

Homework 4

(due Wednesday, April 28, 2021)

1. Show that for $k \geq 2$ we have

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda_k(n) = kx(\log x)^{k-1} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right) \right).$$

2. Define the counting function $\pi_{\odot}(R)$ as the number of prime lattice points, both coordinates are prime (positive or negative), inside the circle with radius R and origin $O = (0, 0)$. That is, $\pi_{\odot}(R) := \#\{(p, q) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : p, q \text{ are prime and } p^2 + q^2 \leq R^2\}$. Show that

$$\pi_{\odot}(R) \sim \frac{\pi R^2}{(\log R)^2}, \quad R \rightarrow \infty.$$

3. Let $N_{\square}(R) = \#\{(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : \gcd(m, n) = 1 \text{ and } |m| \leq R, |n| \leq R\}$. Show that

$$N_{\square}(R) = \frac{24}{\pi^2} R^2 + O(R \log R).$$

4. Let $N_{\odot}(R) = \#\{(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}^2 : \gcd(m, n) = 1 \text{ and } m^2 + n^2 \leq R^2\}$. Show that

$$N_{\odot}(R) = \frac{6}{\pi} R^2 + O(R \log R).$$

5. If m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k are pairwise prime, and x_1, x_2, \dots, x_k run over a complete residue system modulo m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k respectively, then

$$x_1 + m_1 x_2 + m_1 m_2 x_3 + \dots + m_1 m_2 \dots m_{k-1} x_k$$

run over a complete residue system modulo $m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$.

6. Let $m > 1$ be an integer and $a \in \mathbb{N}$, $(a, m) = 1$. Show that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad & \sum_{\xi \pmod{m}} \left\{ \frac{a\xi + b}{m} \right\} = \frac{m-1}{2}, \\ \text{(b)} \quad & \sum'_{\xi \pmod{m}} \left\{ \frac{a\xi}{m} \right\} = \frac{1}{2} \varphi(m), \end{aligned}$$

where $\sum_{\xi \pmod{m}}$ means summing over a complete residue system modulo m , and $\sum'_{\xi \pmod{m}}$ means summing over a reduced residue system modulo m .

7. If p is an odd prime, show that not all three of the sets

$$\{a_1, \dots, a_{p-1}\}, \{b_1, \dots, b_{p-1}\}, \{a_1 b_1, \dots, a_{p-1} b_{p-1}\}$$

can be reduced residue systems \pmod{p} .

8. Show that for $1 < k < p - 1$, we have $(p - k)!(k - 1)! \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{p}$.

9. Solve the system of congruences

$$3x \equiv 9 \pmod{12}, \quad 4x \equiv 5 \pmod{35}, \quad 6x \equiv 2 \pmod{11}.$$

10. Let $p > 3$ be a prime number. Show that

(a) $\left(\frac{3}{p}\right) = 1$ if and only if $p = 12n \pm 1$;

(b) $\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = 1$ if and only if $p = 6n + 1$.

11. Show that if p is an odd prime and $\text{ord}_p(a) = t > 1$, then

$$\sum_{k=1}^{t-1} a^k \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

12. Show that a primitive root of p^k is also a primitive root of p^j for $1 \leq j < k$.

13. Solve the congruences

(a) $x^{12} \equiv 16 \pmod{17}$;

(b) $7x^7 \equiv 11 \pmod{41}$.