

# A page in Number Theory

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# Möbius function

*“... We now introduce a very important arithmetic function, the Möbius  $\mu$  function.*

*For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\mu(1) = 1$ ,  $\mu(n) = 0$  if  $n$  is not square-free, and  $\mu(p_1 p_2 \dots p_l) = (-1)^l$ , where the  $p_i$  are distinct positive primes.”*

# Möbius function in Matita

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let rec moebius_aux p n : Z \def
  match p with
  [ 0 \Rightarrow pos 0
  | (S p1) \Rightarrow
    match p_ord n (nth_prime p1) with
    [ (pair q r) \Rightarrow
      match q with
      [ 0 \Rightarrow moebius_aux p1 r
      | (S q1) \Rightarrow
        match q1 with
        [ 0 \Rightarrow Zopp (moebius_aux p1 r)
        | (S q2) \Rightarrow OZ
        ]
      ]
    ]
  ]
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definition moebius : nat \to Z \def
  \lambda n.
  let p \def (max n (\lambda p:nat.eqb (n \mod (nth_prime p)) 0)) in
  moebius_aux (S p) n.

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$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \sum_{(\epsilon_1, \dots, \epsilon_l)} \mu(p_1^{\epsilon_1} \dots p_l^{\epsilon_l})$$

where the  $\epsilon_j$  are zero or one. Thus

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A different approach:

Let  $n = p^a r$ , where  $p \nmid r$  (ord  $p$  in  $n$  is  $a$ ).

$$\sum_{d|p^a r} \mu(d) = \sum_{d|r} \sum_{i \leq a} \mu(p^i d)$$

Since  $p \nmid r$  then  $p \nmid d$  and hence  $\mu(pd) = -\mu(d)$ .

Moreover, for any  $i > 1$ ,  $\mu(p^i d) = 0$  since it is not square free.

Hence, for any  $d$ ,

$$\sum_{i \leq a} \mu(p^i d) = \mu(d) + \mu(pd) + \sum_{2 \leq i \leq a} \mu(p^i d) = 0$$

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## Nested summations

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## proof

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{x < S(n2): p2(x)} g(x) &= \\ &= g(n2) + \sum_{x < n2: p2(x)} g(x) \\ &= g(h(hinv(n2))) + \sum_{x < n2: p2(x)} g(x) \\ &= g(h(hinv(n2))) + \sum_{x < (Sn1): p1(x) \wedge x \neq hinv(n2)} g(h(x)) \\ &= \sum_{x < S(n1): p1(x)} g(h(x)) \end{aligned}$$

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lemma sigma_p_gi: \forall g: nat \to Z.
\forall n, i. \forall p: nat \to bool.
i < n \to p i = true \to
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# Dirichlet product

*“The full significance of the Möbius  $\mu$  function can be understood most clearly when its connection with Dirichlet multiplication is brought to light.*

*Let  $f$  and  $g$  be complex valued functions on  $Z^+$ . The Dirichlet product of  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by the formula  $f \otimes g(n) = \sum f(d_1)g(d_2)$  where the sum is over all pairs  $(d_1, d_2)$  of positive integers such that  $d_1 d_2 = n$ .”*

# Dirichlet product in Matita

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definition dirichlet_product:  
  (nat  $\rightarrow$  Z)  $\rightarrow$  (nat  $\rightarrow$  Z)  $\rightarrow$  nat  $\rightarrow$  Z  $\rightarrow$  def  
  \lambda f,g.\lambda n.  
    sigma_p (S n)  
    (\lambda d.divides_b d n)  
    (\lambda d. (f d)*(g (div n d))).
```

# Dirichlet product is associative

*“This product is associative, as one can see by checking that*

$f \otimes (g \otimes h)(n) = (f \otimes g) \otimes h(n) = \sum f(d_1)g(d_2)h(d_3)$   
*where the sum is over all 3-tuples  $(d_1, d_2, d_3)$  of positive integers such that  $d_1 d_2 d_3 = n$ .”*

# Dirichlet product is associative

By definition  $f \otimes g(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g(n \operatorname{div} d)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f \otimes (g \otimes h)(n) &= \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} f(d_1)g \otimes h(n \operatorname{div} d_1) \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} f(d_1)(\sum_{d_2|n \operatorname{div} d_1} g(d_2)h((n \operatorname{div} d_1) \operatorname{div} d_2)) \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} \sum_{d_2|n \operatorname{div} d_1} f(d_1)g(d_2)h((n \operatorname{div} d_1) \operatorname{div} d_2)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (f \otimes g) \otimes h(n) &= \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} f \otimes g(d_1)h(n \operatorname{div} d_1) \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} (\sum_{d_2|d_1} f(d_2)g(d_1 \operatorname{div} d_2))h(n \operatorname{div} d_1) \\
 &= \sum_{d_1|n} \sum_{d_2|d_1} f(d_2)g(d_1 \operatorname{div} d_2)h(n \operatorname{div} d_1)
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# A not so trivial bijection

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State directly permutation invariance for nested sums.

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  \forall h11,h12,h21,h22: nat \to nat \to nat.
  \forall n,m.
  \forall p11,p21:nat \to bool.
  \forall p12,p22:nat \to nat \to bool.
  (\forall i,j. i < n \to j < m \to p21 i = true \to p22 i j = true \to
    p11 (h11 i j) = true \land p12 (h11 i j) (h12 i j) = true
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## More functions

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*“Define  $I$  by  $I(n) = 1$  for all  $n$ . Then  $f \otimes I(n) = I \otimes f(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$ .”*

Prove that  $f \otimes I(n) = f(n)$  (for a time, easy), then use commutativity. Proving directly  $I \otimes f(n) = f(n)$  is far more complex.

# More functions: I

*“Lemma.*  $I \otimes \mu = \mu \otimes I = T$ .

*Proof.*  $\mu \otimes I(1) = \mu(1)I(1) = 1$ . If  $n > 1$ ,

$$\mu \otimes I(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = 0.$$

Easy.

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# Möbius Inversion Theorem

*“Theorem (Möbius Inversion Theorem).*

*Let  $F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$ . Then  $f(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)F(n/d)$ .*

*Proof.  $F = f \otimes I$ . Thus*

$$F \otimes \mu = (f \otimes I) \otimes \mu = f \otimes (I \otimes \mu) = f \otimes T = f.$$

*This shows that  $f(n) = F \otimes \mu(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)F(n/d)$ .*

Formal proof not as elegant, mostly due to extensionality problems.

For instance, we only know  $F(n) = f \otimes I(n)$ , so we cannot just rewrite  $F \otimes \mu$  into  $(f \otimes I) \otimes \mu$ .

You should define a lemma of the kind

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*“Theorem (Möbius Inversion Theorem).*

*Let  $F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$ . Then  $f(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)F(n/d)$ .*

*Proof.  $F = f \otimes I$ . Thus*

$$F \otimes \mu = (f \otimes I) \otimes \mu = f \otimes (I \otimes \mu) = f \otimes T = f.$$

*This shows that  $f(n) = F \otimes \mu(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)F(n/d)$ .*

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*“... The Möbius inversions has many applications. We shall use it to obtain formula for yet another arithmetic function, the Euler  $\phi$  function. For  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\phi(n)$  is defined to be the number of integers between 1 and  $n$  relatively prime to  $n$ . For example,  $\phi(1) = 1$ ,  $\phi(5) = 4$ ,  $\phi(6) = 2$ , and  $\phi(9) = 6$ . If  $p$  is a prime, it is clear that  $\phi(p) = p - 1$ .”*

# Euler $\phi$ function in Matita

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*“Proposition.  $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ .*

*Proof. Consider the  $n$  rational numbers  $1/n, 2/n, 3/n, \dots, (n-1)/n, n/n$ . Reduce each to lowest terms; i.e. express each number as a quotient of relatively prime integers. The denominators will all be divisors of  $n$ . If  $d|n$ , exactly  $\phi(d)$  of our numbers will have  $d$  in the denominator after reducing to lowest terms. Thus  $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ .  $\square$ ”*

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$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ , formally

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = \sum_{d|n} \sum_{i: \gcd(i,d)=1} 1$$

Get rid of the nested sum.

A dependency problem: the bound of the inner sum is  $d$ , that is the index of the outermost sum. Change the bound modifying the boolean condition:

$$\sum_{d|n} \sum_{i: \gcd(i,d)=1} 1 = \sum_{d|n} \sum_{i \leq n: \gcd(i,d)=1} 1$$

Formally:

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$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{d|n} \sum_{i < S(n) : \gcd(i,d)=1} \mathbf{1} &= \\ &= \sum_{\langle d,i \rangle < S(n) \times S(n) : (d|n) \wedge i \leq d \wedge \gcd(i,d)=1} \mathbf{1} \\ &= \sum_{k < S(n) \times S(n) : (k/(Sn)|n) \wedge (k \bmod S(n) \leq d) \wedge \gcd(k/S(n), k \bmod S(n))=1} \mathbf{1} \end{aligned}$$

We want to prove that this quantity is equal to  $n = \sum_{k < S(n)} \mathbf{1}$ .

Hence we must provide a bijection between

$$\{k < S(n) \times S(n) : (k/(Sn)|n) \wedge (k \bmod S(n) \leq d) \wedge \gcd(k/S(n), k \bmod S(n)) = 1\}$$

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The bijection:

$$\frac{i}{d} = \frac{i(n/d)}{n} = \frac{in/d}{n}$$

$$\text{so } h(k) = (k \bmod S(n))n/(k/S(n))$$

$$h^{-1}(j) = \langle d, i \rangle \text{ where } \frac{i}{d} = \frac{j}{n}$$

So,  $d = n/\gcd(j, n)$  and  $i = j/\gcd(j, n)$ , and

$$h^{-1}(j) = (n/\gcd(j, n))S(n) + j/\gcd(j, n)$$

You are “just” left to prove that  $h$  and  $h^{-1}$  define indeed a bijection between the above sets.

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