

SOME EXPLICIT FORMULAE FOR THE COMPOSITE NUMBERS

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Abstract: Explicit formulae for n -th term of the sequence of all composite numbers and for the sequence of all odd composite numbers are proposed.

§0.

In [1] three different formulae for n -th term C_n of an arbitrary increasing sequence $C = \{c_i\}_{i=1}^{\infty}$ of natural numbers are proposed. They are based on the numbers $\pi_C(k)$ ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$), where $\pi_C(0) = 0$ and for $k \geq 1$ $\pi_C(k)$ denotes the number of terms of C , which are not greater than k . These formulae are given below:

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right]} \right]. \tag{1}$$

$$C_n = -2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \zeta(-2, \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right]). \tag{2}$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right])}. \tag{3}$$

In (2) ζ means Riemann's function zeta. In (3) Γ means Euler's function gamma. Also $[x]$ denotes the largest integer, which is not greater than the real nonnegative number x .

If the inequality

$$C_n \leq \lambda_n$$

holds for every $n \geq 1$, where the numbers λ_n ($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$) are a priori known, than formulae (1) - (3) take the forms, respectively:

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda_n} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right]} \right]. \tag{1'}$$

$$C_n = -2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda_n} \zeta(-2, \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right]). \tag{2'}$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{\lambda_n} \frac{1}{\Gamma(1 - \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right])}. \tag{3'}$$

Using (1') - (3') the author have found in [1] three different explicit representations for n -th prime number p_n with $\lambda_n = n^2$, or with

$$\lambda_n = \left[\frac{n^2 + 3n + 4}{4} \right]$$

(by choice).

Also, using (1) - (3), the author (again in [1]) have found three different explicit representations for $p_2(n)$, where $p_2(n)$ means n -th term of the sequence of twin primes. For example:

$$p_2(1) = 3, p_2(2) = 5, p_2(3) = 7, p_2(4) = 11, p_2(5) = 13, p_2(6) = 17, p_2(7) = 19, \dots$$

§1.

Let C be the sequence of all composite numbers including 1 (because 1 is not included in the sequence of the prime numbers), i.e.:

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 4, c_3 = 6, c_4 = 8, c_5 = 9, c_6 = 10, c_7 = 12, c_8 = 14, c_9 = 15, c_{10} = 16, \dots$$

It is trivial to see that for $k \geq 0$:

$$\pi_C(k) = k - \pi(k),$$

where $\pi(k)$ as usually means the number of the prime numbers that are not greater than k . Also, for $n \geq 1$ we have obviously:

$$C_n \leq \lambda_n$$

with $\lambda_n = 2n$.

Therefore, applying formulae (1') - (3') we obtain:

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right]} \right]. \quad (5)$$

$$C_n = -2 \cdot \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \zeta \left(-2 \cdot \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right] \right). \quad (6)$$

$$C_n = \sum_{k=0}^{2n} \frac{1}{\Gamma \left(1 - \left[\frac{\pi_C(k)}{n} \right] \right)}. \quad (7)$$

§2.

Let C be the sequence of all odd composite numbers including 1, i.e.:

$$c_1 = 1, c_2 = 9, c_3 = 15, c_4 = 21, c_5 = 25, \dots$$

It is clear that

$$\pi_C(0) = 0, \pi_C(1) = 1 \quad (8)$$

and for $k \geq 2$:

$$\pi_C(k) = k + 1 - \left[\frac{k}{2}\right] - \pi(k). \quad (9)$$

Also, for $n \geq 1$ the inequality

$$C_n \leq \lambda_n$$

holds for

$$\lambda_n = 3(2n - 1) = 6n - 3. \quad (10)$$

Therefore, applying formulae (1') - (3') and using (8) - (10), we obtain for $n \geq 2$:

$$C_n = 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{6n-3} \left[\frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{k+1 - \left[\frac{k}{2}\right] - \pi(k)}{n} \right]} \right],$$

$$C_n = 2 - 2 \cdot \sum_{k=2}^{6n-3} \zeta\left(-2, \left[\frac{k+1 - \left[\frac{k}{2}\right] - \pi(k)}{n} \right]\right),$$

$$C_n = 2 + \sum_{k=2}^{6n-3} \frac{1}{\Gamma\left(1 - \left[\frac{k+1 - \left[\frac{k}{2}\right] - \pi(k)}{n} \right]\right)}.$$

It is possible to put $\left[\frac{k+3}{2}\right]$ instead of $k+1 - \left[\frac{k}{2}\right]$ in the above formulae.

Reference

- [1] Vassilev-Missana, M. Three formulae for n -th prime and six for n -th term of twin primes, Notes on Number Theory and Discrete Mathematics, Vol. 7, 2001, No. 1, 15-20.