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DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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## LECTURE 11a

## CHAPTER 3 INTEGER FUNCTIONS

**PART 1:** Floors and Ceilings

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## PART 2

# Floors and Ceilings Applications

## Casino Problem

### Reminder of Casino Problem

There is a roulette wheel with 1,000 slots numbered 1 ... 1,000

**IF** the number  $n$  that comes up on a spin is divisible by  $\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor$ , i.e.  $\sqrt[3]{n} \mid n$

**THEN**  $n$  is the winner

The summations becomes

$$W = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [n \text{ is a winner}] = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n]$$

where we **define divisibility**  $\mid$  in a standard way

$k \mid n$  if and only if there exists  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n = km$

## Book Solution

Here are **7 steps** of our **BOOK solution**

$$1 \quad W = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [n \text{ is a winner}] = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n]$$

$$2 \quad W = \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k|n] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

$$3 \quad W = \sum_{k,n,m} [k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

$$4 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} [k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

$$5 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

$$6 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

$$7 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} (3k + 4) = 1 + \frac{7+31}{2} \cdot 9 = 172$$

## Class Problem

Here are the **BOOK** comments

1. This derivation **merits careful study**
2. The only **"difficult"** maneuver is the decision between lines **3** and **4** to treat  **$n = 1000$**  as a special case
3. The inequality  **$k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3$**  does not combine easily with  **$1 \leq n \leq 1000$**  when  **$k=10$**

## Book Solution Comments

### Class Problem

Write down **explanation** of **each step** with **detailed** justifications (Facts, definitions) why they are **correct**

By doing so fill all gaps in the **proof** that

$$W = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n] = 172$$

This problem can also appear on your **tests**



## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

Here are **questions** to answer about the steps in the BOOK solution

$$1 \quad W = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [n \text{ is a winner}] = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n]$$

Q1 Explain why  $[n \text{ is a winner}] = [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n]$

$$2 \quad W = \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k \mid n] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

Q2 Explain why and how we have changed a sum  $\sum_{n=1}^{1000}$  into a sum  $\sum_{k,n}$  and

$$\sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n] = \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k \mid n] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

$$3 \quad W = \sum_{k,n,m} \left[ k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3 \right] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

Q3 Explain why

$$[k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k|n] = \left[ k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3 \right] [n = km]$$

Explain why and how we have changed sum  $\sum_{k,n}$  into a sum  $\sum_{k,n,m}$

## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

$$4 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

Q4 There are three sub-questions; the last one is one of the book questions

1. Explain why

$$\left[ k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3 \right] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000] =$$
$$\left[ k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

2. Explain why and how we have changed sum  $\sum_{k,n,m}$  into

a sum  $\sum_{k,m}$

3. Explain HOW and why we have got  $1 + \sum_{k,m}$

## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

$$5 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

Q5 Explain transition

$$\left[ k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \right] = \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right]$$

## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

$$6 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

Q6 Explain (prove) why

$$\sum_{k,m} \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right] [1 \leq k < 10] =$$
$$\sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

Observe that  $\left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right]$  is a **characteristic function** and  $\left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$  is an **integer**

## QUESTIONS about Book Solution

$$7 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} (3k + 4) = 1 + \frac{7+31}{2} 9 = 172$$

**Q7** Explain (prove) why

$$(\lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil) = (3k + 4)$$

Before we giving answers to **Q1 - Q7** we need to review some of the SUMS material

## SUMS - a Short Review

## Definition 1

### Definition 1

$$\sum_{P(k)} a_k = \sum_{k \in K} a_k = \sum_k [P(k)] a_k = \sum_k [k \in K] a_k$$

where  $K = \{k \in N : P(k)\}$  and  $K$  is FINITE

and  $[P(k)]$  is a characteristic function of  $P(k)$

$$[P(k)] = \begin{cases} 1 & P(k) \text{ true} \\ 0 & P(k) \text{ false} \end{cases}$$



## Property 1

Let's take a particular case when the sequence  $a_k = 1$  for all  $k \in N$

Directly from the **Definition 1** we get the following

### Property 1

$$\sum_k [P(k)] = \sum_{k \in K} 1 = |K|$$

where  $|K|$  denotes the number of elements of the set  $K$

We re-write is also as

$$\sum_k [P(k)] = \sum_{P(k)} 1 = |P(k)|$$

## Definition 2

### Definition 2

In a case of multiple sums (here a double sum) we define

$$\sum_{k \in K, m \in M} a_{k,m} = \sum_{P(k), Q(m)} a_{k,m} = \sum_{Q(m)} \sum_{P(k)} a_{k,m} = \sum_{P(k)} \sum_{Q(m)} a_{k,m}$$

and

$$\sum_{P(k), Q(m)} a_{k,m} = \sum_{k,m} a_{k,m} [P(k)] [Q(m)]$$

where

$$K = \{k \in N : P(k)\} \quad \text{and} \quad M = \{m \in N : Q(m)\}$$

Triple and many-multiple sums definitions are similar

## Property 2

Let's take a particular case when the sequence

$$a_{k,m} = 1 \quad \text{for all } k, m \in \mathbb{N}$$

Directly from the **Definition 2** and **Property 1** we get the following

### Property 2

$$\sum_{k,m} [P(m)] [Q(k)] = \sum_{Q(k)} \sum_{P(m)} 1 = \sum_{Q(k)} |P(m)|$$

where we denote for short

$$|P(m)| = |\{m \in \mathbb{N} : P(m)\}|$$

## Characteristic Functions

We have proved the following properties of characteristic functions

**F1** For any predicates  $P(k)$ ,  $Q(k)$

$$[P(k) \cap Q(k)] = [P(k)][Q(k)]$$

**F2** For any predicates  $P(k)$ ,  $Q(k)$

$$[P(k) \cup Q(k)] = [P(k)] + [Q(k)] - [P(k) \cap Q(k)]$$

## Property 3

From **Property 1** and **F2** we get directly the following  
**Property 3**

$$\sum_k [P(k) \cup Q(k)] = \sum_k [P(k)] + \sum_k [Q(k)] - \sum_k [P(k) \cap Q(k)]$$

where

$k \in K$  and  $K = K_1 \times K_2 \cdots \times K_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

**Observe** that the above formula represents **single** ( $i = 1$ )  
or **multiple** ( $i > 1$ ) sums

It is a particular case of the Combined Domains Property  
(next slide) - just a reminder!

## Combined Domains Property

Here is the Combined Domains Property

### Property 4

$$\sum_{Q(k) \cup R(k)} a_k = \sum_{Q(k)} a_k + \sum_{R(k)} a_k - \sum_{Q(k) \cap R(k)} a_k$$

where, as before,

$k \in K$  and  $K = K_1 \times K_2 \cdots \times K_i$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$

and the above formula represents **single** ( $i=1$ ) and **multiple** ( $i > 1$ ) sums

## Book Solution Step 1

Here are the **answers to the questions** about the steps in the BOOK solution

$$\mathbf{1} \quad W = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [n \text{ is a winner}] = \sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n]$$

### Answer 1

Definition of the **winner** in the Casino Problem

## Book Solution Step 2

$$2 \quad W = \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k|n] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

**Answer 2** Take  $P(n) \equiv \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n$

We transform  $P(n)$  introducing a new variable  $k$

$$P(n) \equiv \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n \equiv (k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor) \cap (k | n)$$

We use it to transform the one variable sum to a two variable sum as follows

$$\sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n] = \sum_{k,n} [(k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor) \cap (k | n)] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

Hence we get



## Book Solution Step 2

We use the property **F1** of Characteristic Functions

$$[P(k) \cap Q(k)] = [P(k)][Q(k)]$$

and we get **2.**

$$\sum_{n=1}^{1000} [\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor \mid n] = \sum_{k,n} [(k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor)] [(k \mid n)] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

## Book Solution Step 2

We use the definition of **divisibility** to further transform  $P(n, k) \equiv (k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor) \cap (k \mid n)$  and introduce another variable **m**

$$P(n, k) \equiv (\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor) \cap (k \mid n) \equiv (k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor) \cap (n = km)$$

We use it and the property **F1** of Characteristic Functions to transform the two variable sum **2** to a three variable sum

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k,n} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [k \mid n] [1 \leq n \leq 1000] &= \\ &= \sum_{k,n,m} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000] \end{aligned}$$

## Book Solution Step 3

$$3 \quad W = \sum_{k,n,m} \left[ k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3 \right] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

Answer 3

We have already transformed **2** to a three variable sum

$$\sum_{k,n,m} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

Now we use the property **8**.

$\lfloor x \rfloor = n$  if and only if  $n \leq x < n+1$  to  $k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor$  and we get

$$\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor = k \text{ if and only if } k \leq \sqrt[3]{n} < k+1$$

and also

$$k \leq \sqrt[3]{n} < k+1 \text{ if and only if } k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3$$

## Book Solution Step 3

We replace  $k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor$  by  $k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3$  in already transformed **2**

$$\sum_{k,n,m} [k = \lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

and obtain

$$\sum_{k,n,m} [k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

and so we proved **3**

## Book Solution Step 4

$$4 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

### Answer 4

We have proved that

$$W = \sum_{k,n,m} [k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000]$$

We want now to transform limits of the sum to **contain only**  $k, m$ , i.e. we want to **eliminate**  $n$

## Book Solution Step 4

Let's analyze the sum predicate

$$P \equiv (k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3) \cap (n = km) \cap (1 \leq n \leq 1000)$$

Observe that when  $(k+1)^3 = 1000$ ,  $k+1 = 10$ ,  $k = 9$   
and  $1 \leq k < 10$

We almost eliminated  $n$  - we miss  $n = 1000$

It means we get

$$P \equiv ((k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3) \cap (n = km) \cap (1 \leq k < 10)) \cup (n = 1000)$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & [k^3 \leq n < (k+1)^3] [n = km] [1 \leq n \leq 1000] \\ & = [((k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k < 10)) \cup (km = 1000)] \end{aligned}$$

## Book Solution Step 4

So now we get

$$W = \sum_{k,m} [((k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k < 10)) \cup (km = 1000)]$$

We use now the **Property 3**

$$\sum_{k,m} [P \cup Q] = \sum_{k,m} [P] + \sum_{k,m} [Q] - \sum_{k,m} [P \cap Q]$$

for  $P \equiv ((k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k < 10))$  and  
 $Q \equiv (km = 1000)$

## Book Solution Step 4

Denote  $P \equiv ((k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k < 10))$  and  $Q \equiv (km = 1000)$

We get

$$W = \sum_{k,m} [P] + \sum_{k,m} [km = 1000] - \sum_{k,m} [P \cap Q]$$

where

$$\sum_{k,m} [P] = \sum_{k,m} [(k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3)] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

The **Property 1** says

$$\sum_k [P(k)] = \sum_{P(k)} 1 = |P(k)|$$

so we get that

$$\sum_{k,m} [km = 1000] = |\{n: n = km = 1000\}| = |\{n: n = 1000\}| = 1$$



## Book Solution Step 4

We proved that

$$W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} [P] + - \sum_{k,m} [P \cap Q]$$

Now we have to evaluate  $P \cap Q$

$$P \cap Q \equiv ((k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k < 10)) \cap (km = 1000)$$

$$P \cap Q \equiv (k^3 \leq 1000 < (k+1)^3) \cap (1 \leq k \leq 9)$$

$$\text{CONTRADICTION: } 9^3 \leq 1000 < 10^3$$

This means that  $\sum_{k,m} [P \cap Q] = 0$  and

$$W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} [k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

what ends the proof of **4**

## Book Solution Step 5

Consider the Step 5

$$5 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

Answer 5

Missing steps are as follows

First let's look again at the Step 4

$$W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} [k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

Dividing all sides of the inequality  $k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3$  by  $k \geq 1$  we get

$$k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \quad \text{iff} \quad k^2 \leq m < \frac{(k+1)^3}{k}$$

and by the definition of the interval

$$k^2 \leq m < \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \quad \text{iff} \quad m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right)$$

## Book Solution Step 5

We have proved that

$$k^3 \leq km < (k+1)^3 \quad \text{iff} \quad m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right)$$

and hence proved the transformation of the **Step 4** into the **Step 5** i.e. we proved

$$5 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{k,m} \left[ m \in \left[ k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right) \right] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

## Book Solution Step 6

Consider now

$$6 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

Let's now write all steps of transformation of the **Step 5** into the **Step 6**

**Observe** that the transformation consists of proving that

$$\sum_{k,m} [m \in [k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k}]] [1 \leq k < 10] =$$
$$\sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

## Book Solution Step 6

Consider the sum

$$\sum_{k,m} [m \in [k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k}]] [1 \leq k < 10]$$

We apply the **Property 2**

$$\sum_{k,m} [P(m)][Q(k)] = \sum_{Q(k)} \sum_{P(m)} 1 = \sum_{Q(k)} |P(m)|$$

to it for  $Q(k) \equiv 1 \leq k < 10$  and

$$P(m) \equiv m \in [k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k}]$$

## Book Solution Step 6

Observe that  $|P(m)|$  = number of integers in the interval  $[k^2 \dots \frac{(k+1)^3}{k}]$  and so by the the fact that interval  $[\alpha \dots \beta]$  has  $\lceil \beta \rceil - \lceil \alpha \rceil$  elements we get

$$|P(m)| = \left\lceil \frac{(k+1)^3}{k} \right\rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil = \left\lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \right\rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil$$

and the sum

$$\sum_{Q(k)} |P(m)| = \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} \left( \left\lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \right\rceil - \lceil k^2 \rceil \right)$$

This ends the transformation of Step 5 into Step 6 - and hence the proof of correctness (other then the fact it is printed in the BOOK!) of the Step 6

## Book Solution Step 7

This is Step 7

$$7 \quad W = 1 + \sum_{1 \leq k < 10} (3k + 4) = 1 + \frac{7+31}{2} 9 = 172$$

Pretty obvious step but still need to pay attention to a small detail!

We need to bring back property

$$12. \quad \lfloor x + n \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + n \quad \text{and} \quad \lceil x + n \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + n$$

to evaluate, as  $k \geq 1$

$$\left\lceil k^2 + 3k + 3 + \frac{1}{k} \right\rceil - \lfloor k^2 \rfloor = k^2 + 3k + 3 + \left\lceil \frac{1}{k} \right\rceil - k^2 = 3k + 4$$

## Casino Problem Revisited

**Observe** that the **Casino Problem** is just a dressed - up version of the following mathematical question :

### Question

How many integers  $n$ , where  $1 \leq n \leq 1000$ , satisfy the property  $\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n$  ?

### Generalized Question

How many integers  $n$ , where  $1 \leq n \leq k$ , satisfy the property  $\lfloor \sqrt[3]{n} \rfloor | n$  ? for  $k$  any natural number and  $k \geq 1000$

**Homework Problem:** write a detailed solution to the **Generalized Question**



# Spectrum Partitions

## Spectrum

### Definition

For any  $\alpha \in R$  we define a **SPECTRUM** of  $\alpha$  as

$$\text{Spec}(\alpha) = \{[\alpha], [2\alpha], [3\alpha] \cdots\}$$

### Remark

For some  $\alpha \in R$ , the spectrum  $\text{Spec}(\alpha)$  is a **multiset** i.e, it can contain repeating elements.

### Examples

Let's look at some examples, to see how it works.

## Spectrum Examples

**Example 1**  $\alpha = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\lfloor \alpha \rfloor = 0, \lfloor 2\alpha \rfloor = 1, \lfloor 3\alpha \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{3}{2} \rfloor = 1, \lfloor 4\alpha \rfloor = \lfloor \frac{4}{2} \rfloor = 2, \dots$$

$$\text{Spec}(\alpha) = \text{Spec}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \{0, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

**Observe** that  $\text{Spec}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is a **multi set**

## Spectrum Examples

**Example 2**  $\alpha = \sqrt{2}$

$$[\alpha] = [\sqrt{2}] = 1, \quad [2\alpha] = [2\sqrt{2}] = [2.8] = 2$$

$$[3\alpha] = [3\sqrt{2}] = [4.2] = 4, \quad [4\alpha] = [5.6] = 5 \dots$$

$$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) = \{[\sqrt{2}], [2\sqrt{2}], [3\sqrt{2}], \dots\}$$

$$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, \dots\}$$

$$\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \{[2 + \sqrt{2}], [2(2 + \sqrt{2})], [3(2 + \sqrt{2})], \dots\}$$

$$\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \{[2 + \sqrt{2}], [4 + 2\sqrt{2}], [6 + 3\sqrt{2}], \dots\}$$

$$\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \{3, 6, 10, 13, 17, 20, \dots\}$$

## Spectrum Observations

### Observations

1.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$  are non-empty **sets**, not multisets
2.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$  don't seem to share any elements with each other
3. The set union of  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$  seem to contain **all** of the natural numbers  $n \geq 1$

**This is interesting:** if these properties are **proved** to be true then we can say that

$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$  **form a partition** of the natural numbers  $n \geq 1$

## Spectrum Partition Theorem

More formally, for  $Spec(\sqrt{2})$  and  $Spec(2 + \sqrt{2})$  to be a **partition** of the natural numbers greater equal 1, i.e. to be a **partition** of the set  $N - \{0\}$  the following conditions must hold

### Spectrum Partition Theorem

1.  $Spec(\sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $Spec(2 + \sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$
2.  $Spec(\sqrt{2}) \cap Spec(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \emptyset$
3.  $Spec(\sqrt{2}) \cup Spec(2 + \sqrt{2}) = N - \{0\}$

The **proof** is not straight forward.

We first discuss a proof included in the **Book** and discuss its relationship to the **Infinite Spectra**

Finally we provide a **correct proof**

## Finite Partition Theorem

First, we define certain **finite subsets**  $A_n$ ,  $B_n$  of  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$ , respectively

### Definition

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

### Remember

$A_n$  and  $B_n$  are subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$

## Finite Partition Theorem

Given sets

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

### Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem

1.  $A_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$
3.  $A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$



## Examples

We defined

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

**Example**  $n = 8$

We evaluate  $A_8 = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ ,  $B_8 = \{3, 6\}$

**Observe** that properties of the **partition** of the set  $\{m \in \mathbb{Z}^+ - \{0\} : m \leq 8\}$  hold

1.  $A_8 \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_8 \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_8 \cap B_8 = \emptyset$
3.  $A_8 \cup B_8 = \{1, \dots, 8\} = \{m \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\} : m \leq 8\}$

**Observe** that  $|A_8| + |B_8| = 8$

This property is an example of the general **property proved in the book**

## Examples

We defined

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

**Example**  $n = 15$

We evaluate

$$A_{15} = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15\}, \quad B_{15} = \{3, 6, 10, 13\}$$

Again, that properties of the **partition** of the set  $\{m \in N - \{0\} : m \leq 15\}$  hold

1.  $A_{15} \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_{15} \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_{15} \cap B_{15} = \emptyset$
3.  $A_{15} \cup B_{15} = \{1, \dots, 15\} = \{m \in N - \{0\} : m \leq 15\}$

**Observe** that  $|A_{15}| + |B_{15}| = 15$

This property is again an example of the general **property proved in the book**

## Finite Fact

Given sets

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

### Finite Fact

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$

$$|A_n| + |B_n| = n$$

**The book** proves only this, and says that **this is** the **Spectrum Partition Theorem** for infinite Spectrum sets

$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2})$ ,  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$

**Not so obvious!**

## Counting Elements

Before trying to prove the **Finite Fact** we first look for a closed formula to **count** the number of elements in subsets of a **finite size** of any spectrum

Given a spectrum  $Spec(\alpha)$

**Denote** by  $N(\alpha, n)$  the number of elements in the  $Spec(\alpha)$  that are  $\leq n$ , i.e.

$$N(\alpha, n) = | \{ m \in Spec(\alpha) : m \leq n \} |$$

## Counting Elements

We recall definition

$$\text{Spec}(\alpha) = \{ \lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \lfloor 2\alpha \rfloor, \lfloor 3\alpha \rfloor, \dots \}$$

We get immediately

$$m \in \text{Spec}(\alpha) \quad \text{iff} \quad m = \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \quad \text{for} \quad \alpha \in R, \quad k \in N - \{0\}$$

We re-write definition

$$N(\alpha, n) = | \{ m \in \text{Spec}(\alpha) : m \leq n \} | \quad \text{as}$$

$$N(\alpha, n) = | \{ m : m = \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \cap m \leq n \cap k > 0 \} |$$

Hence

$$N(\alpha, n) = | \{ \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor : \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \leq n \cap k > 0 \} | \quad n, k \in N - \{0\}$$

## Counting Elements

We have

$$N(\alpha, n) = | \{ [k\alpha] : [k\alpha] \leq n \cap k > 0 \} | \quad \text{for } n, k \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

**Denote**  $P(k) \equiv [k\alpha] \leq n$  and  $Q(k) \equiv k > 0$

We have that

$$N(\alpha, n) = | P(k) \cap Q(k) |$$

Recall re-write **Property 1** as two properties in a way we are going to use them

$$\mathbf{P1} \quad | R(k) | = \sum_k [R(k)]$$

$$\mathbf{P2} \quad \sum_k [R(k)] = \sum_{R(k)} 1 = | R(k) |$$

## Counting Elements

We use property **P1** to  $N(\alpha, n) = |P(k) \cap Q(k)|$  for  $R(k) \equiv P(k) \cap Q(k)$  and we get

$$N(\alpha, n) = |P(k) \cap Q(k)| = \sum_k [P(k) \cap Q(k)]$$

Now we evaluate  $N(\alpha, n)$  as follows

$$N(\alpha, n) = \sum_k [P(k)][Q(k)] = \sum_{Q(k)} [P(k)] = \sum_{k>0} [\lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \leq n]$$

We use now two known properties

$$m \leq n \text{ iff } m < n+1 \text{ and } \lfloor x \rfloor < n \text{ iff } x < n$$

to transform  $\lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \leq n$

## Counting Elements

We have by the listed above properties

$$\lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \leq n \text{ iff } \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor < n+1 \text{ iff } k\alpha < n+1 \text{ iff } k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha}$$

This justifies the following steps of computation

$$N(\alpha, n) = \sum_{k>0} [\lfloor k\alpha \rfloor \leq n] = \sum_{k>0} [\lfloor k\alpha \rfloor < n+1] = \sum_{k>0} \left[ k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right]$$

and we get

$$N(\alpha, n) = \sum_{k>0} \left[ k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right]$$



## Counting Elements

We re-write the last sum using definition and property **P2**

$$\begin{aligned} N(\alpha, n) &= \sum_{k>0} \left[ k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right] = \sum_k \left[ k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right] [k > 0] \\ &= \sum_k \left[ 0 < k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right] = \sum_{0 < k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha}} 1 \end{aligned}$$

Using property **P2** again we get

$$N(\alpha, n) = \left\lfloor 0 < k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right\rfloor$$

## General Formula

**Reminder**  $|0 < k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha}|$  = number of integers in the interval  $(0 \dots \frac{n+1}{\alpha})$  and so by the the fact that interval  $(\alpha \dots \beta)$  has  $\lceil \beta \rceil - \lceil \alpha \rceil - 1$  elements we evaluate

$$N(\alpha, n) = |0 < k < \frac{n+1}{\alpha}| = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right\rceil - 0 - 1 = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right\rceil - 1$$

We have proved the following

### General Formula

For any  $\alpha \in R$  and a spectrum  $Spec(\alpha)$  the number  $N(\alpha, n)$  of elements in the  $Spec(\alpha)$  that are  $\leq n$  is given by the formula

$$N(\alpha, n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right\rceil - 1$$

## Finite Fact Proof

### Finite Fact

$$|A_n| + |B_n| = n \quad \text{for any } n \in N - \{0\}$$

where

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

### Proof

**Observe** that we defined  $N(\alpha, n)$  as

$$N(\alpha, n) = |\{m \in \text{Spec}(\alpha) : m \leq n\}|$$

and so we have that

$$|A_n| = N(\sqrt{2}, n) \quad \text{and} \quad |B_n| = N(2 + \sqrt{2}, n)$$

We hence have to prove that

$$N(\sqrt{2}, n) + N(2 + \sqrt{2}, n) = n$$

## Finite Fact Proof

We use the **General Formula**  $N(\alpha, n) = \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\alpha} \right\rceil - 1$  for  $\alpha_1 = \sqrt{2}$  and  $\alpha_2 = 2 + \sqrt{2}$  and evaluate by using property  $\lceil x \rceil - 1 = \lfloor x \rfloor$  for  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned} N(\alpha_1, n) + N(\alpha_2, n) &= \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rceil - 1 + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \right\rceil - 1 \\ &= \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \right\rfloor \end{aligned}$$

Now we use property  $\lfloor x \rfloor = x - \{x\}$ , where  $\{x\}$  is a **fractional** part of  $x$  and get

$$N(\alpha_1, n) + N(\alpha_2, n) = \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} - \left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} - \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \right\}$$

## Finite Fact Proof

We continue evaluation using identity  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{2}} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}N(\alpha_1, n) + N(\alpha_2, n) &= \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} - \left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} - \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} \\&= (n+1) \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right) - \left( \left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} \right) \\&= (n+1) - \left( \left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} \right)\end{aligned}$$

**Observe** that if we show that  $\left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} = 1$   
then we have succeeded to prove the **Finite Fact**

## Finite Fact Proof

We have proved as a part of our computations that

$$\frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} = n+1$$

and now we can use it to prove

$$\left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} = 1$$

We prove more general **Special Property** and get our property as a particular case

## Special Property Proof

### Special Property

For any  $x_1, x_2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$

If  $x_1 + x_2 = n + 1$  then  $\{x_1\} + \{x_2\} = 1$

### Proof

Let  $x_1 = \lfloor x_1 \rfloor + \{x_1\}$  and  $x_2 = \lfloor x_2 \rfloor + \{x_2\}$

Assume that

$$x_1 + x_2 = \lfloor x_1 \rfloor + \{x_1\} + \lfloor x_2 \rfloor + \{x_2\} = n + 1$$

Since  $x_1, x_2 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  we get that  $\{x_1\} \neq 0$ ,  $\{x_2\} \neq 0$  and so

$$0 < \{x_1\} < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < \{x_2\} < 1$$

Adding the above inequalities we get

$$0 < \{x_1\} + \{x_2\} < 2$$

## Special Property Proof

**Observe** that  $\lfloor x_1 \rfloor + \lfloor x_2 \rfloor = m \in \mathbb{Z}$

Denote  $\{x_1\} + \{x_2\} = \theta$

We assumed

$$n+1 = \lfloor x_1 \rfloor + \{x_1\} + \lfloor x_2 \rfloor + \{x_2\}$$

so we have

$$n+1 = m + \theta \quad \text{for} \quad 0 < \theta < 2 \quad \text{and} \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Hence it must be that  $\theta \in \mathbb{Z}$

But  $0 < \theta < 2$  and it is possible only when  $\theta = 1$ , i.e.  
 $\{x_1\} + \{x_2\} = 1$

This ends the proof



## Finite Fact

Put  $x_1 = \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $x_2 = \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}}$

By Special Property we have that

$$\left\{ \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right\} + \left\{ \frac{n+1}{2+\sqrt{2}} \right\} = 1$$

It ends the proof of our

## Finite Fact

$$|A_n| + |B_n| = n \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

where

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

## Book Statement

**The Book** proves the **Finite Fact** and states on page 78  
"A PARTITION IT IS"

The meaning of this is that the **Finite Fact** implies obviously without any additional proof the following

### Spectrum Partition Theorem

1.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$
2.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cap \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \emptyset$
3.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cup \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$

We are going to show now that it is **not so obvious** even in the case of **Finite** Spectrum Partition

The **infinite** case will be discussed after

Let's analyze what we have!

## Finite Spectrum Partition

Given sets

$$A_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

$$B_n = \{m \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) : m \leq n\}$$

**Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem** - to be proved

1.  $A_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$
3.  $A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

**Finite Fact** - just proved

$$|A_n| + |B_n| = n \quad \text{for any } n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$$

**Question** Is it possible to **prove** **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem** from the **Finite Fact**?

## Finite Partition

### Definition Finite Partition

Let  $X$  be a **non-empty, finite** set; i.e.  $X \neq \emptyset$  and  $|X| = n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$

We say that sets  $A, B \subseteq X$  such that  $A \neq B$  form a **finite partition** of the set  $X$  when the following conditions are satisfied

1.  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
3.  $A \cup B = X$

**Sets Finite Fact**  $|A| + |B| = |X|$

When  $|X| = n$  we write it as  $|A| + |B| = n$

Let's now examine the relationship between the Finite Partition and Sets Finite Fact

## Finite Partition and Sets Finite Fact

We show now that the Finite Partition **implies** the **Sets Finite Fact**, i.e. we prove the following

### Fact P1

If sets  $A, B$  form a finite partition of the finite set  $X$ , then  $|A| + |B| = |X|$

### Proof

Assume that  $A, B$  form a finite partition then by condition

1. and 3.  $A \cup B = X$ ,  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$

So  $|A \cup B| = |X|$  and  $|X| \geq 1$

The sets  $A, B$  are finite, hence

$$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B|$$

but by 2.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and so  $|A \cap B| = 0$  and

$|A \cup B| = |A| + |B|$  and as  $|A \cup B| = |X|$  we have that

$$|A| + |B| = |X|$$

## Counter-Examples

We show now that the **Sets Finite Fact** **does not always imply** the **Finite Partition**, i.e. we give the following following counter-examples covering all cases

### Counter-Example 1

Take the sets  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $A = \{2\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$

We have that

$$|A| + |B| = 1 + 3 = 4 = |X| \quad \text{and} \quad A \cap B = \{2\} \neq \emptyset$$

and condition **2.** of **Finite Partition** **does not hold**

## Counter-Examples

### Counter-Example 2

We also have for the same sets

$X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $A = \{2\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2, 3\}$  that the condition  
**3. of Finite Partition does not hold** as

$$|A| + |B| = 4 = |X| \quad \text{and} \quad A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3\} \neq X$$

**Counter-Example 3** Take the sets

$X = \{1\}$ ,  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \emptyset$ , or  $B = \{1\}$ ,  $A = \emptyset$

We have that

$$|A| + |B| = 1 = |X| \quad \text{and} \quad A = \emptyset \quad \text{or} \quad B = \emptyset$$

and condition **1. of Finite Partition does not hold**

## Useful Facts

We are going to prove two useful facts that relate to our

**Question** Is it possible to **prove** **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem** from the **Sets Finite Fact**?

### Fact P2

If  $|A| + |B| = |X|$  and  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \cap B = \emptyset$   
then the sets  $A, B$  form a **finite partition** of  $X$

### Proof

We prove the condition **3.** by contradiction

Let  $|A| + |B| = |X|$  and  $A \cup B \neq X$ , i.e.  $|A \cup B| \neq |X|$

We evaluate

$|A \cup B| = |X| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = |A| + |B|$  and get a **contradiction**

$$|A \cup B| = |X| \quad \text{and} \quad |A \cup B| \neq |X|$$



## Useful Facts

### Fact P3

If  $|A| + |B| = |X|$  and  $A \neq \emptyset$ ,  $B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \cup B = X$  then the sets  $A, B$  form a **finite partition** of the set  $X$

### Proof

We prove the condition **2**.

Let  $|A| + |B| = |X|$  and  $A \cup B = X$ , i.e.  $|A \cup B| = |X|$

We evaluate

$$|A \cup B| = |X| = |A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = |A| + |B|$$

and

$$|A| + |B| - |A \cap B| = |A| + |B| \quad \text{iff} \quad A \cap B = \emptyset$$

This proves that the condition **2**. **holds**

## Back to Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem

Facts **P2**, and **P3** say:

if the sets  $A, B$  are non-empty, disjoint, or  $A \cup B = X$  then  
**Finite Fact implies Finite Partition**

Take now

$$X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}, \quad A = A_n, \quad B = B_n$$

The **Finite Partition** becomes

### **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem**

1.  $A_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$
3.  $A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

## Question and Answers

The **Sets Finite Fact** becomes

**Finite Fact**  $|A_n| + |B_n| = n$ , for  $n \in N - \{0\}$

We are now ready to answer our

**Question** Does the **Sets Finite Fact** **implies** as the Book states, the **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem**?

**Answer** **YES**, but only under **conditions** specified in the Facts **P2**, and **P3**

## Question and Answers

**Observe** that  $A_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \neq \emptyset$

Hence, by the **Fact P2** we have to **prove** that

$$A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$$

in order to have that the **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem** holds

**or** by the **Fact P2** we **have to prove** that

$$A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

We now **choose** to use **Fact P2** and to prove that

$$A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$$

## Spectrum Fact

### Reminder

$$A_n \subseteq \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad B_n \subseteq \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$$

We hence prove now a more general fact (always do it when you can!)

### Spectrum Fact

$$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cap \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \emptyset$$

We recall definition

$$\text{Spec}(\alpha) = \{ \lfloor \alpha \rfloor, \lfloor 2\alpha \rfloor, \lfloor 3\alpha \rfloor, \dots \}$$

We get immediately

$$m \in \text{Spec}(\alpha) \quad \text{iff} \quad m = \lfloor k\alpha \rfloor$$

## Spectrum Fact Proof

### Proof

We prove this fact by contradiction

Assume that  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cap \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$

By definition it means that there is  $n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$  such that

$$n \in \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \quad \text{and} \quad n \in \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2})$$

i.e. there are  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$  such that

$$n = \lfloor k_1 \sqrt{2} \rfloor \quad \text{and} \quad n = \lfloor k_2(2 + \sqrt{2}) \rfloor$$

We use now property

8.  $\lfloor x \rfloor = n$  if and only if  $n \leq x < n+1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

## Spectrum Fact Proof

By 8. convert these two equalities to two inequalities

$$n \leq k_1 \sqrt{2} < n+1 \quad (1)$$

$$n \leq k_2(2 + \sqrt{2}) < n+1 \quad (2)$$

Now we can **drop the equality** condition in the inequalities (1) and (2) because  $n \in N - \{0\}$ , but  $k_1 \sqrt{2}$  and  $k_2(2 + \sqrt{2})$  are two **irrational numbers**

Thus we get

$$n < k_1 \sqrt{2} < n+1 \quad (3)$$

$$n < k_2(2 + \sqrt{2}) < n+1 \quad (4)$$

## Spectrum Fact Proof

We divide (3) by  $\sqrt{2}$  and (4) by  $k_2(2 + \sqrt{2})$

$$\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}} < k_1 < \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (5)$$

$$\frac{n}{2 + \sqrt{2}} < k_2 < \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} \quad (6)$$

Now we add (5) and (6) together, to get:

$$\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{n}{2 + \sqrt{2}} < k_1 + k_2 < \frac{n+1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{n+1}{2 + \sqrt{2}}$$

Grouping for  $n$  and  $n+1$

$$n\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{2}}\right) < k_1 + k_2 < (n+1)\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{2}}\right)$$



## Spectrum Fact Proof

The two factors for  $n$  and  $n+1$  are equal

Let's evaluate them

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2 + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}(2 + \sqrt{2})} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2 + 2\sqrt{2}}{2\sqrt{2} + 2} = 1$$

This simplifies our inequality to

$$n < k_1 + k_2 < n + 1$$

But this is a **contradiction**:

$n$  and  $n+1$  are two **consecutive** integers, so **no other** integer  $k_1 + k_2$  can belong to the interval

## Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem

We get as a collorary that  $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$

We have hence by **Fact P2** **finally** proved the

### **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem**

1.  $A_n \neq \emptyset$  and  $B_n \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A_n \cap B_n = \emptyset$
3.  $A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$

It was a LONG WAY! but we are **not finished** yet!

All we got is the **Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem** not the  
"full" **Spectrum Partition Theorem**

## Spectrum Partition Theorem Proof

### Spectrum Partition Theorem

1.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $\text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) \neq \emptyset$
2.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cap \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \emptyset$
3.  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cup \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$

### Proof

1. holds by definition of the spectrum, as always  $[\alpha] \in \text{Spec}(\alpha)[\alpha]$
2. holds by just proved **Spectrum Fact**
3. - the proof follows

Observe that

$$\mathbf{S} \quad \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} B_n$$

## Spectrum Partition Theorem Proof

From the Finite Spectrum Partition Theorem we have that for all  $n \in N - \{0\}$

$$A_n \cup B_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$$

Hence by

$$\bigcup_{n \geq 1} (A_n \cup B_n) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \{1, 2, \dots, n\} = N - \{0\}$$

But by above the general sums distributivity law we get the following

$$\bigcup_{n \geq 1} (A_n \cup B_n) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \cup \bigcup_{n \geq 1} B_n = N - \{0\}$$

## Spectrum Partition Theorem Proof

But by definition **S**

$$\mathbf{S} \quad \text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} A_n \quad \text{and} \quad \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = \bigcup_{n \geq 1} B_n$$

we get

$$\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cup \text{Spec}(2 + \sqrt{2}) = N - \{0\}$$

THIS ENDS THE PFOOF!!

## General Spectrum Partition Theorem

We are going now to give a proof of our **Spectrum Partition Theorem** that is **independent** of the BOOK

It is simple and elegant and . . . does not use the SUMS!

Do do so, we **GENERALIZE** the problem a bit, prove the generalization and get our **Theorem** as a particular case  
**Here it is!**

## Generalization

### General Spectrum Partition Theorem

Let  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\beta > 0$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$  be such that

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$$

Then the sets

$$A = \{[n\alpha] : n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}\} = \text{Spec}(\alpha)$$

$$B = \{[n\beta] : n \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}\} = \text{Spec}(\beta)$$

form a **partition** of  $Z^+ = \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$ , i.e.

1.  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$
2.  $A \cap B = \emptyset$
3.  $A \cup B = Z^+$

## Proof

### Proof

1.  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $B \neq \emptyset$  holds as  $\lfloor \alpha \rfloor \in A$  and  $\lfloor \beta \rfloor \in B$

We prove this fact by **contradiction**

Assume that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

By definition it means that there is  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$$k \in A \quad \text{and} \quad k \in B$$

i.e. there are  $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$$k = \lfloor i\alpha \rfloor \quad \text{and} \quad k = \lfloor j\beta \rfloor$$

We use now property

8.  $\lfloor x \rfloor = k$  if and only if  $k \leq x < k+1$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$



## Proof

By 8. convert these two equalities to two inequalities

$$k \leq i\alpha < k+1 \quad (7)$$

$$k \leq j\beta < k+1 \quad (8)$$

Now we can **drop the equality** condition in the inequalities (7) and (8) because  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , but  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ , so  $i\alpha, j\beta$  can't be integers

Thus we get

$$k < i\alpha < k+1 \quad (9)$$

$$k < j\beta < k+1 \quad (10)$$

## Proof

We divide (9) by  $\alpha$  and (10) by  $\beta$ - we can do it as  $\alpha > 0, \beta > 0$  and we get

$$\frac{k}{\alpha} < i < \frac{k+1}{\alpha} \quad (11)$$

$$\frac{k}{\beta} < j < \frac{k+1}{\beta} \quad (12)$$

Now we add (11) and (12) together, to get:

$$\frac{k}{\alpha} + \frac{k}{\beta} < i+j < \frac{k+1}{\alpha} + \frac{k+1}{\beta}$$

Grouping for  $k$  and  $k+1$

$$k\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right) < i+j < (k+1)\left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}\right)$$

## Proof

The two factors for  $k$  and  $k+1$  are equal by the Theorem **assumption**

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$$

This simplifies our inequality to

$$k < i+j < k+1$$

But this is a **contradiction**:

$k$  and  $k+1$  are two **consecutive** positive integers, so **no other** positive integer  $i+j$  can belong to the interval

Haven't you seen a similar proof before???

## Proof

Now as the last step we prove

3.  $A \cup B = Z^+$

We carry proof by **contradiction**

Assume that  $A \cup B \neq Z^+$

It means that there is  $k \in Z^+$  such that

$$k \notin A \quad \text{and} \quad k \notin B$$

By definition of sets  $A, B$  we have

$$k \notin A \quad \text{iff} \quad k \neq \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor \quad \text{for all } n \in Z^+$$

$$k \notin B \quad \text{iff} \quad k \neq \lfloor n\beta \rfloor \quad \text{for all } n \in Z^+$$

## Proof

**Observe** that if  $k \neq \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then as  $\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor \neq k$ ,  $\lfloor (n+1)\alpha \rfloor \neq k$ , and  $\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor < \lfloor (n+1)\alpha \rfloor$  there exist  $i_0, j_0 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that

$$(\star) \quad \lfloor i_0\alpha \rfloor < k \quad \text{and} \quad \lfloor (i_0+1)\alpha \rfloor \geq k+1$$

and similarly

$$(\star\star) \quad \lfloor j_0\beta \rfloor < k \quad \text{and} \quad \lfloor (j_0+1)\beta \rfloor \geq k+1$$

We now transform  $(\star)$  and  $(\star\star)$  by using the properties

$$13. \quad \lfloor x \rfloor < n \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x < n$$

$$16. \quad x \geq \lfloor n \rfloor \quad \text{if and only if} \quad x \geq n$$

## Proof

Now we can **drop the equality** condition applying the inequality **16**. because with  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Q}$ , we have that  $(i_0 + 1)\alpha, (j_0 + 1)\beta$  can't be integers

We get hence that

$$(1) \quad i_0 \alpha < k \quad \text{and} \quad (i_0 + 1)\alpha > k + 1$$

$$(2) \quad j_0 \beta < k \quad \text{and} \quad (j_0 + 1)\beta > k + 1$$

We re-write (1), (2) respectively as follows

$$\alpha < \frac{k}{i_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha > \frac{k + 1}{(i_0 + 1)}$$

$$\beta < \frac{k}{j_0} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta > \frac{k + 1}{(j_0 + 1)}$$

## Proof

We know that for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

$$a < b \quad \text{iff} \quad \frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$$

We hence re-write (1), (2) further as

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} > \frac{i_0}{k} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{\alpha} < \frac{i_0 + 1}{k + 1}$$

i.e

$$(3) \quad \frac{i_0}{k} < \frac{1}{\alpha} < \frac{i_0 + 1}{k + 1}$$

and similarly we get

$$(4) \quad \frac{j_0}{k} < \frac{1}{\beta} < \frac{j_0 + 1}{k + 1}$$

## Proof

Adding (3) and (4) and using the **assumption**

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$$

we get that

$$\frac{i_0 + j_0}{k} < 1 < \frac{i_0 + j_0 + 2}{k + 1}$$

This is equivalent to

$$\frac{i_0 + j_0}{k} < 1 \quad \text{and} \quad 1 < \frac{i_0 + j_0 + 2}{k + 1}$$

$$i_0 + j_0 < k \quad \text{and} \quad k + 1 < i_0 + j_0 + 2$$

Hence

$$i_0 + j_0 < k < i_0 + j_0 + 1$$

**Contradiction!** as  $i_0, j_0, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

This ends the proof



## Floor and Ceilings Sums

**Example** Evaluate

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$$

**Hint:** use

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{0 \leq k < n} \sum_{m \geq 0, m = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor} m$$

We evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor &= \sum_{0 \leq k < n} \sum_{m \geq 0} m [m = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 0} m [k < n] [m = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor] \end{aligned}$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We use now property and get

$$8. \lfloor x \rfloor = n \text{ if and only if } n \leq x < n+1$$

and we get

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor &= \sum_{m \geq 0, k \geq 0} m[k < n][m \leq \sqrt{k} < m+1] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0, k \geq 0} m[k < n \cap m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] \end{aligned}$$

Let's look now at

$$P(k, m, n) \equiv k < n \cap m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We evaluate  $P(k, m, n) \equiv k < n \cap m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2$   
 $\equiv m^2 \leq k < n < (m+1)^2 \cup m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \leq n$

i.e.  $P(k, m, n) \equiv Q \cup R$  and we know that

$$\sum_{m,k} [Q \cup R] = \sum_{m,k} [Q] + \sum_{m,k} [R] - \sum_{m,k} [Q \cap R]$$

and here  $Q \cap R$  is false, i.e.  $\sum_{m,k} [Q \cap R] = 0$  and we get

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} [\sqrt{k}] = \sum_{m,k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < n < (m+1)^2] \\ + \sum_{m,k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \leq n]$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

Assume now  $n = a^2$  for certain  $a \in N$ , i.e.  $n$  is a perfect square

The first sum becomes

$$\sum_{m,k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < a^2 < (m+1)^2] = 0$$

because the statement

$$m^2 \leq k < a^2 < (m+1)^2$$

is FALSE as there is no  $a \in N$  such that  $m < a < m+1$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We proved that

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{m, k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \leq a^2]$$

Evaluate now

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \leq a^2 &\equiv m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \cap (m+1)^2 \leq a^2 \\ &\equiv m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2 \cap (m+1) \leq a \end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{m, k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] [(m+1) \leq a]$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We evaluate

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m,k \geq 0} m [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] [(m+1) \leq a] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} \sum_{k \geq 0} m [(m+1) \leq a] [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} m [(m+1) \leq a] \sum_{k \geq 0} [m^2 \leq k < (m+1)^2] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} m [(m+1) \leq a] \sum_{k \geq 0} [k \in [m^2 \dots (m+1)^2)] \end{aligned}$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We recall the properties

$$\sum_k [R(k)] = \sum_{R(k)} 1 = |R(k)|$$

$[\alpha \dots \beta)$  contains exactly  $\lceil \beta \rceil - \lceil \alpha \rceil$  integers

and get

$$\sum_{k \geq 0} [k \in [m^2 \dots (m+1)^2]] = 2m+1$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{m \geq 0} m [(m+1) \leq a] \sum_{k \geq 0} [k \in [m^2 \dots (m+1)^2]] \\ &= \sum_{m \geq 0} m(2m+1) [(m+1) \leq a] = \sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + m) [(m+1) \leq a] \end{aligned}$$

## Floor and Ceilings Sums

We have hence proved that

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + m) [(m+1) \leq a]$$

Recall that  $x^2 = x(x-1) = x^2 - x$  and  $x^1 = x$

Evaluate

$$2m^2 + m = 2m^2 - 2m + 2m + m = 2m(m-1) + 3m = 2m^2 + 3m^1$$

Also we have that  $m+1 \leq a$  iff  $m < a$ , so now

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + 3m^1)[m < a]$$



## Floor and Ceilings Sums

Last steps

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{m \geq 0} (2m^2 + 3m^1)[m < a] &= \sum_{0 \leq m < a} (2m^2 + 3m^1) \\ &= \sum_0^a (2m^2 + 3m^1) \delta m = \left( 2 \frac{m^3}{3} + 3 \frac{m^2}{2} \right) \Big|_0^a \\ &= \frac{2}{3} m(m-1)(m-2) + \frac{3}{2} m(m-1) \Big|_0^a = \frac{1}{6} (a-1)a(a+1)\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\sum_{0 \leq k < n} \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor = \frac{1}{6} (a-1)a(a+1)$$

Homework: do the case (page 87)  $a = \lfloor \sqrt{k} \rfloor$

END of CHAPTER 3