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ON MULTIPLICATIVELY UNITARY PERFECT NUMBERS

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Abstract. In this paper we introduce the unitary multiplicative divisor function, and the notion of unitary multiplicative perfect number, unitary multiplicative superperfect number and multiplicatively unitary k - l perfect number and characterize them.

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1 Introduction

Let $\sigma(n)$ be the sum of positive divisors of n,

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d,$$

 $\boldsymbol{s}(n)$ the sum of a liquet part of n, i. e. the positive divisors of n other than n itself, so that

$$s(n) = \sigma(n) - n.$$

It is well-known that a number n is called perfect if the sum of aliquot divisors of n is equal to n

s(n) = n,

or equivalently

 $\sigma(n) = 2n.$

Perfect, amicable and sociable numbers are fixed points of the arithmetic function s and its iterates. (R. K. Guy [3], P. Erdős [1])

The Euclid-Euler theorem gives the form of even perfect numbers:

Lemma 1.1 An even integer n is perfect iff there exist prime number p such that $n = 2^{p-1}q$, where $q = 2^p - 1$ is prime ("Mersenne prime").

No odd perfect numbers are known. The number n is called super-perfect if

$$\sigma(\sigma(n)) = 2n.$$

Suryanarayana and Kanold states [9], [5] the general form of even super-perfect numbers: $n = 2^{p-1}$, where $2^p - 1 = q$ is a prime (Mersenne prime). No odd super-perfect numbers are known.

A divisor d of a natural number n is unitary divisor if $\left(d, \frac{n}{d}\right) = 1$, and n is unitary perfect if

$$\sigma^*(n) = 2n.$$

The notion of unitary perfect numbers introduced M. V. Subbarao and L. J. Waren in 1966 [8].

Five unitary perfect numbers are known, they are necessarily even and its true that no unitary perfect numbers of the form $2^m s$ where s is a squarefree odd integer [2]. Sándor in [6] introduced the concept of multiplicatively divisor function T(n) (see [4]) and multiplicatively perfect and superperfect number and characterize them. Let T(n) denote the product of all divisors of n:

$$T(n) = \prod_{d|n} d.$$

We say that the number n > 1 multiplicatively perfect (or shortly *m*-perfect) if

$$T(n) = n^2,$$

and multiplicatively super-perfect (*m*-super-perfect), if

$$T(T(n)) = n^2$$

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2 Main results

Definition 2.1 Let $T^*(n)$ denote the product of all unitary divisors of n:

$$T^*(n) = \prod_{\substack{d \mid n \\ (d, \frac{n}{d})}} d.$$

Let $T^{*k}(n)$ the kth iterate of $T^*(n)$:

$$T^{*k}(n) = T^*\left(T^{*(k-1)}(n)\right), \quad k \ge 1.$$

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Definition 2.2 The number n > 1 is multiplicatively unitary perfect (or shortly m unitary perfect) if

$$T^*(n) = n^2,$$

multiplicatively unitary super-perfect (m unitary super-perfect), if

$$T^*(T^*(n)) = n^2$$

and multiplicatively unitary k-l perfect (m unitary k - l perfect), if

$$T^{*k}(n) = n^l.$$

First we prove the following result:

Lemma 2.1 For $n \ge 1$

$$T^*(n) = n^{\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}}$$

where $\tau^*(n)$ denotes the number of unitary divisors of n.

Proof. If d_1, d_2, \ldots, d_k are all unitary divisors of n, then

$$\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\} = \left\{\frac{n}{d_1}, \frac{n}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{n}{d_k}\right\},\,$$

implying that

$$d_1 d_2 \dots d_k = \frac{n}{d_1} \cdot \frac{n}{d_2} \dots \frac{n}{d_k},$$
$$T(n) = n^{k/2}$$

where $k = \tau^*(n)$ denotes the number of unitary divisors of n.

Remark

The $T^*(n)$ function not multiplicative and not additive function.

Theorem 2.1 All *m*-perfect numbers *n* have the following form: $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2}$ where p_1, p_2 are distinct primes and $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 > 0$ natural numbers or $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = 0$. There are no n > 1 *m*-super-perfect numbers.

Proof. The n = 1 solution of the equation. If we assume that n > 1 we have $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ be the prime factorisation of n > 1. It is well-known that

$$\tau^*(n) = 2^{\omega(n)} = 2^k$$

where $\omega(n)$ is the number of distinct prime divisors of n (see [7]). We have by Lemma 2.1 that n multiplicatively unitary perfect iff

$$n^{\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}} = n^2$$

or

$$\tau^*(n) = 4, \quad \omega(n) = 2,$$

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which equivalent to the form $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2}$. Let n > 1 a natural number. We have

$$T^*(T^*(n)) = (T^*(n))^{\frac{\tau^*(T^*(n))}{2}} = n^{\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}\frac{\tau^*(T^*(n))}{2}}$$
(2.1)

because n > 1

$$\tau^*(T^*(n)) = \tau^*\left(n^{\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}}\right) = \tau^*(n).$$
(2.2)

From (2.1) and (2.2) we have that n unitary m superperfect number iff

$$n^{\left(\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}\right)^2} = n^2,$$

or

$$\left(\tau^*(n)\right)^2 = 8$$

which is impossible.

We now investigate the problem of the existence of k - l unitary m perfect numbers. First we prove that:

Lemma 2.2 If n a natural number such that $\omega(n) \ge l+1$ we have:

$$T^{*k}(n) \ge n^{2^{lk}}.$$

Proof. Let m be a smallest natural number with $\omega(m) = l + 1$ Because for $n \ge m$ with $\omega(n) \ge l + 1$

$$T^*(n) = n^{2^{\omega(n)}} \ge m^{2^{\omega(m)}} = T^*(m)$$

we have

$$T^*(n) = n^{2^{\omega(n)}}$$

the function $T^*(n)$ increasing function and therefore $T^{*k}(n)$ increasing too. Let m be a smallest natural number with $\omega(n) = l + 1$. We have $n \ge m$ and therefore

$$T^{*k}(n) \ge T^{*k}(m).$$
 (2.3)

By induction and (2.1), (2.2) we have

$$T^{*k}(n) = n^{\left(\frac{\tau^*(n)}{2}\right)^k}.$$
(2.4)

But $\omega(n) = l + 1$ implies that

$$\tau^*(m) = 2^{l+1}.\tag{2.5}$$

From (2.3), (2.4), (2.5) we have

$$T^{*k}(n) \ge T^{*k}(m) \ge n^{2^{lk}}.$$

This lemma implies the following result:

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Theorem 2.2 If $l \neq 2^{mk}$ there are no k - l m unitary perfect numbers. If $l = 2^{mk}$ every n natural number with $\omega(n) = m \ k - l$ unitary m perfect number.

Theorem 2.3 For every even perfect number and every k exist l such that n unitary k - l perfect number.

Proof. By Lemma 1.1, n even perfect iff $n = 2^{p-1}q$, where $q = 2^p - 1$ is prime which imlies that $\omega(n) = 2$, $\tau^*(n) = 4$ and

$$T^{*k}(n) = n^{\left(\frac{\tau^{*}(n)}{2}\right)^{k}} = n^{2^{k}} = n^{l}$$

with $l = 2^k$.

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