

A pair of identities

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Theorem 1. *Let $x \in (-1, 1)$, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} (-\log(1 - x^k)) = x.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} (-\log(1 - x^k)) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{ki}}{i} \\ &= \sum_{k,i} \frac{\mu(k)x^{ki}}{ki} \\ &= \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^m}{m} \sum_{d|m} \mu(d) \\ &= x. \end{aligned}$$

The last equation is true because $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)$ is 1 for $n = 1$ and 0 otherwise. □

Theorem 2. *Let $x \in (-1, 1)$, then*

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(k)}{k} (-\log(1 - x^k)) = \frac{x}{1-x}.$$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\phi(k)}{k} (-\log(1-x^k)) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{d|k} \frac{\mu(d)}{k} \left(\frac{k}{d}\right) \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{ki}}{i} \\ &= \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(d)x^{kdi}}{di} \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{km}}{m} \sum_{d|m} \mu(d) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x^k = \frac{x}{1-x}. \end{aligned}$$

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