

Handout (section 6.2)

① Illustration of Proof of MIF

$$n=10: \sum_{d|10} \left(\sum_{c|10} \mu(d) f(c) \right)$$

$$= \mu(1)[f(1)+f(2)+f(5)+f(10)] + \mu(2)[f(1)+f(5)] + \mu(5)[f(1)+f(2)] + \mu(10) f(1)$$

rearranging terms w.r.t. f

$$= f(1) [\mu(1)+\mu(2)+\mu(5)+\mu(10)] + f(2) [\mu(2)+\mu(5)] + f(5) [\mu(1)+\mu(2)] + f(10) \mu(1)$$

$$= \sum_{d|10} \left(\sum_{c|10} \mu(d) f(c) \right)$$

→ How about quotient $\frac{f}{g}$ (given $g(n) \neq 0 \forall n$)?

★ ② Product of two multiplicative functions is also multiplicative:

Let f & g be multiplicative. To show: fg is also multiplicative

Given m, n with $\gcd(m, n) = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} (fg)(mn) &= f(mn)g(mn) = f(m)f(n)g(m)g(n) = (f(m)g(m))f(n)g(n) \\ &= (fg)(m) (fg)(n) \quad \text{done} \end{aligned}$$

③ For any $n \geq 1$, $\mu(n)\mu(n+1)\mu(n+2)\mu(n+3) = 0$

Proof.

Of any four consecutive integers $n, n+1, n+2, n+3$, one will be divisible by 4 ($=2^2$), hence not square free, so will have μ -value of 0.

④ For $n \geq 3$, $\sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k!) = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k!) &= \mu(1!) + \mu(2!) + \mu(3!) + \mu(4!) + \dots + \mu(n!) \\ &= \mu(1) + \mu(2) + \mu(6) + \dots + \mu(n!) \end{aligned}$$

each of these is divisible by 4 ($=2^2$) hence μ -value is 0

$$= 1 + (-1) + 1 = 1$$

Important ★

⑤ If f is mult., then prove that $F(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(d) = (1-f(p_1))(1-f(p_2)) \dots (1-f(p_r))$

where $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ is the prime factorization of n .

Proof: since both μ & f are mult., μf is also mult.

Applying Thm 6.4, F is also multiplicative (so its enough to find $F(p^k)$, p prime)

$$\begin{aligned} F(p^k) &= \mu(1)f(1) + \mu(p)f(p) + \dots + \mu(p^k)f(p^k) = \mu(1)f(1) + \mu(p)f(p) \\ &= 1 - f(p) \quad (\because f(1)=1 \text{ as a mult. ftn.}) \end{aligned}$$

(all other μ -values are 0)

$$\text{So, } F(n) = F(p_1^{k_1}) F(p_2^{k_2}) \dots F(p_r^{k_r})$$

$$\text{using } \otimes = (1-f(p_1))(1-f(p_2)) \dots (1-f(p_r)) \quad \text{done.}$$