

Worksheet 2

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1. Let $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}\}$ be a reduced residue system modulo m .

Prove that: m divides $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{\phi(m)}$ for $m > 2$.

Hint : Show $(r_i, m) = 1$, then $(m - r_i, m) = 1$ -----(i)

Show $\phi(m)$ is even. -----(ii)

2. Let $\pi(x)$ denote the number of primes that are less than or equal to the real number x .

Thus,

$$\pi(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 2 \\ 1 & 2 \leq x < 3 \\ 2 & 3 \leq x < 5 \\ \vdots & \\ \vdots & \\ n & p_n \leq x < p_{n+1} \end{cases}$$

p_n denotes the n -th prime.

Let p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n denote primes $\leq x$.

Let $N = \{p_1^{k_1} \dots p_n^{k_n} \mid k_1 \geq 0, \dots, k_n \geq 0\}$ i.e. N consists of 1 and all positive integers whose prime factorization only uses p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n .

1. Prove $\sum_{n \in N} \frac{1}{n} > \ln(x)$
2. Prove $\prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} = \sum_{n \in N} \frac{1}{n}$
3. Use (1) and (2) to show

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \ln\left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} > \ln(\ln(x))$$

4. Use expansion of $-\ln(1-x)$ to get

$$-\ln(1-x) \leq x + x^2 \quad \text{for } x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

5. Use (3) and (4) to conclude

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} + \sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p^2} > \ln(\ln(x))$$

6. Prove $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p^2} \leq 1$

7. Use (5) and (6) to conclude

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} > \ln(\ln(x)) - 1$$

8. Use (7) to obtain a new proof of infinitude of primes.