

# The Pigeonhole Principle:

- If  $K+1$  pigeons fly into  $K$  holes, then some hole contains at least 2 pigeons
- If  $m$  pigeons fly into  $n$  holes, then some hole contains at least  $\lceil \frac{m}{n} \rceil$  pigeons.

Eg.  $\overset{m}{25}$  pigeons into  $n=12$  holes.  $\lceil \frac{m}{n} \rceil = \lceil 2 + \frac{1}{12} \rceil = 3$ .

Simon drinks at least 1 beer every day. ←

Last April (which has 30 days), Simon drank exactly 45 beers.

$$\lceil \frac{5}{2} \rceil = \lceil 2.5 \rceil = 3$$


Claim: There was a sequence of consecutive days in April when Simon drank exactly 14 beers.

$$\lceil \frac{45}{30} \rceil = \lceil 1.5 \rceil = 2$$

Proof: For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, 30\}$  let  $a_i$  be the number of beers Simon drank on April  $i$ .

(i) -  $a_i \geq 1$  for each  $i \in \{1, \dots, 30\}$ .

(ii) -  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{30} = 45$ .

- For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, 30\}$  let  $b_i = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_i$

(i) -  $b_{i+1} \geq b_i + 1$

(ii)  $b_{30} = 45$

→  $b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{30}, b_1+14, b_2+14, b_3+14, \dots, b_{30}+14$   
 $m=60$

in the range  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 59\}$ .

some number must appear at least twice.

$$b_i = b_j + 14 \quad i > j \quad 14 = b_i - b_j = a_{j+1} + a_{j+2} + \dots + a_i$$

$$b_i = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_j + a_{j+1} + \dots + a_i$$

$$b_j = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_j$$

• Let  $S$  be an  $(n+1)$ -element subset of  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 2n\}$ .

• Claim:  $S$  contains two different numbers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x$  divides  $y$   $\left[ \frac{y}{x} \text{ is an integer} \right]$ .

• Let  $S = a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{n+1}$ .

• For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n+1\}$ , write  $a_i$  as  $2^{k_i} q_i$  where  $k_i \geq 0$  and  $q_i$  is odd.

$n=4, 2n=8$

$\{2, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

• Define:  $f: \{1, \dots, n+1\} \rightarrow \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \dots, 2n-1\}$

$f(i) = q_i$

$q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots, q_{n+1}$

$a_i = 40 = 2 \cdot 20 = 2^2 \cdot 10 = 2^3 \cdot 5$

$k_i = 3, q_i = 5$

By PHP  $f(i) = f(j)$  for some  $i \neq j$ .

$a_i = 2^{k_i} \cdot q_i$

$k_i \neq k_j$

$a_j = 2^{k_j} \cdot q_j = 2^{k_j} \cdot q_i$

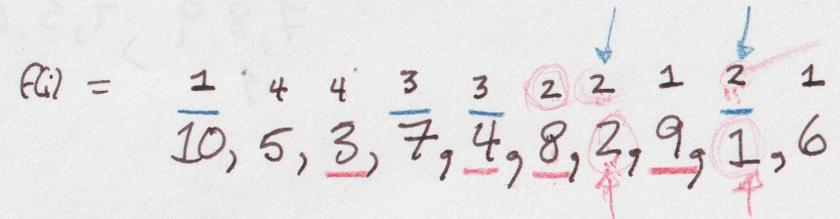
Assume without loss of generality that  $k_i > k_j$

$\frac{a_i}{a_j} = \frac{2^{k_i} \cdot q_i}{2^{k_j} \cdot q_i} = 2^{k_i - k_j} \geq \text{integer}$

Erdős-Szekeres Theorem: Let  $S = a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n^2+1}$  be a sequence of  $n^2+1$  distinct numbers.

Then  $S$  contains an increasing subsequence of length  $n+1$  or  $S$  contains a decreasing subsequence of length  $n+1$ .

$n=3$ .



• For each  $i \in \{1, \dots, n^2+1\}$  let  $f(i)$  be the length of the longest increasing subsequence that begins with  $a_i$ .

10, 9, 8, 7, 6, ... 1  
1, 2, 3, ... 10

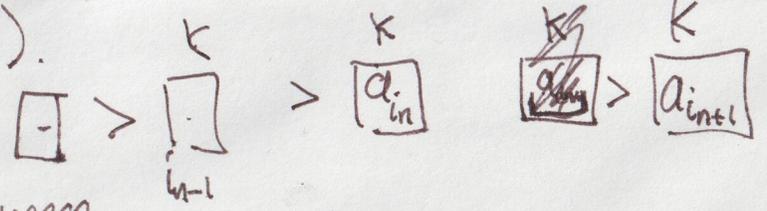
- If  $f(i) \geq n+1$  for some  $i$  then we're done.
- Otherwise  $f(i) \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, n^2+1\}$ .

$$\lceil n + \frac{1}{n} \rceil = n + 1$$

$$f: \{1, 2, \dots, n^2+1\} \rightarrow \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n\}.$$

By PHP, ~~there are~~ some number appears at least  $\lceil \frac{n^2+1}{n} \rceil = n+1$  times.

Suppose  $f(i_1) = f(i_2) = f(i_3) = \dots = f(i_{n+1})$ .



$a_{i_1}, a_{i_2}, \dots, a_{i_{n+1}}$  is a decreasing subsequence.