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Pigeon Hole Principle

m objects



n boxes

At least one box gets $\geq$ average $\frac{m}{n}$

$$\Rightarrow \geq \left\lceil \frac{m}{n} \right\rceil.$$

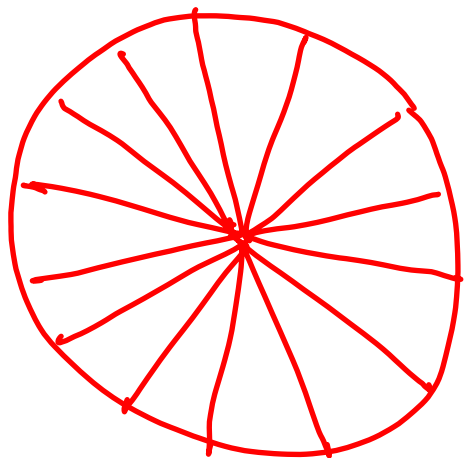
$$A \subseteq [2n] \quad |A| = n+1$$

$\Rightarrow \exists x, y \in A$ s.t. x, y are co-prime.



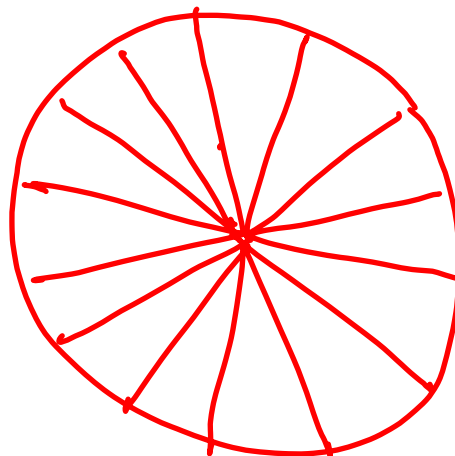
a & $a+1$ are always co-prime

Disk 1



100 Red colored
sections
100 Blue colored
sections

Disk 2



Arbitrarily colored
red and blue.

Place disk 2 onto disk 1 so that
sections line up.

$q_i = \#$ of color matches.

Claim: $\exists i$ s.t. $q_i \geq 100$.

Claim:

$$q_1 + q_2 + \dots + q_{200} = 200 \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists i : q_i \geq 100.$$

Double Counting

Explanation:

Sector j of disk 2

position i

1
 j sits on
sector of
same color.

$\uparrow$
 $\#1's \geq 100$

$\leftarrow \#1's = q_i$

Alternatively:

Place Disk 2 randomly on top of Disk 1.

$$X_i = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{sector } i \text{ sits on same color} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$E(X_i) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$X = X_1 + \dots + X_{200} = \# \text{ matches}$$

$$E(X) = 100 \Rightarrow \exists \text{ a way of getting } 100.$$

Erdős - Szekeres

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k^2+1}$ is a sequence of integers.

∃ a monotone subsequence of length $k+1$.

$$a_{i_1} \leq a_{i_2} \leq \dots \leq a_{i_{k+1}}$$

or

$$a_{i_1} \geq a_{i_2} \geq \dots \geq a_{i_{k+1}}$$

$$4, 8, 3, 7, 2$$

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$$k=2$$

a_i : $l(a_i)$ = length of longest
monotone increasing
sequence starting with a_i .

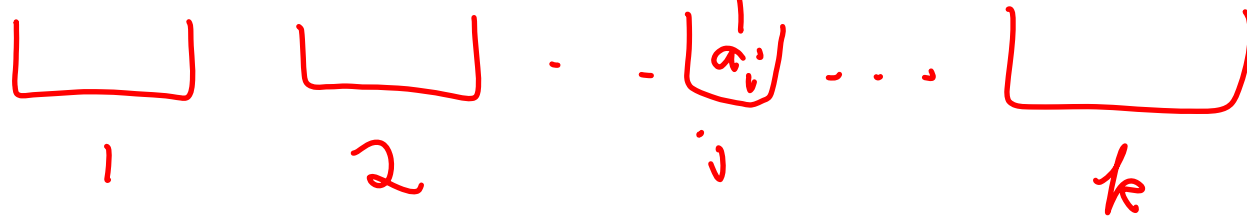
$$a_i \leq a_i^1 \leq \dots \leq a_i^{l-1}$$

$$* \rightarrow * \rightarrow a_i * \rightarrow a_i^1 * \rightarrow * \rightarrow a_i^2 * \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow a_i^{l-1} * \rightarrow *$$

Case 1: $\exists i : l(a_i) \geq k+1$ — done

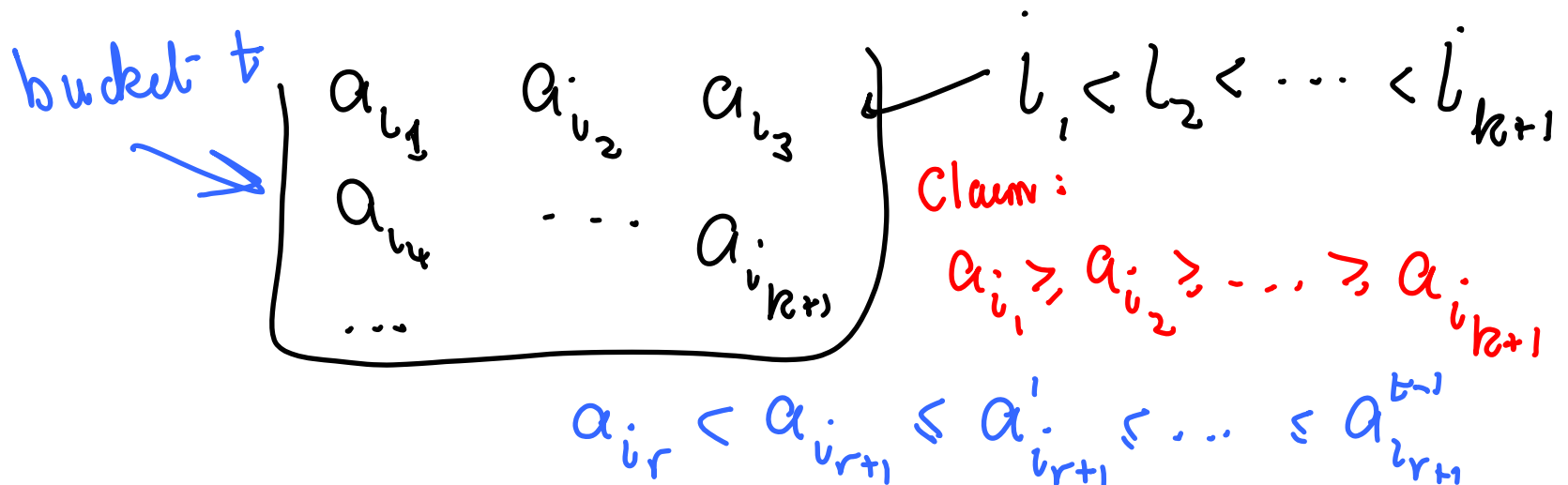
Case 2: $l(a_i) \leq k$, $i=1, 2, \dots, k^2+1$

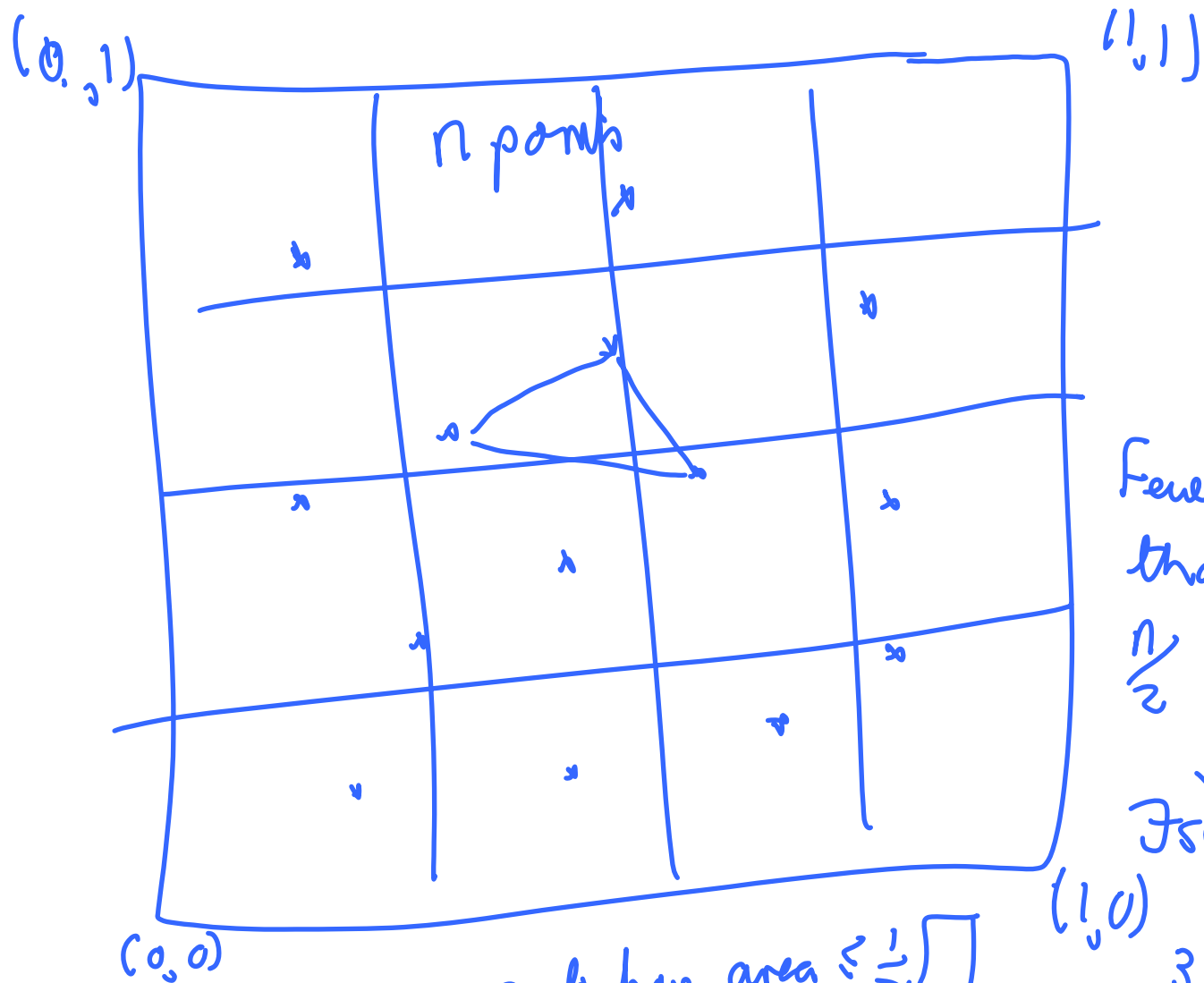
$$a_i: l(a_i) = i$$



$k^2 + 1$ objects $\longrightarrow k$ buckets

$\exists$ bucket with $\geq k+1$ numbers





3 pts have area $\leq \frac{1}{9}$ $\square$

Fewer
than
 $\frac{n}{2}$ square
 $\Downarrow$
Fewer
than
 $\frac{n}{2}$ 3pts