

# On multiplicatively bi-unitary perfect numbers

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## 1 Introduction

Let  $\sigma(n)$  the sum of positive divisors of  $n$ ,

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d|n} d,$$

$s(n)$  the sum of aliquot part of  $n$ , i. e. the positive divisors of  $n$  other than  $n$  itself, so that

$$s(n) = \sigma(n) - n.$$

It is well-known that a number  $n$  is called perfect if the sum of aliquot divisors of  $n$  is equal to  $n$

$$s(n) = n,$$

or equivalently

$$\sigma(n) = 2n.$$

Perfect, amicable and sociable numbers are fixed points of the arithmetic function  $s$  and its iterates. (R. K. Guy [4], P. Erdős [2])

The Euclid-Euler theorem gives the form of even perfect numbers:

**Lemma 1.1** *An even integer  $n$  is perfect iff there exist prime number  $p$  such that  $n = 2^{p-1}q$ , where  $q = 2^p - 1$  is prime ("Mersenne prime").*

No odd perfect numbers are known.

The number  $n$  is called super-perfect if

$$\sigma(\sigma(n)) = 2n.$$

Suryanarayana and Kanold states [10], [6] the general form of even super-perfect numbers:

$n = 2^{p-1}$ , where  $2^p - 1 = q$  is a prime (Mersenne prime).

No odd super-perfect numbers are known.

A divisor  $d$  of a natural number  $n$  is unitary divisor if  $\left(d, \frac{n}{d}\right) = 1$ , and  $n$  is unitary perfect if

$$\sigma^*(n) = 2n.$$

where  $\sigma^*(n)$  the sum of unitary divisors of  $n$ . The notion of unitary perfect numbers introduced M. V. Subbarao and L. J. Waren in 1966 [9].

Five unitary perfect numbers are known, they are necessarily even and its true that no unitary perfect numbers of the form  $2^m s$  where  $s$  is a squarefree odd integer [3].

For positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , let  $(a, b)^{**}$  denote the greatest common unitary divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . A divisor  $d$  of the positive integer  $n$ , bi-unitary divisor if  $d\delta = n$  and  $(d, \delta)^{**} = 1$ .

Let  $\tau^{**}(n)$  and  $\sigma^{**}(n)$  denote the number and the sum of bi-unitary divisors

$$\begin{aligned}\tau^{**}(n) &= \sum_{\substack{d\delta = n \\ (d, \delta)^{**} = 1}} 1 \\ \sigma^{**}(n) &= \sum_{\substack{d\delta = n \\ (d, \delta)^{**} = 1}} d\end{aligned}$$

Ch. R. Wall introduced the concept of bi-unitary perfect numbers [12], an integer  $n$  is bi-unitary perfect number if it equals the sum of its bi-unitary divisors

$$\sigma^{**}(n) = 2n,$$

and proved that there are only three bi-unitary perfect numbers, namely 6, 60 and 90.

Sándor in [7] introduced the concept of multiplicative divisor function  $T(n)$  (see. [5]) and multiplicatively perfect and superperfect number and characterize them.

In [1] the author study the unitary multiplicatively perfect numbers.

In this paper we introduce the bi-unitary multiplicative divisor function, and the notion of bi-unitary multiplicative perfect, bi-unitary multiplicative superperfect and bi-unitary  $k$ - $l$  m-perfect numbers and characterize them.

## 2 Main results

**Definition 2.1** Let  $T^{**}(n)$  denote the product of all bi-unitary divisors of  $n$ :

$$T^{**}(n) = \prod_{\substack{d \mid n \\ (d, \frac{n}{d})^{**} = 1}} d.$$

Let  $T^{**k}(n)$  the  $k$ th iterate of  $T^{**}(n)$ :

$$T^{**k}(n) = T^{**}(T^{**k-1}(n)), \quad k \geq 1.$$

**Definition 2.2** The number  $n > 1$  is **multiplicatively bi-unitary perfect** (or shortly **m bi-unitary perfect**) if

$$T^{**}(n) = n^2,$$

**multiplicatively bi-unitary super-perfect** (**m bi-unitary super-perfect**), if

$$T^{**}(T^{**}(n)) = n^2,$$

and **multiplicatively bi-unitary  $(k, l)$  perfect** (**m unitary  $(k, l)$  perfect**), if

$$T^{**k}(n) = n^l.$$

First we prove the following result:

**Lemma 2.1** For  $n \geq 1$

$$T^{**}(n) = n^{\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2}}$$

where  $\tau^*(n)$  denotes the number of bi-unitary divisors of  $n$ .

**Proof** If  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k$  are all bi-unitary divisors of  $n$ , then

$$\{d_1, d_2, \dots, d_k\} = \left\{ \frac{n}{d_1}, \frac{n}{d_2}, \dots, \frac{n}{d_k} \right\},$$

implying that

$$d_1 d_2 \dots d_k = \frac{n}{d_1} \cdot \frac{n}{d_2} \dots \frac{n}{d_k},$$

$$T^{**}(n) = n^{k/2}$$

where  $k = \tau^{**}(n)$  denotes the number of bi-unitary divisors of  $n$ .

□

### Remark

The  $T^{**}(n)$  function not multiplicative and not additive function.

**Theorem 2.2** *All  $m$  bi-unitary perfect numbers  $n$ , ( $n > 1$ ) have one of the following forms:  $n = p_1^4$ ,  $n = p_1^3$ ,  $n = p_1^2 p_2^2$ ,  $n = p_1^2 p_2$ ,  $n = p_1 p_2$  where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct primes.*

**Proof.** If we assume that  $n > 1$  we have  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  be the prime factorisation of  $n > 1$ . It is well-known that

$$\tau^{**}(n) = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k} \alpha_i \right\} \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k+1} (\alpha_i + 1) \right\}, \quad (1)$$

(see [11]).

We have by Lemma 2.1 that  $n$  multiplicatively bi-unitary perfect iff

$$n^{\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2}} = n^2$$

or

$$\tau^{**}(n) = 4,$$

$$\left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k} \alpha_i \right\} \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k+1} (\alpha_i + 1) \right\} = 4$$

which equivalent to the forms  $n = p_1^4$ ,  $n = p_1^3$ ,  $n = p_1^2 p_2^2$ ,  $n = p_1^2 p_2$ ,  $n = p_1 p_2$ . where  $p_1, p_2$  are distinct primes.

□

**Theorem 2.3** *All  $m$  bi-unitary super perfect numbers  $n$ , ( $n > 1$ ) have one of the following forms:  $n = p$ ,  $n = p^2$  where  $p$  prime number.*

**Proof.** Let  $n > 1$  a natural number. We have

$$T^{**}(T^{**}(n)) = (T^{**}(n))^{\frac{\tau^{**}(T^{**}(n))}{2}} = n^{\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2} \frac{\tau^{**}(T^{**}(n))}{2}}. \quad (2)$$

Because  $n > 1$

$$\tau^{**}(T^{**}(n)) = \tau^{**}\left(n^{\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2}}\right).$$

- If  $\tau^{**}(n) = 2(2k + 1)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{**}(T^{**}(n)) &= \tau^{**}(n^{2k+1}) = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k} (2k+1)\alpha_i \right\} \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i=2k+1} (2k+1)(\alpha_i+1) \right\} \\ &= (2k+1)^{\omega(n)} \tau^{**}(n) = 2(2k+1)^{\omega(n)+1} \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

- If  $\tau^{**}(n) = 4k$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \tau^{**}(T^{**}(n)) &= \tau^{**}(n^{2k}) = \left\{ \prod_{\alpha_i} 2k\alpha_i \right\} \\ &= k^{\omega(n)} \tau^{**}(n^2) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

From (2) we have that  $n$  bi-unitary m superperfect number iff

$$\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2} \cdot \frac{\tau^{**}(T^{**}(n))}{2} = 2.$$

If  $\tau^{**}(n) = 2(2k + 1)$ ,

$$(2k+1)^{\omega(n)+2} = 1$$

which implies that  $k = 0$ ,  $\tau^{**}(n) = 2$ ;  $n = p$  or  $n = p^2$ .

If  $\tau^{**}(n) = 4k$ , we have

$$k^{\omega(n)+1} \tau^{**}(n^2) = 2.$$

Because  $n > 1$ ,  $k = 0$  and  $n = p$ .

□

We now investigate the problem of the existence of  $k - l$  bi-unitary m perfect numbers.

First we prove that:

**Lemma 2.4** *If  $n$  a natural number such that  $\omega(n) \geq l + 1$  we have:*

$$T^{**k}(n) \geq n^{2^{lk}}.$$

**Proof** Because  $\omega(n) \geq l + 1$  we have

$$\tau^{**}(n) \geq 2^{l+1}$$

which together to Lemma 2.1 implies that

$$T^{**}(n) \geq n^{2^l}. \quad (5)$$

By (5) and iteration procedure we have

$$T^{**k}(n) \geq n^{2^{lk}}.$$

□

**Remark** If  $\omega(n) \geq 2$  we have

$$T^{**k}(n) \geq n^{2^k}.$$

which means that if  $l \leq 2^k$  no  $(k, l)$  m bi-unitary perfect composed number.

In the next we consider the  $(1, k)$  m bi-unitary perfect numbers:

$$T^{**}(n) = n^k,$$

where  $k \geq 2$  is given.

From the lemma 2.1 and (1) we have the following theorem.

**Theorem 2.5** *Let  $k \geq 2$  be a natural number. Then the  $(1, k)$  m bi-unitary perfect numbers have the form*

$$n = \prod_{k_i=2k} p_i^{k_i} \prod_{k_i=2k+1} p_i^{k_i-1}$$

where  $k = \prod_{i=1}^l k_i$  and  $p_i$  ( $i \in \{1, 2, \dots, l\}$ ) distinct prime numbers.

Concerning even perfect numbers we have a following result.

**Theorem 2.6** *For every even perfect number exist  $k$  such that  $n$  is  $k$ -bi-unitary perfect number.*

**Proof.** By Lemma 1.1  $n$  even perfect iff  $n = 2^{p-1}q$ , where  $q = 2^p - 1$  is prime which implies that  $\tau^{**}(n) = 2(p-1)$  and

$$T^{**}(n) = n^{\left(\frac{\tau^{**}(n)}{2}\right)} = n^{p-1} = n^k$$

with  $k = p - 1$ .

□

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