

A PROOF FOR A VARIANT OF A CLASSICAL RESULT

Below, I present a proof for a variant of a classical result, proposed by Narendra Bhandari in the Romanian Mathematical Magazine.

To prove that:

$$\prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)^{\frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{e^3}}{\sqrt{e^{\vartheta_3(0, \phi^{-1})}}}$$

where ϕ is the golden ratio, $\mu(n)$ is the Mobius function, $\varphi(n)$ is the Euler totient function, $\lambda(n)$ is Liouville function, $\vartheta_a(x, q)$ is the Jacobi theta function and e is the Euler number

Proof

$$\text{let } P = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)^{\frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n}} = e^{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)^{\frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n}}} = e^{\frac{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)}{S}}$$

$$\therefore P = e^S$$

$$S = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right) = \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)}_{S_1} - \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)}_{S_2} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)}_{S_3}$$

$$S = S_1 - S_2 + S_3$$

$$\text{for } S_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{kn}}{k}$$

consider the sum over divisors by roots of unity filter

$$\therefore \text{ for any } m \geq 0 \text{ the coefficient of } \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n \text{ is } \frac{\sum_{n|m} \mu(n)}{m} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore S_1 = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n = - \left(\frac{1}{\phi} + \underbrace{\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n}_0 \right) = -\frac{1}{\phi}$$

$$\text{considering } S_2 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\varphi(n)}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{kn}}{k}$$

$$\therefore \text{ for any } m \geq 0 \text{ the coefficient of } \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n \text{ is } \frac{\sum_{n|m} \varphi(n)}{m} = 1$$

$$\therefore S_2 = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n = -\frac{\frac{1}{\phi}}{1 - \frac{1}{\phi}} = -\frac{1}{\phi - 1} \text{ considering } S_3 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(n)}{n} \log\left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right) = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\lambda(n)}{n} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{kn}}{k}$$

\therefore for any $m \geq 0$ the coefficient of $\left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^n$ is $\frac{\sum_{n|m} \lambda(n)}{m} = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n \text{ is a perfect square} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

$$\therefore S_3 = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\phi}\right)^{n^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \left(\vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right) - 1\right)$$

recall that $S = S_1 - S_2 + S_3 = -\frac{1}{\phi} + \frac{1}{\phi - 1} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right) = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right)$

$$\therefore S = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right)$$

recall $P = e^S = e^{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right)} = e^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{1}{2} \vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right)} = \frac{\sqrt{e^3}}{\sqrt{e^{\vartheta_3\left(0, \frac{1}{\phi}\right)}}} = \frac{\sqrt{e^3}}{\sqrt{e^{\vartheta_3\left(0, \phi^{-1}\right)}}}$

$$\boxed{\therefore P = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{\phi^n}\right)^{\frac{\mu(n) - \varphi(n) + \lambda(n)}{n}} = \frac{\sqrt{e^3}}{\sqrt{e^{\vartheta_3\left(0, \phi^{-1}\right)}}}$$