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(Ph-6) Number Theoretic functions

(G.1) (Defn)

A function whose domain of definition is the set of positive integers is said to be number theoretic (or arithmetic fun).

(Defn) Given a positive integer n , let $\tau(n)$ denote the number of positive divisors of n and $\sigma(n)$ denote the sum of these divisors.

(e.g) $n=12$, whose positive divisors 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12

$$\tau(12) = 6$$

$$\sigma(12) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6 + 12 = 28$$

$$\tau(1) = 1, \quad \tau(2) = 2, \quad \tau(3) = 2, \quad \tau(4) = 3$$

$$\tau(5) = 2, \quad \tau(6) = 4$$

$$\sigma(1) = 1, \quad \sigma(2) = 3, \quad \sigma(3) = 4, \quad \sigma(4) = 7, \quad \sigma(5) = 6$$

$$\sigma(6) = 12$$

Notation

$$\tau(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1$$

where $\sum_{d|n} 1$ denotes the

(where d runs over all positive divisors of positive integer n)

sum of as many 1's as there are positive divisors of n .

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d \quad \text{where } \sum_{d|n} \text{ is sum of all positive divisors of } n.$$

$$(e.g) \quad \tau(10) = \sum_{d|10} 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$$

(1, 2, 5, 10)

$$\sigma(10) = \sum_{d|10} d = 1 + 2 + 5 + 10 = 18$$

$$\tau(12) = \sum_{d|12} 1 = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 6$$

(1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12)

$$\sigma(12) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 6 + 12 = 28$$

Remark

- ① $\tau(n) = 2 \Leftrightarrow n$ is prime number
- ② $\sigma(n) = n+1 \Leftrightarrow n$ is prime number

Theorem (6.1) If $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ is prime factorization of $n > 1$, then the positive divisors of n are precisely those integers d of the form

$$d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$$

where $0 \leq a_i \leq k_i$ ($i = 1, 2, \dots, r$)

(*) let $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$

and $d|n$

to show: $d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ ($0 \leq a_i \leq k_i$)

when $a_1 = a_2 = \dots = a_r = 0$ then

1 can be written as

$$1 = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$$

and n is also divisor of n

$$n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r} \quad (\text{where take } a_1 = k_1, a_2 = k_2, \dots, a_r = k_r)$$

suppose $d|n$, non-trivially

say $n = dd'$ where $d > 1, d' > 1$

By Prime factorization thm (non-trivially means $d \neq 1$ & $d' \neq 1$)
Express d & d' as product of (not necessarily distinct) primes

$$d = p_1 p_2 \dots p_s \quad \& \quad d' = t_1 t_2 \dots t_u$$

where p_i, t_j primes.

then, $n = dd'$

$$p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r} = p_1 p_2 \dots p_s t_1 t_2 \dots t_u \quad \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

are two prime factorizations of (positive integer n).

By Uniqueness of prime factorization we can form each prime p_j must be one of p_i . d

[Prime factorization thm
every number > 1 is either prime or product of primes]

collecting the equal primes into a single integral power, we get ^(9.1) from (7) & (8), we get $d(n)$

$$d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r} \quad (\text{see Proof})$$

where the possibility that $a_i = 0$ is allowed.

Conversely every number $d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ ($0 \leq a_i \leq k_i$)

to show: $d | n$

$$\text{Now } n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$$

$$= (p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}) (p_1^{k_1-a_1} p_2^{k_2-a_2} \dots p_r^{k_r-a_r})$$

$$= d d'$$

$$\text{with } d' = p_1^{k_1-a_1} p_2^{k_2-a_2} \dots p_r^{k_r-a_r}$$

and $k_i - a_i \geq 0$ for each i .

then $d' > 0$

& $d | n$.

so, $n = d d'$, $d' > 0$ & $n > 1$
 $\Rightarrow d > 0$ (we show positive divisors)

Theorem (6.2) If $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ is the prime factorization of $n > 1$.

$$\text{then (a) } \tau(n) = (k_1+1)(k_2+1) \dots (k_r+1)$$

$$(b) \phi(n) = \frac{p_1^{k_1+1} - p_1^{k_1}}{p_1 - 1} \frac{p_2^{k_2+1} - p_2^{k_2}}{p_2 - 1} \dots \frac{p_r^{k_r+1} - p_r^{k_r}}{p_r - 1}$$

(pf) (By thm 6.1)

The positive divisors of n , are those integers

$$d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq a_i \leq k_i$$

So, there are (k_i+1) (as $0 \leq a_i \leq k_i$) choices for the

exponent a_1 (i.e. $p_1^{a_1}$ has exactly (k_1+1) positive divisors)

(k_2+1) choices for a_2 ($p_2^{a_2}$ has exactly (k_2+1) positive divisors)

(k_r+1) choices for a_r

Hence there are $(k_1+1)(k_2+1) \dots (k_r+1)$ possible divisors of n .

$$\therefore \tau(n) = (k_1+1)(k_2+1) \dots (k_r+1)$$

$$\tau(n) = (\text{number of positive divisors}) = (k_1+1) \cdot (k_2+1) \dots (k_r+1)$$

Now $n > 1$

and $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$

positive divisors of $p_1^{k_1}$ are $p_1^0, p_1^1, \dots, p_1^{k_1}$

Sum of positive divisors of $p_1^{k_1} = 1 + p_1^1 + p_1^2 + \dots + p_1^{k_1}$

$$= \frac{p_1^{k_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1}$$

Sum of " " " " $p_2^{k_2} = 1 + p_2 + p_2^2 + \dots + p_2^{k_2}$

$$= \frac{p_2^{k_2+1} - 1}{p_2 - 1}$$

" " " " " " $p_r^{k_r}$ are $\frac{p_r^{k_r+1} - 1}{p_r - 1}$

∴ Sum of positive divisors

of $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$

$$= \left(\frac{p_1^{k_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \right) \left(\frac{p_2^{k_2+1} - 1}{p_2 - 1} \right) \dots \left(\frac{p_r^{k_r+1} - 1}{p_r - 1} \right)$$

Notation for product $\prod$

$\prod_{d|n} f(d)$ means product the value $f(d)$ as d runs over all positive divisors of positive integer n .

(e.g.) $\prod_{1 \leq d \leq 5} f(d) = f(1) \cdot f(2) \cdot f(3) \cdot f(4) \cdot f(5)$

$\prod_{d|9} f(d) = f(1) f(3) f(9)$

$\prod_{\substack{p|30 \\ p \text{ is prime}}} f(p) = f(2) f(3) f(5)$

(3)

2) = thm 6.2) can be rewrite as

$$\tau(n) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} (k_i + 1)$$

$$\sigma(n) = \prod_{1 \leq i \leq r} \frac{p_i^{k_i+1} - 1}{p_i - 1}$$

(e.g) $180 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$

has $\tau(180) = (2+1)(2+1)(1+1) = 18$

$$\sigma(180) = \left(\frac{2^3 - 1}{2 - 1} \right) \left(\frac{3^3 - 1}{3 - 1} \right) \left(\frac{5^2 - 1}{5 - 1} \right)$$

$$= 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 6 = 546$$

(note) product of positive divisors of an integer $n \geq 1$ is $n^{\tau(n)/2}$

i.e. $\prod_{d|n} d = n^{\tau(n)/2}$

(eg) $n=16$, divisor of $n = 1, 2, 4, 8, 16$

$$\prod_{d|n} d = n^{\tau(n)/2}$$

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 \cdot 8 \cdot 16 = 1024$$

and $16^{\tau(16)/2}$ and $\tau(16) = \tau(2^4)$

$$= 4+1 = 5$$

$$\therefore 16^{5/2} = (\prod_{d|16} d)^5$$

$$= 4^5 = 1024$$

(defn) (6.2) A number-theoretic function f is said to be multiplicative if

$$f(mn) = f(m)f(n) \text{ whenever } \gcd(m, n) = 1$$

Theorem (6.3) The functions τ and σ are both multiplicative. (1)

(pt) (By defn) let $\gcd(m, n) = 1$
if either m or n is equal to 1, we are done

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \sigma(mn) &= \sigma(1 \cdot n) \text{ or } \sigma(m \cdot 1) \\ &= \sigma(n) \text{ or } \sigma(m) \\ &= \sigma(1)\sigma(n) \text{ or } \sigma(m)\sigma(1) \text{ (wrt to us)} \end{aligned}$$

let $m > 1$ & $n > 1$

if $m = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ and $n = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} \dots p_s^{j_s}$
(By prime factorization)

are prime factorizations of m & n (case 1)

Since $\gcd(m, n) = 1$

So, No p_i can occur among the q_j .

It follows that the prime factorization of product

$$mn \text{ is given by } p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r} p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} \dots p_s^{j_s}$$

(Using thm 6.2), we get

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(mn) &= (k_1+1)(k_2+1) \dots (k_r+1)(j_1+1) \dots (j_s+1) \\ &= \tau(m) \tau(n) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly we get

$$\sigma(mn) = \left[\left(\frac{p_1^{k_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \right) \dots \left(\frac{p_r^{k_r+1} - 1}{p_r - 1} \right) \right] \left[\left(\frac{p_1^{j_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \right) \dots \left(\frac{p_s^{j_s+1} - 1}{p_s - 1} \right) \right]$$

$$= \sigma(m) \sigma(n)$$

thus τ & σ are multiplicative functions.

(lemma) If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then the set of positive divisors of mn consists of all products $d_1 d_2$ where $d_1 | m$ & $d_2 | n$ & $\gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$. Also these products are all distinct.

(pt) let $m > 1$ & $n > 1$

let $m = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ and $n = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} \dots p_s^{j_s}$

be their respective prime factorizations of m & n

primes $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$ & $q_1, \dots, q_s$ are all distinct
the prime factorization of mn is

$$mn = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r} \cdot q_1^{j_1} q_2^{j_2} \dots q_s^{j_s}$$

Any divisor (positive) d of mn will be uniquely representable in the form

$$d = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r} q_1^{b_1} \dots q_s^{b_s} \quad (0 \leq a_i \leq k_i) \quad (0 \leq b_j \leq j_j) \quad (\text{by thm. 6.1})$$

i.e. $d = d_1 d_2$ where $d_1 = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ & $d_1 | m$
 $d_2 = q_1^{b_1} q_2^{b_2} \dots q_s^{b_s}$ & $d_2 | n$ (from factoring)

Since No p_i is equal to any q_j
 $\therefore \gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$

(Theorem 6.4) If f is multiplicative function and F is defined by
$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$$

then F is also multiplicative.

(H) let m & n be relatively prime positive integers
then $F(mn) = \sum_{d|mn} f(d)$

$$= \sum_{\substack{d_1|m \\ d_2|n}} f(d_1 d_2)$$

(every divisor d of mn can be uniquely written as product of divisor d_1 of m & d_2 of n (by lemma above) where $\gcd(d_1, d_2) = 1$)

By defn of multiplicative funⁿ

$$f(d_1 d_2) = f(d_1) f(d_2) \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore F(mn) = \sum_{\substack{d_1|m \\ d_2|n}} f(d_1) f(d_2)$$

$$= \left(\sum_{d_1|m} f(d_1) \right) \left(\sum_{d_2|n} f(d_2) \right) = F(m) F(n)$$