

EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:-

B.Sc. M.Sci.

Mathematics C371: Analytic Theory Of Numbers

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TIME ALLOWED : **2 Hours**

All questions may be attempted but only marks obtained on the best **four** solutions will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is **not** permitted in this examination.

Throughout the paper p denotes a prime number, d/n means “ d divides n ” and the complex variable s equals $\sigma + it$. Also $\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} n^{-s}$ denotes the Riemann Zeta-Function.

1. Define the Dirichlet Multiplication of two arithmetic functions $a(n)$ and $b(n)$ denoted by $a * b$. Show that, with respect to the operation $(*)$ the set of arithmetic functions with $a(1) \neq 0$ forms an Abelian group. Define the Möbius function $\mu(n)$ and the Euler Totient function $\phi(n)$. State Möbius’ inversion formula and use it to show that

$$\phi(n) = \sum_{d/n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d}.$$

You may assume that $\sum_{d/n} \phi(d) = n$.

2. If $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{n^s}$, $G(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{b(n)}{n^s}$ and $F(s)G(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{h(n)}{n^s}$, all series assumed to be absolutely convergent for $\sigma > \sigma_0$, find a formula for $h(n)$.

Define the abscissa of absolute convergence σ_a and the abscissa of conditional convergence σ_c of a Dirichlet series. Show that $0 \leq \sigma_a - \sigma_c \leq 1$ and give an example where $\sigma_a - \sigma_c = 1$. Show that $\zeta(s) \left\{ \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^s} \right\} = 1$ if $\sigma > 1$ and deduce that $\zeta(s)$ has no zeros in the half-plane $\sigma > 1$.

3. State the prime number theorem. Define the von Mangoldt function $\Lambda(n)$ and the Chebyshev functions $\theta(x)$, $\psi(x)$, $\psi_1(x)$. Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\psi(x) - \theta(x)}{x} = 0.$$

Given that the prime number theorem is equivalent to the statement that $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\theta(x)}{x} = 1$ show that it is also equivalent to the statement

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\psi_1(x)}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

(Any theorem of a Tauberian nature used should be clearly stated but need not be proved.)

4. Define the Dirichlet characters (mod k) and write down the table of Dirichlet characters (mod 7). *State* Abel's Lemma and use it to show that for any non-principal character χ (mod k) we have, for $x \geq 1$

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n} + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

If $L(s, \chi) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\chi(n)}{n^s}$ use Möbius' Inversion formula to show that if χ is a non-principal character (mod k) then

$$[L(1, \chi)] \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n) \chi(n)}{n} = O(1) \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

5. Define the Gamma function $\Gamma(s)$. For which values of s is your definition valid? What is meant by a function $f(s)$ being continued analytically outside a given region? Prove that the Riemann Zeta function $\zeta(s)$ can be continued analytically into the region $\sigma > 0$ except for $s = 1$ where there is a simple pole of residue 1. Show that if $\sigma > 1$ then

$$\Gamma(s) \zeta(s) = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{s-1} e^{-x} dx}{1 - e^{-x}}.$$