

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

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

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

Appl 9: Show that every sequence  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n^2+1}$  contains either an increasing or decreasing subsequence of length  $n + 1$ .

Example ( $n = 2$ ):

$$a_1 = 8, a_2 = 4, a_3 = 10, a_4 = 6, a_5 = 4$$

Need  $n + 1$  objects in our subsequence. Suppose  $r = n + 1$ .

Hence might need  $n(r - 1) + 1 = n(n + 1 - 1) + 1 = n^2 + 1$  objects in  $n$  boxes in order to obtain at least  $r = n + 1$  objects in one of the boxes.

Let  $m_k =$  length of largest increasing subsequence beginning with  $a_k$ .

$$8 \quad 8, 10 \quad m_1 = 2$$

$$4 \quad 4, 10 \quad 4, 6 \quad 4, 4 \quad m_2 = 2$$

$$10 \quad m_3 = 1 \quad 6 \quad m_4 = 1 \quad 4 \quad m_5 = 1$$

Proof: Let  $m_k =$  length of largest increasing subsequence beginning with  $a_k$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, n^2 + 1$ .

Suppose there exists an  $m_k \geq n + 1$ . Then there exists an increasing subsequence of length  $m_k \geq n + 1$ . Hence there exists an increasing subsequence of length  $n + 1$ .

Suppose  $m_k < n + 1$ . Then  $m_k = 1, 2, \dots$ , or  $n$ .

Hence there exists an  $i$  such that  $m_k = i$  for  $n + 1$   $a_k$ 's.

There exists  $a_{k_1}, a_{k_2}, \dots, a_{k_{n+1}}$  such that

$$m_{k_1} = m_{k_2} = \dots = m_{k_{n+1}} = i$$

Show  $a_{k_1}, a_{k_2}, \dots, a_{k_{n+1}}$  is a decreasing sequence.

Suppose not. Then there exists a  $j$  such that  $a_{k_j} > a_{k_{j+1}}$ .

$\exists$  an increasing subsequence of length  $i$  starting at  $a_{k_j}$

There does not exist an increasing subsequence of length  $i + 1$  starting at  $a_{k_j}$

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Suppose  $a_{k_{j+1}}, a_{h_2}, a_{h_3}, \dots, a_{h_i}$  is an increasing subsequence of length  $i$ .

Then  $a_{k_j}, a_{k_{j+1}}, a_{h_2}, a_{h_3}, \dots, a_{h_i}$  is an increasing subsequence of length  $i + 1$ , a contradiction.