

0.1.2 A polynomial $f \in \mathbb{F}[x]$ has no repeated roots iff it is relatively prime to its derivative.

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- Dirichlet convolution is associative

Proof Let $n = ab$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f * (g * h))(n) &= \sum_{d_1(d_4)=n} f(d_1) \left[\sum_{d_2 d_3 = d_4} g(d_2) h(d_3) \right] \\
 &= \sum_{d_1(d_2 d_3)=n} f(d_1) [g(d_2) h(d_3)] \\
 &= \sum_{(d_1 d_2) d_3 = n} [f(d_1) g(d_2)] h(d_3) \\
 &= \sum_{d_5 d_3 = n} \left[\sum_{d_1 d_2 = d_5} f(d_1) g(d_2) \right] h(d_3) \\
 &= ((f * g) * h)(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

- Dirichlet convolution is commutative

Proof

$$\sum_{ab=n} f(a)g(b) = \sum_{ba=n} f(b)g(a) = \sum_{ba=n} g(a)f(b)$$

- Dirichlet convolution has identity $I(n)$

Proof Plugging it in:

$$(f * I)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d) I\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = f(n) 1\left(\frac{n}{n}\right) = f(n)$$

- If $f(1) \neq 0$, then f has an inverse under Dirichlet convolution.

Proof If $f(1) \neq 0$, we want some g such that $(f * g)(n) = I(n)$. Assume $f(1) \neq 0$, then we construct the function $g(1) = \frac{1}{f(1)}$ if $n = 1$. For our base case, we have $(f * g)(1) = \frac{f(1)}{f(1)} = 1$, which agrees with $I(1)$. We also know that for $n > 1$,

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = I(n) = 0$$

so

$$\begin{aligned}f(1)g(n) + \sum_{d>1|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) &= 0 \\g(n) + \frac{1}{f(1)} \sum_{d>1|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) &= 0 \\g(n) &= -\frac{1}{f(1)} \sum_{d>1|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)\end{aligned}$$

Now assume $f(1) = 0$; then clearly for any g we have $(f * g)(1) = f(1)g(1) = 0$ so $(f * g)(n)$ necessarily disagrees with $I(n)$.