On the convergence of the nth prime factor of the kth number with n prime factor

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1 Introduction

This document has for aim to define an esoteric integer sequence that arises from the observation of the prime decomposition of the integers.

i do not know whether this sequence was defined anywhere else, but my assumption that it isn't is based on the fact that at time of writing, this sequence cannot be found on the Online Encyclopedia of Integer Sequences.

2 Definition

Definition 2.1 (Number of prime factors)**.** *for any $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, with $\omega(n)$ distinct prime factors, we have*

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^{\omega(n)} (p_i^{\alpha_i})$$

and we note $\Omega(n)$

$$\Omega(n) = \sum_{i=1}^{\omega(n)} \alpha_i$$

the number of prime factors of n.

Definition 2.2 (Numbers with at least n prime factors)**.** *for any $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$,*

we note the set of integers with at least n primes factors $\mathbb{P}_n$

$$\mathbb{P}_n = \{k \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}, \Omega(k) \geq n\}$$

.

Lemma 2.1. *for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, $\mathbb{P}_n$ is countably infinite.*

Proof. for all $k \in \mathbb{N}$, $\Omega(2^{n+k}) = n + k >= k$, therefore $2^{n+k} \in \mathbb{P}_n$ so

$$\{2^{n+k}, k \in \mathbb{N}\} \subset \mathbb{P}_n \subset \mathbb{N}$$

and $\{2^{n+k}, k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ and $\mathbb{N}$ are countably infinite, therefore $\mathbb{P}_n$ is countably infinite. □

Definition 2.3 (Sequence of numbers with at least n prime factors)**.** *for any $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, given that $\mathbb{P}_n$ is a countably infinite subset of $\mathbb{N}$, we can define A_n*

$$A_n = (a_{n,i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}}$$

the sequence of numbers with at least n prime factors, ordered by the usual order over $\mathbb{N}$.

Definition 2.4 (sequence of prime factors of n)**.** *for any $n \in \mathbb{N}_{>1}$, we define the sequence of prime factors of n $(p_{n,i})_{i \in [1, \Omega(n)]}$*

$$(p_{n,1}, p_{n,2}, p_{n,3}, ..., p_{n,\Omega(n)})$$

such that with the usual prime decomposition

$$p_{n,i} = \begin{cases} p_1 & \text{if } i \leq \alpha_1 \\ p_2 & \text{if } \alpha_1 < i \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \\ ... & \\ p_{\omega(n)} & \text{if } \Omega(n) - \alpha_{\omega(n)} < i \leq \Omega(n) \end{cases}$$

Definition 2.5 (nth prime factor)**.** *for any $k \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, for any $k \in \mathbb{P}_n$, we define the nth prime factor of k $f_n(k) = p_{k,n}$*

Definition 2.6 (Sequence of the nth prime factors of the numbers with at least n prime factors)**.** *for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, A_n is the sequence of numbers with at least n prime factors, therefore for all $i \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, $f_n(a_{n,i})$ is well defined, and therefore*

$$B_n = (f_n(a_{n,i}))_{i \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}} = (b_{n,i})_{i \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}}$$

is well-defined. we call B_n the sequence of the nth prime factors of the numbers with at least n prime factors.

Definition 2.7 (index of 3^n)**.** *For for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, we note $i_n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$ the integer such that $a_{n,i_n} < 3^n$. it is well defined because $3^n \in \mathbb{P}_n$.*

Lemma 2.2. *$(i_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}}$ is an increasing sequence, and for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, $i_n > n$*

Proof. given $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, we have

$$i_n - 1 = \#\{a_{n,k}, k < i_n\} = \#\{a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < a_{n,i_n}\}$$

or

$$i_n = 1 + \#\{a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < 3^n\}$$

and for all $a_{n,k}$ such that $a_{n,k} < 3^n$, $2 * a_{n,k} < 2 * 3^n < 3^n + 1$. and $2 * a_{n,k}$ has 1 more prime factor than $a_{n,k}$, therefore $(2 * a_{n,k}) \in \mathbb{P}_{n+1}$. therefore $(2 * a_{n,k}) \in \{a_{n+1,k}, a_{n+1,k} < 3^{n+1}\}$ and

$$\{2 * a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < 3^n\} \subset \{a_{n+1,k}, a_{n+1,k} < 3^{n+1}\}$$

and

$i_n = 1+\#\{a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < 3^n\} = 1+\#\{2*a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < 3^n\} \leq 1+\#\{a_{n+1,k}, a_{n+1,k} < 3^{n+1}\} = i_{n+1}$

therefore $(i_n)_{n\in\mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}}$ is an increasing sequence. finally, $\forall n \in N_{\neq 0}, \forall k \in [1,n], 2^k * 3^{n-k} \in \mathbb{P}_n$ and $2^k * 3^{n-k} < 3^n$ therefore

$$n + 1 = 1 + \#2^k * 3^{n-k}, k \in [1,n] \leq 1 + \#\{a_{n,k}, a_{n,k} < 3^n\} = i_n$$

therefore for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, $i_n \geq n + 1 > n$ □

3 Proposition

proposition 3.1 (convergence of the nth prime factor of the kth number with n prime factor)**.**

$$\forall k \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}, \exists l_k \in \mathbb{P}, b_{n,k} \underset{n\to+\infty}{\longrightarrow} l_k$$

4 Demonstration

Lemma 4.1. *Given* $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$*,*

$$\forall k \in [1, i_n[, 2 \mid a_{n,k}$$

Proof. let $a_{n,k}, k \in [1, i_n[$ be such a number. then $a_{n,k} < 3^n$.

let us call $p = f_1 a_{n,k}$ the smallest prime factor of $a_{n,k}$.
Then $\forall j \in [1, \Omega(a_{n,k})], f_j(a_{n,k}) \geq p > 1$, and

$$3^n > a_{n,k} = \prod_{j=1}^{\Omega(a_{n,k})} f_j(a_{n,k}) \geq \prod_{j=1}^{n} f_j(a_{n,k}) \geq \prod_{j=1}^{n} p = p^n$$

therefore $3^n > p^n$, and $p = 2$. so $f_1(a_{n,k}) = 2$ and $2 \mid a_{n,k}$

□

Lemma 4.2. *Given* $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$*, ,*

$$\forall k \in [1, i_{n+1}[, a_{n+1,k} = 2a_{n,k}$$

Proof. TODO □

Lemma 4.3. *given* $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$*, given* $k \in \mathbb{P}_n$*, for all* $i \in [1,n]$*,* $f_i(k) = f_{i+1}(2k)$

Proof. let $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$ and $k \in \mathbb{P}_n$.
if $2 \mid k$: then

$$k = 2^{\alpha_1} * \prod_{i=2}^{\omega(n)} (p_i^{\alpha_i}) \text{ and } 2k = 2^{\alpha_1+1} * \prod_{i=2}^{\omega(n)} (p_i^{\alpha_i})$$

therefore

$$p_{2k,i} = \begin{cases} p_1 & \text{if } i \leq 1 + \alpha_1 \\ p_2 & \text{if } 1 + \alpha_1 < i \leq \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \\ ... \\ p_{\omega(n)} & \text{if } 1 + \Omega(k) - \alpha_{\omega(k)} < i \leq 1 + \Omega(k) \end{cases}$$

and

□

Lemma 4.4. *Given $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$ given an integer $m \geq n$,*

$$\forall k \in [1, i_{n+1}[, b_{m,k} = b_{n,k}$$

Proof. proof by induction
Case $(m = n)$: $b_{n,k} = b_{n,k}$
induction: given $m \geq n$, such that $b_{m,k} = b_{n,k}$.
$k \leq i_{n+1}$, therefore $k \leq i_{m+1}$ (by 2.2) and $a_{m+1,k} = 2 * a_{m,k}$ (by 4.2).
and $f_m(a_{m,k}) = f_{m+1}(2 * a_{m,k})$ (by 4.3) therefore

$$b_{m,k} = f_m(a_{m,k}) = f_{m+1}(a_{m+1,k}) = b_{m+1,k} = b_{n,k}$$

so $\forall m \geq n, (b_{m,k} = b_{n,k}) \Rightarrow (b_{m+1,k} = b_{n,k})$, and

$$\forall m \geq n, b_{m,k} = b_{n,k}$$

□

5 Final proof

. given $k \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}$, $i_{k+1} > k + 1 > k$ (by 2.2), therefore $k \in [1, i_{k+1}[$, and for all $m \geq k$, $b_{m,k} = b_{k,k}$ (by 4.4) therefore $(b_{i,k})_{i \in \mathbb{N}_{\neq 0}}$ is constant after the kth element and

$$b_{n,k} \underset{n \to +\infty}{\longrightarrow} b_{k,k}$$

□