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Number Theory - Example Sheet 3

1. Use Legendre's formula to compute $\pi(207)$.
2. Let N be an integer > 1 . Using the fact that the exact power of any prime p dividing N is $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \left[\frac{N}{p^k} \right]$, and the inequality $N! > \left(\frac{N}{e}\right)^N$ (which you should also justify), prove that

$$\sum_{p \leq N} \frac{\log p}{p-1} > \log N - 1.$$
3. Prove that every non-constant polynomial with integer coefficients assumes infinitely many composite values.
4. Prove that every integer $N > 6$ can be expressed as a sum of distinct primes.
5. If p is a prime with $p \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$, prove that $\sum_{r=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right)$ is always divisible by 3.
6. Prove that if there is a zero of $S(s)$ on the line $\Re(s) = 1$, then it must be a simple zero.
7. Define $\Lambda(n)$ to be $\log p$ if n is a (positive) power of a prime p , and to be 0 otherwise. Prove that, for $\Re(s) > 1$, we have

$$\frac{S'(s)}{S(s)} = - \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n^s}$$
8. Prove that, for $\Re(s) > 1$, we have

$$S^2(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{d(n)}{n^s},$$
 where $d(n)$ denotes the number of positive divisors of n , including 1 and n .

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9. Prove that the forms

$$3x^2 + 2xy + 23y^2, \quad 2x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2$$

are not equivalent (under the action of $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$).

10. Make a list of all reduced positive definite quadratic forms of discriminant $-d$, where

$$d = 8, 11, 12, 16, 19, 23, 163.$$

11. Find a necessary and sufficient condition for a positive integer n to be properly represented by at least one of the two forms

$$x^2 + xy + 4y^2, \quad 2x^2 + xy + 2y^2.$$

Assume n is prime to 15, and properly represented by at least one of the forms. Show that congruence conditions modulo 15 allow one to decide which form represents n .