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Chapter 1

The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

induction, well-ordering principle, divisibility, gcd is commutative, associative, and distributive, relatively prime, primes, fundamental theorem of arithmetic.

1.1 The series of reciprocals of the primes

Theorem 1.1. *The infinite series $\sum \frac{1}{p_n}$ diverges.*

Proof. Suppose the sum converges instead and let k be such that

$$\sum_{n=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Let $Q = p_1 \dots p_k$, then for all $r \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n=1}^r \frac{1}{1+nQ} &\leq \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \left(\sum_{m=k+1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_m} \right)^t \\ &\leq \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^t \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

By allowing $r \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+nQ} \leq 1$$

However, this is a contradiction as the sum diverges as

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1+nQ} \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Q+nQ} \leq \frac{1}{Q} \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$$

Therefore, $\sum \frac{1}{p_n}$ must diverge. ■

Euclidean algorithm, division algorithm, gcd algorithm.

Exercises

1. If $(a, b) = 1$ and if $c \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, then $(c, d) = 1$.

Solution. Let $e = (c, d)$, since $e \mid c$, then $e \mid a$ and similarly, $e \mid b$. Therefore, $e \mid (a, b)$ which means $e = 1$. \triangleright

2. If $(a, b) = (a, c) = 1$, then $(a, bc) = 1$.

Solution. Let $d = (a, bc)$ and $e = (b, d)$. Then, $e \mid d$ and hence $e \mid a$, as a result $e \mid (a, b)$ which means $e = 1$. Note that, $d \mid bc$ but $(b, d) = 1$ thus, $d \mid c$. Since $d \mid a$, then $d \mid (a, c)$ and hence $d = 1$. \triangleright

3. If $(a, c) = 1$, then $(a, bc) = (a, b)$.

Solution. Let $d = (a, bc)$ and $e = (c, d)$. Then, $e \mid d$ and hence $e \mid a$, as a result $e \mid (a, c)$ which means $e = 1$. Note that, $d \mid bc$ but $(c, d) = 1$ thus, $d \mid b$. Since $d \mid a$, then $d \mid (a, b)$. Moreover, $(a, b) \mid d$ since $(a, b) \mid a$ and $(a, b) \mid bc$. Therefore, $d = (a, b)$. \triangleright

4. If $m \neq n$ compute the $\gcd(a^{2^m} + 1, a^{2^n} + 1)$ in terms of a .

Solution. WLOG assume $n < m$ and note that

$$a^{2^m} - 1 = a^{2^{m-n} \cdot 2^n} - 1 = (a^{2^n} - 1)(a^{2^n} + 1)(a^{2 \cdot 2^n} + 1) \dots (a^{2^{m-n-1} \cdot 2^n} + 1)$$

and hence

$$a^{2^n} + 1 \mid a^{2^m} - 1$$

Therefore,

$$(a^{2^n} + 1, a^{2^m} + 1) = (2, a^{2^n} + 1) = \begin{cases} 1 & a \text{ is even} \\ 2 & a \text{ is odd} \end{cases} \quad \triangleright$$

5. If $a > 1$, then $(a^m - 1, a^n - 1) = a^{(m,n)} - 1$.

Solution. If $m = n$, then the result hold obviously. Suppose $n < m$ and note that

$$a^m - 1 = (a^{m-n} - 1)(a^n - 1) + (a^{m-n} - 1)$$

and therefore, $(a^m - 1, a^n - 1) = (a^{m-n} - 1, a^n)$. By applying the Euclidean algorithm we arrive at the conclusion. \triangleright

6. Given $n > 0$, let S be a set whose elements are positive integers $\leq 2n$ such that if a and b are in S and $a \neq b$, then $a \nmid b$. What is the maximum number of integers that S can contain?

Solution. Note that S can not have more than n elements. To see this, consider the sets $\{m2^k \mid k \geq 0, m2^k \leq 2n\}$ for $m = 1, 3, \dots, 2n-1$. There are $n-1$ such sets and they partition the set $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$. No two elements of S can come from the same set, and as a result $|S| \leq n-1$ by pigeonhole principle. However, note that $S = \{n+1, n+2, \dots, 2n\}$ satisfies the conditions and has exactly $n-1$ elements. Therefore, the maximum of $n-1$ elements is attainable for all $n > 0$. \triangleright

7. If $n > 1$ prove that the sum $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ is not an integer. Also show that for any signing of the sum $\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^{a_k} \frac{1}{k}$ is not an integer.

Solution. Let p be the largest prime less than or equal to n . Let $r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that $s \neq 0$ and $(r, s) = 1$.

$$\frac{r}{s} = \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq p}}^n (-1)^{a_k} \frac{1}{k}$$

We claim that $p \nmid s$. For the sake of contradiction suppose there is an integer q such that $s = pq$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} r &= s \left(\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq p}}^n (-1)^{a_k} \frac{1}{k} \right) \\ &= \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq p}}^n (-1)^{a_k} \frac{pq}{k} \end{aligned}$$

Since $(p, k) = 1$ for all $k \leq n$ and $k \neq p$, then it must be the case that the sum

$$\sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \neq p}}^n (-1)^{a_k} \frac{q}{k}$$

is an integer. Therefore, we have shown that there is integer t such that $r = pt$, which contradicts our assumption that $(r, s) = 1$. Thus, p does not divide s . To conclude, consider the sum

$$\frac{r}{s} + \frac{(-1)^{a_p}}{p} = \frac{pr + (-1)^{a_p} s}{ps}$$

which can not be integer as $p \nmid s$. ▷

Chapter 2

Arithmetical Functions and Dirichlet Multiplication

Definition: A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is an arithmetical function.

2.1 Mobius function

The Mobius function μ , is defined as $\mu(1) = 1$ and for $n > 1$ if $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} (-1)^k & \alpha_1 = \cdots = \alpha_k = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.1. If $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \left\lfloor \frac{1}{n} \right\rfloor = \begin{cases} 1 & n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

2.2 The Euler totient function

The Euler totient function ϕ is defined as

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{k=1}^n ' 1 = \left| \left\{ 1 \leq k \leq n \mid (k, n) = 1 \right\} \right|$$

Theorem 2.2. If $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$$

Theorem 2.3. If $n \geq 1$,

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d}$$

2.2.1 The product formular for $\phi(n)$

Theorem 2.4. For any $n \geq 1$,

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{p|n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

Corollary 2.5.

1. $\phi(p^\alpha) = (p-1)p^{\alpha-1}$.
2. $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)\frac{d}{\phi(d)}$ where $d = (m, n)$.
3. If $a \mid b$, then $\phi(a) \mid \phi(b)$.
4. $\phi(n)$ is even for $n \geq 3$. Moreover, if n has r distinct odd prime factors, then $2^r \mid \phi(n)$.

2.3 The Dirichlet product

Definition: Let f and g be two arithmetical functions, their **Dirichlet product** is defined as

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

Then, we can write $\phi = \mu * N$ where $N(n) = n$.

Theorem 2.6.

1. $f * g = g * f$.
2. $(f * g) * k = f * (g * k)$.

Definition: The identity function, $I(n) = \lfloor \frac{1}{n} \rfloor$.

Theorem 2.7. For any arithmetical function f , $I * f = f * I = f$.

Theorem 2.8. If f is an arithmetical function with $f(1) \neq 0$, there is a unique arithmetical function f^{-1} , called the *Dirichlet inverse* of f such that

$$f * f^{-1} = f^{-1} * f = I$$

Moreover, f^{-1} is given by $f^{-1}(1) = \frac{1}{f(1)}$ and for $n > 1$

$$f^{-1}(n) = -\frac{1}{f(1)} \sum_{\substack{d \mid n \\ d < n}} f\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) f^{-1}(d)$$

Remark 1. The set of all arithmetical functions f with $f(1) \neq 0$ is an Abelian group under Dirichlet multiplication.

Proposition 2.9. $(f * g)^{-1} = f^{-1} * g^{-1}$.

Definition: The unit function $u(n) = 1$ for all n . Since $\sum_{d \mid n} \mu(d) = I(n)$, then $\mu * u = I$ and thus by uniqueness of inverse $\mu^{-1} = u$.

Theorem 2.10 (Möbius inversion formula). If

$$f(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} g(d)$$

then,

$$g(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} f(d)\mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \tag{2.1}$$

Proof. Since $f = g * u$, then $g = f * u^{-1} = f * \mu$. ■

2.4 The Mangoldt function Λ

Definition: For every integer $n \geq 1$, we define

$$\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \log p & \text{if } n = p^m \text{ for some prime } p \text{ and } m \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.11. For $n \geq 1$,

$$\log(n) = \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(n)$$

and

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

2.5 Multiplicative functions

Definition: An arithmetical function f is **multiplicative** if $f \not\equiv 0$ and

$$f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$$

whenever $(m, n) = 1$. The function f is said to be **completely multiplicative** if for all m, n

$$f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$$

Remark 2. Multiplicative functions for a subgroup under $*$.

Proposition 2.12. If f is multiplicative, then $f(1) = 1$.

Theorem 2.13. Given an arithmetical function f with $f(1) = 1$

1. f is multiplicative if and only if $f(\prod p_i^{\alpha_i}) = \prod f(p_i^{\alpha_i})$
2. If f is multiplicative, then f is completely multiplicative if $f(p^\alpha) = (f(p))^\alpha$.

Theorem 2.14. If f and g are both multiplicative, then $f * g$ is multiplicative. If g and $f * g$ are both multiplicative, then f is multiplicative.

2.5.1 Inverse of completely multiplicative functions

Theorem 2.15. Let f be a multiplicative function. Then, f is completely multiplicative if and only if

$$f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n)f(n)$$

Remark 3. Note that $N = \phi * u$ and $\phi = N * \mu$ therefore, $\phi^{-1} = \mu^{-1} * N^{-1} = u * N^{-1}$. Since N is completely multiplicative, $\phi^{-1} = u * \mu N$. That is,

$$\phi^{-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d\mu(d)$$

Theorem 2.16. If f is multiplicative,

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)f(d) = \prod_{p|n} (1 - f(p))$$

2.6 Liouville's function λ

Definition: The Liouville function λ is defined as $\lambda(1) = 1$ and if $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$, then

$$\lambda(n) = (-1)^{\alpha_1 + \dots + \alpha_k}$$

and also $\lambda^{-1}(n) = |\mu(n)|$.

2.7 The divisor function σ_α

Definition: For all $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$, $\sigma_\alpha(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha = u \times N^\alpha$

Proposition 2.17. *The divisor function σ_α is multiplicative. Therefore,*

$$\sigma_\alpha(p^k) = 1 + p^\alpha + \dots + p^{k\alpha} = \begin{cases} \frac{p^{(k+1)\alpha} - 1}{p^\alpha - 1} & \alpha \neq 0 \\ k + 1 & \alpha = 0 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 2.18. *For $n \geq 1$, we have*

$$\sigma_\alpha^{-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha \mu(d) \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

2.8 Generalized convolution

Let $F :]0, \infty[\rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ such that $F(x) = 0$ for $0 < x < 1$. Let f be an arithmetical function

$$f \circ F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

is a function such that $f \circ F(x) = 0$ for $0 < x < 1$ and defined on $]0, \infty[$.

Remark 4. In general, \circ is not commutative nor associative.

Theorem 2.19. *Let f and g be two arithmetical functions*

$$f \circ (g \circ F) = (f * g) \circ F$$

Theorem 2.20 (Inverse formula). *Let f have inverse f^{-1} , then the equation*

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(x) F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

implies

$$F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f^{-1}(x) G\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

Theorem 2.21 (Generalized Mobius inversion). *Let f be a completely multiplicative function*

$$G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) \iff F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) f(n) G\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

2.9 Formal power series

Definiton of formal power series as usual with equality, sum, and multiplication. Therefore, formal power series form a ring with 0 and 1. If the leading coefficient is non-zero, then the formal power series is invertible.

Definition: Let f be an arithmetical function and p be a prime

$$f_p(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} f(p^n)x^n$$

is the **Bell series of f modulo p** .

Theorem 2.22. *If f and g are multiplicative, then $f = g$ if and only if $f_p = g_p$ for all p .*

Example 2.1.

$$\begin{array}{lll} \mu_p(x) = 1 - x & I_p(x) = 1 & \lambda_p(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} \\ \phi_p(x) = \frac{1-x}{1-px} & u_p(x) = \frac{1}{1-x} & N_p^\alpha(x) = \frac{1}{1-p^\alpha x} \end{array}$$

Theorem 2.23. *Let f and g be two arithmetical functions and $h = f * g$, then $h_p = f_p g_p$ for all p .*

As a result,

$$(\sigma_\alpha)_p(x) = N_p^\alpha(x)u_p(x) = \frac{1}{1-p^\alpha x} \frac{1}{1-x} = \frac{1}{1-(p^\alpha+1)x+p^\alpha x^2} = \frac{1}{1-\sigma_\alpha(p)+p^\alpha x^2}$$

Definition: The derivative arithmetical function f is defined by

$$f'(n) = f(n) \log(n)$$

Theorem 2.24.

1. $(f + g)' = f' + g'$.
2. $(f * g)' = f' * g + f * g'$.
3. $(f^{-1})' = -f' * (f * f)^{-1}$ provided that $f(1) \neq 0$.

2.10 The Selberg theorem

Theorem 2.25. *For $n \geq 1$,*

$$\Lambda(n) \log(n) + \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) \Lambda\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log^2\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

Chapter 3

Averages of Arithmetical Functions

Arithmetical functions fluctuate a lot, by taking averages we can determine their behaviour

$$\tilde{f}(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n f(k)$$

3.1 Asymptotic equality of function

$f(x) \in O(g(x))$ if there exists $M > 0$ and a such that for all $x \geq a$, $|f(x)| \leq M|g(x)|$. Usually, g is taken to be positive.

Definition: If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$, then f is asymptotic to g as $x \rightarrow \infty$ and we write $f(x) \sim g(x)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

3.2 Euler's summation formula

Theorem 3.1. If f has a continuous derivative f' on the interval $[y, x]$, where $0 < y < x$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{y < n \leq x} f(n) &= \int_y^x f(t) dt + \int_y^x (t - [t]) f'(t) dt \\ &\quad + f(x)([x] - x) - f(y)([y] - y) \end{aligned}$$

3.3 Some elementary asymptotic formula

Definition: The Euler-Mascheroni constant is defined as

$$\gamma = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k} - \log n \right)$$

Definition: The Riemann zeta function is defined as

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s}$$

where $s \in \mathbb{C}$ is a complex variable.

Theorem 3.2. *If $x \geq 1$ we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \log x + \gamma + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \quad (3.1)$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^s} = \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + \zeta(s) + O(x^{-s}) \quad s > 0 \wedge s \neq 1 \quad (3.2)$$

$$\sum_{n > x} \frac{1}{n^s} = O(x^{1-s}) \quad s > 1 \quad (3.3)$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} n^\alpha = \frac{x^{\alpha+1}}{\alpha+1} + O(x^\alpha) \quad \alpha \geq 0 \quad (3.4)$$

3.4 The average order of $d(n)$

Theorem 3.3. *For all $x \geq 1$,*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(n) = x \log x + (2\gamma - 1)x + O(\sqrt{x})$$

The error term can be improved to $O(x^{12/37+\epsilon})$ for all $\epsilon > 0$.

3.5 The average order of $\sigma_\alpha(n)$

Theorem 3.4. *For all $x \geq 1$*

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_1(x) &= \frac{1}{2} \zeta(2) x^2 + O(x \log x) \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{-1}(x) &= \zeta(2) x + O(\log x) \end{aligned}$$

If $\alpha > 0$ and $\alpha \neq 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_\alpha(x) &= \frac{1}{\alpha+1} \zeta(\alpha+1) x^{\alpha+1} + O(x^\beta) \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_{-\alpha}(x) &= \zeta(\alpha+1) x + O(x^\delta) \end{aligned}$$

where $\beta = \max\{1, \alpha\}$ and $\delta = \max\{0, 1 - \alpha\}$.

3.6 The average order $\phi(n)$

Theorem 3.5. *For $x > 1$ we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \phi(n) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} x^2 + O(x \log x)$$

3.7 An application

Definition: Two lattice point P and Q are mutually visible if the line segment connecting them contains no other lattice point.

Theorem 3.6. *Two lattice point (a, b) and (c, d) are mutually visible if and only if $(a - c, b - d) = 1$.*

Consider the square $C(r) = \{(x, y) \mid |x|, |y| \leq r\}$, let $N(r) = \#C(r)$ and let $N'(r)$ be the number of visible points from the origin in $C(r)$.

Theorem 3.7. *The set of lattice points visible from the origin has density $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$. That is,*

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N'(r)}{N(r)} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

3.8 The average order of $\mu(n)$ and $\Lambda(n)$

Theorem 3.8. *We have*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Both are equivalent to prime number theorem.

3.9 The partial sums of Dirichlet product

Theorem 3.9. *If $h = f * g$, let*

$$H(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} h(n) \qquad F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) \qquad G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} g(n)$$

then we have

$$H(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) G\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = \sum_{n \leq x} g(n) F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

Theorem 3.10. *If $F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n)$ we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} f(d) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(x) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor = \sum_{n \leq x} F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right)$$

3.10 Applications to $\mu(n)$ and $\Lambda(n)$

Theorem 3.11. *For $x \geq 1$ we have*

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \left(\frac{x}{n} \right) = 1$$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \left(\frac{x}{n} \right) = \log(\lfloor x \rfloor!)$$

Theorem 3.12. *For all $x \geq 1$ we have*

$$\left| \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \right| \leq 1$$

with equality holding if $x < 2$.

Theorem 3.13 (Legendre's Identity). *For all $x \geq 1$*

$$\lfloor x \rfloor! = \prod_{p \leq x} p^{\alpha(p)}$$

where $\alpha(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{p^m} \right\rfloor$.

Theorem 3.14. *If $x \geq 2$*

$$\log(\lfloor x \rfloor!) = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$$

and hence

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \lfloor (x/n) \rfloor = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$$

Theorem 3.15. *For $x \geq 2$*

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \lfloor (x/p) \rfloor \log p = x \log x + O(x)$$

3.11 Another Identity for the partial sums of a Dirichlet product

Theorem 3.16. *If $h = f * g$, let*

$$H(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} h(n) \quad F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n) \quad G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} g(n)$$

then we have

$$H(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} f(d) g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{qd \leq x} f(d) g(q)$$

Theorem 3.17. *If a, b are positive real numbers such that $ab = x$, then*

$$\sum_{qd \leq x} f(d) g(q) = \sum_{n \leq a} f(n) G\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \sum_{n \leq b} g(n) F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - F(a)G(b)$$