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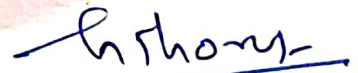
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INTRODUCTION

Arithmetic Functions

An arithmetic function is an important function with many interesting properties frequently occurred in number theoretic investigations.

Defintion :

A function $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, \mathbb{N} is the set of natural numbers is called an Arithmetic function.

eg. 1] $f(n) = n, n \in \mathbb{N}$

2] $g(n) = n^2, n \in \mathbb{N}$

are Arithmetic functions.

3] $f(n) = \log n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ is not an Arithmetic function.

Multiplicative Arithmetic Function

Definition :

If $f(n)$ is an arithmetic function such that $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$ where, $\gcd(m,n) = 1$, then $f(n)$ is said to be Multiplicative Arithmetic Function.

Eg. 1] If $f(n) = n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$F(mn) = mn = f(m)f(n)$$

'f' is multiplicative function.

2] If $g(n) = 2n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$g(mn) = 2mn$$

$$g(m)g(n) = (2m)(2n)$$

$$g(mn) \neq g(m)g(n)$$

'g' is not multiplicative function

Totally Multiplicative Arithmetic Function

Defintion :

If $f(n)$ is an arithmetic function such that $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $f(n)$ is said to be Totally Multiplicative Arithmetic Function.

eg.

1] If $f(n) = n^2$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$f(mn) = (mn)^2 = m^2 n^2 = f(m)f(n) \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}$$

' f ' is totally multiplicative arithmetic function.

Defintion :

If $f(n)$ and $g(n)$ are two arithmetic functions then their product and quotient are defined as follows,

$$(fg)(n) = f(n)g(n)$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(n) = \frac{f(n)}{g(n)}$$

Theorem : If f and g are multiplicative arithmetic functions then $(fg)(n)$ and

$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(n)$ are also multiplicative.

Proof :

Since f and g are multiplicative

$$\therefore f(mn) = f(m)f(n), g(mn) = g(m)g(n) \quad \forall (m, n) = 1$$

Consider, $(fg)(mn) = f(mn)g(mn)$... by definition

$$= f(m)f(n)g(m)g(n)$$

$$= [f(m)g(m)][f(n)g(n)]$$

$$= (fg)(m) \cdot (fg)(n) \quad \forall (m, n) = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(mn) &= \frac{f(mn)}{g(mn)} \\
&= \frac{f(m) f(n)}{g(m) g(n)} \\
&= \left(\frac{f(m)}{g(m)}\right) \left(\frac{f(n)}{g(n)}\right) \\
&= \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(m) \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(n) \quad \forall(m,n) = 1
\end{aligned}$$

Note :

If f and g are totally multiplicative arithmetic functions then $(fg)(n)$ and $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(n)$ are also totally multiplicative.

Theorem : If f is an arithmetic function such that f is multiplicative then $f(1) = 1$

Proof : Given , f is a multiplicative arithmetic function

$$\therefore f(mn) = f(m)f(n) \quad , \forall(m,n) = 1$$

Consider,

$$f(m) = f(m.1)$$

$$\therefore f(m).1 = f(m).f(1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = 1$$

Lemma : Let f and g be two arithmetic functions and $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ then

$$\sum_{(d|m)(D|n)} f(d)g(D) = \sum_{(d|m)} f(d) \times \sum_{(D|n)} g(D)$$

Proof :

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{(d|m)(D|n)} f(d)g(D) &= \sum_{j=1,2,\dots,s} \sum_{k=1,2,\dots,t} f(d_j)g(D_k) \\
&= f(d_1)g(D_1) + f(d_1)g(D_2) + \dots + f(d_1)g(D_t) + \\
&\quad f(d_2)g(D_1) + f(d_2)g(D_2) + \dots + f(d_2)g(D_t) + \dots + \\
&\quad f(d_s)g(D_1) + f(d_s)g(D_2) + \dots + f(d_s)g(D_t) \\
&= [f(d_1) + \dots + f(d_s)][g(D_1) + \dots + g(D_t)]
\end{aligned}$$

$$\sum_{(d|m)(D|n)} f(d)g(D) = \sum_{(d|m)} f(d) \times \sum_{(D|n)} g(D)$$

Lemma : Let $S_1 = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ is the set of positive divisors of m and

$S_2 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l\}$ is the set of positive divisors of n . If $(m, n) = 1$ then the set

$S = \{d_i e_j | d_i \in S_1, e_j \in S_2\}$ is the set of positive divisors of mn without repetition.

Proof: To prove this we have to show

(i) $d_i e_j | mn \quad \forall i, j$

If $d_i | m, \forall i; e_j | n, \forall j$ then $d_i e_j | mn \quad \forall i, j$

(ii) If $d_i e_j = d_r e_s$ then $d_i | d_r e_s$

$$d_i | d_r \quad [:(d_i, e_s) = 1 \text{ for } (m, n) = 1]$$

Similarly we can show that $d_r | d_i$

$$\therefore d_i = d_r$$

$$\Rightarrow i = r$$

Similarly, we can show $j = s$

(iii) If $f | mn$ then $f = d_i e_j$ for some i, j

Let $f | mn$

Let $(f, m) = d$

Then, $d | m \Rightarrow d = d_i$ for some i

Again $d | f$ gives $f = d \times (\text{some integer}) = d_i e$ (say)

If we can show that this $e \in S_2$

i.e. $e | n$ then we are through.

Now $(f, m) = d$

$$\left(\frac{f}{d}, \frac{m}{d}\right) = 1$$

$$(e, d_k) = 1$$

And $f | mn$ gives $d_i e | mn$

$$\text{ie. } e \mid \frac{m}{d}n \Rightarrow e \mid d_k n$$

$$\text{but } (e, d_k) = 1$$

$$\therefore e \mid n$$

$$\therefore e = e_j \text{ for some } j \in \{1, 2, \dots, s\}$$

$$\therefore f = d_i e_j$$

Theorem : If $f(n)$ is a multiplicative arithmetic function then the function

$$\sum_{d \mid n} f(d) \text{ is also multiplicative.}$$

Proof : Let ,

$$F(n) = \sum_{d \mid n} f(d)$$

We prove that $F(n)$ is multiplicative.

Let, $S_1 = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ is the set of positive divisors of m and

$S_2 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l\}$ is the set of positive divisors of n . If $(m, n) = 1$ then the set

$S = \{d_i e_j \mid d_i \in S_1, e_j \in S_2\}$ is the set of positive divisors of mn without repetition.

We are to prove $F(m)F(n) = F(mn)$ if $(m, n) = 1$ if $f(n)$ is multiplicative.

$$\begin{aligned} F(m)F(n) &= \sum_{d \mid m} f(d) \times \sum_{d \mid n} f(d) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} f(d_i) \times \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} f(e_j) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq l} f(d_i) f(e_j) \\ &= \sum_{d_i \in S_1, e_j \in S_2} f(d_i) f(e_j) \\ &= \sum_{D \mid mn} f(D) \\ &= F(mn) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore F(mn) = F(m)F(n)$$

Definition :

Let A be the set of arithmetic functions then $A \neq \Phi$

Let us define an operation * called as convolution on A such that

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

The product * defined above is known as Dirichlet product.

Theorem : If f and g are multiplicative arithmetic functions the $f * g$ is also multiplicative.

Proof : Given, f and g are multiplicative arithmetic functions

Let $(m, n) = 1$

Let, $S_1 = \{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\}$ is the set of positive divisors of m and

$S_2 = \{e_1, e_2, \dots, e_l\}$ is the set of positive divisors of n. If $(m, n) = 1$ then the set

$S = \{d_i e_j | d_i \in S_1, e_j \in S_2\}$ is the set of positive divisors of mn without repetition.

$$\begin{aligned}(f * g)(m) \times (f * g)(n) &= \sum_{d|m} f(d)g\left(\frac{m}{d}\right) \times \sum_{e|n} f(e)g\left(\frac{n}{e}\right) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k} f(d_i)g\left(\frac{m}{d_i}\right) \times \sum_{1 \leq j \leq l} f(e_j)g\left(\frac{n}{e_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq l} f(d_i)g\left(\frac{m}{d_i}\right)f(e_j)g\left(\frac{n}{e_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq l} f(d_i)f(e_j)g\left(\frac{m}{d_i}\right)g\left(\frac{n}{e_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{1 \leq i \leq k, 1 \leq j \leq l} f(d_i e_j)g\left(\frac{mn}{d_i e_j}\right) \\ &= \sum_{D|mn} f(D)g(D) \\ &= (f * g)(mn)\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f * g$ is multiplicative.

Convolution

If $f, g: N \rightarrow C$ are two arithmetic functions from the positive integers to the complex numbers, the *Dirichlet convolution* $f * g$ is a new arithmetic function defined by:

$$(f * g)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{ab=n} f(a)g(b)$$

where the sum extends over all positive divisors d of n , or equivalently over all distinct pairs (a, b) of positive integers whose product is n .

This product occurs naturally in the study of Dirichlet series such as the Riemann zeta function. It describes the multiplication of two Dirichlet series in terms of their coefficients:

$$\left(\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{f(n)}{n^8}\right) \left(\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{g(n)}{n^8}\right) = \left(\sum_{n \geq 1} \frac{(f * g)(n)}{n^8}\right)$$

Properties of convolution(*)

1] * is commutative. ie $f * g = g * f$

$$\begin{aligned} f * g(n) &= \sum_{d|n} f(d)g\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \\ &= \sum_{d|n} f\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)g(d) \\ &= g * f(n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f * g = g * f$$

2] * is associative ie. $(f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$

$$\begin{aligned} ((f * g) * h)(n) &= \sum_{d|n} (f * g)(d)h\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) \\ &= \sum_{de=n} (f * g)(d)h(e) \\ &= \sum_{de=n} h(e)(f * g)(d) \\ &= \sum_{de=n} h(e) \sum_{k|d} f(k)g\left(\frac{d}{k}\right) \\ &= \sum_{de=n} h(e) \sum_{d=kl} f(k)g(l) \\ &= \sum_{de=n,kl=d} h(e)f(k)g(l) \\ &= \sum_{n=kle} h(e)f(k)g(l) \\ &= \sum_{km=n} f(k) \sum_{le=m} g(l)h(e) \\ &= \sum_{km=n} f(k) \sum_{l|m} g(l)h\left(\frac{m}{l}\right) \\ &= \sum_{km=n} f(k) \cdot g * h(m) \\ &= \sum_{k|n} f(k) \cdot \left[g * h\left(\frac{n}{k}\right) \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$= (f * (g * h))(n)$$

$$\therefore (f * g) * h = f * (g * h)$$

3] Existence of identity

If 'f' is any function and e is such that,

$$e(n) = 1 \text{ for } n=1$$

$$= 0 \text{ for } n \neq 1 \text{ then,}$$

$$(f * e)(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)e\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$$

$$= f(1)e(n) + f(d_1)e\left(\frac{n}{d_1}\right) + \dots + f(n)e(n)$$

$$= f(1).0 + f(d_1).0 + \dots + f(n).1$$

$$= f(n)$$

$$\therefore f * e = f$$

Similarly we can show that $f = e * f$

\therefore 'e' is identity w.r.t *

From property [1],[2],[3],

\therefore A is commutative semi group under*

Definition :

If $f * g = f = g * f$ then g is said to be inverse of f and is written as $g = f^{-1}$

Remark : For every arithmetic function its inverse may not exist.

Note: If we define the operation addition \oplus as $(f \oplus g)(n) = f(n) + g(n)$, then A will be an integral domain under \oplus and*.

Some Important Arithmetic Functions :

Euler's Function

An arithmetic function $\Phi : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, defined by

$$\Phi(n) = 1, \text{ if } n = 1$$

= the number of a's($<n$) such that $(a,n) = 1$, if $n > 1$

And is called as Euler's Totient function.

Theorem : For any prime 'p', $\Phi(p) = p-1$

Proof:

Since, 'p' is prime ,each of $1,2,3,\dots,p-1$ is relatively prime to 'p'

ie. for each integer a, $1 \leq a \leq p-1$ is such that $(a,p) = 1$

$$\Phi(p) = p-1$$

Theorem : $\Phi(n)$ is multiplicative.

ie. if $(m,n) = 1$, then $\Phi(mn) = \Phi(m) \Phi(n)$ s

Proof :

Given that, $(m,n) = 1$

We consider the product mn. Then mn numbers can be arranged in n lines, each containing m numbers.

Thus,

1,	2,	...	k,	...	m
$m+1,$	$m+2,$	...	$m+k,$	...	$m+m$
$2m+1,$	$2m+2,$	...	$2m+k,$	...	$2m+m$
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮
$(n-1)m+1,$	$(n-1)m+2,$	...	$(n-1)m+k$	...	$(n-1)m+m$

We consider the vertical column beginning with k.

If $(k,m) = 1$, all the terms of this column will be prime to m.

But if k and m have a common divisor, no number in the column will be prime to m.

Now the first row contains $\Phi(m)$ numbers prime to m.

$\therefore \Phi(m)$ vertical columns in each of which every term is prime to m.

Let us suppose that the vertical column which begins with k is one of these.

This column is in arithmetic progression, the terms of which when divided by n leaves remainders $0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, n-2, n-1$

Hence, the columns contains $\Phi(n)$ integers prime to n .

Thus in the table there are $\Phi(m) \cdot \Phi(n)$ integers, which are prime to m and n also and therefore to mn

ie. $\Phi(mn) = \Phi(m) \Phi(n)$

$\therefore \Phi(n)$ is multiplicative

Expression for $\Phi(p^\alpha)$

The numbers from 1 to p^α are as follows :

1,	2,	...	p ,	...	$2p$,	...	pp ,
p^2+1 ,	p^2+2 ,	...	$2p^2$,	...	$3p^2$,	...	$p^2 \cdot p = p^3$
p^3+1 ,	p^3+2 ,	...	$2p^3$,	...	$3p^3$,	...	$p^3 \cdot p = p^4$
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
$p^{\alpha-1}+1$,	$p^{\alpha-1}+2$,	...	$2p^{\alpha-1}$,	...	$3p^{\alpha-1}$,	...	$p^{\alpha-1} \cdot p = p^\alpha$

In each row there are p number of a 's such that $(a, p^\alpha) \neq 1$

\therefore there are in total $p \cdot p^{\alpha-1}$ numbers such that $(a, p^\alpha) \neq 1$

$\therefore \Phi(p^\alpha) = p^\alpha - (\text{the number of } a\text{'s such that } (a, p^\alpha) \neq 1)$

$$= p^\alpha - p^{\alpha-1}$$

$$= p^\alpha \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

Now if $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}$ then,

$$\Phi(m) = \Phi(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n})$$

$$= \Phi(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \Phi(p_2^{\alpha_2}) \dots \Phi(p_n^{\alpha_n}) \quad \dots \text{since } \Phi \text{ is multiplicative}$$

$$= p_1^{\alpha_1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) p_2^{\alpha_2} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots p_n^{\alpha_n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_n}\right)$$

$$= n \prod_{i=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \quad \text{where } p_i\text{'s are distinct prime factors of } m$$

Theorem : Prove that $\Phi(ab) = \Phi(a)\Phi(b)\frac{(a,b)}{\phi((a,b))}$

Proof :

Suppose, $(a,b) = d$

If $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}$, $b = q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \dots q_n^{\beta_n}$ then

$$\Phi(ab) = \Phi(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n} q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \dots q_n^{\beta_n})$$

$$= ab \prod_{(p|ab)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right), p\text{'s are distinct prime factors of } ab$$

$$\frac{\Phi(ab)}{ab} = \prod_{(p|ab)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

$$= \frac{\prod_{(p|a)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) \prod_{(p|b)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)}{\prod_{(p|d)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\Phi(a)}{a} \frac{\Phi(b)}{b}}{\frac{\Phi(d)}{d}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{ab} \Phi(a) \Phi(b) \frac{d}{\Phi(d)}$$

$$= \Phi(a)\Phi(b)\frac{(a,b)}{\phi((a,b))}$$

Examples :

1] What are the positive integers a, b that satisfy the expression

$$\Phi(ab) = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)?$$

Solution :

We know,

$$\Phi(ab) = \Phi(a)\Phi(b)\frac{d}{\phi(d)} \quad \text{where } d = (a,b)$$

$$\text{Given, } \Phi(ab) = \Phi(a) + \Phi(b)$$

$$\therefore \Phi(a) + \Phi(b) = \Phi(a)\Phi(b)\frac{d}{\phi(d)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Phi(a)+\Phi(b)}{\Phi(a)\Phi(b)} = \frac{d}{\phi(d)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\Phi(a)} + \frac{1}{\Phi(b)} = \frac{d}{\phi(d)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\Phi(d)}{\Phi(a)} + \frac{\Phi(d)}{\Phi(b)} = d$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} = d, \text{ where } m = \frac{\Phi(a)}{\Phi(d)}, n = \frac{\Phi(b)}{\Phi(d)}$$

m,n and d are positive integers.

Only possible values of m,n and d are :

$$d = 2, m = n = 1 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$d = 1, m = n = 2 \quad \dots(2)$$

for case (1),

$$\Phi(a) = \Phi(b) = 2 \text{ then , } a = b = 2$$

for case (2),

$$\Phi(a) = \Phi(b) = 2 \text{ then , one of a,b is 3 and the other is 4.}$$

Thus, the possible values are (2,2),(3,4) and (4,3) .

2] Find $\Phi(225)$

Solution :

$$\Phi(225) = \Phi(5^2 \cdot 3^2)$$

$$= 225 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= 225 \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= 120$$

Divisor Function

An arithmetic function $d : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined by,

$d(n)$ = number of divisors of n , $n \in \mathbb{N}$

is called as divisor function and is denoted by $d(n)$ or $\tau(n)$.

We note that,

$$d(n) = 1, \text{ if } n = 1$$

$$= 2, \text{ if } n \text{ is a prime number}$$

$$> 2, \text{ if } n \text{ is composite}$$

Expression for $d(n)$

Since, $1, p, p^2, p^3, \dots, p^\alpha$ are the divisors of p^α , where p is prime, then,

$$d(p^\alpha) = \alpha + 1$$

$$d(p^\alpha q^\beta) = (\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1)$$

if $n = p^\alpha q^\beta$, then divisors of n are,

1	p	p^2	...	p^α
q	pq	p^2q	...	$p^\alpha q$
q^2	pq^2	p^2q^3	...	$p^\alpha q^2$

:	:	:	:	:
q^β	pq^β	p^2q^β	...	$p^\alpha q^\beta$

Therefore the number of divisors is $(\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1)$

Thus, $d(n) = (\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1)$

Similarly if, $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}$ then,

$$d(n) = d(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_n^{\alpha_n}) \quad \dots (p_i, p_j) = 1, i \neq j$$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_n + 1)$$

eg. 1] $d(4) = d(2^2) = 2 + 1 = 3$

2] $d(4320) = d(2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^1)$

$$= (5+1)(3+1)(1+1)$$

$$= (6)(4)(2) = 48$$

Theorem : d is multiplicative. ie. $d(mn) = d(m)d(n)$ if $(m,n) = 1$

Proof : Let, $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}$, p_i 's are distinct primes and α_i 's are positive integers.

$$\therefore d(m) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_i + 1) \quad \dots(1)$$

$n = q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \dots q_j^{\beta_j}$, q_j 's are distinct primes and β_j 's are positive integers

$$\therefore d(n) = (\beta_1 + 1)(\beta_2 + 1) \dots (\beta_j + 1) \quad \dots(2)$$

$$d(mn) = d(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i} q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \dots q_j^{\beta_j})$$

$$= (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_i + 1) (\beta_1 + 1)(\beta_2 + 1) \dots (\beta_j + 1)$$

$$= [(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_i + 1)] [(\beta_1 + 1)(\beta_2 + 1) \dots (\beta_j + 1)]$$

$$= d(m)d(n) \quad \text{from eqn.(1) and (2)}$$

$\therefore d$ is multiplicative.

Note : d is not totally multiplicative.

$$d(8) = d(2^3) = 4$$

$$(4, 2) = 2 \neq 1$$

$$d(4) = 3$$

$$d(2) = 2$$

$$\therefore d(8) \neq d(4)d(2)$$

Examples :

1) Show that $\Phi(m) \geq \frac{m}{d(m)}$

Solution : Suppose, $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}$, then ,

$$\Phi(m)d(m) = m \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_i + 1)$$

$$\geq m \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^i 2^i$$

$$\geq m$$

This gives, $\Phi(m) \geq \frac{m}{d(m)}$

2) Prove that $d(n)$ is odd if and only if n is a perfect square.

Solution :

Suppose $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}$, then

$$\begin{aligned}d(n) &= d(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}) \\ &= (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_i + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Now, $d(n)$ is odd if and only if $(\alpha_i + 1)$ is odd for each i .

ie. if and only if α_i is even for each i

ie. if and only if $\alpha_i = 2k_i$ for each i

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Thus, } n &= p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i} \\ &= p_1^{2k_1} p_2^{2k_2} \dots p_i^{2k_i} \\ &= (p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_i^{k_i})^2 \\ &= m^2 \quad \text{where } m = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_i^{k_i}\end{aligned}$$

Hence $d(n)$ is odd if and only if n is perfect square.

3] Find the smallest positive integer having only 10 positive divisors.

Solution :

$$\text{Suppose, } n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}$$

$$d(n) = d(p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_i^{\alpha_i}) = 10 \quad \dots \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore d(n) = (1)(10) \text{ or } d(n) = (2)(5)$$

case(1) :

$$(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) = (1)(10)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_1 + 1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_2 + 1) = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_2 = 9$$

$n = q^9$ Since 2 is smallest prime number

$$\therefore n = 2^9$$

Case (2) :

$$(\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) = (2)(5)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_1 + 1) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha_2 + 1) = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_2 = 4$$

$n = pq^4$ Since 2,3 are first two smaller prime numbers

$$\therefore n = (3)(2^4)$$

$$= 489$$

\therefore from, case (1) and case (2),

$$n = 489$$

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