

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.

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.