Worksheet 7: The Möbius Function

- 1. Show that $\mu(n)$ is multiplicative.
- 2. Prove that

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$$

Hint: for n > 1, try induction on the number of prime factors of n.

3. Prove the Möbius Inversion Formula:

$$f(n) = \sum_{d|n} g(d)$$
 if and only if $g(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(\frac{n}{d})$.

Hint: write sums like the one on the right-hand side as

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(\frac{n}{d}) = \sum_{de=n} \mu(d) f(e).$$

- 4. Andrews 6.4.1, 6.4.3, 6.4.7, 6.4.8, 6.4.11.
- 5. Write down a precise statement for each definition we have given this week. For each definition, give an example and a non-example.