

Proof of the Conjecture 5.2 Taken From the Research Paper “Research Problems in Number Theory”

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ABSTRACT

The conjecture is taken from the research paper "Research problems in Number Theory" published by Nguyen Cong Hao, Imre K'atai and Bui Minh Phong in the year 2014, that elaborated the concept of additive function, multiplicative function. The conjecture that is proved herein, is deduced for $k = 1$ from the Wirsing's Theorem that says any real valued multiplicative function/modulus < 1 has a mean value or its limit exists. In this paper, we proved the conjecture 5.2 from the same paper in a simplified way using some basic concepts of arithmetic.

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I. INTRODUCTION

Additive functions (mod 1)

Let $T = \mathbb{P}/\mathbb{Z}$. We say that $F \in A_T$ (= set of additive functions mapping into T) is of finite support if $F(p^\alpha) = 0$ holds for every large prime p .

Let $F_0, F_1, \dots, F_{k-1} \in A_T$, and

$$L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) := F_0(n) + F_1(n+1) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1)$$

Conjecture:

If $F_v \in A_T$ ($v = 0, \dots, k-1$),

$$L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) \rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

then there exist suitable real numbers $\tau_0, \dots, \tau_{k-1}$ such that $\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1} = 0$,

and if $H_j(n) := F_j(n) - \tau_j \log n$, then

$$L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) = 0 \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Proof of the conjecture

$$L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) := F_0(n) + F_1(n+1) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1)$$

$$F_v \in A_T \quad (v = 0, \dots, k-1),$$

$$L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) = 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty),$$

$$\text{i.e. } L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) = F_0(n) + F_1(n+1) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1) = 0 \quad (1)$$

Define that,

$F_0(n) = \tau \log n \pmod{1}$, which is restricted to $F_0(n) = \tau \log n$ for a continuous homomorphism from R_x (=multiplicative group of positive real numbers) to $\mathbb{N}$.

Then (1) implies,

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) &= F_0(n) + F_1(n+1) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1) \\ &= \tau_0 \log(n) + \tau_1 \log(n+1) + \dots + \tau_{k-1} \log(n+k-1) \\ &= \log(n)^{\tau_0} + \log(n+1)^{\tau_1} + \dots + \log(n+k-1)^{\tau_{k-1}} \end{aligned}$$

by Logarithm Laws,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \log \left[n^{\tau_0} (n+1)^{\tau_1} \dots (n+k-1)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \\ &= \log \left[n^{\tau_0} n^{\tau_1} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\tau_1} \dots n^{\tau_{k-1}} \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \\ &= \log \left[n^{(\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1})} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\tau_1} \dots \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \\ &= \log n^{(\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1})} + \log \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\tau_1} \dots \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \\ &= (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) \log n + \log \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\tau_1} \dots \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Since, function is restricted R_x to $\mathbb{N}$, i.e. for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots, \infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} \log n &= 2 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2n-1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^{2n-1} \\ \therefore \log n &= 2 \left[\frac{1}{1} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^3 + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^5 + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} \left(\frac{n-1}{n+1} \right)^{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] \\ \therefore \log n &= 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] \quad (3) \end{aligned}$$

substituting equation (3) in equation (2), we have

$$\begin{aligned} L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) &= F_0(n) + F_1(n+1) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1) \\ &= (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) \left[2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^3 + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{n}}{1 + \frac{1}{n}} \right)^{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] \right. \\ &\quad \left. + \log \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^{\tau_1} \dots \left(1 + \frac{k-1}{n}\right)^{\tau_{k-1}} \right] \right] \end{aligned}$$

Applying $n \rightarrow \infty$, we get

$$(\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) \left[2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] + \log(1) \right] = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore L_n(F_0, \dots, F_{k-1}) &\rightarrow 0 \quad (n \rightarrow \infty), \\ \therefore (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) &2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] + 0 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) &2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] &\neq 0 \\ \therefore (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) &= 0 \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

Also,

$$L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) = H_0 + H_1 + \dots + H_{k-1} \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots).$$

Defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} H_j(n) &:= F_j(n) - \tau_j \log n, && \text{(by statement)} \\ L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) &= H_0 + H_1 + \dots + H_{k-1} && (n = 1, 2, \dots). \\ L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) &= [F_0(n) - \tau_0 \log(n)] + \dots + [F_{k-1}(n+k-1) - \tau_{k-1} \log(n+k-1)] \end{aligned}$$

Logarithmic terms of above equation leads to the following form, from the above explanation,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau_0 \log(n) + \dots + \tau_{k-1} \log(n+k-1) &= (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] \\ L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) &= [F_0(n) + \dots + F_{k-1}(n+k-1)] \\ &\quad - (\tau_0 + \dots + \tau_{k-1}) 2 \left[1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{2(k-1)-1} + \dots + \infty \right] \end{aligned}$$

From (1) and (4),

$$L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) = [0] - (0)$$

$$L_n(H_0, \dots, H_{k-1}) = 0$$

Thus, the conjecture is proved.

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