

Problem 1. (20 points)

Compute the number of permutations  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$  of  $\{1, 2, \dots, 9\}$  such that:

- a)  $x_1 = 2$ ,
- b)  $x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3 = 6$ ,
- c)  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 \pmod 7$ ,
- d)  $x_1 < x_2 < 5$ .

✓ (a)  $x_1 = 2$

Then number of permutations

$\Rightarrow 8! \Rightarrow 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$

ANS: 40320 or  $8!$

✓ (b)  $x_1 \cdot x_2 \cdot x_3 = 6$

So  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{1, 2, 3\}$

So  $3! = 6$  ways of arranging  $x_1, x_2, x_3$   
and  $6!$  ways of arranging the rest

ANS =  $3! \cdot 6! = 6 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1 = 4320$

✓ (c)  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 \pmod 7$

$1 = 1 \pmod 7$   
 $2 = 2 \pmod 7$   
 $3 = 3 \pmod 7$

$4 = 4 \pmod 7$   
 $5 = 5 \pmod 7$   
 $6 = 6 \pmod 7$

$7 = 0 \pmod 7$   
 $8 = 1 \pmod 7$   
 $9 = 2 \pmod 7$

clearly, it is not possible to have  $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 \pmod 7$

ANS: 0

~~(d)  $x_1 < x_2 < 5$~~   
ways to order  $x_3 \dots x_9 = 7!$   
There are 4 numbers  $< 5$ , and therefore  $\frac{7!}{2}$  ways of arranging numbers such that  $x_1 < x_2 < 5$ . Out of these half are such that  $x_1 < x_2$ . So  
ANS =  $\frac{4! \cdot 7!}{2}$

## Problem 2. (20 points)

Let  $X = \mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$  be the set of all integers. For each of these relations  $R$ , decide whether they are reflexive, symmetric or transitive (or neither).

- a)  $xRy$  if and only if  $|x| = |y|$ .  
 b)  $xRy$  if and only if  $x + 2y = 0 \pmod 3$ .  
 c)  $xRy$  if and only if  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 0 \pmod 3$ .  
 d)  $xRy$  if and only if  $x^3 + 122y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$ .

(a)  $xRy$  iff  $|x| = |y|$

→ Reflexive →  $|x| = |x|$ ? Yes.

→ Symmetric? →  $|x| = |y| \Rightarrow |y| = |x|$ ? → YES

→ Transitive →  $|x| = |y|$  and  $|y| = |z|$ , then  $|x| = |z|$ ? → YES

ANS. HENCE, reflexive, symmetric and transitive.  
 Equivalence

(b)

Reflexive? →  $x + 2y = 0 \pmod 3$

$x + 2x = 3x = 0 \pmod 3$  → YES ✓

Symmetric? →  $x + 2y = 0 \pmod 3$

$2y + 3x = 0 \pmod 3$

$3x + 3y = 0 \pmod 3$

$x + 2y = 0 \pmod 3$

$2x + y = 0 \pmod 3$  → YES

Transitive? →  $x + 2y = 0 \pmod 3$

+  $y + 2z = 0 \pmod 3$

$x + 3y + 2z = 0 \pmod 3$

but  $3y = 0 \pmod 3$

Subtracting (1) from (2), we get

→ (1)

→ (2)

$x + 2z = 0 \pmod 3$  → YES

ANS → Reflexive, symmetric and transitive.

Equivalence

CONTINUED →

$xRy$  iff  
 (c)  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 0 \pmod 3$

(a) Reflexive?

$$x^2 + 2x^2 = 0 \pmod 3$$

$$3x^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow \text{YES, Reflexive}$$

(b)  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow (1)$

$3x^2 + 3y^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow (2)$

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(2) - (1)  $2x^2 + y^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow$  Hence symmetric.

(c) Transitive?

$xRy$   $x^2 + 2y^2 = 0 \pmod 3$

$yRz$   $y^2 + 2z^2 = 0 \pmod 3$

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$x^2 + 3y^2 + 2z^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow (3)$

But  $3y^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow (4)$

Subtracting (4) from (3), gives

$x^2 + 2z^2 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow$  Hence transitive

**ANS: Reflexive, Symmetric and Transitive**

(d)  $xRy$  iff  $x^3 + 122y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

(a) Reflexive?

$x^3 + 122x^3 = 0 \pmod 3$  ?

$123x^3 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow \checkmark$  Reflexive  $\checkmark$

(b) Symmetric?

$123x^3 + 123y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

$x^3 + 122y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

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$122x^3 + y^3 = 0 \pmod 3 \rightarrow$  Symmetric  $\checkmark$

(c) Transitive?

$x^3 + 122y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

$y^3 + 122z^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

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$x^3 + 123y^3 + 122z^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

But  $123y^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

therefore

$x^3 + 122z^3 = 0 \pmod 3$

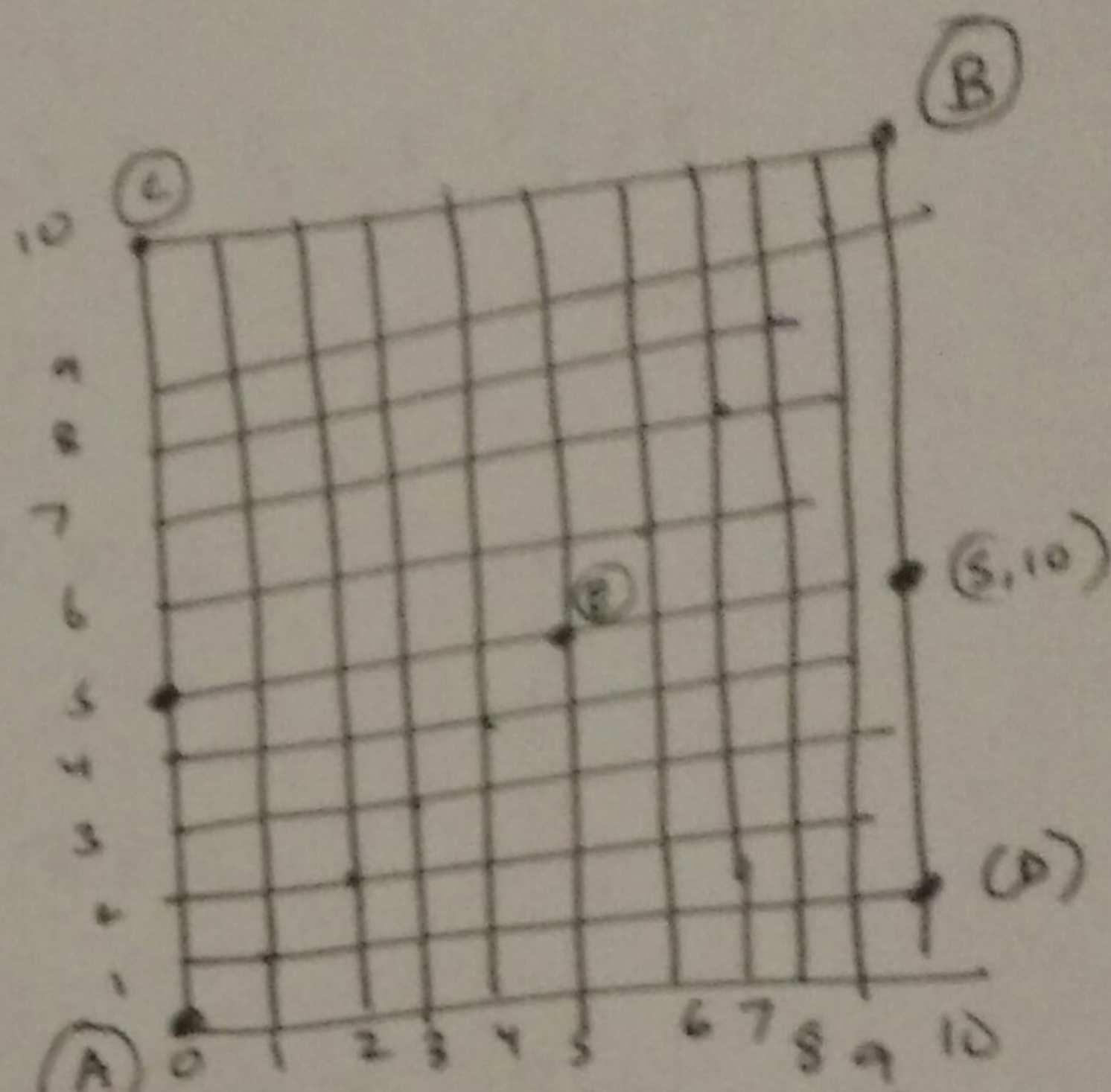
$\rightarrow$  transitive  $\checkmark$

**ANS: REFLEXIVE, SYMMETRIC, TRANSITIVE**

Problem 3. (15 points)

Let  $A = (0,0)$ ,  $B = (10,10)$ . Find the number of (shortest) grid walks  $\gamma$  from  $A$  to  $B$ , such that:

- a)  $\gamma$  never visits points  $(0,10)$ ,  $(10,1)$ ,  $(5,5)$ .
- b)  $\gamma$  visits all points  $(1,1), (2,2), (3,3), \dots, (9,9)$ .
- c)  $\gamma$  visits points  $(5,0)$  and  $(5,10)$ , but not  $(5,5)$ .



a) never  
 # from A to B  
 - # from  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow B$   
 - # from  $A \rightarrow D \rightarrow B$   
 - # from  $A \rightarrow E \rightarrow B$   
 + # from  $A \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow B = 0$   
 (since only straight)

$$\Rightarrow \text{ANS} = \binom{20}{10} - \binom{10}{10} \binom{10}{10} - \binom{10+1}{1} \binom{9+0}{0} - \binom{5+5}{5} \binom{5+5}{5}$$

$$\text{ANS} = \binom{20}{10} - 1 - \binom{11}{1} \binom{9}{0} - \binom{10}{5} \binom{10}{5}$$

$$= \binom{20}{10} - \binom{10}{5} - 12$$

b)  ~~$\Rightarrow \binom{20}{10} - \binom{10}{10} \binom{10}{10} - \binom{11}{1} \binom{9}{0} - \binom{10}{5} \binom{10}{5}$~~  Visits all points  
 $\Rightarrow \binom{2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} + \binom{2}{1} \dots$

$$\text{ANS} \Rightarrow 9 \binom{2}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 18$$

c) Visits  $(5,0)$  and  $(5,10)$  but not  $(5,5)$   
 Must visit  $(5,0)$  first and then  $(5,10)$  for shortest walks.  
 so for  $(5,0) \binom{5+0}{5}$  for  $(5,10) \Rightarrow \binom{10+0}{0} = 1$

$$\text{ANS} = 0$$

Since all paths in this way must pass through  $(5,5)$

Problem 4. (15 points)

Recall the Fibonacci sequence:  $F_1 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3, F_5 = 5, F_6 = 8, \dots$

Prove that  $F_n \leq 2^{n-1}$ .

$$F_2 = 1, F_2 = 1, F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3, F_5 = 5, F_6 = 8.$$

**BASE CASE** :  $F_1 \leq 2^{1-1} ?$

TRUE, as  $F_1 = 1 \leq 1$ .

$$F_2 \leq 2^{2-1} ?$$

TRUE, as  $F_2 = 1 \leq 2$ .

**INDUCTION HYPOTHESIS** :  $F_n \leq 2^{n-1}$  is true for all  $n$ .

To prove this is true for  $n+1$ ?

**PROOF STEP** To prove  $F_{n+1} \leq 2^{(n+1)-1}$   $\square$

$$\text{or } F_{n+1} \leq 2^n$$

~~$$F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1}$$~~

But  $F_n \leq 2^{n-1}$   
and  $F_{n-1} \leq 2^{n-2}$  } from hypothesis

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } F_{n+1} = F_n + F_{n-1} &\leq 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} \\ &\leq 2^{n-2}(2+1) \\ &\leq 3(2^{n-2}) \end{aligned}$$

However  $2^{n-2} \leq (4 \cdot 2^{n-2} = 2^n)$  clearly.

Therefore  $F_{n+1} \leq 3(2^{n-2}) \leq (4 \cdot 2^{n-2} = 2^n)$   $\square$

Thus proved

