

Exercise Sheet 2

1. Recall that

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} = \log x + O(1).$$

a) Show that for some constant c ,

$$\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + c + O(1/\log x).$$

b) Show that for some constant d ,

$$\prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)^{-1} = e^d \log x + O(1).$$

How do the constants c and d relate to each other?

c) Show that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu^2(n)}{\varphi(n)} \geq \sum_{k \leq x} \frac{1}{k} \geq \log x.$$

2. Use Brun's pure sieve to prove an upper bound on the number of primes less than x . What can Brun's sieve say about lower bounds?

3. Prove the form of Möbius inversion that we used, namely that for any functions $f, g : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ with finite support,

$$g(n) = \sum_{n|d} f(d)$$

if and only if

$$f(n) = \sum_{n|d} g(d)\mu(n/d).$$

4. Use Selberg's sieve to bound, for fixed even $N \geq 4$, the number of pairs of primes p_1, p_2 such that $p_1 + p_2 = N$. (See how far you can get on turning the bound into a nice shape).