

# On the 80th Problem of F.Smarandache(II)

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**Abstract** The main purpose of this paper is to study the first power mean of  $d(a(n))$ ;  $\varphi(a(n))$  and their generations, and a series of regular results is obtained, where  $\varphi(n)$  is Euler totient function,  $d(n)$  is divisor function and  $a(n)$  is the sequence in problem 80 of "only problems not solutions" which was presented by professor F.Smarandache.

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In 1993, professor F.Smarandache presented 100 unsolved problems in [1], it aroused great interests for scholars. Among them, the 80th problem is:

Square root: 0, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 3, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 4, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 5, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 6, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 7, 8, 8, ...

Study this sequences.

We denote the sequence in problem 80 as  $a(n)$ , it is not difficult to show that  $a(n) = [\sqrt{n}]$ , where  $[x]$  is the maximal integer that is no more than  $x$ .

## 1. Mean-value of $d(a(n))$ and its generalization

**Theorem 1** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [\sqrt{n}]$ ,  $d(n)$  be divisor function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} d([\sqrt{n}]) = \frac{1}{2}x \log x + \left(2c - \frac{1}{2}\right)x + O(x^{\frac{3}{4}})$$

Where  $c$  is Euler's constant.

**Proof** 
$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} d([\sqrt{n}])$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{1^2 \leq i < 2^2} d([\sqrt{i}]) + \sum_{2^2 \leq i < 3^2} d([\sqrt{i}]) + \dots + \sum_{N^2 \leq i \leq (N+1)^2} d([\sqrt{i}]) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= 3 \cdot d(1) + 5 \cdot d(2) + \dots + [(N+1)^2 - N^2]d(N) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} (2j+1)d(j) + O(N^\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} d(j) = N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = 2j+1$ , by Abel's identity<sup>[2]</sup>, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} (2j+1)d(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t)dt \\ &= [N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})](2N+1) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N [t \log t - (2c-1)t + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})] \cdot 2dt \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 2N^2 \log N + 2(2c-1)N^2 + O(N^{\frac{3}{2}}) - 2 \int_1^N t \log t dt - 2 \int_1^N (2c-1)t dt - 2 \int_1^N O(t^{\frac{1}{2}}) dt \\
&= 2N^2 \log N - 2(2c-1)N^2 + O(N^{\frac{3}{2}}) - N^2 \log N^2 + \frac{1}{2}N^2 - 2(2c-1)N^2 + O(N^{\frac{3}{2}}) \\
&= N^2 \log N + \left(2c - \frac{1}{2}\right) N^2 + O(N^{\frac{3}{2}})
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j \leq N} d(a(n)) &= \sum_{j \leq N} (2j+1)d(j) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
&= N^2 \log N + \left(2c - \frac{1}{2}\right) N^2 + O(N^{\frac{3}{2}}) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
&= \frac{1}{2}x \log x + \left(2c - \frac{1}{2}\right) x + O(x^{\frac{3}{4}})
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

**Theorem 2** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [n^{\frac{1}{3}}]$ ,  $d(n)$  be divisor function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} d([n^{\frac{1}{3}}]) = \frac{1}{3}x \log x + \left(2c - \frac{1}{3}\right) x + O(x^{\frac{5}{6}})$$

Where  $c$  is Euler's constant.

**Proof** 
$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) &= \sum_{n \leq x} d([n^{\frac{1}{3}}]) \\
&= \sum_{1^3 \leq i < 2^3} d([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + \sum_{2^3 \leq i < 3^3} d([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + \cdots + \sum_{N^3 \leq i \leq x < (N+1)^3} d([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
&= 7 \cdot d(1) + 19 \cdot d(2) + \cdots + [(N+1)^3 - N^3]d(N) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
&= \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)d(j) + O(N^\epsilon)
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} d(j) = N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = 3j^2 + 3j + 1$ , simi-

larly, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)d(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t)dt \\
&= [N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})](3N^2 + 3N + 1) - \int_1^N [t \log t - (2c-1)t + O(t^{\frac{1}{2}})](6t+3)dt \\
&= 3N^3 \log N + 3(2c-1)N^3 + O(N^{\frac{5}{2}}) + 3N^2 \log N + 3(2c-1)N^2 + N \log N + (2c-1)N \\
&\quad - 7(2c-1)N - \int_1^N 6t^2 \log t dt - \int_1^N 6(2c-1)t^2 dt + O\left(\int_1^N 6t^{\frac{3}{2}} dt\right) - \int_1^N 3t \log t dt - \int_1^N 3(2c-1)t dt
\end{aligned}$$

Because

$$\int_1^N 6t^2 \log t dt = 2N^3 \log N - \frac{2}{3}N^3 + c_1,$$

$$\int_1^N 6(2c-1)t^2 dt = 2(2c-1)N^3 + c_2,$$

$$\int_1^N 3t \log t dt = \frac{3}{2}N^2 \log N - \frac{3}{4}N^2 + c_3,$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)d(j) &= 3N^3 \log N + 3(2c-1)N^3 - 2N^3 \log N + \frac{2}{3}N^3 - 2(2c-1)N^3 + O(N^{\frac{5}{2}}) \\ &= N^3 \log N + \left(2c - \frac{1}{3}\right)N^3 + O(N^{\frac{5}{2}}) \end{aligned}$$

As a result, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} d(a(n)) &= \sum_{j \leq N} d([n^{\frac{1}{3}}]) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)d(j) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= N^3 \log N + \left(2c - \frac{1}{3}\right)N^3 + O(N^{\frac{5}{2}}) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= \frac{1}{3}x \log x + \left(2c - \frac{1}{3}\right)x + O(x^{\frac{5}{6}}) \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 3** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [n^{\frac{1}{k}}]$ ,  $d(n)$  be divisor function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} d([n^{\frac{1}{k}}]) = \frac{1}{k}x \log x + O(x)$$

**Proof** 
$$\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} d([n^{\frac{1}{k}}])$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{1^k \leq i < 2^k} d([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + \sum_{2^k \leq i < 3^k} d([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + \cdots + \sum_{N^k \leq i \leq x < (N+1)^k} d([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= (2^k - 1)d(1) + (3^k - 2^k)d(2) + \cdots + [(N+1)^k - N^k]d(N) + O(N^\epsilon) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k]d(j) + O(N^\epsilon) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} d(j) = N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = [(j+1)^k - j^k]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k]d(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t)dt \\ &= [N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})][(N+1)^k - N^k] - A(1)f(1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& - \int_1^N [t \log t + (2c-1)t + O(t^{\frac{1}{2}})](k(t+1)^{k-1} - kt^{k-1}) dt \\
& = [N \log N + (2c-1)N + O(N^{\frac{1}{2}})] \left( \sum_{l=1}^k \binom{k}{l} N^{k-l} \right) \\
& - k \int_1^N [t \log t - 2(2c-1)t + O(t^{\frac{1}{2}})] \left( \sum_{l=1}^{k-1} \binom{k-1}{l} t^{k-l-1} \right) dt \\
& = \binom{k}{1} N^k \log N - \binom{k-1}{1} \int_1^N kt^{k-1} \log k dt + O(N^k) \\
& = \binom{k}{1} N^k \log N - \binom{k-1}{1} N^k \log N + O(N^k) \\
& = N^k \log N + O(N^k)
\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
\sum_{n \leq x} d(a(n)) & = \sum_{n \leq x} d([n^{\frac{1}{k}}]) \\
& = \sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k] d(j) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
& = N^k \log N + O(N^k) + O(N^\epsilon) \\
& = \frac{1}{k} x \log x + O(x)
\end{aligned}$$

## 2. Mean-value of $\varphi(a(n))$ and it's generalization

**Theorem 4** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [\sqrt{n}]$ ,  $\varphi(n)$  be Euler totient function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([\sqrt{n}]) = \frac{4}{\pi^2} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + O(x \log x)$$

**Proof** 
$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([\sqrt{n}])$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& = \sum_{1^2 \leq i < 2^2} \varphi([\sqrt{i}]) + \sum_{2^2 \leq i < 3^2} \varphi([\sqrt{i}]) + \cdots + \sum_{N^2 \leq i \leq x < (N+1)^2} \varphi([\sqrt{i}]) + O(N) \\
& = 3\varphi(1) + 5\varphi(2) + \cdots + [(N+1)^2 - N^2] \varphi(N) + O(N) \\
& = \sum_{j \leq N} (2j+1) \varphi(j) + O(N)
\end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} \varphi(j) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N)^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = 2j + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} (2j + 1)\varphi(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t)dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N) \right] (2N + 1) - \int_1^N \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} t^2 + O(t \log t) \right] 2dt \\ &= \frac{6}{\pi^2} N^3 + O(N^2 \log N) - \frac{2}{\pi^2} N^3 + O(N^2 \log N) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi^2} N^3 + O(N^2 \log N) \end{aligned}$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([\sqrt{n}]) &= \sum_{j \leq N} (2j + 1)\varphi(j) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi^2} N^3 + O(N^2 \log N) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{4}{\pi^2} x^{\frac{3}{2}} + O(x \log x) \end{aligned}$$

Similarly, we have

**Theorem 5** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [n^{\frac{1}{3}}]$ ,  $\varphi(n)$  be Euler totient function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([n^{\frac{1}{3}}]) = \frac{9}{2\pi^2} x^{\frac{4}{3}} + O(x \log x)$$

**Proof**  $\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([n^{\frac{1}{3}}])$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sum_{1^3 \leq i < 2^3} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + \sum_{2^3 \leq i < 3^3} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + \cdots + \sum_{N^3 \leq i \leq x < (N+1)^3} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) + O(N) \\ &= 7\varphi(1) + 9\varphi(2) + \cdots + [(N+1)^3 - N^3]\varphi(N) + O(N) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)\varphi(j) + O(N) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} \varphi(N) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N)^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = 3j^2 + 3j + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)\varphi(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t)dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N) \right] (3N^2 + 3N + 1) - \int_1^N \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} t^2 + O(t \log t) \right] (6t + 3)dt \\ &= \frac{9}{\pi^2} N^4 - \frac{9}{2\pi^2} N^4 + O(N^3 \log N) \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{3}}]) &= \sum_{j \leq N} (3j^2 + 3j + 1)\varphi(j) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{9}{2\pi^2} N^4 + O(N^3 \log N) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{9}{2\pi^2} x^{\frac{4}{3}} + O(x \log x)\end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 6** Let  $n$  be a positive integer, and  $a(n) = [n^{\frac{1}{k}}]$ ,  $\varphi(n)$  be Euler totient function, then

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) = \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([n^{\frac{1}{k}}]) = \frac{6k}{(k+1)\pi^2} x^{\frac{k+1}{k}} + O(x \log x)$$

**Proof**

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([n^{\frac{1}{k}}]) \\ &= \sum_{1^k \leq i < 2^k} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + \sum_{2^k \leq i < 3^k} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + \cdots + \sum_{N^k \leq i \leq x < (N+1)^k} \varphi([i^{\frac{1}{k}}]) + O(N) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k] \varphi(j) + O(N)\end{aligned}$$

Let  $A(N) = \sum_{j \leq N} \varphi(j) = \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N)^{[2]}$ ,  $f(j) = [(j+1)^k - j^k]$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k] \varphi(j) &= A(N)f(N) - A(1)f(1) - \int_1^N A(t)f'(t) dt \\ &= \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2 + O(N \log N) \right] [(N+1)^k - N^k] - \int_1^k \left[ \frac{3}{\pi^2} t^2 + O(t \log t) \right] k[(t+1)^{k-1} - t^{k-1}] dt \\ &= \frac{3k}{\pi^2} N^{k+1} + O(N^k \log N) - \frac{k(k-1)}{k+1} \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^{k+1} \\ &= \frac{6k}{(k+1)\pi^2} N^{k+1} + O(N^k \log N)\end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{n \leq x} \varphi(a(n)) &= \sum_{n \leq x} \varphi([n^{\frac{1}{k}}]) \\ &= \sum_{j \leq N} [(j+1)^k - j^k] \varphi(j) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{6k}{(k+1)\pi^2} N^{k+1} + O(N^k \log N) + O(N) \\ &= \frac{6k}{(k+1)\pi^2} x^{\frac{k+1}{k}} + O(x \log x)\end{aligned}$$

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