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Problem 1: Generalizing Perfectness

Abstract

We did point 1.a, first half of point 1.b and obtained some results in last part of point 1.b. We did point 2, 3, 4 and point 5a.

Remark.

1. As when $n = 1$ the sum $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d)$ doesn't make sense, we don't consider this case.

1. If $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$, $\tau(n) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1)(\alpha_3 + 1) \dots (\alpha_k + 1)$

2. $\forall n \geq 2 \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d) \geq 2\tau(n) - 3$

3. If $\varphi(n)$ - Euler's totient function, $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \varphi(d) = n$

1 First problem

1.1 Question: Prove that a natural number $n \geq 1$ is τ -perfect $\iff n$ is a square of a prime.

Proof. \implies :

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be a τ -perfect. Then $\tau(n) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d) \geq 2\tau(n) - 3 \implies \tau(n) \leq 3$. Then $n = p^2$ where p - prime.

\impliedby :

Let $n = p^2$ where p is prime. Then $\tau(n) = 3 = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d)$. □

1.2 Question 1: Find all f -perfect natural numbers $n \geq 1$ for the function $f(n) = \tau(n) - 1$.

Theorem 1. *If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, n - f -perfect $\iff n = p^3$ where p - prime.*

Proof. \implies :

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be a f -perfect. Then $f(n) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d) \implies \tau(n) - 1 = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} (\tau(d) - 1) \implies 2\tau(n) - 2 = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d) \geq 2\tau(n) - 3$. Then $\exists! d_1$ - divisor of n that $d_1 = 1$; $\exists! d_2$ - divisor of n that $d_2 = p^2$, where p is prime and all the other divisors are prime. Let d_3, d_4 be divisors of n , where d_3, d_4 are primes and $d_3 \neq d_4$, then $d_3 d_4$ is divisor of n . Controversial. Then $n = p^3$.

\impliedby :

Let $n = p^3$ where p is prime. Then $f(n) = 3 = f(1) + f(p) + f(p^2) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d)$. □

1.3 Question 2: Find as many values of $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ find all f -perfect natural numbers $n \geq 1$ for the function $f(n) = \tau(n) + k$.

Theorem 2. *If $k \geq 1 \implies \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ n is **not** f -perfect.*

Proof. Let $k \geq 1$ and $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that n - f -perfect. Then $\tau(n) + k = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} (\tau(d) + k) \implies \tau(n) + k = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d) + (\tau(n) - 1)k \implies \tau(n)(1 - k) + 2k = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d) \geq 2\tau(n) - 3 \implies \tau(n)(1 - k) + 2k \geq 2\tau(n) - 3 \implies \frac{2k+3}{k+1} \geq \tau(n)$. Then $\tau(n) \leq 2$, i.e. n is a prime $\implies \tau(n) + k = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \tau(d)$ that is $k+2=k+1$. ??? □

Claim 3. Let $k = -2$, then if $n = p_1^3 p_2 \Rightarrow n - f - \text{perfect}$ and let $k = -5$, then if $n = p_1^4 p_2 p_3 \Rightarrow n - f - \text{perfect}$.

2 Second problem

2.1 Question: Find all $f - \text{perfect}$ numbers n , where $f(n) = \varphi(n)$.

Theorem 4. $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n - \varphi - \text{perfect} \iff n = 2^k$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$

Proof. \implies :

Let n be a $\varphi - \text{perfect} \implies \varphi(n) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \varphi(d) = n - \varphi(n) \implies 2\varphi(n) = n$. Then $\forall d : 1 \leq d \leq n-1$ and $\gcd(d, 2) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(n, d) = 1$. Then $n = 2^k$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

\impliedby :

Let $n = 2^k$, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then $\varphi(n) = \frac{n}{2} = 2^{k-1} = n - \varphi(n) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \varphi(d)$. □

3 Third problem

3.1 Question a: Prove that if k is a natural number such that $2^{k+1} - 2k - 1$ is a prime, then $n = 2^k(2^{k+1} - 2k - 1)$ is $f - \text{perfect}$ for $f(n) = n + 1$.

Proof. <see: 3.2 Question b> □

3.2 Question b: Find similar sufficient conditions for $f - \text{perfectness}$ for other polynomial functions of degree 1.

Theorem 5. Let $f(n) = an + b$ and $k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $a|2kb$ and $t = 2^{k+1} + \frac{2kb}{a} - 1$ is prime. Then if $n = 2^k t \implies n - f - \text{perfect}$.

Proof. Let $n = 2^k t$. Then $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d) = \sum_{i=0}^k (a2^i + b) + \sum_{i=0}^{k-1} (a2^i t + b) = (2k+1)b + (2^{k+1} - 1)a + (2^k - 1)at = 2kb + b + a2^{k+1} - a + a2^k t - at = a2^k t + b = an + b = f(n)$. □

4 Forth problem

4.1 Question: Let $f(n) = \ln(n)$. Find all $f - \text{perfect}$ numbers n .

Theorem 6. $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n - \ln - \text{perfect} \iff n = p^3$ or $n = pq$, where p, q are primes.

Proof. \implies :

Let n be a $\ln - \text{perfect}$. Then $\ln(n) = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} \ln(d) = \ln\left(\prod_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} d\right)$, that is $n = \prod_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} d$. Let $n = p^k m$, where p is prime and $\gcd(m, p) = 1$. Then denote by $s = \tau(m) \implies \prod_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} d = p^{\frac{sk(k+1)}{2} - k} M$, where $\gcd(M, p) = 1$. Then $p^k m = p^{\frac{sk(k+1)}{2} - k} M$, that is $4 = s(k+1)$.

1. $s=1$ and $k=3$. Then $n = p^3$, where p is prime. Let's check: $n = p^3 = 1 * p * p^2$.

2. $s=2$ and $k=1$. Then $n = pq$, where $p \neq q$ and p, q are primes. Let's check: $n = pq = 1 * p * q$.

\impliedby : <see: Theorem 5>: > □

5 Fifth problem

5.1 Question: Let $f(n) = (-1)^n$. Find all f -perfect numbers n .

Theorem 7. $n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n = p$ or $n = 4q$, where p, q are primes and $\gcd(p, 2) = 1 \iff n$ - f - perfect

Proof. \implies :

1. Let $n = p$, where p is prime and $\gcd(p, 2) = 1$. Then $f(n) = -1$ and $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d) = -1$.
2. Let $n = 4q$, where q is prime. Then $f(n) = 1$ and $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d) = 1$.

\impliedby :

Let n be a f -perfect.

1. $2|n$. $\forall d : d|n$, $f(d) = -1$. Then n has only one divisor, that is $n = p$, where p is prime and $\gcd(p, 2) = 1$.
2. $\gcd(n, 2) = 1$. Let $n = 2^k m$, where $\gcd(m, 2) = 1$. Let's denote by s : $s = \tau(m)$. The number of even addends is equal to number of odd addends plus 1 in this sum $\sum_{\substack{d|n \\ 1 \leq d \leq n-1}} f(d)$. That is $ks - 1 = s + 1 \implies (k-1)s = 2$.

2.1 $k=3$, $s=1$. Then $n=8$. Let's check: <see Theorem 6 \implies :>

2.2 $k=2$, $s=2$. Then $n=4p$, where p is prime. <see Theorem 6 \implies :>. □