

6.1 For any integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\tau(n) \leq 2\sqrt{n}$ .

Let the  $\tau(n)$  divisors of  $n$  be  $d_1 = 1 < d_2 < \dots < d_{\tau(n)} = n$ .

If  $\tau(n) = 2k$ , then  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_k < d_{k+1} < \dots < d_{\tau(n)} = n$  and

$d_k < \sqrt{n} < d_{k+1}$ , since  $d_k d_{k+1} = n$ . Pair up the divisors:

$$1 \times d_{\tau(n)} = n$$

$$d_2 \times d_{\tau(n)-1} = n$$

$\vdots$

$$d_k \times d_{k+1} = n$$

$\underbrace{< \sqrt{n} \text{ divisors here}} \Rightarrow \underbrace{< \sqrt{n} \text{ divisors here}} \Rightarrow \text{fewer than } 2\sqrt{n} \text{ divisors in all!}$

If  $\tau(n) = 2k+1$ , then  $1 = d_1 < \dots < d_k < d_{k+1} < d_{k+2} < \dots < d_{\tau(n)} = n$ , and pairing up divisors shows that  $d_k^2 = n$ . In this case,  $\tau(n) \leq 2\sqrt{n}$ .

7(a)  $\tau(n)$  is odd iff  $n$  is a perfect square.

pf.: Pair up divisors as in #6!

7(b)  $\sigma(n)$  is odd iff  $n = m^2$  or  $n = 2m^2$ , some  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .

pf.: If  $n = p^k$  for some prime  $p$  and  $k \geq 1$ ,  
$$\sigma(n) = \sigma(p^k) = 1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^k.$$

If  $p$  is odd, this sum is odd iff  $k$  is even,  $k = 2r \implies n = (p^r)^2$ .

If  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_s^{k_s}$ ,  $\sigma(n) = \sigma(p_1^{k_1}) \dots \sigma(p_s^{k_s})$

Since  $\sigma$  is multiplicative, and this product is odd iff  $\sigma(p_i^{k_i})$  is odd for each  $i$ ;  $\sigma(p_i^{k_i})$  is odd iff  $k_i$  is even when  $p_i$  is odd, and  $\sigma(2^{k_i})$  is odd no matter what. If all of the  $p_i$  are odd, it follows that  $\sigma(n)$  is odd iff  $k_i = 2r_i \forall i \implies n = (p_1^{r_1} \dots p_s^{r_s})^2$ . If 2 is one of the divisors of  $n$ , then  $n = 2(p_2^{r_2} \dots p_s^{r_s})^2$ .



$$\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n} \text{ for every } n \in \mathbb{N}.$$

Note that  $f(n) = n^{-1} = \frac{1}{n}$  is multiplicative. It follows that

$F(n) := \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d}$  is also multiplicative, so we just need to analyze

$F(p^k)$  for a prime  $p$  and  $k \geq 1$ . Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} F(p^k) &= \sum_{d|p^k} \frac{1}{d} = 1 + \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{p^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^k} = \frac{1 - \frac{1}{p^{k+1}}}{1 - \frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \frac{p^{k+1} - 1}{p^{k+1} - p^k} = \frac{p^{k+1} - 1}{p^k(p-1)} = \frac{1}{p^k} \cdot \frac{p^{k+1} - 1}{p-1} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{\sigma(p^k)}{p^k} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{In general: } n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r} &\implies F(p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}) = F(p_1^{k_1}) F(p_2^{k_2}) \dots F(p_r^{k_r}) \\ &= \frac{\sigma(p_1^{k_1})}{p_1^{k_1}} \cdot \frac{\sigma(p_2^{k_2})}{p_2^{k_2}} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\sigma(p_r^{k_r})}{p_r^{k_r}} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{21} \text{ For any } n \in \mathbb{N}, \sum_{d|n} (\tau(d))^3 = \left( \sum_{d|n} \tau(d) \right)^2.$$

Since  $\tau$  is multiplicative, so are  $(\tau(d))^3$ ,  $\sum_{d|n} (\tau(d))^3$ ,  $\sum_{d|n} \tau(d)$ ,

and  $\left( \sum_{d|n} \tau(d) \right)^2$ . It therefore suffices to prove this identity

for  $n = p^k$ ,  $p$  prime &  $k \geq 1$ . Compute:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|p^k} (\tau(d))^3 &= 1 + (\tau(p))^3 + (\tau(p^2))^3 + \dots + (\tau(p^k))^3 \\ &= 1 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + (k+1)^3 = \left( \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right)^2 \quad (\text{see 1.1(e), page 7}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{d|p^k} \tau(d) \right)^2 &= \left( \tau(1) + \dots + \tau(p^k) \right)^2 = \left( 1 + 2 + \dots + (k+1) \right)^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{6.2]} \quad \Lambda(n) := \begin{cases} \log p, & \text{if } n = p^k \text{ for a prime } p \text{ and } k \geq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Then } \Lambda(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \log d = - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log d.$$

pf.: Let  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ . For any divisor  $d$  of  $n$ ,  $\Lambda(d) \neq 0$  iff  $d = p_i^{j_i}$  for some  $i$ ,  $1 \leq j_i \leq k_i$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) &= \sum_{d|p_1^{k_1}} \Lambda(d) + \sum_{d|p_2^{k_2}} \Lambda(d) + \dots + \sum_{d|p_r^{k_r}} \Lambda(d) \\ &= 0 + \underbrace{\log p_1 + \dots + \log p_1}_{k_1 \text{ times}} + \dots + 0 + \underbrace{\log p_r + \dots + \log p_r}_{k_r \text{ times}} \\ &= \log(p_1^{k_1}) + \dots + \log(p_r^{k_r}) = \log(p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}) = \log n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \log n &= \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d), \text{ Möbius inversion } \Rightarrow \Lambda(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \log d \\ \text{and } \Lambda(n) &= \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) (\log n - \log d) = (\log n) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log d \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{3} \quad n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}, \quad f \text{ multiplicative} \implies \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(d) = (1 - f(p_1)) \dots (1 - f(p_r)).$$

Since  $\mu$  and  $f$  are multiplicative, so are  $\mu f$  and  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(d)$ .

It therefore suffices to verify this formula for  $n = p^k$ ,  $p$  prime.

When  $n = p^k$ , we have:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d) f(d) &= \mu(1) f(1) + \underbrace{\mu(p) f(p) + \mu(p^2) f(p^2) + \dots + \mu(p^k) f(p^k)}_{0 \text{ since } \mu(p^2) = \dots = \mu(p^k) = 0} \\ &= f(1) + (-1) f(p) \\ &= 1 - f(p). \end{aligned}$$

\* For any multiplicative  $f$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ . \*

The general result then follows.



$$f(1) = f(1 \cdot n) = f(1) \cdot f(n)$$

$$\implies f(n) = 1.$$

4  $n = p_1^{u_1} p_2^{u_2} \dots p_r^{u_r}$ . Use #3 for each part:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \tau(d) &= (1 - \tau(p_1)) (1 - \tau(p_2)) \dots (1 - \tau(p_r)) \\ &= \underbrace{(1 - 2) (1 - 2) \dots (1 - 2)}_{r \text{ times}} = (-1)^r. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \sigma(d) &= (1 - \sigma(p_1)) (1 - \sigma(p_2)) \dots (1 - \sigma(p_r)) \\ &= (1 - p_1 - 1) (1 - p_2 - 1) \dots (1 - p_r - 1) \\ &= (-1)^r p_1 p_2 \dots p_r. \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_r}\right) \quad \checkmark$$

$$(d) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) d = (1 - p_1) (1 - p_2) \dots (1 - p_r). \quad \checkmark$$

$$\chi(n) := \begin{cases} 1, & n=1 \\ (-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_r}, & n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r} \end{cases}$$

(a)  $\chi$  is multiplicative:

$$m, n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } \gcd(m, n) = 1 \implies m = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}, \quad n = q_1^{j_1} \dots q_s^{j_s},$$

distinct primes  $p_i, q_i$ . Then

$$\chi(mn) = (-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_r + j_1 + \dots + j_s} = (-1)^{k_1 + \dots + k_r} (-1)^{j_1 + \dots + j_s} = \chi(m) \chi(n).$$

□

(b) Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\sum_{d|n} \chi(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = m^2 \text{ for some } m \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

Just check when  $n = p^k$ , some prime  $p$  and  $k \geq 1$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|p^k} \chi(d) &= \chi(1) + \chi(p) + \dots + \chi(p^k) = 1 + (-1) + (-1)^2 + \dots + (-1)^k \\ &= \begin{cases} 1, & k \text{ even} \\ 0, & k \text{ odd} \end{cases} \implies n = (p^{r/2})^2 \end{aligned}$$

The general case follows since  $\chi$  is multiplicative. (and thus so is  $\sum_{d|n} \chi(d)$ )

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