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**Cor.**  $\zeta(s) \neq 0$  for Res > 1.

*Proof.* This is clear from the product, but not from the series!

**Prop.** (Euler).  $\sum_{p \le x} 1/p \ge \log \log x - \frac{1}{2}$ . In particular,  $\sum_p 1/p$  diverges.

*Proof.* With  $\sum_{x}^{*}$  a sum over all n with all prime factors  $\leq x$ ,

$$T_x := \prod_p 1/(1 - 1/p) = \sum_x^* 1/n \ge \sum_x^* 1/n > \log x$$

But for 0 < x < 1

$$-\log(1-x) = x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x^3 + \dots < x + \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x^3 + \dots = x + \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^2}{1-x},$$

 $\mathbf{SO}$ 

$$-\log(1-1/y) - 1/y < \frac{1}{2y^2(1-1/y)} = \frac{1}{2y(y-1)}.$$

So if  $S_x := \sum_{p \le x} 1/p$ ,

$$\log T_x - S_x = \sum_{p \le x} \left( -\log(1 - \frac{1}{p}) - \frac{1}{p} \right) < \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \le x} \frac{1}{p(p-1)}$$
$$< \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \le x} \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \sum_{p \le x} \left( \frac{1}{n-1} - \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

(the sum telescopes). So

$$S_x \ge \log T_x - \frac{1}{2} \ge \log \log x - \frac{1}{2}.$$
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Cor. (Euclid). There are infinitely many primes (I.1).

## §5. The Möbius Function

The *Möbius function*  $\mu$  is defined by  $\mu(1) := 1;$ 

 $\mu(n) := (-)^k$  if n is a product of distinct primes;

 $\mu(n) := 0$  if n contains a square factor (equivalently, a square prime factor  $p^2$ ).

**Theorem**. If a is completely multiplicative with  $\sum |a_n| < \infty$ ,

$$\frac{1}{\sum_{1}^{\infty} a_n} = \sum_{1}^{\infty} \mu(n) a_n.$$

*Proof.* As  $|\mu(.)| \leq 1$ ,  $\sum \mu(n)a_n$  converges. If its sum is S, and

$$Q_N := \prod_{p \le N} (1 - a_p) =$$

multiply out on RHS. Each n which is a product of k distinct primes each  $\leq N$  contributes  $(-)^k a_n$ . No n containing a square does. So (notation as above)

$$Q_N = \sum_{n \in E_N} \mu(n) a_n$$

So

$$|S - Q_N| \le \sum_{n \in E_N^*} |a_n| \le \sum_{n > N} |a_n| \to 0 \qquad (N \to \infty). \qquad //$$

Cor. (i)

$$\frac{1}{\zeta(s)} = \sum_{1}^{\infty} \mu(n) / n^s \qquad (Re \ s > 1); \qquad (\mu, 1/\zeta)$$

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(ii)

$$u * \mu = e_1;$$
  $\sum_{i|n} \mu(i) = 0$   $(n > 1).$ 

*Proof.* (i) Take  $a_n = 1/n^s$  in the Theorem. (ii) Use the identity

$$1 = \zeta(s).1/\zeta(s): \qquad 1 \leftrightarrow e_1, \zeta \leftrightarrow u, 1/\zeta \leftrightarrow \mu.$$

For completeness only, we add the following self-contained proof of (ii). For n = 1,  $u(1)\mu(1) = 1.1 = 1$ ; for n > 1,  $(u * \mu)(n) := \sum_{i|n} \mu(i)$ . If  $n = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_k^{r_k}$  (from FTA), the i > 1 with  $\mu(i) \neq 0$  are of the form  $i = q_1 \dots q_j$  with the qs distinct primes from  $\{p_1, \dots, p_k\}$ . There are  $\binom{k}{j}$  such choices, each giving an i with  $\mu(i) = (-)^j$ . As  $\binom{n}{0} = 1$ , this holds also for j = 0. So by the Binomial Theorem,

$$(u * \mu)(n) = \sum_{i|n} \mu(i) = \sum_{j=0}^{k} (-)^{j} {k \choose j} = (1-1)^{k} = 0.$$
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