

6.1.06 For any integer  $n \geq 1$ , establish the inequality  $\tau(n) \leq 2\sqrt{n}$

*Proof.* Assume  $d|n$ . Then,  $d$  or  $n/d \leq 2\sqrt{n}$ . Note, there can be at most  $\sqrt{n}$  divisor pairs  $(d, n/d)$ .

Thus,  $\sqrt{2} \leq 2\sqrt{2}$ .

Therefore,  $\tau(n) \leq 2\sqrt{n}$  □

6.1.08 Show that  $\sum_{d|n} 1/d = \sigma(n)/n$  for every positive integer  $n$

*Proof.* Note,  $d$  is a divisor of  $n \Rightarrow n/d$  is a divisor of  $n$ , as  $d \cdot \frac{n}{d} = n$ . Let the set of divisors of  $n = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\} \Rightarrow \{n/d_1, n/d_2, \dots, n/d_k\}$  Then,

$$\tau(n) = d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_k = \frac{n}{d_1} + \frac{n}{d_2} + \dots + \frac{n}{d_k} = n\left(\frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_k}\right)$$

Thus,  $\frac{\tau(n)}{n} = \frac{1}{d_1} + \frac{1}{d_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{d_k} = \sum_{d|n} 1/d$

Therefore,  $\sum_{d|n} 1/d = \sigma(n)/n$  for every positive integer  $n$  □

6.1.14a For  $k \geq 2$ ,  $n = 2^{k-1}$  satisfies the equation  $\sigma(n) = 2n - 1$

*Proof.* Notice,

$$\sigma(n) = \sigma(2^{k-1}) = \frac{2^{k-1+1} - 1}{2 - 1} = 2^k - 1 = 2 \cdot 2^{k-1} - 1 = 2n - 1$$

□

6.1.14b For  $k \geq 2$ , if  $2^k - 1$  is prime, then  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$  satisfies the equation  $\sigma(n) = 2n$

*Proof.* Assume  $2^k - 1$  is prime. Notice,

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(n) &= \frac{2^{k-1+1} - 1}{2 - 1} \cdot \frac{(2^k - 1)^2 - 1}{2^k - 1 - 1} \\ &= (2^k - 1)(2^k - 1 + 1) = (2^k - 1)(2^k) \\ &= 2(2^{k-1})(2^{k-1}) \\ &= 2n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$  satisfies the equation  $\sigma(n) = 2n$  □

6.1.14c For  $k \geq 2$ , if  $2^k - 3$  is prime, then  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 3)$  satisfies  $\sigma(n) = 2n + 2$

*Proof.* Assume  $2^k - 3$  is prime. Notice,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma(n) &= \frac{2^{k-1+1} - 1}{2 - 1} \cdot \frac{(2^k - 3)^2 - 1}{2^k - 3 - 1} \\&= (2^k - 1)(2^k - 3 + 1) = (2^k - 1)(2^k - 3 + 1) \\&= (2^k - 1)(2^k - 2) \\&= 2^{2k} - 3 \cdot 2^k + 2 \\&= 2^k(2^k - 3) + 2 \\&= 2(2^{k-1})(2^k - 3) + 2 \\&= 2n + 2\end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 3)$  satisfies  $\sigma(n) = 2n + 2$

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