

Exercise Sheet 1

1. Show that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \right\rfloor = 1.$$

Conclude that

$$\left| \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \right| \leq 1.$$

2. Show that

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

3. Show that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \phi(n) \frac{x^n}{1-x^n} = \frac{x}{(1-x)^2}.$$

4. Show that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \frac{6}{\pi^2} x + O(\log x).$$

5. Let \mathbb{F}_q be a finite field with q elements, ψ an additive character and χ a multiplicative character of \mathbb{F}_q . The Gauss sum associated to ψ and χ is defined to be

$$\tau(\chi, \psi) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times} \chi(x) \psi(x).$$

Show that if ψ and χ are non-trivial, then

$$|\tau(\chi, \psi)| = \sqrt{q}.$$

Hint: Consider $|\tau(\chi, \psi)|^2$ and expand.

6. Let \mathbb{F}_q be a finite field with q elements, and let χ, ϕ be multiplicative characters of \mathbb{F}_q . The Jacobi sum associated to χ and ϕ is given by

$$J(\chi, \phi) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q} \chi(x) \phi(1-x) = \sum_{\substack{x, y \in \mathbb{F}_q \\ x+y=1}} \chi(x) \phi(y).$$

- (a) Show that if χ , ϕ and $\chi\phi$ are all non-trivial, then for any non-trivial additive character ψ of \mathbb{F}_q we have

$$J(\chi, \phi) = \frac{\tau(\chi, \psi)\tau(\phi, \psi)}{\tau(\chi\phi, \psi)}.$$

Hint: Consider $J(\chi, \phi)\tau(\chi\phi, \psi)$ and expand.

- (b) Conclude that $|J(\chi, \phi)| = \sqrt{q}$.

7. Let \mathbb{F}_q be a finite field with q elements, with q odd. Let χ_2 denote the unique non-trivial multiplicative character of order 2 of \mathbb{F}_q^\times , and let ψ , η be additive characters of \mathbb{F}_q . The associated Salié sum is defined by

$$T(\psi, \eta) = \sum_{x \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times} \chi_2(x)\psi(x)\eta(x^{-1}).$$

- (a) Show that if ψ and η are non-trivial then

$$T(\psi, \eta) = \tau(\chi_2, \psi) \sum_{y^2=4a} \psi(y),$$

where $a \in \mathbb{F}_q^\times$ is such that $\eta(x) = \psi(ax)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{F}_q$.

- (b) Conclude that $|T(\psi, \eta)| \leq 2\sqrt{q}$.

8. Use a contour integral involving the ζ -function to compute

$$\sum_{n \leq x} 1.$$

Use the result of this computation to give a heuristic explanation for the value of $\zeta(0)$.

9. Find an asymptotic for

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)^2}{\varphi(n)}.$$

10. Prove

$$|(s-1)\zeta(s)| \ll_\epsilon e^{|s|^{1+\epsilon}}.$$

Conclude that there exist a, b such that

$$(s-1)\zeta(s) = e^{a+bs} \prod_{0 < \text{Re } \rho < 1} \left(1 - \frac{s}{\rho}\right) e^{s/\rho} \prod_{n \geq 1} \left(1 + \frac{s}{2n}\right) e^{-s/2n}.$$

11. Use the argument principle to compute $N(T)$ as accurately as you can.

12. Using the identity

$$H_n = \int_0^1 1 + x + \cdots + x^{n-1} dx,$$

show that

$$\int_\epsilon^\infty \frac{e^{-t}}{t} dt = \log \frac{1}{\epsilon} - \gamma + O(\epsilon).$$