## Math 675: Analytic Theory of Numbers Solutions to problem set # 2

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1. (a) Note that

$$\#\{(n,m):n,m\leq x \text{ and } \gcd(n,m)=1\} = \sum_{n,m\leq x} \delta(\gcd(n,m)) = \sum_{n,m\leq x} \sum_{d|\gcd(n,m)} \mu(d) = \sum_{d|\gcd(n,m)}$$

by Möbius inversion. Since  $d \mid \gcd(n, m) \iff d \mid n$  and  $d \mid m$ , this equals

$$\sum_{d \le x} \mu(d) \sum_{n,m \le \frac{x}{d}} 1 = \sum_{d \le x} \mu(d) \left(\frac{x}{d} + O(1)\right)^2 = x^2 \sum_{d \le x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} + O(x \log x)$$

To finish, note that  $\sum_{d \leq x} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} + O\left(\sum_{d>x} \frac{1}{d^2}\right) = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ . Thus, since  $\zeta(2) = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ , we conclude that

$$\#\{(n,m): n, m \le x \text{ and } \gcd(n,m) = 1\} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}x^2 + O(x\log x).$$

(b) Observe that  $n \mapsto \mu(n)^2$  is the indicator function of the squarefrees, and that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)^2}{n^s} = \prod_p \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^s}\right) = \prod_p \left(\frac{1 - \frac{1}{p^{2s}}}{1 - \frac{1}{p^s}}\right) = \frac{\zeta(s)}{\zeta(2s)}$$

whenever  $\sigma > 1$ . Since  $\frac{1}{\zeta(2s)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(n)}{(n^2)^s}$ , it follows that  $\mu(n)^2 = 1 \star f$ , where

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} \mu(m) & n = m^2 \text{ for some } m \in \mathbf{N} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Thus,  $\#\{n \le x : n \text{ is squarefree}\}$  equals

$$\sum_{ab \le x} f(b) = \sum_{b \le x} f(b) \sum_{a \le \frac{x}{b}} 1 = \sum_{b \le x} f(b) \left(\frac{x}{b} + O(1)\right) = x \sum_{c \le \sqrt{x}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^2} + O(\sqrt{x})$$

since f is bounded and supported on the squares. Analogously to the previous part, we have that  $\sum_{c \leq \sqrt{x}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O(x^{-1/2})$ . We conclude that

$$#\{n \le x : n \text{ is squarefree}\} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}x + O(\sqrt{x}).$$

(c) Observe that  $n \mapsto \sum_{a^2b^3=n} \mu(b)^2$  equals the indicator function of the squarefulls, since n is squarefull if and only if  $n = a^2b^3$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}^2$ , and each squarefull n has a unique factorization as  $n = a^2b^3$  with b squarefree. Thus, with f as in the previous part, we have that  $\#\{n \leq x : n \text{ is squarefull}\}$  equals

$$\sum_{a^2b^3 \le x} \mu(b)^2 = \sum_{a^2b^3 \le x} \sum_{c|b} f(c) = \sum_{a^2b^3 \le x} \sum_{c^2|b} \mu(c) = \sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \mu(c) \sum_{a^2b^3 \le \frac{x}{c^6}} 1.$$

We will now estimate  $\sum_{a^2b^3 < y} 1$  for a general y > 0 using the hyperbola method:

$$\sum_{a^2b^3 \le y} 1 = \sum_{a \le y^{1/5}} \sum_{b^3 \le \frac{y}{a^2}} 1 + \sum_{b \le y^{1/5}} \sum_{a^2 \le \frac{y}{b^3}} 1 - \sum_{a,b \le y^{1/5}} 1.$$

The first sum on the right-hand side is

$$\sum_{a \le y^{1/5}} \sum_{b^3 \le \frac{y}{a^2}} 1 = \sum_{a \le y^{1/5}} \left[ \left(\frac{y}{a^2}\right)^{1/3} + O(1) \right] = 3y^{2/5} + \zeta(2/3)y^{1/3} + O(y^{1/5}),$$

where we have used partial summation to obtain  $\sum_{a \leq z} a^{-2/3} = 3z^{1/3} - 2 + \frac{2}{3} \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{5/3}} dt + O(z^{-2/3})$  the fact that  $\zeta(s) = \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{s+1}} dt$  whenever  $\sigma > 0$  to obtain that  $-2 + \frac{2}{3} \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{5/3}} dt = \zeta(2/3)$ . The second sum is

$$\sum_{b \le y^{1/5}} \sum_{a^2 \le \frac{y}{b^3}} 1 = \sum_{b \le y^{1/5}} \left[ \left(\frac{y}{b^3}\right)^{1/2} + O(1) \right] = \zeta(3/2)y^{1/2} - 2y^{2/5} + O(y^{1/5})$$

where we have used partial summation to obtain that  $\sum_{b\leq z} b^{-3/2} = 3 - \frac{3}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{5/2}} dt - 2z^{-1/2} + O(z^{-3/2})$  and the fact that  $\zeta(s) = \frac{s}{s-1} - s \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{s+1}} dt$  whenever  $\sigma > 0$  to obtain that  $3 - \frac{3}{2} \int_1^\infty \frac{\{t\}}{t^{5/2}} dt = \zeta(3/2)$ . Finally, the third sum is  $(y^{1/5} + O(1))^2 = y^{2/5} + O(y^{1/5})$ , so that we have that  $\sum_{a^2b^3\leq y} 1$  equals

$$3y^{2/5} + \zeta(2/3)y^{1/3} + \zeta(3/2)y^{1/2} - 2y^{2/5} - y^{2/5} + O(y^{1/5}) = \zeta(3/2)y^{1/2} + \zeta(2/3)y^{1/3} + O(y^{1/5}) = \zeta(3/2)y^{1/3} + O(y^{1/5}) = \zeta(3/2)y^{1/5} + O(y^{1/5}) = \zeta(3$$

Plugging this back into our estimate for the number of squarefulls below x yields

$$\sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \mu(c) \left( \zeta(3/2) \left(\frac{x}{c^6}\right)^{1/2} + \zeta(2/3) \left(\frac{x}{c^6}\right)^{1/3} + O\left(\left(\frac{x}{c^6}\right)^{1/5}\right) \right),$$

which equals

$$\zeta(3/2)x^{1/2} \sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^3} + \zeta(2/3)x^{1/3} \sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^2} + O(x^{1/5}) = \frac{\zeta(3/2)}{\zeta(3)}x^{1/2} + \frac{\zeta(2/3)}{\zeta(2)}x^{1/3} + O(x^{1/5}),$$

where we have used that  $\sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^3} = \frac{1}{\zeta(3)} + O(x^{-1/3})$  and  $\sum_{c \le x^{1/6}} \frac{\mu(c)}{c^2} = \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O(x^{-1/6})$ . We conclude that

$$\#\{n \le x : n \text{ is squarefull}\} = \frac{\zeta(3/2)}{\zeta(3)} x^{1/2} + \frac{\zeta(2/3)}{\zeta(2)} x^{1/3} + O(x^{1/5}).$$

2. (a) i. First, suppose that  $n = p_1 \cdots p_k$  is squarefree. Then  $-\mu(n) \log n = -(-1)^k \log n$ , while on the other hand, since  $\mu \star 1 = \delta$  and  $\Lambda$  is supported on prime powers,

$$(\mu \star (\Lambda - 1) + \delta)(n) = (\mu \star \Lambda)(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{k} (-1)^{k-1} \log p_i = -(-1)^k \log n.$$

If n is not squarefree, then  $-\mu(n)\log n = 0$ , and we split up into two subcases: 1)  $n = p^a m$  where  $a \ge 2$ , m is squarefree, and  $p \nmid m$  or 2) n is divisible by the square of two distinct primes  $p_1$  and  $p_2$ . In the first subcase, we have  $(\mu \star (\Lambda - 1) + \delta)(n) =$   $(\mu \star \Lambda)(n) = \mu(pm)\Lambda(p^{a-1}) + \mu(m)\Lambda(p^a) = -\mu(m)\log p + \mu(m)\log p = 0$ . In the second subcase, we have that  $(\mu \star (\Lambda - 1) + \delta)(n) = (\mu \star \Lambda)(n) = 0$  since if  $m\ell = n$ with m squarefree, then  $p_1p_2 \mid \ell$ , which would force  $\Lambda(\ell) = 0$ , and thus all terms of the sum  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d)\Lambda(n/d)$  must be zero.

ii. First, by the previous subpart, we have that  $-\sum_{n\leq x} \mu(n)\log n$  equals

$$\sum_{ab \le x} \mu(a)(\Lambda - 1)(b) + 1 = \sum_{a \le x} \mu(a) \left( \psi\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - \left\lfloor\frac{x}{a}\right\rfloor \right) + 1 = \sum_{a \le x} \mu(a) \left( \psi\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - \frac{x}{a} \right) + O(x).$$

Since we are assuming the prime number theorem, we have that  $\psi(x/a) = (1 + o(1))x/a$ . Thus,

$$\sum_{a \le x} \mu(a) \left( \psi\left(\frac{x}{a}\right) - \frac{x}{a} \right) = O(x) + o\left(x \sum_{a \le x} \frac{1}{a}\right) = o(x \log x)$$

It follows that  $m(x) := \sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \log n = o(x \log x)$ . We will use partial summation, writing  $\mu(n)$  as  $\mu(n) \log n \frac{1}{\log n}$ , to conclude:

$$\sum_{n \le x} \mu(n) = \frac{m(x)}{\log x} + \int_2^x \frac{m(t)}{t(\log t)^2} dt = o(x) \, dt.$$

(b) i. Recall that we showed  $1 \star \Lambda = \log$  in class, which implies, by Möbius inversion, that  $\mu \star \log = \Lambda$ . Thus, we have

$$\mu \star f - 2\gamma \delta = \mu \star \log -\mu \star \tau + 2\gamma \delta - 2\gamma \delta = \Lambda - \mu \star 1 \star 1 = \Lambda - 1,$$

since  $\tau = 1 \star 1$ ,  $\mu \star 1 = \delta$ , and  $\delta \star g = g$  for any arithmetic function g.

ii. Recalling from class that  $\sum_{n \le x} \log n = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$  and  $\sum_{n \le x} \tau(n) = x \log x + (2\gamma - 1)x + O(\sqrt{x})$ , we have

$$\sum_{n \le x} f(n) = x \log x - x - x \log x - (2\gamma - 1)x + 2\gamma \lfloor x \rfloor + O(\sqrt{x}) \ll \sqrt{x}.$$

iii. Note that

$$\psi(x) - x = \sum_{n \le x} (\Lambda - 1)(n) + O(1) = \sum_{n \le x} (\mu \star f)(n) + O(1)$$

In addition to the estimate from the previous subpart, we will also need a bound on  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|f(n)|}{n}$ . By the triangle inequality,  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|f(n)|}{n} \leq \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\log n}{n} + \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\tau(n)}{n} + O(1)$ , and by partial summation,

$$\sum_{n \le x} \frac{\log n}{n} = \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor \log x}{x} + \int_1^x \frac{\lfloor t \rfloor (\log t - 1)}{t^2} \mathrm{d}t = \int_1^x \frac{\log t}{t} \mathrm{d}t + O(\log x) \ll (\log x)^2$$

and

$$\sum_{n \le x} \frac{\tau(n)}{n} \ll \log x + \int_1^x \frac{t \log t}{t^2} \mathrm{d}t \ll (\log x)^2.$$

Thus,  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{|f(n)|}{n} \ll (\log x)^2$ . Now, we will use the hyperbola method to estimate  $\sum_{n \leq x} (\mu \star f)(n) = \sum_{ab \leq x} \mu(a)f(b)$ . Let yz = x be parameters to be chosen later. Then we have

$$\sum_{ab \le x} \mu(a) f(b) = \sum_{a \le y} \mu(a) \sum_{b \le x/a} f(b) + \sum_{b \le z} f(b) \sum_{\substack{a \le x/b \\ b \le z}} \mu(a) - \sum_{\substack{a \le y \\ b \le z}} \mu(a) f(b).$$

For the first sum, we have

$$\sum_{a \le y} \mu(a) \sum_{b \le x/a} f(b) \ll \sum_{a \le y} \sqrt{\frac{x}{a}} \ll \sqrt{xy}$$

For the second sum, since we can assume that there exists a  $g: [0, \infty) \to [0, \infty)$  such that  $g(w) \to 0$  as  $w \to \infty$  for which  $\left| \sum_{n \le w} \mu(w) \right| \le wg(w)$ , we have

$$\left|\sum_{b\leq z} f(b) \sum_{a\leq x/b} \mu(a)\right| \leq \sum_{b\leq z} |f(b)|g\left(\frac{x}{b}\right)\frac{x}{b} \ll x(\log z)^2 \sup_{w\in [x/z,x]} g(w).$$

For the third sum, we have

$$\sum_{\substack{a \leq y \\ b \leq z}} \mu(a) f(b) \ll \sqrt{z} y g(y).$$

Putting everything together, we have

$$\sum_{n \le x} (\mu \star f)(n) \ll \sqrt{xy} + x(\log z)^2 \sup_{w \in [x/z,x]} g(w) + \sqrt{z}yg(y),$$

and just need to pick y and z suitably. Let  $\varepsilon \in (0,1)$ , and set  $y = \varepsilon^2 x$ . Then  $z = \varepsilon^{-2}$ , and our bound becomes

$$\sum_{n \leq x} (\mu \star f)(n) \ll \varepsilon x + x (\log \varepsilon)^2 \sup_{w \in [\varepsilon^2 x, x]} g(w) + \varepsilon x g(\epsilon^2 x).$$

Since  $g(w) \to 0$  as  $w \to \infty$ , there exists a K > 0 such that  $|g(w)| \le \frac{\varepsilon}{(\log \varepsilon)^2}$  whenever  $w \ge K$ . Thus, for all  $x \ge \frac{K}{\varepsilon^2}$ , we must have  $\sum_{n \le x} (\mu \star f)(n) \ll \varepsilon x$  for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ . That is,  $\sum_{n \le x} (\mu \star f)(n) = o(x)$ . It follows that  $\psi(x) - x = o(x)$ , which is equivalent to the statement that  $\psi(x) \sim x$ .

3. (a) By the structure theorem for finitely generated abelian groups, a(n) is multiplicative and  $a(q^b) = p(b)$  for all prime powers  $q^b$ , where p(b) denotes the number of partitions of b (i.e., tuples  $(\lambda_1, \ldots, \lambda_k)$  of positive integers such that  $\lambda_1 \geq \cdots \geq \lambda_k$  and  $\lambda_1 + \cdots + \lambda_k = b$ ). Observe that

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n) z^n = \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-z^j}$$

whenever |z| < 1. Indeed, the product on the right-hand side converges absolutely by the test stated in class since  $|(1-z^j)^{-1}-1| = |z^j| |(1-z^j)^{-1}| \ll_r |z|^j$  whenever  $|z| \le r < 1$ , and the partial sums on the left-hand side above satisfy  $\sum_{n=1}^N p(n)|z|^n \le \prod_{j=1}^N (1-|z|^j)^{-1} \le \prod_{j=1}^\infty (1-|z|^j)^{-1}$  and so also  $\sum_{n=1}^\infty p(n)z^n$  also converges absolutely since the sequence  $\sum_{n=1}^N p(n)|z|^n$  of partial sums is increasing and bounded. It follows that  $\sum_{j=0}^\infty \frac{a(q^j)}{q^{js}} = \prod_{j=1}^\infty (1-q^{-js})^{-1}$  whenever  $\sigma > 1$ . Now, it follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{a(n)}{n^s} = \prod_q \left( \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1 - q^{-js}} \right)$$

whenever  $\sigma > 1$ . Indeed, the product on the right-hand side converges absolutely because its reciprocal converges absolutely, since  $\sum_q \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} q^{-j\sigma} \ll \sum_q q^{-\sigma} \ll_{\sigma} 1$ , and the lefthand side converges absolutely because the partial sums  $\sum_{n=1}^{N} a(n)n^{-\sigma}$  are increasing and bounded (by  $\prod_q \prod_{j=1}^{\infty} (1-q^{-j\sigma})^{-1}$ ). Finally, absolutely convergent infinite products are invariant under rearrangement, so we conclude that

$$\sum_{n=1}^\infty \frac{a(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{j=1}^\infty \prod_q \frac{1}{1-q^{-js}} = \prod_{j=1}^\infty \zeta(js)$$

whenever  $\sigma > 1$ .

(b) Let  $b: \mathbf{N} \to \mathbf{R}$  denote the arithmetic function defined by

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{c(n)}{n^s} = \prod_{j=3}^{\infty} \zeta(js)$$

for  $\sigma > 1$ . It follows from the previous part that the left-hand and right-hand sides above are an absolutely convergent Dirichlet series and infinite product, respectively, and also that  $a = 1 \star 1_{\Box} \star c$ , where  $1_{\Box}$  denotes the indicator function of the squares. Also observe that c is supported on the cubefulls, and since  $\sum_{q} \sum_{j=3}^{\infty} q^{-j\sigma} \ll \sum_{q} q^{-3\sigma} \ll_{\sigma} 1$ whenever  $\sigma > \frac{1}{3}$ , the Dirichlet series  $\mathcal{D}c(s)$  is absolutely convergent when  $\sigma > \frac{1}{3}$ . By the hyperbola method,

$$\sum_{km^2 \le y} 1 = \sum_{k \le y^{1/3}} \sum_{m \le \sqrt{\frac{y}{k}}} 1 + \sum_{m \le y^{1/3}} \sum_{k \le \frac{y}{m^2}} 1 - \sum_{k,m \le y^{1/3}} 1 = \zeta(2)y + \zeta(1/2)\sqrt{y} + O(y^{1/3}),$$

since  $\sum_{k \leq y^{1/3}} \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{y}{k}}} 1 = \sum_{k \leq y^{1/3}} \left( \sqrt{\frac{y}{k}} + O(1) \right) = 2y^{2/3} + \zeta(1/2)y^{1/2} + O(y^{1/3})$ , where we have used partial summation to obtain  $\sum_{k \leq z} k^{-1/2} = 2z^{1/2} + \zeta(1/2) + O(z^{-1/2})$ , and  $\sum_{m \leq y^{1/3}} \sum_{k \leq \frac{y}{m^2}} 1 = \sum_{m \leq y^{1/3}} \left( \frac{y}{m^2} + O(1) \right) = \zeta(2)y - y^{2/3} + O(y^{1/3})$ , where we have used partial summation to obtain  $\sum_{m > z} \frac{1}{m^2} = \zeta(2) - \sum_{m \leq z} \frac{1}{m^2} = -z^{-1} + O(z^{-2})$ . It follows that  $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) = \sum_{km^2 \ell \leq x} c(\ell)$  equals

$$\sum_{\ell \le x} c(\ell) \left( \zeta(2) \frac{x}{\ell} + \zeta(1/2) \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{\ell}} + O\left( \left(\frac{x}{\ell}\right)^{1/3} \right) \right) = x\zeta(2) \sum_{\ell \le x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell} + O\left( \sqrt{x} + x^{1/3} \sum_{\ell \le x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell^{1/3}} \right)$$

Bounding  $\sum_{\ell>x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell} \leq x^{-1/2} \sum_{\ell>x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell^{1/2}} \ll x^{-1/2}$  and  $\sum_{\ell\leq x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell^{1/3}} \leq x^{1/6} \sum_{\ell\leq x} \frac{c(\ell)}{\ell^{1/2}} \ll x^{1/6}$  yields

$$\sum_{n \le x} a(n) = x\zeta(2)\mathcal{D}c(1) + O(\sqrt{x}) = x \prod_{k=2}^{\infty} \zeta(k) + O(\sqrt{x}),$$

as desired.

- 4. (a) Since an absolutely convergent series is also convergent, it follows immediately from the definitions that  $\sigma_c \leq \sigma_a$ . If F(s) converges, then  $|f(n)| = o(n^{\sigma})$ . So, for all  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we have  $|f(n)| \ll_{\varepsilon} n^{\sigma_c + \varepsilon/2}$ , and thus  $\frac{|f(n)|}{n^{\sigma_c + 1 + \varepsilon}} \ll_{\varepsilon} \frac{1}{n^{1 + \varepsilon/2}}$ . It follows that  $F(\sigma_c + 1 + \varepsilon)$  is absolutely convergent. Since  $\varepsilon > 0$  was arbitrary, this implies that  $\sigma_a \leq \sigma_c + 1$ .
  - (b) First, suppose that  $\sigma_c < +\infty$ . Then  $F(\sigma_c+1)$  certainly converges, and so  $|f(n)| \ll n^{\sigma_c+1}$ . Now suppose that there exists a  $\theta \in \mathbf{R}$  such that  $|f(n)| \ll n^{\theta}$ . Then  $\frac{|f(n)|}{n^{\theta+3/2}} \ll n^{-3/2}$ , so  $F(\theta + 3/2)$  converges absolutely, and thus certainly converges. It follows that  $\sigma_c \leq \theta + 3/2 < +\infty$ .
  - (c) An example where  $\sigma_a = \sigma_c$  is  $\zeta(s)$ , since  $\zeta(s)$  is absolutely convegent when  $\sigma > 1$ , but the harmonic series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  diverges (and if  $\sigma_c < 1$ , then the theorem we proved in class would force  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  to converge). An example where  $\sigma_a = \sigma_c + 1$  is  $F(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^s}$ , since  $\sigma_a = 1$  in this case by the same reasoning as for  $\zeta(s)$  and  $\sigma_c = 0$  in this case since  $F(\sigma) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n^{\sigma}}$  converges for all  $\sigma > 0$  by the alternating series test.
- 5. (a) Let  $t \in \mathbf{R}$ . By partial summation, we have

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(-1)^n n^{-it}}{(\log 2n)^2} = \frac{f(N)}{(\log 2N)^2} + 2\int_1^N \frac{f(y)}{y(\log 2y)^3} \mathrm{d}y$$

for all  $N \in \mathbf{N}$ , where  $f(y) = \sum_{n \leq y} (-1)^n n^{-it}$ . Observe that f(y) equals

$$\sum_{n \le \frac{y}{2}} \left( (2n)^{-it} - (2n+1)^{-it} \right) + O(1) \ll 1 + \sum_{n \le \frac{y}{2}} \left| 1 - e^{-it\log(1+1/2n)} \right| \ll_t 1 + \sum_{n \le \frac{y}{2}} \frac{1}{n} \ll_t \log 2y.$$

where we have used that  $|e^{iu} - 1| \ll |u|$  for all  $u \in \mathbf{R}$ , which follows from considering the power series for  $e^z$ , and that  $\log(1 + \delta) \leq \delta$  for all  $\delta > 0$ . It follows that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{N} \frac{(-1)^n n^{-it}}{(\log 2n)^2} = 2 \int_1^{\infty} \frac{f(y)}{y(\log 2y)^3} \mathrm{d}y + O_t\left(\frac{1}{\log 2N}\right),$$

since the integral  $\int_1^\infty \frac{f(y)}{y(\log 2y)^3} dy$  is absolutely convergent and  $\int_N^\infty \frac{f(y)}{y(\log 2y)^3} dy \ll_t \frac{1}{\log 2N}$  by the estimate  $|f(y)| \ll_t \log 2y$ . Thus, F(it) converges.

(b) It follows from the previous part that F(s) is absolutely convergent whenever  $\sigma > 1$ , and thus  $H(s) = F(s)^2$  when  $\sigma > 1$  and  $h := f \star f$ , where  $f(n) = \frac{(-1)^n}{(\log 2n)^2}$ . Consider the sequence of integers  $a_n := (3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13)^n$ . We will show that  $h(a_n) \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ , from which it follows that H(it) diverges for all  $t \in \mathbf{R}$  since then  $|h(a_n)a_n^{-it}| = h(a_n)$ would be unbounded. Since all divisors of  $a_n$  are odd, we have

$$h(a_n) = \sum_{d|a_n} \frac{1}{(\log 2d)^2 (\log 2n/d)^2} \ge \frac{\tau(a_n)}{(\log 2a_n)^4}.$$

Note also that  $\tau(a_n) = (n+1)^5$  and, since  $a_n = 15015^n$ ,  $n = \frac{\log a_n}{\log 15015}$ . Thus,  $\tau(a_n) \ge (\frac{\log a_n}{\log 15015})^5$ . It follows that  $h(a_n) \gg \frac{(\log a_n)^5}{(\log 2a_n)^4}$  and hence, since  $a_n \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$  and  $\frac{(\log x)^5}{(\log 2x)^4} \to \infty$  as  $x \to \infty$ , that  $h(a_n) \to \infty$  as  $n \to \infty$ .