

Examination solutions 2015-16  
Course: M3P16, M4P16, M5P16

**Solution to Question 1.**

**Part a)** The functions  $\mu$  and  $u$  are multiplicative, and by a Theorem in the lectures, the convolution of any two multiplicative functions is multiplicative. seen, 2

Let  $f(n) = \mu * u(n)$ . For an integer  $e \geq 1$  and a prime  $p$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(p^e) &= \sum_{ab=p^e} \mu(a)u(b) = \sum_{a|p^e} \mu(a) \\ &= \mu(1) + \mu(p) + \dots + \mu(p^e) = 1 + (-1) + 0 + \dots + 0 = 0. \end{aligned}$$

seen, 3

Since  $f$  is multiplicative,  $f(p_1^{e_1} \dots p_k^{e_k}) = f(p_1^{e_1}) \dots f(p_k^{e_k}) = 0$  if at least one of the exponents is greater than or equal to 1. seen, 1

For  $n = 1$  we have  $\mu * u(1) = \mu(1) \cdot u(1) = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$ . seen, 1

**Part b)** The equation in part a is equivalent to  $\phi * u = u_1$ , where  $u_1(n) = n$ , for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since,  $\mu * u = u * \mu$  is the identity element of the convolution, we have  $\phi = \phi * (u * \mu) = (\phi * u) * \mu = u_1 * \mu$ . seen, 4

Since the functions  $u_1$  and  $\mu$  are multiplicative, by the theorem mentioned in part a,  $\phi$  must be multiplicative. seen, 2

**Part c)** For every prime  $p$  and integer  $e \geq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(p^e) &= \#\{n : n \leq p^e, (n, p^e) = 1\} = \#\{n : n \leq p^e, p \nmid n\} \\ &= \#\{n : n \leq p^e\} - \#\{n : n \leq p^e, p \mid n\} = p^e - p^{e-1} = p^e(1 - 1/p). \end{aligned}$$

seen, 5

Since  $\phi$  is multiplicative, for distinct primes  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ ,

$$\phi(p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}) = \phi(p_1^{e_1}) \phi(p_2^{e_2}) \dots \phi(p_k^{e_k}) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i} \prod_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right)$$

By the prime factorization theorem,  $\phi(n) = n \prod_{p|n} (1 - \frac{1}{p})$ . seen, 2

**Solution to Question 2.**

**Part a)** By the Euler's product formula, for every  $s \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ ,

$$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s} = \prod_p \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right),$$

where the product is over all primes  $p$ .

seen, 2

**Part b)** Let  $f(n) = 2^{\nu(n)}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If we show that  $f$  is multiplicative, then by a theorem in the lectures, for every  $s$  with  $\operatorname{Re}(s)$  greater than the AAC of the Dirichlet series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)n^{-s}$  we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)n^{-s} = \prod_p \left( \sum_{e=0}^{\infty} f(p^e)p^{-es} \right),$$

where the product is over all primes  $p$ .

seen, 4

The function  $f$  is multiplicative, if  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$ , for all positive integers  $m$  and  $n$  with  $(m, n) = 1$ . First assume that one of  $m$  and  $n$ , say  $m$ , is equal to 1 and  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}$ , where  $p_i$ 's are distinct primes and all  $e_i \geq 1$ . Then,  $f(mn) = f(n) = 2^k$ , while  $f(m)f(n) = 2^0 \cdot 2^k = 2^k$ .

unseen, 2

Now let  $m = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}$  and  $n = q_1^{t_1} q_2^{t_2} \dots q_{k'}^{t_{k'}}$  with all  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k, q_1, q_2, \dots, q_{k'}$  distinct primes, and  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_k, t_1, t_2, \dots, t_{k'}$  positive integers. Then,  $f(mn) = 2^{k+k'} = 2^k \cdot 2^{k'} = f(m)f(n)$ .

unseen, 2

We have  $f(1) = 1 \leq 1$  and for  $n \geq 1$  with prime factorization  $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}$  we have  $f(n) = 2^k \leq p_1 p_2 \dots p_k \leq p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k} = n$ . Then,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} |f(n) \cdot n^{-s}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)+1},$$

which is convergent for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 2$ . In particular, AAC of the Dirichlet series for  $f$  is  $\leq 2$ .

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For each prime  $p$  and positive integer  $e$  we have

$$\sum_{e=0}^{\infty} f(p^e)p^{-es} = f(1) \cdot 1 + f(p) \cdot p^{-s} + f(p^2) \cdot p^{-2s} + \dots =$$

$$2^0 \cdot 1 + 2^1 \cdot p^{-s} + 2^1 \cdot p^{-2s} + 2^1 \cdot p^{-3s} + \dots = -1 + 2 \left( \frac{1}{1 - p^{-s}} \right) = \frac{1 + p^{-s}}{1 - p^{-s}}.$$

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On the other hand, by the Euler's product formula,

$$\frac{\zeta^2(s)}{\zeta(2s)} = \prod_p \left( \left( \frac{1}{1-p^{-s}} \right)^2 (1-p^{-2s}) \right) = \prod_p \left( \frac{1+p^{-s}}{1-p^{-s}} \right).$$

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### Solution to Question 3

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  let us define

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{\log n}{n} & \text{if } n \text{ is prime} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Define,  $F(x) = 1/\log x$ , for  $x \in (0, \infty)$ . The function  $F(x)$  is  $C^1$  on  $(1, \infty)$ . By the partial summation formula, for every  $X > 1$  we have

$$\sum_{n \leq X} f(n)F(n) = S(X)F(X) - \int_1^X S(t)F'(t) dt,$$

where  $S(X) = \sum_{n \leq X} f(n)$ .

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We have

$$\sum_{n \leq X} f(n)F(n) = \sum_{p \leq X} \frac{1}{p},$$

and

$$S(X) = \sum_{p \leq X} \frac{\log p}{p} = \log X + O(1),$$

where both sums are over primes  $p$ . Moreover,  $S(X) = 0$  for  $X < 2$ .

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By the formula,

$$\sum_{p \leq X} \frac{1}{p} = (\log X + O(1)) \frac{1}{\log X} + \int_2^X \frac{S(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt = 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\log X}\right) + \int_2^X \frac{S(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt.$$

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Let  $S(t) = \log t + R(t)$ , where  $R(t) = O(1)$ . Then

$$\int_2^X \frac{S(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt = \int_2^X \frac{1}{t \log t} dt + \int_2^X \frac{R(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt.$$

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We have,

$$\int_2^X \frac{1}{t \log t} dt = \log \log X - \log \log 2,$$

using the substitution  $u = \log t$ , and,

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$$\int_2^X \frac{R(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt = \int_2^\infty \frac{R(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt - \int_X^\infty \frac{R(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt = C - O\left(\frac{1}{\log X}\right),$$

for some constant  $C$ , using the same substitution.

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Combining the above formulas, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{p \leq X} \frac{1}{p} &= 1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\log X}\right) + \log \log X - \log \log 2 + C - O\left(\frac{1}{\log X}\right) \\ &= \log \log X + (1 - \log \log 2 + C) + O\left(\frac{1}{\log X}\right). \end{aligned}$$

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#### Solution to Question 4

**Part a)** If  $\operatorname{Re} s > 1$ , then by a theorem in the lecture,  $1/\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(n)n^{-s}$ , where  $\mu$  is the Möbius function, and  $|\sum_{n=1}^\infty \mu(n)n^{-s}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty |n^{-s}| \leq \sum_{n=1}^\infty n^{-\operatorname{Re}(s)} < \infty$ , for  $\operatorname{Re}(s) > 1$ . In particular,  $\zeta(s) \neq 0$ .

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If  $\operatorname{Re}(s) < 0$ , then  $\operatorname{Re}(1-s) > 1$  and by the above argument,  $\zeta(1-s) \neq 0$ . Therefore, by the hypothesis,  $\zeta(s) = 0$  if and only if  $\cos(\frac{\pi s}{2})\Gamma(s)$  has a pole at  $s$ .

seen, 2

The function  $\cos(\pi s/2)$  is entire and has no poles, while  $\Gamma(s)$  is meromorphic with simple poles at points  $k = 0, -1, -2, -3, \dots$

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When  $-k$  is odd, the pole of  $\Gamma(s)$  at  $k$  is canceled by the zero of  $\cos(\pi s/2)$  at  $k$ . So, their product has no pole at  $k$ .

seen, 2

When,  $-k$  is even,  $\cos(\pi k/2) = \pm 1$  and  $\Gamma(s)$  has a pole at  $k$ . Thus, their product has a pole at  $k$ .

seen, 2

**Part b)** The function  $f(s) = \overline{\zeta(\bar{s})}$  is meromorphic on  $\mathbb{C}$ . Since for every real  $s \geq 1$ ,  $\zeta(s)$  is real, we have  $f(s) = \zeta(s)$  on  $(1, \infty)$ . By the identity theorem, we must have  $f(s) = \zeta(s)$  on  $\mathbb{C}$ .

seen, 3

The relation  $\zeta(\bar{s}) = \overline{\zeta(s)}$  shows that  $\rho$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$  if and only if  $\bar{\rho}$  is a zero of  $\zeta(s)$ .

seen, 3

Also, for  $\rho \in \mathbb{C}$  with  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \rho < 1$ ,  $\cos(\pi\rho/2) \neq 0$  and  $\Gamma(\rho) \neq 0$ . Hence, by the functional equation in part a), for  $\rho$  with  $0 < \operatorname{Re} \rho < 1$ ,  $\zeta(\rho) = 0$  if and only if  $\zeta(1 - \rho) = 0$ .

seen, 3

### Solution to Question 5

**Part a)** We have

$$\begin{aligned} s \int_1^\infty \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx &= s \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_i^{i+1} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx = s \sum_{i=1}^\infty \int_i^{i+1} \frac{\Psi(i)}{x^{s+1}} dx \\ &= - \sum_{i=1}^\infty \Psi(i) \left( (i+1)^{-s} - i^{-s} \right) \\ &= -1 \left( \Psi(1)(2^{-s} - 1^{-s}) + \Psi(2)(3^{-s} - 2^{-s}) + \Psi(3)(4^{-s} - 3^{-s}) + \dots \right) \\ &= \Psi(1) \cdot 1^{-s} + (\Psi(2) - \Psi(1)) \cdot 2^{-s} + (\Psi(3) - \Psi(2)) \cdot 3^{-s} + \dots \\ &= \sum_{n=1}^\infty \Lambda(n) \cdot n^{-s}. \end{aligned}$$

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**Part b)** By a theorem in the lectures,  $\zeta(s)$  has a simple pole of order 1 at 1 with residue equal to 1. Hence, we have a convergent Laurent series,

$$\zeta(s) = \frac{1}{s-1} + a_0 + a_1(s-1) + a_2(s-1)^2 + \dots$$

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This implies that

$$\zeta'(s) = \frac{-1}{(s-1)^2} + a_1 + 2a_2(s-1) + 3a_3(s-1)^2 + \dots$$

This implies that

$$\lim_{s \rightarrow 1} \frac{\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} = -1.$$

unseen, 2

**Part c)**

By the definition of the limsup, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $N(\epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x \geq N(\epsilon)$ ,  $\Psi(x) \leq x(\delta + \epsilon)$ . Then, for real  $s$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= s \int_1^{N(\epsilon)} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx + s \int_{N(\epsilon)}^{\infty} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx \leq sC(\epsilon) - s(\delta + \epsilon) \left[ \frac{x^{s-1}}{-s+1} \right] \\ &= sC(\epsilon) + (\delta + \epsilon) \frac{s}{s-1} N(\epsilon)^{-s+1} \end{aligned}$$

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Multiplying both sides by  $s - 1$  and then taking limit we obtain  $1 \leq \delta + \epsilon$ . As  $\epsilon$  was arbitrary, we conclude that  $1 \leq \delta$ .

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**Part d)**

By the definition of the liminf, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $N'(\epsilon) > 0$  such that for  $x \geq N'(\epsilon)$ ,  $\Psi(x) \geq x(\gamma - \epsilon)$ . Then, for real  $s$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-\zeta'(s)}{\zeta(s)} &= s \int_1^{N'(\epsilon)} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx + s \int_{N'(\epsilon)}^{\infty} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x^{s+1}} dx \\ &\geq sC'(\epsilon) + s(\gamma - \epsilon) \left[ \frac{x^{s-1}}{-s+1} \right] = C'(\epsilon) + (\gamma - \epsilon) \frac{s}{s-1} N'(\epsilon)^{-s+1} \end{aligned}$$

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Multiplying both sides by  $s - 1$  and then taking limit we obtain  $1 \leq \gamma - \epsilon$ . As  $\epsilon$  was arbitrary, we conclude that  $1 \geq \gamma$ .

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Finally, if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x)/x$  exists, we must have

$$1 \leq \delta = \limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x} = \liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\Psi(x)}{x} = \gamma \leq 1.$$

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \Psi(x)/x = 1$ .

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