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On some new properties of functions  $\sigma(n)$ ,  $\phi(n)$ , d(n) and  $\nu(n)$ . (In Hungarian) Mat. Lapok 28, 125-131 (1980). [0025-519X]

The authors call two functions f(n) and g(n) independent if, for any two permutations  $i_1, \ldots i_r; j_1 \ldots j_r$  of  $1, 2, \ldots, r$ , the inequalities  $f(n+i_1) > \cdots > f(n+i_r);$   $f(n+j_1) > \cdots > f(n+j_r)$  have always infinitely many solutions. They prove that d(n) and  $\vartheta(n)$  are independent. For  $\varphi(n)$  and  $\sigma(n)$  the result holds for  $r \leq 4$  only.

If the definition is extended to the independence of k functions (with arbitrary k permutations) then d(n),  $\vartheta(n)$  and either  $\varphi(n)$  or  $\sigma(n)$  are also independent.

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