



## COUNTING NUMBER OF VISIBLE POINTS IN A RECTANGLE USING MOBIOUS $\mu$ -FUNCTION

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### Abstract

We say that one lattice point is visible from another if no third lattice point lies on the line joining them. A lattice point visible from the origin is called a visible point. To find the visible points is very useful in probability theory. In this paper we deal with counting visible points in rectangular region using Mobious  $\mu$ - function.

### Introduction

**The average order of the mobious function :** We are interested in the behaviour of  $\mu_a(n) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k)$  This is a horse of a completely different colour, as we are summing up the values 0 and  $\pm 1$ . We just saw that  $\mu$  is nonzero a positive proportion, namely  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$  of the time. Looking at values of the Mobious function on square free integers one finds that it is indeed  $\pm 1$  about as often as it is -1.

Which means that there ought to be a lot of cancellation in the sum. If every single term in the sum were 1 then  $\mu_a(n)$  would still only be equal to 1, and similarly if every single term were -1 the average order would be -1, so the answer (if the limit exists) is clearly somewhere in between. Let's think a little more. Restricting to square free numbers (as a  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$  proportion are), it is not hard to believe that relatively few integers are divisible only by a fixed number of primes (we will prove a few results in this direction) (after on) in other words, for large N, most square integers  $1 \leq n \leq N$  will have lots of prime factors and guessing whether they have an even or odd number of factors seems like guessing whether a large number is even or odd without any further information, the most obvious guess is that  $\mu(n) = +1$  about as often as it equals -1.

### Theorem: 1.1

$$\text{We have } \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{V(N)}{L(N)} = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

### Proof

We are asking after all for the number of ordered pairs of integers (x, y) each of absolute value of most N, with x and y relatively prime. We can make the probability as close to  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$  as we wish by taking N sufficiently large. We observe that the eight lattice points immediate nearest the origin. (ie) those with  $\max(|x|, |y|) \leq 1$ . are all visible. The total number of visible lattice points in the square  $|x|, |y| < N$  will then be these 8 plus 8 times. The number of lattice points with  $2 \leq x \leq N, 1 \leq y \leq x$ . (ie) the ones whose angular coordinate  $\theta$  satisfy  $0 < \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

But now we have

$$V(N): 8 + \sum_{2 \leq \eta \leq N} \sum_{1 \leq m \leq n(m, \eta)} 1 = 8 \sum_{1 \leq n \leq N} (\varphi(n))$$

But Now  $L(N) = (2N+1) \sim 4N^2$  and



$$8 \sum_{n=1}^N \varphi(n) \sim \frac{3}{\pi^2} N^2, \text{ so that}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V(N)}{L(N)} &= \frac{8}{(2N+1)^2} + \frac{8 \sum_{n=1}^N \varphi(n)}{(2n+1)^2} \\ &= 0 + 8 \cdot \frac{\left(\frac{3}{\pi^2}\right)}{4} \\ &= 6/\pi^2 \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem:1. 2**

The number  $N^{\#}(X, Y)$  of visible points in  $Q(x, y)$  is exactly.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(k) \left\lfloor \frac{x}{k} \right\rfloor \left\lfloor \frac{y}{k} \right\rfloor. \text{ Here the sum is finite, since the terms are zero when } k > \min(x, y).$$

**Proof:**

**We know that:**

The average order of the mobius function is zero

$$\lim_{X \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k)}{n} = 0$$

Which is equivalent to the statement that the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k)$  is of smaller order than 'n' itself.

But if we do some computations you will see that these partial sums seem in practice to be quite a bit smaller than n, and also we know that,  $\mu$  is non zero a positive proportion, namely  $6/\pi^2$  of the time, The mobius property we use is that.

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

We have the  $N^{\#}(x, y)$  visible points in  $Q(X, Y)$  is.

$$\begin{aligned} N^{\#}(X, Y) &= \sum_{\substack{m \leq X \\ n \leq Y \\ (m,n)=1}} 1 \\ &= \sum_{\substack{m \leq X \\ n \leq Y}} \sum_{d|(m,n)} \mu(d) \\ &= \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \mu(d) \cdot \sum_{\substack{m, n \leq X \\ \frac{m}{d}, \frac{n}{d} \leq Y}} 1 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $m = kd, n = ld$ , then



The limits are

$$(i) m \leq x \Rightarrow m = x$$

$$k = \frac{x}{d}$$

$$(ii) n \leq y \Rightarrow n = y$$

$$l = \frac{y}{d}$$

$$N'(x,y) = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \mu(d) \sum_{k \leq \frac{x}{d}} 1 \sum_{l \leq \frac{y}{d}} 1$$

$$= \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \mu(d) [e]^{x/d} [f]^{y/d}$$

$$N^1(x,y) = \sum_{d=1}^{\infty} \mu(d) \left[ \frac{x}{d} \right] \left[ \frac{y}{d} \right].$$

From the above theorem (1.1)

The fraction of visible point is  $\frac{N'(x,y)}{[x][y]}$ ,

we can deduce the “rectangle limit” which is equivalently to

$$\lim_{x,y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{xy} N'(X,Y) = \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

As x and y increase independently.

**Theorem:1.3**

$$\frac{1}{xy} N'(X,Y) = \frac{6}{\pi^2} + O\left(\frac{\log z}{z}\right)$$

Where  $z = \min(x, y)$

**Proof:**

$$\text{If } \{\alpha\} = \alpha - [\alpha],$$

$$\Rightarrow [\alpha] = \alpha - \{\alpha\} \tag{1}$$

Let  $\alpha = \frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{y}{k}$

From Equation (1)

$$N_{(x,y)} = \left[ \frac{x}{k} \right] \left[ \frac{y}{k} \right] = \frac{x}{k} \cdot \frac{y}{k} - \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \frac{y}{k} - \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \frac{x}{k} + \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \tag{2}$$

We know that the above theorem (3.5)

The no of  $N^1(x, y)$  of visible points in  $Q(x, y)$  is exactly.

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(k) \left[ \frac{x}{k} \right] \left[ \frac{y}{k} \right],$$

where  $k > \min(x,y)$

multiple by  $\mu(k)$  and sum on k from 1 to z on both sides



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{N'(x,y)}{xy} &= \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)xy}{xy k^2} - \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \frac{y}{k} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \frac{x}{k} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \\ \frac{N'(x,y)}{xy} &= \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k^2} - \frac{1}{x} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{y} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \end{aligned} \rightarrow 3$$

From the above theorem and the first term on the right tends to

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \frac{\mu(k)}{k^2} = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \text{ as } z \rightarrow \infty \rightarrow A$$

Then the remaining term is

(ie) the tail of the series is  $O(\log z/z)$

The absolute value of the sum of the three remaining terms is less than

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{1}{x} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} + \frac{1}{y} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \\ &\left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \left[ \sum_{k \leq z} \left[ \frac{\mu(k)}{k} \right] \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \right] \\ &\left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \right) \left[ \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} 1 \right], \quad \mu(k) \left\{ \frac{x}{k} \right\} \left\{ \frac{y}{k} \right\} \text{ is minimum.} \end{aligned}$$

The sum of the limit value  $k \leq z$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} &\leq \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} \left[ \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} 1 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{x+y}{xy} \left[ \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} 1 \right] \\ &\leq \frac{x+y}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{x+y}{xy} \cdot \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} 1 \end{aligned} \rightarrow 4$$

Put  $xy = z$  and  $x, y = 1$  in (4)

$$\leq \frac{2}{z} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{2}{z} \cdot \frac{1}{z} \sum_{k \leq z} 1$$



$$\leq \frac{2}{z} \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{1}{k} + \frac{2}{z^2} \sum_{k \leq z} 1$$

The integrating value of 1/k and the order.

$$= \frac{2}{z} O(\log z) + \frac{2}{z^2} \cdot z$$

$$= \frac{2}{z} O(\log z) + \frac{2}{z}$$

$$= \frac{2}{z} O(\log z + 1)$$

$$= O\left(\frac{\log z}{z}\right) \text{ Combined the equation A \& B}$$

$$\frac{N^f(x, y)}{xy} = \frac{6}{\pi^2} + O\left(\frac{\log z}{z}\right)$$

This value is obtained by counting the fraction of visible points in an expanding region of much more general shape. (ie) rectangle.

#### Theorem 1.4

The fraction of points (m, n) in Q(x, y) such that (m, n) = k tends to  $\frac{6}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2}$ , as  $x, y \rightarrow \infty$

**Proof:**

Consider if a lattice point is selected at random in two dimensions, the probability that it is visible from the origin is  $\frac{6}{\pi^2}$ . This is also the probability that two integers picked at random are relatively prime.

We use this results in the theorem, as follows, that, the condition.

$$(m, n) = k \text{ holds iff } m = km', n = kn'$$

Where  $(m', n') = 1$ . Such that The number of points in Q(x, y) with (m, n) = k in equal to the

$$\text{number } N^f(x/k, y/k) \text{ of visible points in } \left[Q\left(\frac{x}{k}, \frac{y}{k}\right)\right]$$

Using the above them equation (3)

$$\frac{N^f(x, y)}{xy} = \sum_{k \leq z} \frac{\mu(k)}{k^2} - \frac{1}{x} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{\frac{x}{k}\right\} - \frac{1}{y} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{\frac{y}{k}\right\} + \frac{1}{xy} \sum_{k \leq z} \mu(k) \left\{\frac{x}{k}\right\} \left\{\frac{y}{k}\right\}$$

$$N^f(x, y) = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \mu(k) \left\{\frac{x}{k}\right\} \left\{\frac{y}{k}\right\} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{1}{xy} N^f\left(\frac{x}{k}, \frac{y}{k}\right) = \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{x}{k} \cdot \frac{y}{k}} N^f\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) \left(\frac{y}{k}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{6}{\pi^2} \text{ as } x, y \rightarrow \infty$$



$$\frac{1}{xy} N' \left( \frac{x}{k}, \frac{y}{k} \right) = \frac{1}{k^2} \cdot \frac{6}{\pi^2}$$

This results could be described by saying that the probability that two randomly selected integers m and n have g.c.d equal to k.

$$(ie) \quad k = \frac{6}{\pi^2} \cdot \frac{1}{k^2}$$

**Result:** In this way we can find the visible points in a rectangles using the Mobious  $\mu$ - function. This result has been obtained in the case of the square if

$$x = y \text{ by based on the asymptotic formula } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(n)}{f(n)} = 1 \quad pn \sim f(n).$$

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