

Notice the following.

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_k(x) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \sum_{d|n} d^k \\
 &= \sum_{n \leq x} \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor n^k \\
 &= \sum_{n \leq x} \left( \frac{x}{n} + O(1) \right) n^k \\
 &= x \sum_{n \leq x} n^{k-1} + O \left( \sum_{n \leq x} n^k \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

We can use this to establish an asymptotic for  $T_k(x)$  if we can establish the asymptotic of  $A_2(x)$ . We will get to that in a moment. First, let us take care of the summation within the big O bracket. We have the trivial inequality that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sum_{n \leq x} n^k &\leq \sum_{n \leq x} x^k \\
 &= x^k \sum_{n \leq x} 1 \\
 &= \lfloor x \rfloor x^k \\
 &= (x + O(1))x^k \\
 &= x^{k+1} + O(x^k)
 \end{aligned}$$

We have that  $S_k(x) = x(x^k + O(x^{k-1})) + O(x^{k+1}) = O(x^{k+1})$ . Although weak, we get an estimate this way. On this note, an interested reader can try and prove that

$$(n+1)^{k+1} - 1 = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k+1}{i} \mathfrak{S}(n, i)$$

where  $\mathfrak{S}(x, k) = \sum_{n < x} n^k$ . This is known as the *Pascal identity* (see PASCAL,<sup>6</sup> for an English translation, see KNOEBEL et al.<sup>7</sup>). LEHMER<sup>8</sup> proves that

$$\mathfrak{S}(x, k) = \frac{x^{k+1}}{k+1} + \Delta \quad (\dagger 1.4)$$

where  $|\Delta| \leq x^k$ . The reader may also be interested in MACMILLAN and SONDOW.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>6</sup>BLAISE PASCAL, "Sommmation des puissances numériques", *Oeuvres complètes, Jean Mesnard, ed., Desclée-Brouwer, Paris*, vol. III (1964), pp. 341-367.

<sup>7</sup>ARTHUR KNOEBEL et al., "Sums of numerical powers", in, *Mathematical Masterpieces: Further chronicles by the explorers*, Springer-Verlag, 2007, pp. 32-37.

<sup>8</sup>DERRICK NORMAN LEHMER, "Asymptotic evaluation of certain Totient Sums", *American Journal of Mathematics*, vol. XXII, no. 4 (1900), pp. 293-335, doi: 10.2307/2369728, Chapter II, Theorem 1.

<sup>9</sup>KIEREN MACMILLAN and JONATHAN SONDOW, "Proofs of power sum and binomial coefficient congruences via Pascal's identity", *The American Mathematical Monthly*, vol. cxviii, no. 6 (2011), pp. 549-551, doi: 10.4169/amer.math.monthly.118.06.549.