

Solutions to Attendance Quiz # 19 for Dr. Z.'s Number Theory Course for Nov. 11, 2013

1. Compute **a.** $\mu(100)$ **b.** $\mu(1001)$

Sol. to 1:

a. $100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$. Since at least one of the powers is larger than one, (in this case both are) $\mu(100) = 0$.

b. $1001 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$, so $\mu(1001) = (-1)^3 = -1$.

2. Check empirically that $\sum_{d|30} \mu(d) = 0$.

Sol. to 2: $30 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$, so

$$\text{Div}(30) = \{1, 2\} \cdot \{1, 3\} \cdot \{1, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3, 6\} \cdot \{1, 5\} = \{1, 2, 3, 6\} \cup \{5, 10, 15, 30\} = \{1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30\}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(1) &= 1 \quad , \quad \mu(2) = -1 \quad , \quad \mu(3) = -1 \quad , \quad \mu(5) = -1 \quad , \\ \mu(6) &= \mu(2 \cdot 3) = (-1)^2 = 1 \quad , \quad \mu(10) = \mu(2 \cdot 5) = (-1)^2 = 1 \quad , \quad \mu(15) = \mu(3 \cdot 5) = (-1)^2 = 1 \quad , \\ \mu(30) &= \mu(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5) = (-1)^3 = -1 \quad . \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\sum_{d|30} \mu(d) = \mu(1) + \mu(2) + \mu(3) + \mu(5) + \mu(6) + \mu(10) + \mu(15) + \mu(30) = 1 - 1 - 1 - 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 - 1 = 0 \quad .$$

Yea!