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1. If n is one digit it is clear that the sequence remains constant since $S(n) = n$. If n has multiple digits we can show that $S(n)$ will always yield a number smaller than n and is therefore decreasing, which would imply after repeated applications of S , the output would eventually be one digit and therefore constant.

To show this we simply observe if d_i is the digit of n in the i th place from the right, we have

$$n = d_k 10^k + d_{k-1} 10^{k-1} \dots d_1 10 + d_0$$

while

$$S(n) = d_k + d_{k-1} \dots + d_1 + d_0$$

We have for $i \geq 1$, $d_i < 10^i d_i$, and therefore if n has more than one digit, $S(n) < n$

2. First we can use the useful property of modular arithmetic mod 9:

$$n \equiv S(n) \pmod{9}$$

Therefore

$$n \equiv S(S(\dots S(n) \dots)) \pmod{9}$$

And so the digital sum of n is equivalent to $n \pmod{9}$

We also can say twin primes have the form $6n - 1, 6n + 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$ since any other form has one of the primes divisible by either 2 or 3.

Therefore the product of these primes is

$$36n^2 - 1$$

Which is 8 mod 9. Therefore the digital sum of any prime twins must be 8

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$$9^{121} + 13^{1331} = (9^{11})^{11} + ((13^{11})^{11})^{11}$$

by Fermats Little Thm

$$(9^{11})^{11} + ((13^{11})^{11})^{11} \equiv (9 + 13) \pmod{11} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

Since both $(9^{11})^{11}$ and $((13^{11})^{11})^{11}$ are odd, $(9^{11})^{11} + ((13^{11})^{11})^{11}$ must be even.

Therefore since both 2 and 11 divide the sum, 22 must divide it as well

2. We have $31|(30^{239} + 239^{30})$ and here is why:
 $30 \equiv -1 \pmod{31}$, so since 239 is odd:

$$30^{239} \equiv -1 \pmod{31}$$

and by Fermat's Little Thm

$$239^{30} \equiv 1 \pmod{31}$$

Therefore

$$30^{239} + 239^{30} \equiv -1 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$$

And so $31|(30^{239} + 239^{30})$

3. There is no such value. To start with, if a_0 is not prime the condition fails right away. If a_0 is prime, we can find a composite term of the sequence as follows:

We can rewrite the term of a_n in terms of a_0 :

$$a_n = 2(2(\dots 2(2a_0 + 1) + 1) \dots) + 1 + 1$$

$$a_n = 2^n a_0 + 2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots 2^2 + 2 + 1$$

The series on the right can be rewritten with the identity:

$$2^{n-1} + 2^{n-2} + \dots 2^2 + 2 + 1 = 2^n - 1$$

And so

$$a_n = 2^n a_0 + 2^n - 1$$

Since a_0 is prime we can use Fermat's Little Thm, we set $n = a_0 - 1$:

$$2^n \equiv 1 \pmod{a_0}$$

And so

$$a_n \equiv 0 \pmod{a_0}$$

Which means $a_0|a_n$

4. We know $d_i \geq i$ for all $i : 1 \leq i \leq k$ since $d_1 = 1$ and d_i increases by at least 1 every time i is incremented.

We also know the following:

$$d_1 = \frac{n}{d_k}, d_2 = \frac{n}{d_{k-2}}, d_3 = \frac{n}{d_{k-3}} \dots d_i = \frac{n}{d_{k+1-i}}$$

Since factoring out the i th smallest factor out of n yields the i th largest factor of n and vice versa.

Therefore since $d_i \leq i$, we have:

$$d_1 \leq \frac{n}{k}, d_2 \leq \frac{n}{k-1}, d_3 \leq \frac{n}{k-2} \dots d_i \leq \frac{n}{k+1-i}$$

And so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d_i d_{i+1} \leq \sum_{i=1}^{k-1} \frac{n^2}{(k+1-i)(k-i)}$$

reordering the indecies with $j = k - i$ yields:

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{n^2}{j(j+1)} = n^2 \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j(j+1)}$$

We can telescope this sum:

$$\sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j(j+1)} = \sum_{j=1}^{k-1} \frac{1}{j} - \frac{1}{j+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{k} < 1$$

so

$$\sum_{i=1}^{k-1} d_i d_{i+1} < n^2$$

EC Question. If d_1 is 2, we have

$$d_1 - d_0 = 1$$

and so incrementing by 1 each time should yield a number relatively prime to n . Therefore every number in

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, n-1\}$$

is relatively prime to n and so n must be prime.

If $d_1 = 3$, we have

$$d_1 - d_0 = 2$$

And so incrementing by 2 each time should yield a number relatively prime to n . This would be all the odd numbers less than n and therefore n can only have the prime factor of 2 since all other primes are odd. And so n must be a power of 2.

If $d_1 > 3$, we find it impossible for n to have the property described in the problem.

All numbers below d_1 are not relatively prime with n and so d_1 must be prime, otherwise if d_1 had a factor, it would have to share that factor with n . It follows from this that all primes less than d_1 must divide n .

Since $d_1 - d_0 = d_1 - 1$ we know all numbers relatively prime to n that are less than n must be of the form

$$(d_1 - 1)k + 1$$

In order for the property to hold.

However if

$$d_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

then $2|d_1$ so d_1 is not relatively prime to n , similarly if

$$d_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

then $3|d_1$ and so d_1 is not relatively prime to n , if

$$d_1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

then for $k = 2$:

$$(d_1 - 1)k + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

so $(d_1 - 1)k + 1$ is not relatively prime to n .

We know $(d_1 - 1)2 + 1$ must be less than n since $(d_1 - 1)!$ divides n and $d_1 > 4$ (since d_1 cannot be even) so $(d_1 - 1)! > 2d_1$.