets has  $\geq 4$  numbers

Case 1:  $\frac{|x|}{4|x^2|}$  bucket has  $\geq 4$  numbers

Choose 4 of these numbers  
for the subset  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$

$$4 \mid (x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2 + x_4^2)$$

Case 2:  $\frac{|y|}{4|y^2|}$  bucket has  $\geq 4$  numbers

for each number  $\frac{4|y^2|}{y}$

so  $2 \nmid y \Rightarrow y$  is odd

$$y = 2k + 1$$

$$y^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

$$y^2 = 4m + 1$$

pick  $y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4$  from  
the bucket

$$y_1^2 = 4m_1^2 + 1$$

$$y_2^2 = 4m_2^2 + 1$$

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$$(y_1^2 + y_2^2 + y_3^2 + y_4^2) = 4( ) + 4$$

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so this is  
divisible by 4



## Sets

Defn a set is a collection  
of elements

e.g.  $\mathbb{R}$  = set of real numbers

$C$  = people in this class  
(finite)

$x \in A$  =  $x$  is an element of  $A$

$\mathbb{Z}$  = set of integers

$\mathbb{Q}$  = rational numbers

$\mathbb{N}$  = natural numbers

=  $\{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

# Subsets

Sets  $A, B$

$A$  is a subset of  $B$  if

$$\forall x \in A \Rightarrow x \in B$$

notation  $A \subseteq B$

e.g.  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

# Equality

$$A = B \Leftrightarrow \begin{matrix} 1) A \subseteq B \\ 2) B \subseteq A \end{matrix}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} \subsetneq \mathbb{R} \quad \text{since}$$

$$\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R} \quad \text{but} \quad \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

# Empty Set $\emptyset = \{\}$

Note  $\emptyset \subseteq A$  for all sets  $A$

### Set-Builder Notation

$$A = \{ x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 3x + 2 \geq 10 \}$$

all ~~the~~ elements must satisfy all conditions listed

$$B = \{ 5y + 6 \mid y \in \mathbb{N} \}$$

### Set Operations

Intersection

$$A \cap B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \}$$

Union

$$A \cup B = \{ x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B \}$$

Set-Difference

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

Defn Sets  $A + B$  are disjoint  
 if  $A \cap B = \emptyset$

e.g.  $\mathbb{Z}^{<0} \cap \mathbb{N} = \emptyset$

Complement ( need a universal set of reference )  
 $U$

$$\bar{A} = A^c = \{ x \in U \mid x \notin A \}$$

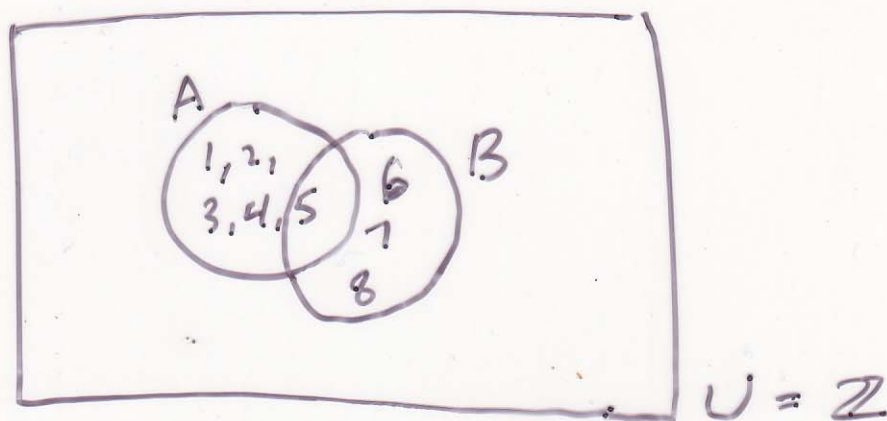
$= A'$

$$U = \mathbb{Z}$$

$$A = \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{ \text{even numbers} \}$$

$$\bar{A} = \text{odd numbers}$$

## Venn Diagrams



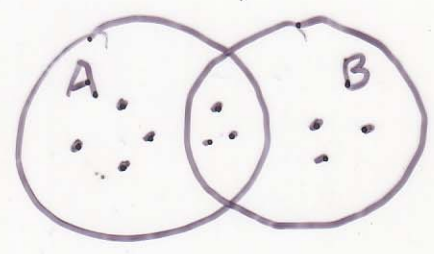
$$A - B = A \cap \bar{B}$$

Defn for finite sets, the size of a set A is the number of elements in it.

notation  $|A| = \text{size of } A$

# Principle of Inclusion-Exclusion

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



$$|A \cup B \cup C| = |A| + |B| + |C| - (|A \cap B| + |B \cap C| + |A \cap C|) + |A \cap B \cap C|$$

