

**5.3:** Is  $2^{10} \cdot (2^{11} - 1)$  perfect?

*Solution:* If it were perfect, then by theorem 5.1.2,  $2^{11} - 1$  would have to be prime. Now, since  $\varphi(23) = 22 = 2 \cdot 11$  and  $(2, 23) = 1$ , we have  $2^{22} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{23}$ , so if  $2^{11} - 1$  is prime, 23 must divide  $2^{11} + 1$ , i.e. 2 must be a primitive root modulo 23. However, we find  $2^5 = 32 \equiv 9 \rightarrow -5 \rightarrow -10 \rightarrow 3 \rightarrow 6 \rightarrow 12 \rightarrow 1 \equiv 2^{11} \pmod{23}$ , so  $\text{ord}(2) = 11$ , and hence 2 is not a primitive root.

**Exercise 5.4:** Show that  $\sum_{d|n} |\mu(d)| = \Pi_{p|n} 2$ .

*Solution:* Assume  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ . Then

$$\sum_{d|n} |\mu(d)| = \sum_{d|p_1 p_2 \dots p_k} |\mu(d)| = \sum_{d|p_1 \dots p_k} 1 = \tau(p_1 \dots p_k) \stackrel{\text{prop. 5.1.1}}{=} \prod_{i=1}^k 2 = \Pi_{p|n} 2.$$

**Exercise 5.5:**

Assume that there exists a complex sequence  $s_k = \sigma_k + it_k$  with  $\sigma_k \rightarrow \infty$  when  $k \rightarrow \infty$  satisfying that  $D_f(s_k) = 0$  for all  $k$  sufficiently large. We will show that this implies that  $f(n) = 0$  for all  $n$ .

(i) Assume that  $f$  is not identically zero, and choose  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  minimal such that  $f(N) \neq 0$ . Then for all  $k$  sufficiently large, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \sum_{n=N}^{\infty} f(n) n^{-s_k} \\ \iff f(N) &= -N^{s_k} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} f(n) n^{-s_k}.. \end{aligned}$$

(ii) Let  $c > \sigma_a$ . Then for  $k$  sufficiently large, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |f(N)| &\leq -N^{\sigma_k} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |f(n)| \left| n^{-(\sigma_k - c)} \right| |n^{-c}| \\ &\leq -N^{\sigma_k} (N+1)^{-(\sigma_k - c)} \sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |f(n)| n^{-c}. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) Since  $\left(\frac{N}{N+1}\right)^{\sigma_k} \rightarrow 0$  for  $\sigma_k \rightarrow \infty$  which is equivalent to letting  $k \rightarrow \infty$  by assumption. Since this is true for all  $k$  sufficiently large, we let  $k \rightarrow \infty$  and find  $|f(N)| \leq 0$  since  $\sum_{n=N+1}^{\infty} |f(n)| n^{-c} < \infty$  as  $c > \sigma_a$ , hence  $f(n) = 0$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Exercise 5.6:** We will show that the sum of reciprocal of primes,  $\sum_{p \text{ prime}} p^{-1}$ , diverges.

Let  $p_n$  denote the  $n$ 'th prime. Assume that  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n^{-1}$  is convergent with sum  $l$ .

(i) By assumption, since  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} p_n^{-1} = l$ , there must exist  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$\left| \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right| = \left| l - \sum_{n=1}^N p_n^{-1} \right| \leq \frac{1}{2}.$$

(ii) Now

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left| \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right|^k \leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^k = 1,$$

so  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right)^k$  is absolutely convergent.

(iii) Let  $W = p_1 \dots p_N$ . For  $r \in \mathbb{N}$  consider  $Wr + 1$ . Since all  $p_i \mid W$ , we have  $p_i \nmid Wr + 1$ .

(iv) Now, by Cauchy multiplication, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right)^k &= \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_k > N} (p_{n_1} \dots p_{n_k})^{-1} \\ &= \sum_{\substack{n=q_1 \dots q_k \\ q_i \text{ prime} \\ q_i > p_N}} \frac{1}{n}. \end{aligned}$$

(v) Now, for the sum

$$\sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Wr+1},$$

we find that it is a sum of reciprocals of numbers whose prime factors are all greater than  $p_N$ , so each term is contained in the series

$$\sum_{\substack{n=q_1 \dots q_k \\ q_i \text{ prime} \\ q_i > p_N}} \frac{1}{n}$$

for some  $k$  (by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic), so

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Wr+1} &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\substack{n=q_1 \dots q_k \\ q_i \text{ prime} \\ q_i > p_N}} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

(vi) Now

$$\begin{aligned} \infty &= \frac{1}{W} \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{r+1} \\ &= \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Wr+W} \\ &\leq \sum_{r=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{Wr+1} \\ &\leq \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left( \sum_{n>N} p_n^{-1} \right)^k. \end{aligned}$$

This contradicts (ii), so we are done.

**Exercise 5.7:** Let  $g(n)$  be the sum of primitive  $n$ th roots of 1, i.e.

$$g(n) = \sum_{\substack{\zeta^n=1 \\ \zeta^m \neq 1 \\ \text{for } 0 < m < n}} \zeta.$$

Claim:  $\mu(n) = g(n)$ .

**Proof:** We have

$$g(n) = \sum_{\substack{\zeta^n=1 \\ \zeta^m \neq 1 \\ 0 < m < n}} \zeta = \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k,n)=1 \\ 0 < k < n}} \zeta_n^k.$$

We prove that  $g$  is multiplicative first.

Assume  $n = st$  where  $(s, t) = 1$ . Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $(a, s) = 1 = (b, t)$ . Then  $e^{\frac{2\pi i}{s}a} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{t}b} = e^{\frac{2\pi i(at+bs)}{n}}$ . We claim  $\gcd(at+bs, n) = 1$ . If  $p \mid at+bs \mid n$ , then  $p \mid s$  or  $p \mid t$ . Assume wlog  $p \mid s$ . Then  $p \mid at$ , but since  $(s, t) = 1$ ,  $p \mid a$ , however  $(a, s) = 1$ . Contradiction. So  $\gcd(at+bs, n) = 1$ .

Conversely, if  $(k, st) = 1$  then since  $(s, t) = 1$ , write  $us + vt = 1$ , then  $s(uk) + t(vk) = k$ , so  $e^{\frac{2\pi i(suk+tvk)}{st}} = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{t}uk} e^{\frac{2\pi i}{s}vk}$ . Now,  $(k, st) = 1$  so  $(k, t) = 1$  and  $(u, t) = 1$  since  $(u, t) \mid 1$ . Similarly  $(s, vk) = 1$ .

Thus we have

$$g(st) = \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k, st)=1 \\ 0 < k < st}} \zeta_{st}^k = \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k, s)=1 \\ 0 < k < s}} \zeta_s^k \cdot \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k, t)=1 \\ 0 < k < t}} \zeta_t^k = g(s)g(t).$$

Now, firstly we have for any prime  $p$  that  $g(p) = \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k, p)=1 \\ 0 < k < p}} \zeta_p^k = \zeta_p + \zeta_p^2 + \zeta_p^3 + \dots + \zeta_p^{p-1} = \frac{\zeta_p^p - \zeta_p}{\zeta_p - 1} = \frac{1 - \zeta_p}{\zeta_p - 1} = -1$ .

It thus just remains to show that for any  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $g(p^\alpha) = 0$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} g(p^\alpha) &= \sum_{\substack{\gcd(k, p^\alpha)=1 \\ 0 < k < p^\alpha}} \zeta_{p^\alpha}^k \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^{p^\alpha-1} \zeta_{p^\alpha}^k - \sum_{n=0}^{\alpha-1} \zeta_{p^\alpha}^{p^n} \\ &= \frac{\zeta_{p^\alpha}^{p^\alpha} - 1}{\zeta_{p^\alpha}^{p^\alpha} - 1} - \frac{\zeta_{p^\alpha}^{p^\alpha} - 1}{\zeta_{p^\alpha}^{p^\alpha} - 1} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Combining these 3 results we find  $g(n) = \mu(n)$ .

**Exercise 5.9:** Prove Gottschalk's theorem: Let  $n$  be a  $k$ -perfect number such that 2 divides  $n$  precisely  $m$  times. Then  $2^m(2^{m+1} - 1)$  divides  $kn$ .

*Solution:* By proposition 5.1.1, we have have for  $n = 2^m r$ ,

$$nk = \sigma(2^m r) \stackrel{\text{multiplicative}}{=} \sigma(2^m) \sigma(r) \stackrel{5.1.1}{=} (2^{m+1} - 1) \sigma(r).$$

Now, since  $2^m \nmid 2^{m+1} - 1$  but  $2^m \mid n$ , we must have  $2^m \mid \sigma(r)$ , thus we get  $nk = (2^{m+1} - 1)2^m \sigma(r)'$  from which the result follows.

**7.7:** Prove theorem 7.1.5 by showing - using propositions 7.1.1 and 7.1.2, combined with (7.6) - that

$$|c_n - c_m| \leq \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=m}^n \frac{1}{2^k},$$

and conclude that  $c_n$  is a Cauchy sequence.

*Solution:* We proceed by induction. We have

$$|c_{n+1} - c_n| = \left| \frac{p_{n+1}q_n - p_nq_{n+1}}{q_nq_{n+1}} \right| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2^n} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=n}^n \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Now we claim that for  $m > n$ ,  $|c_m - c_n| \leq \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=n}^{m-1} \frac{1}{2^k}$  which is stronger than what we wanted for  $m > n$ .

It is true when  $m = n + 1$ . Assume it is true for  $m = N > n$ . Then for  $m = N + 1$ ,

$$|c_m - c_n| \leq |c_{N+1} - c_N| + |c_N - c_n| \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2^N} + \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=n}^{N-1} \frac{1}{2^k} = \sqrt{2} \sum_{k=n}^N \frac{1}{2^k}.$$

Hence the result follows when  $n \neq m$ . If  $n = m$ , it is trivial.

**Exercise 6.6** Show that the average value of  $r_2(n)$  equals  $\pi$ , i.e. that

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=1}^n r_2(m) \rightarrow \pi \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

*Solution:* Let  $N(n)$  denote the number of lattice points inside the circle of radius  $n$ . Then

$$N(r) = \sum_{n=0}^{r^2} r_2(n)$$

And geometrically, we can say that on average, if we place a random unit square or disc of area 1, we would expect it to cover 1 lattice point, so since the number of unit discs that can fit inside a circle of radius  $r$  approaches its area as  $r$  grows, we get that  $N(r) \approx \pi r^2$  for  $r$  large, so

$$\pi = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{N(r)}{r^2} = \frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{n=0}^{r^2} r_2(n).$$

Since  $\frac{1}{r^2} \sum_{n=0}^{r^2} r_2(n)$  is a monotone (positive) subsequence of  $\frac{1}{r} \sum_{n=0}^r r_2(n)$ , we also have

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{m=0}^n r_2(m) = \pi.$$

**Exercise from class:** Write  $5 + i$  as a product of irreducibles in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .

*Solution:*  $N(5 + i) = 25^2 + 1 = 26 = 2 \cdot 13 = (1 + i)(1 - i)(2 + 3i)(2 - 3i)$ . Now we simply guess and find  $(1 - i)(2 + 3i) = 5 + i$ .

$$r_2(n) = 4 \cdot u * \chi_4(n) \text{ where } \chi_4(n) = \begin{cases} 0 & (n, 2) > 0 \\ (-1)^{\frac{n-1}{2}} & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}.$$