

Solutions to Sheet 10.

Problem 1

One might think that this problem is incredibly complicated, but in reality it is terribly simple. Let $P(q, a)$ be the smallest prime congruent to $a \bmod q$. The idea is now to plug this into to use the that

$$\psi(P(q, a) - 1, q, a) = 0.$$

Siegel-Walfisz says that $\psi(x, q, a) \approx \frac{x}{\varphi(q)}$ if x is large, so we'd expect to find that $P(q, a)$ cannot be too large if the equality above holds.

To apply Siegel-Walfisz we first need to make sure that $x \geq \exp(q^\varepsilon)$ for some $\varepsilon > 0$. We then have $\sqrt{\log x} \gg q^{\varepsilon/2} \gg (\log 2)^\varepsilon$ so that certainly

Problem 2

Problem 3

Problem 4