

Summary of Chapter 3

We introduce arithmetic functions, functions from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{C} . To each arithmetic function f we associate a Dirichlet Series, $D_f(s)$. Looking at the Dirichlet product of two such series $D_f(s)D_g(s)$ we are formally led to a new Dirichlet series with coefficients given by the Dirichlet convolution $f * g$, thus formally

$$D_{f*g}(s) = D_f(s)D_g(s).$$

We prove that the convolution of multiplicative functions is multiplicative.

Question How to factor a given arithmetic function F ?

Factor the Dirichlet Series. If F is a multiplicative arithmetic function then the Dirichlet Series $D_F(s)$ has an Euler product. Factor the Euler product of $D_F(s)$ into “simpler” Euler products, which in turn equal Dirichlet Series $D_f(s)$ for various f . This “suggests” that F is the convolution of these f . Usually these $D_f(s)$ will be of the form $\zeta(\ell s)$ or $\zeta^{-1}(ks)$ for various k and ℓ . We introduce the arithmetic function μ_k by

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(ks)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu_k(n)}{n^s},$$

for $\operatorname{Re} s > 1/k$.

As noted in the lectures, if f , g and F are multiplicative then it suffices to prove equality on prime powers. It was also noted that

$$(f * g)(p^r) = \sum_{0 \leq k \leq r} f(p^k) g(p^{r-k}) = \sum_{a+b=r} f(p^a) g(p^b).$$

A number of arithmetic functions are introduced and relations are found between them. The most important relation is Möbius Inversion $1 * \mu = \delta$, or equivalently

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