

Day 2

- Counting and its use (数え方とその利用)
 - Everyone knows, but few can use
 - Every mathematical proof uses counting
 - Even the proof of Fermat last theorem by Andrew Wiles
- Today's topic: Pigeonhole principle

Pigeonhole principle

鳩の巣原理

- If N pigeons are in M holes and $N > M$, there is a hole with at least two pigeons

N 羽の鳩が M 個の巣箱に入っているとします。

$N > M$ なら、2羽以上の鳩が入っている巣がある



Figure is taken
from Wikipedia

In modern mathematics

現代数学風に書くと

Consider a map F from a finite set S to T .
If $|S| > |T|$, the map cannot be injective.

- 有限集合 S から有限集合 T への写像 F があるとき、 $|S| > |T|$ なら F は単射ではない

Note: Many of you may be confused just because of ignorance of “mathematical language”, and it is irrelevant to your mathematical ability.

Paul Erdős asked to “genius epsilons”



For any set of 101 integers

in the range $[1, 200]$, prove two facts:

200以下の自然数が101個ある。下の2命題を示せ

1. It has a pair of coprime numbers

互いに素な2つの数が必ずある

- 14 and 15, 18 and 35
- $(2, 4, 6, 8, \dots, 200)$ 100 numbers without coprime pair

2. It has a pair one is divisible by another

約数の関係にある2つの数が必ずある。

- 3 and 12, 15 and 45
- $(101, 102, 103, \dots, 200)$ 100 numbers without such pair

Solution for problem 1

- Existence of a coprime pair
互いに素な数の存在を示そう
- Pegions = 101 positive integers \rightarrow $N=101$
- We want to make (at most 100) holes, such that if two integers are in a hole, they are coprime.

101匹のハト(正整数)を入れる100個以下の巣を作る (巣に入る数は素であるように)

Solution for problem 1, cont.

- We make 100 holes
 - $(1, 2), (3, 4), \dots, (i, i+1), \dots, (199, 200)$
 - $M=100$ holes $N=101$ pigeons
 - 巣の数は100、鳩の数は101
- Use pegeon hole principle!
 - For any 101 numbers, there is a hole $(k, k+1)$ contains two of them (pigeons)
 - k and $k+1$ are coprime !

Solution of problem2

- S: a set of 101 positive integers < 201
 - S has a and b such that a is divisible by b
- Pegions = 101 numbers $N = 101$
- How to construct holes
 - Each hole has numbers such that each pair is divisible pair
 - (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128)
 - (3, 6, 18, 90, 180)

Solution of problem2

- Holes: $(1, 2, 4, 8, \dots)$, $(3, 6, 12, 24, \dots)$, $(5, 10, 20, \dots)$,
 $(2i+1, 2(2i+1), 4(2i+1), \dots), \dots, (197), (199)$
 - Odd number and its multiple by 2 powers
奇数とその2べき倍
 - 100 holes covering all integers < 201
200 以下の数は必ずどこかに入っている
 - There are regions $a > b$ in the same hole
同じ巣に入る2羽の鳩 $a > b$ が居る。
 - $a = 2^k b$

Pegionhole principle: advanced

- Show that any set of 10 natural numbers < 101 has two subsets such that the sum of numbers in subsets are same.
- 100 以下の10個の自然数の集合は2つの部分集合で、その成分和が等しいものを持つことを示せ
- $(1, 3, 8, 16, 20, 50) \rightarrow 1+3+20 = 24 = 8+16$
- What are pigeons? What are holes?

Solution

- Given a set S of 10 numbers
- Holes: 1,2,3,..., 1000
- Pigeons: Subsets of S
- What means “ a pigeon is in a hole??”
- The rest is given by using whiteboard

Extended pigeonhole principle

- If N pigeons are in M holes and $N > kM$, there is a hole with at least $k+1$ pigeons

N 羽の鳩が M 個の巣箱に入っているとする。

$N > kM$ なら、 $k+1$ 羽以上の鳩が入っている巣がある

Expert use of pigeonhole

Show that any sequence of $n^2 + 1$ different real numbers contains a monotone increasing or decreasing subsequence (not necessarily consequent) of length $n+1$.

長さ n^2+1 の実数列(同じ数はないとする)は必ず長さ $n+1$ 以上の単調増加あるいは単調減少部分列を持つことを示せ。

Erdős -Szekeres's theorem

Proof of Erdos-Szekeres

- Sequence a_1, a_2, \dots, a_N , $N = n^2 + 1$ (pigeons)
- $L(j)$: largest length of increasing subsequence starting from a_j
- $S(k) = \{a_j: L(j) = k\}$
- $S(1), S(2), \dots, S(n)$: holes
 - If there is a pigeon not in the hole, we have an increasing sequence of length $n+1$ (why?)
 - If all pigeons are in the holes, there is a hole containing $n+1$ pigeons
 - The set of elements in the holes makes decreasing sequence
 - Q.E.D (Do you understand? If so, genius!)

Pigeonhole: Algorithmic use

- Given a set S of n points in the plane
- Find the nearest pair of points
- Algorithm (by M. I. Shamos)
 1. Sort S with respect to x -values
 2. Divide S at the middle x -value to A and B
 3. Recursively find nearest pairs in A and B independently
 4. Deal with pairs (a, b) such that $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ using pigeonhole