

**Question 1.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ . Show that if  $S$  is any subset of  $A$  with 7 elements, then there are 2 elements of  $S$  whose sum is 10.

*Solution.* There are 4 unordered pairs of numbers in  $A$ , whose sum equals 10:

$$\{1, 9\}, \{2, 8\}, \{3, 7\}, \{4, 6\}.$$

The rest 2 numbers (5 and 10) do not have a corresponding complement to 10. Since  $4 + 2 = 6 < 7$ , then if we choose arbitrary 7 numbers from  $A$ , by Pigeonhole principle we necessarily find at least one above pair among them.  $\square$