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# Results using primitive function module

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Abstract. A real or complex valued function defined on the set of all positive integers is called an arithmetic function and an arithmetic function is said to be completely multiplicative function if f is not identically zero and  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  for all  $m, n$ . The objective of this paper is to present a result of completely multiplicative function of two variables using primitive function module.

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# 1. Introduction

A real or complex valued function defined on the set of all positive integers is called an arithmetic function. An arithmetic function f is said to be multiplicative function in one argument if f is not identically zero and  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  whenever  $(m, n) = 1$ . The function  $f(m, n)$  of two variables defined for pairs of positive integers m and n is said to be multiplicative in both the arguments m and n if  $f(1, 1) = 1$  and  $f(m_1 m_2, n_1 n_2) =$  $f(m_1, m_2) f (m_2, n_2)$  where  $(m_1n_1, m_2n_2) = 1$ . Many identities have been established by various researchers discussed in [3, 7, 9].

Definition 1.1. *An arithmetic function is said to be completely multiplicative function if* f *is not identically zero and*  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  *for all m, n.* 

Definition 1.2. *Strongly Multiplicative function: A multiplicative arithmetic function* f *is said to be strongly multiplicative function if for every prime* P*, we have*

 $f(p) = f(p^2) = f(p^3) = \cdots \dots \dots$ 

**Definition 1.3.** An arithmetic function  $f(n,r)$  is said to be primitive function module r if  $f(n,r) = f(\gamma(n,r), r)$ *for all*  $\gamma(n,r) = \gamma((n,r))$ *.* 

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**Definition 1.4.** An arithmetic function  $f(n,r)$  is said to be completely primitive function module r if  $f(n,r)$  =  $f(n', r')$  for all  $n, n^1$  and all positive  $r, r'$  Such that

$$
\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)} = \frac{\gamma(r')}{\gamma(n',r')}
$$

Let  $q(r)$  and  $h(r)$  be two arithmetic functions. Define

$$
f(n,r) = \sum_{d|(n,r)} h(d)g\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)\mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)
$$
\n(1.1)

and

$$
F(r) = f(0, r) = \sum_{d|r} h(d)g\left(\frac{r}{d}\right)\mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right).
$$
 (1.2)

### 2. Preliminaries

We use the following lemma proved by E.Cohen ([4], P404).

**Lemma 2.1.** *Suppose*  $f(n,r)$  *is completely primitive module*  $r$ *. Then* 

$$
f(n,r) = \sum_{\substack{d|\gamma(r) \\ (d,n)=r_1}} G(d) \Leftrightarrow G(r_1) = \sum_{d|r_1} f\left(\frac{r_1}{d}, d\right) \mu\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right)
$$

*for any square free*  $r_1$ *.* 

**Lemma 2.2.** Let  $h(v)$  is completely multiplicative function. Then  $F(v) = h\left(\frac{v}{\gamma(v)}F(\gamma(v))\right)$ . Proof. From  $(1.2)$ , We have

$$
F(v) = \sum_{d|n} h(d)g\left(\frac{v}{d}\right)\mu\left(\frac{v}{d}\right)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{d\delta=v} h\left(\frac{v}{\delta}\right)g(\delta)\mu(\delta)
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{d\delta=v} h\left(\frac{v}{\gamma(v)} \cdot \frac{\gamma(n)}{\delta}\right)g(\delta)\mu(\delta)
$$
  
= 
$$
h\left(\frac{v}{\gamma(v)}\right) \sum_{d\delta=v} h\left(\frac{\gamma(v)}{\delta}\right)g(\delta)\mu(\delta)
$$
  
= 
$$
h\left(\frac{v}{\gamma(v)}\right)F(\gamma(v)).
$$

Because of factor  $\mu(\delta)$ , since  $\mu(\delta) = 0$  for square number. Hence ranging d over divisor of v or over divisor of  $\gamma(v)$  is same. This completes the lemma.

Also we need the following result:

**Lemma 2.3.** Let  $g(r)$  be multiplicative,  $h(r)$  is completely multiplicative and for all primes  $P$ ,  $h(p) \neq 0$ ,  $h(p) \neq 0$  $g(P)$ *. Then*  $F(r) \neq 0$  *for all* r.



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**Proof.** Since  $F(1) = 1$  We may assume that  $r > 1$ . Note that  $F(r) = (h * \mu g)(r)$ .

 $F(r)$  is multiplicative, since  $h(r)$ ,  $g(r)$  and  $\mu(r)$  are multiplicative functions. To prove  $F(P^{\alpha}) \neq 0$  for all primes *P* and  $\alpha > 1$ .

Consider

$$
F(P^{\alpha}) = \sum_{k=0}^{\alpha} h(P^k) g(P^{\alpha-k}) \mu(P^{\alpha-k})
$$

$$
= h(P^{\alpha}) - h(P^{\alpha-1}) g(P)
$$

$$
= h(P)^{\alpha-1} [h(P) - g(P)]
$$

$$
\neq 0.
$$

Since  $h(P) - g(P) \neq 0, h(P) \neq 0$ .

### 3. Main Results

**Theorem 3.1.** *If*  $g(r)$  *is multiplicative,*  $h(r)$  *is completely multiplicative and for all prime*  $P$ ,  $h(P) \neq 0$ ,  $h(P) \neq 0$ g(P)*, then*

$$
\sum_{\substack{d|r \ (d,n)=1}} \frac{g(d)}{F(d)} \mu^2(d) = \frac{h(r)}{F(r)} \frac{F((n,r))}{h((n,r))}.
$$

Proof*.* Denote

$$
J(n,r) = \frac{h(r)}{F(r)} \frac{F((n,r))}{h((n,r))}.
$$
\n(3.1)

 $J(n, r)$  is properly defined since  $F(r) \neq 0$ ,  $h(n, r) \neq 0$ . By Lemma 2.2, we get,

$$
J(n,r) = \frac{h(r)h\left(\frac{n,r}{\gamma(n,r)}\right)F(\gamma(n,r))}{h\left(\frac{r}{\gamma(r)}\right)F(\gamma(r))h((n,r))}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{h(r)h((n,r))F(\gamma(n,r))h(\gamma(r))}{h(\gamma(n,r))h(r)F(\gamma(r))h((n,r))}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{h(\gamma(r))F(\gamma(n,r))}{h(\gamma(n,r))F(\gamma(r))}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{h\left(\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}\right)}{F\left(\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}\right)}
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{h(m)}{F(m)},
$$

where  $m = \frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n-r)}$  $\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}$ . Thus

$$
J(n,r) = \frac{h(m)}{F(m)}, \quad \text{where } m = \frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}.
$$
 (3.2)



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Now we prove that

$$
J(n,r) \quad \text{is completely primitive} \quad (mod r). \tag{3.3}
$$

That is, we have to show that  $J(n,r) = J(n^1, r^1)$  for all  $n, n^1, r, r^1$  with

$$
\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)} = \frac{\gamma(r^1)}{\gamma(n^1,r^1)}
$$

By  $(3.2)$ , we have

$$
J(n,r) = \frac{h\left(\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}\right)}{F\left(\frac{\gamma(r)}{\gamma(n,r)}\right)}
$$

$$
= \frac{h\left(\frac{\gamma(r')}{\gamma(n',r')}\right)}{F\left(\frac{\gamma(r')}{\gamma(n',r')}\right)}
$$

$$
= J\left(n',r'\right).
$$

Therefore by Lemma 2.1, we have

$$
J(n,r) = \sum_{\substack{d \mid \gamma(r) \\ (d,n)=1}} G(d) \Leftrightarrow G(r_1) = \sum_{d \mid r_1} J\left(\frac{r_1}{d},r_1\right) \mu\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right).
$$

Consider

$$
G(r_1) = \sum_{d|r_1} J\left(\frac{r_1}{d}, r_1\right) \mu\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right).
$$
  
= 
$$
\sum_{d|r_1} \frac{h(d)}{F(d)} \mu\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right) \text{ by } (3.2)
$$

which by multiplicativity of  $\mu(r)$  and  $F(r)$  gives

$$
= \frac{\mu(r_1)}{F(r_1)} \sum_{d|r_1} h(d)\mu(d) F\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right)
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{\mu(r_1)}{F(r_1)} \sum_{d|r_1} h(d)\mu(d) \sum_{D\delta = \frac{r_1}{d}} h(D)g(\delta)\mu(\delta),
$$

where  $E = Dd$ . But

$$
\sum_{d|E} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } E = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } E > 1. \end{cases}
$$

Therefore,

$$
G(r_1) = \frac{\mu(r_1)}{F(r_1)} g(r_1) \mu(r_1)
$$
  
= 
$$
\frac{\mu^2(r_1) g(r_1)}{F(r_1)}.
$$



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Now we have

$$
J(n,r) = \sum_{\substack{d|\gamma(r) \\ (d,n)=1}} G(d)
$$

$$
= \sum_{\substack{d|\gamma(r) \\ (d,n)=1}} \frac{\mu^2(d)g(d)}{F(d)}.
$$

Theorem 3.2.

$$
F(r) \sum_{\substack{d|r \ (d,n)=1}} \frac{h(d)}{F(d)} \cdot \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right) = \mu(r) \sum_{d|(n,r)} h(d)f\left(\frac{r}{d}\right),
$$

*where*  $f(n) = g(n)\mu(n)$ *.* 

Proof*.* Let

$$
Q(n,r) = F(r) \sum_{\substack{d|r \ (d,n)=1}} \frac{h(d)}{F(d)} \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right).
$$

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$$

Let  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  be the uniquely determined positive integers such that  $r = r_1 r_2$  where  $(r_1, r_2) = 1, \gamma(r_2) = 1$  $\gamma(n,r)$ .

Then

$$
Q(n,r) = F(r)\mu(r_2) \sum_{d_1|r_1} \frac{h(d)}{F(d)} \mu\left(\frac{r_1}{d}\right)
$$
  
=  $F(r)\mu(r_2) G(r_1)$   
=  $F(r_1) F(r_2) \mu(r_2) \frac{\mu^2(r_1) g(r_1)}{F(r_1)}$   
=  $\mu(r)\mu(r_1) g(r_1) \sum_{d|(n,r)} h(d) g\left(\frac{r_2}{d}\right) \mu\left(\frac{r_2}{d}\right).$ 

In view of the presence of  $\mu(r)$  and the fact that  $\gamma\left(r_{2}\right)=\gamma(n,r),$  we have

$$
Q(n,r) = \mu(r) \sum_{d|(n,r)} h(d)g\left(\frac{r}{d}\right) \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right).
$$

That is,

$$
F(r) \sum_{\substack{d|r \ (d,n)=1}} \frac{h(d)}{F(d)} \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right) = \mu(r) \sum_{d|(n,r)} h(d) f\left(\frac{r}{d}\right),
$$

where  $f(n) = \mu(n)g(n)$ .



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**Remark 3.3.** Substituting  $h(n) = n^k$ ,  $f(n) = \mu(n)$  and  $F(r) = J_k(r)$  in Theorem 3.2, we get a well known *identity known as Brauer - Rademacher identity.*

$$
J_k(r) \sum_{d|r} \frac{d^k}{J_k(d)} \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right) = \mu(r) \sum_{d|(n,r)} d^k \mu\left(\frac{r}{d}\right).
$$

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