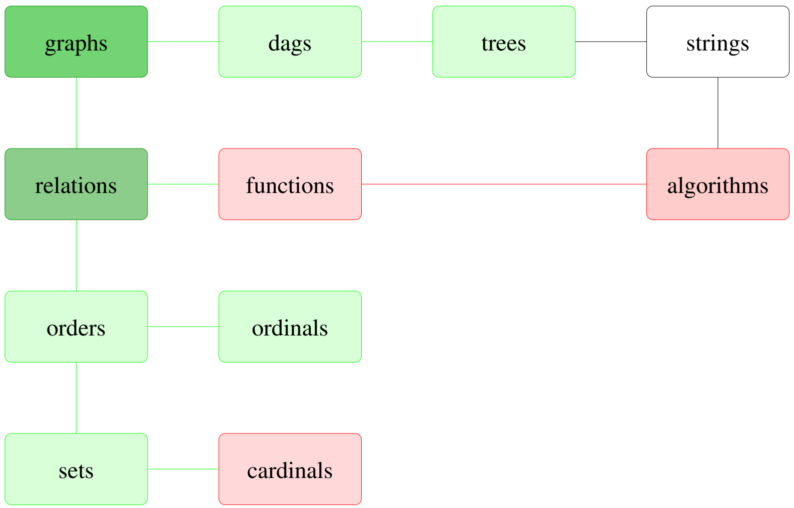
Summary last week

- RSA public-key cryptography based on:
- fundamental theorem of arithmetic (using Bézout)
- Fermat's little theorem
- fast exponentiation using binary representation of exponent
- Chinese remainder theorem (versions: bijective, Bézout, RSA)

Course themes

- directed and undirected graphs
- relations and functions
- orders and induction
- trees and dags
- finite and infinite counting
- elementary number theory
- Turing machines, algorithms, and complexity
- decidable and undecidable problem

Discrete structures



Asymptotic growth

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- Finally,

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$$h(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ even} \\ 0 & \text{if } n \text{ odd} \end{cases}$$

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but $n \notin \mathrm{o}(2n)$, as

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