

9. Any integer n can be written as a product of prime powers. Say $n = \prod_{i=1}^l p_i^{a_i}$. Then we can say that $f(n) = \prod_{i=1}^l f(p_i^{a_i})$, for any multiplicative function f , because the prime powers are relatively co-prime. Therefore, such a function is purely determined by its values on prime powers. This concludes the proof.

10. Consider $g(ab)$ where $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. By definition of $g(n)$, $g(ab) = \sum_{d|ab} f(d)$. But since $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, any divisor of ab can be written in the form $d_a d_b$ where $d_a|a$ and $d_b|b$. Therefore, $g(ab) = \sum_{d_a|a, d_b|b} f(d_a d_b)$. But since f is multiplicative, we get $g(ab) = \sum_{d_a|a, d_b|b} f(d_a) f(d_b) = (\sum_{d_a|a} f(d_a)) (\sum_{d_b|b} f(d_b)) = g(a)g(b)$, which implies that g too is multiplicative. This concludes the proof.

11. Consider $\mu(ab)$ where $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. If either a or b is not square free, then both $\mu(ab) = 0 = \mu(a)\mu(b)$. If a and b are square free, then ab is square free as well because $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. And $\mu(ab)$ is 1 or -1 depending on whether the parities of $\mu(a)$ and $\mu(b)$ match or not. Therefore $\mu(ab) = \mu(a)\mu(b)$, proving that $\mu(n)$ is a multiplicative function.

It is easy to see that if $f(n)$ is multiplicative, then both $nf(n)$ and $f(n)/n$ are multiplicative. We'll combine these lemmas with the result of problem 10 to conclude that the function $f(n) = n \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)/d$ is also a multiplicative function.

Now, by the results of problem 9, the values of any multiplicative function are purely determined by its values on prime powers. So, we'll evaluate $f(p^k)$ for some prime p and some non-negative integer k . If we find that this value matches the value of $\phi(p^k)$ for all k , then we can infer that $\phi(n) = f(n) = n \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)/d$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(p^k) &= p^k \sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)/d \\ f(p^k) &= p^k \sum_{i \in \{0 \dots k\}} \mu(p^i)/p^i \\ f(p^k) &= p^k ((1/p^0) + (-1/p^1) + 0 + 0 + \dots) \\ f(p^k) &= p^k (1 - 1/p) \end{aligned}$$

Now, let's calculate $\phi(p^k)$ from first principles. Since the only integers in the range $\{1 \dots p^k\}$ that are not coprime with p^k are the multiples of p , and there are p^{k-1} such multiples, $\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1} = p^k(1 - 1/p)$. This concludes the proof.

12. From exercises 10 and 11, we have learned that $\mu(n)$ and $\phi(n)$ are multiplicative functions. Therefore, so are $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)\phi(d)$, $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)^2 \phi(d)^2$ and $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)/\phi(d)$. This means that for any of these 3 functions, we can com-

pute the value of the function for a given input n by first computing the value of the function on all prime powers involved in n 's prime factorization, and then by multiplying these values. In all the equations below, we'll assume $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)\phi(d) &= 1(1) + (-1)(p-1) + 0 + 0 + \cdots \\
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)\phi(d) &= 2 - p \\
\therefore \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)\phi(d) &= \prod_{i=1}^k (2 - p_i) \\
\\
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)^2 \phi(d)^2 &= 1^2(1^2) + (-1)^2(p-1)^2 + 0 + 0 + \cdots \\
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)^2 \phi(d)^2 &= p^2 - 2p + 2 \\
\therefore \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)^2 \phi(d)^2 &= \prod_{i=1}^k (p_i^2 - 2p_i + 2)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)/\phi(d) &= 1/1 + (-1)/(p-1) + 0 + 0 + \cdots \\
\sum_{d|p^k} \mu(d)/\phi(d) &= (p-2)/(p-1) \\
\therefore \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)/\phi(d) &= \prod_{i=1}^k (p_i - 2)/(p_i - 1)
\end{aligned}$$

15a. Imagine a function $f(n) = 1$ for all values of n . Then, we can say that $\nu(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1 = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$. Thus, by the Mobius inversion theorem, $\sum_{d|n} \mu(n/d)\nu(d) = f(n) = 1$. This concludes the proof.

15b. Imagine a function $f(n) = n$ for all values of n . Then, we can say that $\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$. Thus, by the Mobius inversion theorem, $\sum_{d|n} \mu(n/d)\sigma(d) = f(n) = n$. This concludes the proof.

16. Let's say that $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_l^{a_l}$. Then we know that $\nu(n) = \prod_{i=1}^l (a_i + 1)$. We can infer that $\nu(n)$ is odd iff each of the terms on the RHS is odd i.e. if a_i is even i.e. n is a square. This concludes the proof.

17. Let's say that $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_l^{a_l}$. Then we know that $\sigma(n) = \prod_{i=1}^l \sum_{j=0}^{a_i} p_i^j$. We can infer that $\sigma(n)$ is odd iff each of the terms on the RHS is odd. i.e. $\sum_{j=0}^{a_i} p_i^j$ is odd. If p_i is odd, then this sum is odd iff a_i is even. If p_i is even (i.e. equal to 2, the only even prime), then this sum is always odd irrespective of whether a_i is even or odd. Thus, the condition is met iff n is either a square or 2 times a square.