

Number Theory — Examples Sheet 3

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Throughout this sheet, ϕ denotes the Euler totient function, μ the Möbius function, $d(n)$ the number of positive divisors of n , and $\sigma(n)$ the sum of the positive divisors of n .

1. Prove that for $\Re(s) > 1$, we have

$$\zeta^2(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d(n)}{n^s}.$$

Can you find Dirichlet series for $1/\zeta(s)$ and $\zeta(s-1)/\zeta(s)$ (for suitable values of s)?

2. Find all natural numbers n for which $\sigma(n) + \phi(n) = nd(n)$.
3. (i) Compute $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)$ for natural numbers n .
(ii) Let f be a function defined on the natural numbers, and define g by $g(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)f(\frac{n}{d})$. Find an expression for f in terms of g .
(iii) Find a relationship between μ and ϕ .
4. Compute $\sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d)$ for natural numbers n . (Here Λ is the von Mangoldt function.)
5. Use Legendre's formula to compute $\pi(207)$.
6. Let N be a positive integer greater than 1.
 - (i) Show that the exact power of a prime p dividing $N!$ is $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \lfloor \frac{N}{p^k} \rfloor$.
 - (ii) Prove the inequality $N! > (\frac{N}{e})^N$.
 - (iii) Deduce that

$$\sum_{p \leq N} \frac{\log p}{p-1} > \log N - 1.$$

7. Prove that every non-constant polynomial with integer coefficients assumes infinitely many composite values.
8. Prove that every integer $N > 6$ can be expressed as a sum of distinct primes.
9. Calculate $a_0, \dots, a_4$ in the continued fraction expansions of e and π .
10. Let a be a positive integer. Determine explicitly the real number whose continued fraction is $[a, a, a, \dots]$.

11. Determine the continued fraction expansions of $\sqrt{3}$, $\sqrt{7}$, $\sqrt{13}$, $\sqrt{19}$, $\sqrt{46}$.

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