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and

$$R(p^\beta, p^\alpha) = \mu_A(p^{st}) \sum_{d \in A(p^{jt})} f(d) h\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = 0, \text{ since } s \geq 2.$$

Now, it is easy to see that $L(p^\beta, p^\alpha) = R(p^\beta, p^\alpha)$ if and only if (16) holds. Thus the Theorem is proved.

COROLLARY *If $f \in \mathcal{C}$ and $h = \mu_A g$, where $g \in \mathcal{M}$, then the pair (f, h) satisfies the functional equation (14).*

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} F_A(p^\alpha) f(p^{\alpha-t}) &= \left\{ \sum_{d \in A(p^{st})} f(d) \mu_A(p^{st}/d) g(p^{st}/d) \right\} f(p^{(s-1)t}) \\ &= \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^s f(p^{it}) \mu_A(p^{(s-i)t}) g(p^{(s-i)t}) \right\} f(p^{(s-1)t}) \\ &= \{ f(p^{st}) - f(p^{(s-1)t}) g(p^t) \} f(p^{(s-1)t}) \\ (17) \quad &= f(p^{(2s-1)t}) - f(p^{(2s-2)t}) g(p^t), \end{aligned}$$

since $f \in \mathcal{C}$. Also,

$$\begin{aligned} f(p^\alpha) F_A(p^{\alpha-t}) &= f(p^{st}) \left\{ \sum_{i=0}^{s-1} f(p^{it}) \mu_A(p^{(s-1-i)t}) g(p^{(s-1-i)t}) \right\} \\ &= f(p^{st}) \{ f(p^{(s-1)t}) - f(p^{(s-2)t}) g(p^t) \} \\ (18) \quad &= f(p^{(2s-1)t}) - f(p^{(2s-2)t}) g(p^t). \end{aligned}$$

Now, from (17) and (18), we see that (16) holds for all primes p and all integers $\alpha \geq 2$, where $t = \tau_A(p^\alpha)$. Hence the Corollary follows in virtue of the Theorem.

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