# On completely additive functions satisfying a congruence

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#### Abstract

A fascinating connection was conjectured on sums of completely additive functions satisfying a congruence by Kátai. He could prove it for the case of k = 3. The general solution of the problem is far from beeing simple. The object of the present paper is to prove this conjecture for k = 4. Another purpose of the authors was to discuss the problem from group theoretical aspects and to describe an algorithm verifying the conjecture for finite number of functions under a certain bound.

## 1 Introduction

An arithmetical function f(n) is said to be *completely additive* if the relation f(nm) = f(n) + f(m) holds for every positive integer n and m. Let  $\mathcal{A}^*$  denote the class of all real-valued completely additive functions. Throughout this paper we apply the usual notations, i.e.  $\mathbb{P}$  denotes the set of primes,  $\mathbb{N}$  the set of positive integers,  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  the fields of rational and real numbers, respectively.

Let  $P(z) = 1 + A_1 z + A_2 z^2 + \ldots + A_k z^k$   $(k \ge 1)$  be a polynomial with real coefficients. Let *E* denote the operator  $Ez_n := z_{n+1}$  in the linear space of infinite sequences. For the polynomial P(z) we have

 $P(E)f(n) = f(n) + A_1f(n+1) + \ldots + A_kf(n+k).$ 

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**Conjecture I.** (Kátai) If  $f \in \mathcal{A}^*$ ,  $P(z) \notin \mathbb{Q}[z]$  and  $P(E)f(n) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then f(n) is identically zero.

This conjecture was proved for the case of k = 2 (see [1]). Moreover, Kátai raised a more general question:

**Conjecture II.** (Kátai) Let  $f_j \in \mathcal{A}^*$  (j = 0, 1, 2, ..., k). Assume that

$$\sum_{j=0}^{k} f_j(n+j) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $f_i(n) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and for every j.

In [2] Kátai proved it for the case of k = 3. The idea can be extended to the Gaussian integers, as was done in [5, 7]. It was examined the *analogy* of the conjecture for three *completely additive* [4], as well as for two [3] and three [6] *additive* functions.

## 2 Group theoretical approach

We extend the domain of an arbitrary real valued completely additive function f(n) for the set of positive rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}_*$  by f(a/b) := f(a) - f(b). Let us do it for  $f_0, f_1, f_2, \ldots, f_k$   $(k \in \mathbb{N})$  and let us define the set

$$\Omega_k := \{ (a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) \in \mathbb{Q}_*^{k+1} : \sum_{i=0}^k f_i(a_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1} \}.$$

Performing the multiplications component-wise it is easy to see that  $(\mathbb{Q}^{k+1}_*; \cdot)$  is an abelian group. Hence, it follows from the additivity that if  $(a_0, a_1, \ldots, a_k) \in \Omega_k$  and  $(b_0, b_1, \ldots, b_k) \in \Omega_k$  then  $(a_0 b_0^{-1}, a_1 b_1^{-1}, \ldots, a_k b_k^{-1}) \in \Omega_k$ . Thus, the following assertion is obvious.

Assertion.  $(\Omega_k; \cdot)$  is an abelian group with respect to the above defined multiplication.

In fact, we think that the next conjecture is true:

**Conjecture III** If  $(A, \cdot)$  is a subgroup of the group  $(\mathbb{Q}^h_*; \cdot)$ , where  $h \in \mathbb{N}$ and  $(n, n + 1, \ldots, n + h - 1) \in A$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $A = \mathbb{Q}^h_*$ . It is clear that the first conjecture follows from the second one and the second from the third one.

## 3 The main theorem

**Theorem.** Let  $P(z) = 1 + A_1 z + A_2 z^2 + A_3 z^3 + A_4 z^4$  be a polynomial with real coefficients,  $P(z) \notin \mathbb{Q}[z]$ . If  $f \in \mathcal{A}^*$  satisfies the congruence relation

$$L_n := P(E)f(n) \equiv 0 \pmod{1} \tag{1}$$

for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then f(n) is identically zero.

In order to prove the theorem we shall use an induction-like method.

## 3.1 Induction step

**Lemma 1.** If (1) holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and f(m) = 0 is satisfied for every positive integer  $m \leq 23$  then f(n) = 0 for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Proof: We prove the lemma indirectly. Let

$$\mathcal{K}_f := \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : f(n) = 0 \}.$$

Assume that  $\mathcal{K}_f \neq \mathbb{N}$ , i.e. there exist a smallest positive integer S such that

$$f(S) \neq 0. \tag{2}$$

By the assumption of the lemma it is pretty obvious that

$$S \in \mathbb{P} \tag{3}$$

and  $S \ge 29$ . First we shall prove that for each V satisfying the relations  $V \in \{S+2, S+6, S+8, S+12\}$  and  $V \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  we have

$$f(V) = 0 \text{ or } f(V) \notin \mathbb{Q}.$$
 (4)

Suppose that (4) does not hold. Then for some U for which  $U \in \{S+2, S+6, S+8, S+12\}$  with  $U \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ , we obtain

$$f(U) \neq 0 \text{ and } f(U) \in \mathbb{Q}.$$
 (5)

By the fact  $U \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  it is easily seen that

$$\{U \pm 1 - 6k, U + 2 - 6k, U + 3 - 6k, 2U \pm 2 : k = 0, 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_f.$$
 (6)

By using (1) and (6) we get that  $L_{U-1} = A_1 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ , which with (5) implies that

$$A_1 \in \mathbb{Q}.\tag{7}$$

Let us observe that

$$f(U-2) \notin \mathbb{Q},\tag{8}$$

since in the opposite case, by using (1) and (6) we get

$$L_{U-4} = A_2 f(U-2) + A_4 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$
  

$$L_{U-3} = A_1 f(U-2) + A_3 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$
  

$$L_{U-2} = f(U-2) + A_2 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$

which with (5) and (7) would imply that  $P(z) \in \mathbb{Q}[z]$ . In virtue of (5), (8) and of the equation  $L_{U-2}$  it is obvious that

$$A_2 \notin \mathbb{Q}.\tag{9}$$

Since  $3 \mid (2U+1)$  and (2U+1)/3 < S, we have f(2U+1) = 0, hence by using (5), (6), (7), (9) and the equation

$$L_{2U-2} = A_1 f(2U - 1) + A_2 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

we obtain

$$A_1 \neq 0, \quad f(2U-1) \notin \mathbb{Q}. \tag{10}$$

Consider the equation

$$L_{2U-1} = f(2U-1) + A_1 f(U) + A_4 f(2U+3) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$

which with (5), (7) and (10) implies that

$$A_4 \neq 0, \quad A_4 f(2U+3) \notin \mathbb{Q}. \tag{11}$$

By using relations (5), (8), (10) and (11) it is easy to see that  $U, U - 2, 2U - 1, 2U + 3 \in \mathbb{P}$ , consequently  $U \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ . Since  $U \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ ,  $U \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ ,  $U \leq S + 12$  and  $S \geq 29$  the following statements hold:

$$3 \mid 2U - 5, \ (2U - 5)/3 < S, \ 5 \mid 2U - 3, \ (2U - 3)/5 < S.$$

It means that f(2U - 5) = f(2U - 3) = 0. Hence, using (5), (6) and the equations

$$L_{2U-6} = A_2 f(U-2) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$
  
$$L_{U-4} = A_2 f(U-2) + A_4 f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

we have

$$A_4 \in \mathbb{Q}.\tag{12}$$

On the other hand, using (5), (6), (7) and (10) the equation  $L_{U-7} = A_1 f(U-6) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  gives that  $f(U-6) \in \mathbb{Q}$ , which with (11), (12) and by  $L_{U-6} = f(U-6) + A_4 f(U-2) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  implies  $f(U-2) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This contradicts to (8). Thus, we have proved (4).

Now we are able to prove Lemma 1. We distinguish two cases:

(I)  $S \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ (II)  $S \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ .

Case (I). In this case we have

$$\{S+1+6k, S+2+6k, S+3+6l, S+5+6l : k = 0, 1, 2, 3 \ l = 0, 1, 2\} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_f,$$
(13)

and by virtue of the equations  $L_{S-1}, L_{S-2}, L_{S-3}, L_{S-4}$  we get

$$A_1f(S) \equiv A_2f(S) \equiv A_3f(S) \equiv A_4f(S) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}.$$

If  $f(S) \in \mathbb{Q}$  then  $A_j \in \mathbb{Q}$  (j = 1, 2, 3, 4) but this is a contradiction, since  $P(z) \notin \mathbb{Q}[z]$ . Then we have

$$f(S) \notin \mathbb{Q}. \tag{14}$$

Observe that if  $A_j \in \mathbb{Q}$  for some  $1 \leq j \leq 4$  then  $A_j = 0$ . It means that

$$A_j \notin \mathbb{Q} \text{ or } A_j = 0 \quad (j = 1, 2, 3, 4).$$
 (15)

Let i = 0. It follows from (14), (15) and from the equation  $L_{S+6i} = f(S + 6i) + A_4 f(S + 4 + 6i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  that

$$A_4 \notin \mathbb{Q}, \quad f(S+4+6i) \neq 0. \tag{16}$$

The reader can readily verify that  $f(S + 6 + 6i) \neq 0$  since in the opposite case using the equation  $L_{S+4+6i} = f(S + 4 + 6i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  we get

 $f(S+4+6i) \in \mathbb{Q}$ . This with (13), (15), (16) and by  $L_{S+1+6i}, L_{S+2+6i}, L_{S+3+6i}$ implies  $A_1 = A_2 = A_3 = 0$ . Hence the equation  $L_{2S+4+12i}$  would infer  $A_4f(S+4+6i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ , i.e.,  $A_4 \in \mathbb{Q}$  which is a contradiction. So we have  $f(S+6+6i) \neq 0$ . By similar arguments for i = 1, 2 and by using (4) we obtain  $f(S+4) \neq 0$  and  $f(S+6i) \neq 0$  (i = 0, 1, 2, 3). It means that S, S+4, S+6, S+12, S+18 are primes which is impossible since  $S \geq 29$  and one of these numbers is a multiple of 5. So we proved that Case (I) cannot occur.

Case (II). In this case it is no hard to see that

 $\{S+1+6k, S+3+6k, S+4+6k, S+5+6l : k=0, 1, 2 \ l=0, 1\} \subseteq \mathcal{K}_f.$ 

Let i = 0. Because of  $P(z) \notin \mathbb{Q}[z]$  it is easily seen that  $f(S + 2 + 6i) \neq 0$ and by (4) we have

$$f(S+2+6i) \notin \mathbb{Q}.$$
(17)

Hence by using the equation

$$L_{S+2+6i} = f(S+2+6i) + A_4 f(S+6+6i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

it follows  $f(S + 6 + 6i) \neq 0$ . Suppose that f(S + 8 + 6i) = 0. Then from  $L_{S+6+6i}$  we get  $f(S + 6 + 6i) \in \mathbb{Q}$ , therefore by  $L_{S+3+6i}$ ,  $L_{S+4+6i}$ ,  $L_{S+5+6i}$  we infer  $A_1, A_2, A_3 \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Moreover, by the equations  $L_{S-1+6i}$ ,  $L_{S+1+6i}$  and by (17) immediately follows that  $A_1 = A_3 = 0$ . Since  $2S + 8 + 12i \in \mathcal{K}_f$ ,  $2S + 10 + 12i \in \mathcal{K}_f$ , the equation

$$L_{2S+8+12i} = A_4 f(2S+12+12i) \equiv A_4 f(S+6+6i) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$$

gives  $A_4 \in \mathbb{Q}$  which is contradiction. So  $f(S+8+6i) \neq 0$ . Similarly, for i = 1 using (4) we obtain S, S+2, S+6, S+8, S+14 are primes, but this is impossible since  $S \geq 29$  and one of these numbers is a multiple of 5. The proof of Lemma 1 is finished.

The proof of the theorem will be completed by proving the following

**Lemma 2.** If (1) holds for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then f(m) = 0 for every positive integer  $m \leq 23$ .

To verify this lemma we discuss the next conjecture which is a step by step approach of the second one.

### **3.2** Algorithm for the bounded case

**Conjecture IV** Let  $f_0, f_1, \ldots, f_k \in \mathcal{A}^*$ . Given any  $e \in \mathbb{N}$  there exist  $a \ d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that if  $L_n := \sum_{j=0}^k f_j(n+j) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  holds for every  $n \le d \ (n \in \mathbb{N})$  then  $f_j(n) \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  for every  $n \le e \ (j = 0, 1, \ldots, k)$ .

We introduce some notations.

Let us denote the *n*-tuple  $\mathcal{L}_n := (n, n+1, \dots, n+k) \in \Omega_k$ . Let furthermore

 $\Gamma_k := \{ (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k) : a_j \text{ are squarefree integers}, a_j > 1 \ (0 \le j \le k) \}.$ 

For an arbitrary  $\gamma = (a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k) \in \Gamma_k$  we define the vector  $\underline{v} = \underline{v}(\gamma)$  as follows. Let the prime decomposition of  $a_j$  be  $a_j = p_1^{(j)} p_2^{(j)} \dots p_{l_j}^{(j)}$ , where the factors are written in ascending order. Then

$$\underline{v}(\gamma) := [f_0(p_1^{(0)}), \dots, f_0(p_{l_0}^{(0)}), f_1(p_1^{(1)}), \dots, f_1(p_{l_1}^{(1)}), \dots, f_k(p_1^{(k)}), \dots, f_k(p_{l_k}^{(k)})] = [v_1, v_2, \dots, v_\mu], \quad \mu = l_0 + l_1 + \dots + l_k.$$

**Example** Let  $k = 4, \gamma = (6, 30, 10, 15, 3)$ . Then  $\underline{v} = [f_0(2), f_0(3), f_1(2), f_1(3), f_1(5), f_2(2), f_2(5), f_3(3), f_3(5), f_4(3)]$ .

Let  $\Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu} := \{ [b_1, b_2, \dots, b_{\mu}] : \sum_{j=1}^{\mu} b_j v_j \equiv 0 \pmod{1}, b_i \in \mathbb{Z} \}$ . Let  $\underline{b} = [b_1, \dots, b_{\mu}] \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu}$ . Then

$$b_1 f_0(p_1^{(0)}) + \ldots + b_{l_0}(p_{l_0}^{(0)}) + \ldots + b_\mu f_k(p_{l_k}^{(k)}) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$

which can be rewritten as

$$f_0(\beta_0) + f_1(\beta_1) + \ldots + f_k(\beta_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{1},$$

where  $\beta_t = \prod_{k=1}^{l_t} (p_k^{(t)})^{b_{s+k}}$ ,  $s = l_0 + \ldots + l_{t-1}$ . Let  $\underline{\beta}(=\underline{\beta}(\underline{b})) = (\beta_0, \beta_1, \ldots, \beta_k)$ . Clearly,  $\underline{\beta} \in \mathbb{Q}_*^k$ . Let  $\Delta_{\underline{v}}^k = \{\underline{\beta}(\underline{b}) : \underline{b} \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^\mu\}$ .

#### Remarks

1. It follows from our construction that there is a one-to-one correspondence between  $\Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu}$  and  $\Delta_{\underline{v}}^{k}$ . 2.  $\Delta_{v}^{k} \subset \Omega_{k}$ .

**Example** Let  $k, \gamma, \underline{v}$  as before. Suppose that  $\underline{b} = (1, 2, 3, 1, -2, -3, 1, -2, 3, 1) \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu}$ . Then  $\underline{\beta} = (18, \frac{24}{25}, \frac{5}{8}, \frac{125}{9}, 3) \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^{k}$ .

**Algorithm** to verify Conjecture IV. Input  $k, e \in \mathbb{N}$ 

**1.** Let  $\gamma$  be an arbitrary element from  $\Gamma_k$  and let  $\underline{v}$  be the vector generated by  $\gamma$  as before.

**2.** By using the equations  $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_i$  and the fact that  $f_0, f_1, \ldots, f_k \in \mathcal{A}^*$  express all the possible  $F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_j \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^k$ . The corresponding vectors  $G_1, G_2, \ldots, G_j \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu}$  can be considered as rows of a matrix  $M \in \mathbb{R}^{\mu \times \mu}$ . Examine so many equations that the rank of the matrix M will be equal to  $\mu$ .

**3.** Using Gaussian elimination over the integers it can be solved the linear equation  $M\underline{v} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$ . If the only solution is  $\underline{v} \equiv 0 \pmod{1}$  then go to the next step, otherwise go to the step 2, increase *i* and find a new matrix M or go to the step 1 and choose a new  $\gamma$ .

**4.** Investigate so many equations  $L_1, L_2, \ldots, L_i, \ldots$  while all  $f_j(p)$  can be expressed in the form  $f_j(p) \equiv \sum_{l=1}^{\mu} b_l v_l \pmod{1}$  (mod 1)  $(p \leq e, p \in \mathbb{P}, b_l \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq j \leq k)$ . Then the conjecture is true for k, e and d is equal to i, which is the number of the examined equations.

If the conjecture is true, the algorithm terminates.

**Remark** For a given k, e the d is not unique, it depends on the selection of  $\gamma$ .

## 4 Examples

Implementing this algorithm the experiments with a simple Maple<sup>1</sup> program show the following results:

**Example** Let  $k = 4, \gamma = (210, 210, 210, 210, 2310)$ . Then we have

$$F_{1} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{9}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{11}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{17}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{23}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{30}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{32}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{33}\mathcal{L}_{37}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{58}\mathcal{L}_{62}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}}{\mathcal{L}_{8}\mathcal{L}_{10}^{6}\mathcal{L}_{13}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{16}\mathcal{L}_{18}\mathcal{L}_{22}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{44}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{27}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{31}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{48}\mathcal{L}_{70}\mathcal{L}_{74}\mathcal{L}_{92}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{117}\mathcal{L}_{119}} = \\ = \left(\frac{3^{19}7^{5}}{2^{8}5^{12}}, \frac{3^{13}}{2^{12}}, \frac{2^{33}5^{2}7^{5}}{3^{27}}, \frac{2^{10}3^{3}}{7^{2}}, \frac{3^{20}5}{2^{5}7^{7}}\right), \\ F_{2} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{8}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{10}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{11}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{16}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{18}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{23}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{27}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{30}\mathcal{L}_{31}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{38}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{45}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{48}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{57}\mathcal{L}_{59}\mathcal{L}_{65}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{70}}{\mathcal{L}_{9}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{8}\mathcal{L}_{19}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{28}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{33}\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{64}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{92}\mathcal{L}_{116}\mathcal{L}_{118}\mathcal{L}_{120}\mathcal{L}_{132}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}} =$$

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$$\begin{split} &= \Big(\frac{5^{12}}{2^33^47^{10}}, \frac{2^{32}}{3^45^{15}}, \frac{3^{14}5^{10}}{2^{43}7^4}, \frac{2^{12}7^5}{3^{13}5^6}, \frac{5^47^7}{2^{21}3^{81}1}\Big), \\ F_3 &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_9^2\mathcal{L}_{13}^2\mathcal{L}_{14}^4\mathcal{L}_{19}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{22}\mathcal{L}_{22}^2\mathcal{L}_{23}^2\mathcal{L}_{4}^2\mathcal{L}_{32}^3\mathcal{L}_{43}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{55}\mathcal{L}_{56}\mathcal{L}_{58}\mathcal{L}_{62}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{92}\mathcal{L}_{132}}{\mathcal{L}_{10}^2\mathcal{L}_{11}^2\mathcal{L}_{15}^2\mathcal{L}_{18}^3\mathcal{L}_{26}^2\mathcal{L}_{27}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{30}\mathcal{L}_{31}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{45}\mathcal{L}_{46}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{48}^2\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{65}} \\ &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{140}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{142}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{115}\mathcal{L}_{117}\mathcal{L}_{119}}{\mathcal{L}_{16}^2\mathcal{L}_{14}^3\mathcal{L}_{16}^2\mathcal{L}_{23}^3\mathcal{L}_{30}^3\mathcal{L}_{33}^3\mathcal{L}_{45}^4\mathcal{L}_{54}^5\mathcal{L}_{62}^6\mathcal{L}_{51}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{152}}{\mathcal{L}_{16}^3\mathcal{L}_{19}^2\mathcal{L}_{23}^2\mathcal{L}_{44}^3\mathcal{L}_{65}^6\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{65}^4\mathcal{L}_{65}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{152}}{\mathcal{L}_{16}^3\mathcal{L}_{10}^6\mathcal{L}_{13}^2\mathcal{L}_{42}^4\mathcal{L}_{65}^6\mathcal{L}_{62}\mathcal{L}_{61}\mathcal{L}_{13}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{152}}{\mathcal{L}_{30}\mathcal{L}_{30}^3\mathcal{L}_{33}\mathcal{L}_{45}^4\mathcal{L}_{65}^4\mathcal{L}_{62}\mathcal{L}_{61}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{152}}{\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{16}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{152}}{\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{65}^2\mathcal{L}_{26}\mathcal{L}_{26}\mathcal{L}_{14}\mathcal{L}_{14}\mathcal{L}_{56}\mathcal{L}_{67}\mathcal{L}_{92}^3\mathcal{L}_{132}}{\mathcal{L}_{312}} = \\ &= \Big(\frac{3^{35}}{2^{17}5^{11}}, \frac{3^{11}57}{2^{10}}, \frac{2^{395}3^{71}}{2^{30}}, \frac{2^{43}1^0}{3^{39}}, \frac{2^{43}1^0}{2^{8}5^{47}^5}, \frac{3^{14}116}{2^{8}5^{47}^{6}}, \frac{2^{9}}{2^{13}}}{\mathcal{L}_{22}\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{25}^2\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{25}^2\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{25}^2\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{25}\mathcal{L}_{23}\mathcal{L}_{33}}{\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{45}\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{66}\mathcal{L}_{60}\mathcal{L}_{70}\mathcal{L}_{92}} = \\ &= \Big(\frac{3^{117}}{2^{12}5^{12}}, \frac{7^3}{2^{12}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{13}}{2^{12}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{13}}{2^{12}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{13}}{2^{12}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{13}}{2^{13}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{13}}{2^{13}}, \frac{2^{16}7^{14}}{2^{13}^{15}} \right), \\ F_6 = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{14}^4\mathcal{L}_{12}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{16}\mathcal{L}_{12}^2\mathcal{L}_{2}^2\mathcal{L}_{2}\mathcal{L}_{2}\mathcal{L}_{2}^2\mathcal{L}_{2}\mathcal{L$$

$$F_{9} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{8}\mathcal{L}_{10}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{13}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{1}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{19}\mathcal{L}_{22}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{28}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{55}\mathcal{L}_{56}\mathcal{L}_{32}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{132}\mathcal{L}_{184}}{\mathcal{L}_{11}^{8}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{18}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{23}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{26}\mathcal{L}_{30}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{36}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{65}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{90}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{114}\mathcal{L}_{115}} = = (\frac{2^{21}5^{4}7^{6}}{3^{23}}, \frac{5^{22}}{2^{18}3^{376}}, \frac{2^{20}3^{23}}{5^{13}7^{5}}, \frac{3^{10}5^{11}}{2^{6}7^{8}}, \frac{2^{32}7^{7}}{3^{5}5^{10}11^{2}}), F_{10} = \frac{\mathcal{L}_{8}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{13}\mathcal{L}_{14}\mathcal{L}_{19}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{22}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{33}\mathcal{L}_{48}\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{55}\mathcal{L}_{62}\mathcal{L}_{132}\mathcal{L}_{141}\mathcal{L}_{143}\mathcal{L}_{185}}{\mathcal{L}_{9}\mathcal{L}_{11}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{16}\mathcal{L}_{18}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{26}\mathcal{L}_{30}\mathcal{L}_{31}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{65}\mathcal{L}_{70}\mathcal{L}_{74}\mathcal{L}_{114}} =$$

$$\begin{split} &= \left(\frac{2^{9}3^{7}7}{5^{5}}, \frac{2^{7}7^{6}}{2^{7}3^{5}}, \frac{2^{5}5^{7}7}{3^{7}}, \frac{2^{4}3^{16}5^{3}}{7^{9}}, \frac{2^{11}7^{5}}{3^{3}5^{4}}\right), \\ F_{11} &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{3}^{6}\mathcal{L}_{12}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{0}\mathcal{L}_{22}\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{34}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{2}}{\mathcal{L}_{16}\mathcal{L}_{25}\mathcal{L}_{34}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{5}} = \left(\frac{2^{5}7^{7}}{2^{5}7^{7}}, \frac{2^{15}7^{16}}{2^{14}7^{7}}, \frac{3^{15}7^{16}}{3^{11}5^{10}}, \frac{3^{4}5^{7}}{2^{4}}, \frac{3^{4}5^{7}}{5^{5}7^{8}}\right), \\ F_{12} &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{3}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{3}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{12}\mathcal{L}_{13}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{24}\mathcal{L}_{34}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{42}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{47}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{64}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{26}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{29}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{29}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{29}\mathcal{L}_{20}\mathcal{L}_{$$

$$\begin{split} F_{19} &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{9}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{6}\mathcal{L}_{19}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{25}\mathcal{L}_{32}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{62}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{92}\mathcal{L}_{132}\mathcal{L}_{243}}{\mathcal{L}_{10}\mathcal{L}_{15}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{18}\mathcal{L}_{23}\mathcal{L}_{30}\mathcal{L}_{31}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{38}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{45}\mathcal{L}_{48}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{54}\mathcal{L}_{60}\mathcal{L}_{65}} = \\ &= (\frac{2}{3^{78}}, \frac{3^{857}}{3^{155}}, \frac{2^{20}3^{272}}{5^{97}}, \frac{2}{5^{67}}, \frac{3^{135}}{3^{15}}, \frac{11}{27^{6}}), \\ F_{20} &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{10}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{13}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{22}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{28}\mathcal{L}_{51}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{48}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{56}\mathcal{L}_{60}\mathcal{L}_{92}\mathcal{L}_{244}}{\mathcal{L}_{9}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{11}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{14}^{9}\mathcal{L}_{18}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{27}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{45}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{61}\mathcal{L}_{65}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{91}\mathcal{L}_{115}\mathcal{L}_{121}} = \\ &= (\frac{2^{1558}}{3^{1879}}, \frac{2^{1575}}{3^{17510}}, \frac{3^{1459}}{2^{5175}}, \frac{3}{2^{1554}}, \frac{2^{1678}}{3^{2352}116}), \\ F_{21} &= \frac{\mathcal{L}_{9}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{11}^{11}\mathcal{L}_{12}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{14}\mathcal{L}_{18}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{21}\mathcal{L}_{23}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{26}\mathcal{L}_{30}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{32}\mathcal{L}_{38}\mathcal{L}_{45}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{48}\mathcal{L}_{54}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{61}\mathcal{L}_{62}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{62}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{62}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{91}}{\mathcal{L}_{8}\mathcal{L}_{10}^{9}\mathcal{L}_{13}^{3}\mathcal{L}_{15}\mathcal{L}_{19}^{2}\mathcal{L}_{20}\mathcal{L}_{22}^{7}\mathcal{L}_{24}^{13}\mathcal{L}_{25}^{5}\mathcal{L}_{28}\mathcal{L}_{31}^{4}\mathcal{L}_{44}\mathcal{L}_{52}\mathcal{L}_{55}\mathcal{L}_{56}}{\mathcal{L}_{56}} \\ &\frac{\mathcal{L}_{114}\mathcal{L}_{115}\mathcal{L}_{158}\mathcal{L}_{245}}{\mathcal{L}_{24}}} = (\frac{3^{36}7^{3}}{2^{46}5^{9}}, \frac{2^{10}3^{21}}{5^{18}7}, \frac{2^{20}5^{10}7^{9}}{3^{44}}, \frac{2^{32}7^{11}}{3^{17}5^{16}}, \frac{3^{29}5^{11}11^{7}}{2^{52}7^{16}}). \end{split}$$

From these we can be give a non-singular matrix M corresponding to the algorithm. Going on to the step 4 the next chart shows the appropriate d values belonging to the different e-s.

Π	e	1-97	98	-137	138	-179	180	-191	192	-239	240-269	270-419
	d	245	, z	299	4	11	7	21	73	88	954	1076
Π	e	420-4	31	432-	439	440-	599	600-	659			
	d	1674	1	172	25	170	35	240	01	1		

The attentive reader can observe that by this example Lemma 2 (even more) is proved and so the proof of the theorem is completed.  $\hfill \Box$ 

Without giving the exact vectors  $F_1, F_2, \ldots, F_j \in \Delta_{\underline{v}}^{\mu}$  we insert some computer tests verifying Conjecture IV for higher degree. For brevity let us denote  $P_n := \prod a_j, a_j \in \mathbb{P}, a_j \leq n$ .

Let $k = 5, \gamma =$	$(P_{23}, P_{23})$	$P_{23}, P_{23}$	$, P_{23}, P_2$	$_3$ ). Then
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Π	e	1-109	110-179	180-191	192-229	230-	307 3	308-313	314-397
	d	624	815	853	960	114	5	1240	1252
Π	e	398-41	9 420-43	81 432-43	39 440-4	57 45	8-599	600-64	3
	d	1587	1674	1726	5 1768	3 1	833	2401	

Let  $k = 6, \gamma = (P_{37}, P_{41}, P_{41}, P_{43}, P_{43}, P_{43}, P_{43})$ . Then

	e	1-227	228-419	420-431	432-541	542-599
ſ	d	1336	1589	1674	2154	2164

Our method is clearly not appropriate for large number of completely additive functions, for large e or  $\mu$ . Even if we could prove Conjecture IV for a given k to prove the induction step seems to be very hard.

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