

Solutions to Sheet 2

Exercise 1

1. The squarefull non-squares up to onehundred are 8, 27, 32, 72.

2. It suffices to show that any squarefull prime power can be written uniquely as $p^k = a^2b^3$ with b square-free. But this is the same as writing $k = 2a + 3b$ with $0 \leq b \leq 1$, and this is possible in a unique way once $k \geq 2$.

3. Using the above and that b is square-free iff $\mu^2(b) = 1$, we may write

$$\sum_{n \text{ squarefull}} n^{-s} = \sum_{a,b} \frac{\mu^2(b)}{a^{2s}b^{3s}} = \zeta(2s) \sum_b \mu^2(b)b^{-3s}.$$

We can extend the Dirichlet series of μ^2 into an Euler product, obtaining

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mu^2(n)n^{-s} = \prod_p (1 + p^{-s}) = \prod_p \frac{(1 - p^{-s})^{-1}}{(1 - p^{-2s})^{-1}} = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)}.$$

(In the second-to-last equality we used $(1+x)(1-x) = 1-x^2$.) We find

$$\sum_b \mu^2(b)b^{-3s} = \frac{\zeta(3s)}{\zeta(6s)},$$

done.

Exercise 2

This is just a messy calculation. We somehow want to get of the (a,b) -symbol in the sum. We do so by using that given $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, we find unique coprime numbers k, l with $a = kd(a, b)$ and $b = ld(a, b)$. Now summing over all possible gcds d yields

$$\sum_{a,b} \frac{(a,b)}{a^s b^t} = \sum_d \frac{d}{d^{s+t}} \sum_{k,l \text{ coprime}} k^{-s} l^{-t} = \zeta(s+t-1) \sum_{k,l} k^{-s} l^{-t} \sum_{e|(k,l)} \mu(e)$$

where we rephrased the coprimality condition on k and l using the trick from the last sheet. Now we rewrite

$$\sum_{k,l} k^{-s} l^{-t} \sum_{e|(k,l)} \mu(e) = \sum_e \mu(e) \sum_{k,l} (ke)^{-s} (le)^{-t} = \frac{\zeta(s)\zeta(t)}{\zeta(s+t)},$$

obtaining

$$\sum_{a,b} \frac{(a,b)}{a^s b^t} = \frac{\zeta(s+t-1)\zeta(s)\zeta(t)}{\zeta(s+t)}.$$

Tracing through this calculation, we find that it is sufficient for absolute convergence to have $\Re(s) > 1$ and $\Re(t) > 1$. These conditions are easily seen to be necessary too (the sub-sums with $a = 1$ or $b = 1$ diverge otherwise).

Notes after correcting.

- Even though it is easily seen that the double sum cannot converge absolutely whenever (say) $\Re(s) \leq 1$, this does immediately follow from the divergence of the series in the ζ -representation! The reason is that it is that we split the series in the first equality. It is possible to split a convergent series into divergent ones, as for example

$$\sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} 0 = \sum_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (1 - 1) \neq \sum_n 1 - \sum_n 1.$$

Exercise 3

1. We have

$$\psi(s) = \sum_n n^{-s} - 2 \sum_n (2n)^{-s}$$

and

$$\tilde{\psi}(s) = \sum_n n^{-s} - 3 \sum_n (3n)^{-s}.$$

2. Using the Leibniz criterion, we see that the series converge conditionally on the positive real line, and thereby for $\Re s > 0$.

3. As both ψ and $\tilde{\psi}$ are holomorphic in $\Re s > 0$, ζ can only have a pole whenever $(1 - 2^{1-s})$ and $(1 - 3^{1-s})$ vanish. But this is the case whenever

$$1 = 2^{1-s} = e^{(\log 2)(1-s)} \Leftrightarrow (\log 2)(1-s) \in 2\pi i \mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$1 = 3^{1-s} = e^{(\log 3)(1-s)} \Leftrightarrow (\log 3)(1-s) \in 2\pi i \mathbb{Z}.$$

4. If $\log 2 / \log 3 = p/q$ was rational, we'd find that $2^q = 3^p$, contradiction. Hence the two sets $(\log 2)^{-1}(2\pi i \mathbb{Z})$ and $(\log 3)^{-1}(2\pi i \mathbb{Z})$ have intersection the set $\{0\}$. Thereby, ζ cannot have a pole away from $s = 1$. There it has a pole from a theorem in the lecture, and it is a simple pole as $(2^{1-s} - 1)$ has a simple zero at $s = 1$.

Exercise 4

We know that the d -th cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_d(x)$ has degree $\varphi(d)$, and that $\prod_{d|n} \Phi_d(x) = x^n - 1$. Hence

$$\sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) = \sum_{d|n} \deg \Phi_d = \deg \left(\prod_{d|n} \Phi_d \right) = \deg(x^n - 1) = n,$$

hence (by Möbius-inversion)

$$\varphi(n) = (\mu \star \text{id})(n) = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \mu(d).$$

Now we find

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(n)/n = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{d} \mu(d) = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \sum_{k: kd \leq x} 1 = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \left[\frac{x}{d} \right].$$

We write $[x/d] = x/d + O(1)$ and use that $\mu(d) \in \{-1, 0, 1\}$. This gives

$$\sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \left[\frac{x}{d} \right] = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \frac{x}{d} + O \left(\sum_{d \leq x} \frac{1}{d} \right) = \sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \frac{x}{d} + O(\log x)$$

(by approximating the n -th harmonic number with the logarithm) and we have

$$\sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d} \frac{x}{d} = x \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \mu(d) d^{-2} + O \left(x \sum_{x < d < \infty} d^{-2} \right) = x \zeta(2)^{-1} + O(1).$$

One can show the estimate $\sum_{x < d < \infty} d^{-2} \ll x^{-1}$ using the inequality

$$\sum_{x < d < \infty} d^{-2} \leq \int_{x-1}^{\infty} t^{-2} dt = O((x-1)^{-1}) = O(x^{-1}).$$

Done.

Notes after correcting.

- The convolution formula can also be obtained formally by writing

$$\varphi(n) = \sum_{k \leq n \text{ and } (k,n)=1} 1 = \sum_{k \leq n} \sum_{d|(k,n)} \mu(d)$$

and reordering sums.