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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 $\leq x$,

$$T_x := \prod_n 1/(1 - 1/p) = \sum_x^* 1/n \ge \sum_1^x 1/n > \log x.$$

But for 0 < x < 1

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

SO

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

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

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

$$<\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\frac{1}{n(n-1)}=\frac{1}{2}\sum_{n=0}^{\infty}\left(\frac{1}{n-1}-\frac{1}{n}\right)=\frac{1}{2}$$

(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 μ 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

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

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

(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

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

For completeness only, we add the following self-contained proof of (ii). For $n=1,\ u(1)\mu(1)=1.1=1;$ for $n>1,\ (u*\mu)(n):=\sum_{i\mid n}\mu(i).$ 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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