

Farey Sequences

$$\begin{aligned}F_1 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \frac{1}{1} \\F_2 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{1} \\F_3 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{1}{1} \\F_4 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{1}{1} \\F_5 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \frac{1}{5} \quad \frac{1}{4} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{2}{5} \quad \frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{3}{5} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{4}{5} \quad \frac{1}{1}\end{aligned}$$

If n is a prime denominator in the sequence of F_n , $(n-1)$ fractions are added:

$$F_{11} - F_{10} = \frac{1}{11} \quad \frac{2}{11} \quad \frac{3}{11} \quad \frac{4}{11} \quad \frac{5}{11} \quad \frac{6}{11} \quad \frac{7}{11} \quad \frac{8}{11} \quad \frac{9}{11} \quad \frac{10}{11} \quad (10 \text{ fractions})$$

If its not a prime then any factors of n can be simplified.

A = the set of fractions added with each denominator, N

$$A = \{ x \in \mathbb{N}, x \leq N \}$$

$$B \subseteq A \quad B = \{ \text{factors of } N \}$$

\therefore number of new fractions = $n(B')$

$n(B') = \text{even } 2i$ (i is an integer) \because the fractions can always be paired up to add up to 1

e.g. $\frac{1}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \quad \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}$

the only time you can't pair up is when the numerator is half of the denominator which is $\frac{1}{2}$ established in F_2 .