

MAS 4203 - Quiz 4 - Summer 2015

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Instructions: All work should be written in a proper and coherent manner, and in a way that any student in the class can follow your work. Show all necessary working and reasoning. When giving proofs your reasoning should be clear. Only scientific or basic calculators are allowed.

TOTAL: 30 pts + 2 bonus pts

1. [2 x 5 = 10 pts]

(a) Complete the Definition: Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n > 0$ .

The sum of positive divisors function denoted  $\sigma(n)$  is the function defined by

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d \dots\dots\dots$$

(b) Prove that  $\sigma(n)$  is multiplicative.

$f(n) = n$  is multiplicative so

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} n = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$$

is multiplicative by Theorem 3.1.

(c) Complete the Theorem. Let  $p$  be prime and suppose  $a$  is a positive integer. Then

$$\sigma(p^a) = \frac{(p^{a+1} - 1)}{(p - 1)}$$

(d) Let  $n$  be any positive integer. Prove that

$$\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}.$$

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d = \sum_{d|n} \frac{n}{\frac{n}{d}} \quad \text{since as } d \text{ runs through positive divisors of } n \text{ so does } \frac{n}{d}$$

$$\sigma(n) = n \sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} \quad \&$$

$$\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}.$$

(e) Prove that if  $2^p - 1$  is a Mersenne prime then

$$n = 2^{p-1} (2^p - 1)$$

is perfect. Suppose  $2^p - 1$  is a Mersenne prime

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(n) &= \sigma(2^{p-1} (2^p - 1)) \\ &= \sigma(2^{p-1}) \sigma(2^p - 1) \quad (\text{since } \sigma \text{ is multiplicative} \\ &\quad \& (2^{p-1}, 2^p - 1) = 1) \\ &= \frac{2^p - 1}{2 - 1} (1 + 2^p - 1) \quad (\text{since } 2^p - 1 \text{ is prime}) \\ &= (2^p - 1) 2^p = 2 \cdot 2^{p-1} (2^p - 1) = 2n. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore n$  is perfect.

2.  $[2 + 2 + 2 + 4 = 10 \text{ pts}]$

(a) Complete Definition The Möbius function  $\mu(n)$  is defined by

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } p^2 | n \text{ where } p \text{ is prime} \\ (-1)^r & \text{if } n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r \\ & \text{with } p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r \text{ distinct primes} \end{cases}$$

(b) Complete the Theorem Let  $n$  be a positive integer. For

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>1. \end{cases}$$

(c) Complete the Möbius Inversion Formula. Let  $f, g$  be arithmetic functions then

$$f(n) = \sum_{d|n} g(d) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1,$$

if and only if

$$g(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d) \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

(d) By a theorem of Gauss we know that

$$F(n) = n = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d), \quad \text{for } n \geq 1.$$

Using Möbius Inversion find a formula for  $\frac{\phi(n)}{n}$ .

By Möbius Inversion,

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) F\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \cdot \frac{n}{d}$$

$$\phi(n) = n \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu(d)}{d}, \quad \&$$

$$\frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \sum_{d|n} \frac{\mu(d)}{d}$$

3. [2 + 4 + 4 = 10 pts]

(a) Complete the Definition: Let  $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $m > 0$  and  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ . For  $a$  is said to be a quadratic residue modulo  $m$  if  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{m}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(b) Find the quadratic residues mod 17.

$x$	$x^2 \pmod{17}$
$\pm 1$	1
$\pm 2$	4
$\pm 3$	9
$\pm 4$	16
$\pm 5$	$25 \equiv 8$
$\pm 6$	$36 \equiv 2$
$\pm 7$	$49 \equiv 15$
$\pm 8$	$64 \equiv 13$

The q.r mod 17 are  $a = 1, 2, 4, 8, 9, 13, 15, 16$

(c) ~~PROVE~~ PROVE one part.

(i)  $\sum_{d|n} |\mu(d)| = 2^{\omega(n)}$  for  $n \geq 1$  where  $\omega(n)$  is the number of distinct prime divisors of  $n$ .

(ii)  $\Lambda(n) = - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln d$  for  $n \geq 1$

where  $\Lambda(n) = \begin{cases} \ln p & \text{if } n = p^a \text{ where } p \text{ is prime and } a \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$

[Hint: First prove  $\ln n = \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d)$ ]

(c) (i) Let  $g(n) = |\mu(n)|$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

& show  $(m, n) = 1$ ,  $m, n \geq 1$ . Then

$$g(mn) = |\mu(mn)| = |\mu(m)\mu(n)| \quad (\text{since } \mu \text{ is multiplicative})$$

$$= |\mu(m)| |\mu(n)| \quad (\text{property of absolute value})$$

$$= g(m) g(n),$$

&  $g$  is multiplicative.

Hence

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} g(d) = \sum_{d|n} |\mu(d)|$$

is multiplicative by Theorem 3.1  $\omega(n)$

$$F(1) = |\mu(1)| = 1 = 2 \quad \text{since } \omega(1) = 0,$$

& result holds for  $n=1$ . Let  $p$  be prime &  $a \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Then } F(p^a) = \sum_{d|p^a} |\mu(d)|$$

$$= |\mu(1)| + |\mu(p)| + |\mu(p^2)| + \dots + |\mu(p^a)|$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 0 + \dots + 0 \quad (\text{since } \mu(p) = -1)$$

$$= 2.$$

Now let  $n \geq 1$  &  $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}$  be a prime factorization. Then

$$F(n) = F(p_1^{a_1} \dots p_m^{a_m})$$

$$= F(p_1^{a_1}) F(p_2^{a_2}) \dots F(p_m^{a_m}) \quad (\text{since } F \text{ is multiplicative})$$

$$= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 2 \quad \omega(n)$$

$$= 2^m = 2^{\omega(n)}$$

Thus

$$\sum_{d|n} |\mu(d)| = 2^{\omega(n)} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 1.$$

4 [Bonus 2 pts]



(a) Who are these guys?  
Which one was the Mathematician?

(b) His proof of the Law of Quadratic Reciprocity in 1798 was  
..... In 1801 Gauss did not state  
he was ..... 's result  
but rather claimed the result for ..... since  
he was .....

(c) In three volumes in 1811, 1817, 1819 he published work  
on ..... functions.

3. (c) (ii)

First we show  $\ln n = \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .  
 $\ln 1 = 0 = \Lambda(1)$  &

result is true for  $n=1$ . Let  $n > 1$  &

$$n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}$$

be a prime factorization.

$$\sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) = \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{e_j=1}^{a_j} \Lambda(p_j^{e_j})$$

(since the only nonzero terms come from  $d = p_j^{e_j}$   
 $1 \leq e_j \leq a_j$ ).

$$= \sum_{j=1}^m \sum_{e_j=1}^{a_j} \ln p_j = \sum_{j=1}^m a_j \ln p_j$$

$$= a_1 \ln p_1 + a_2 \ln p_2 + \dots + a_m \ln p_m$$

$$= \ln(p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}) = \ln n.$$

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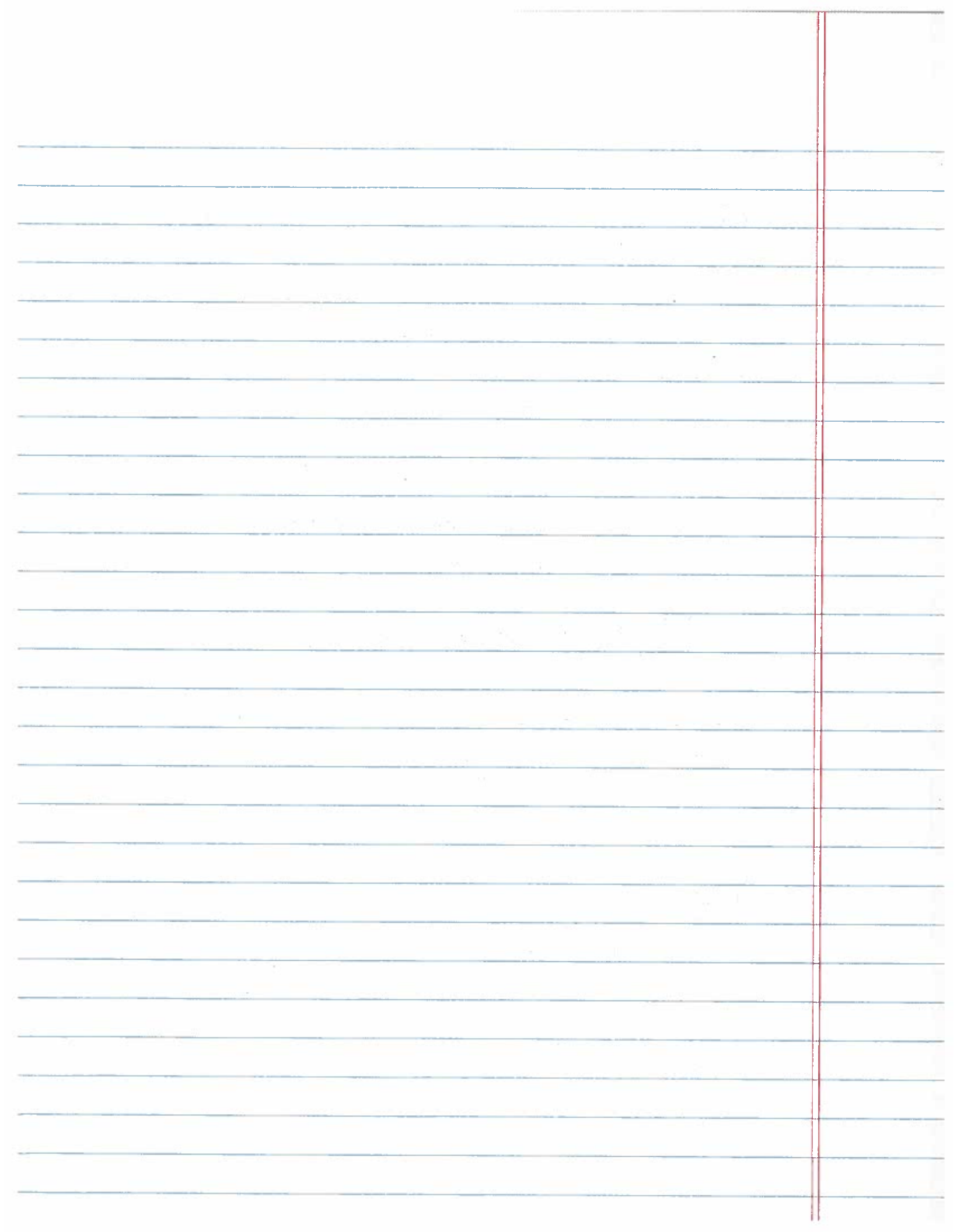
$$\ln n = \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

By Möbius Inversion,

$$\Lambda(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

$$= \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) (\ln n - \ln d)$$

$$= \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln n - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln d$$





$$= \ln n \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln d$$

$$= \cancel{(\ln 1) \cdot 1} - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln d$$

$$\left( \text{since } \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases} \right.$$

$$\left. \& \ln 1 = 0 \right)$$

$$= - \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \ln d.$$

