

Gelfond Problems on the Sum-of-digits Function and Subsequences of Automatic Sequences

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Sehr geehrter Herr Dr. Drmota,
Dank für Ihre lange und interessante Arbeit. Vielleicht können
Sie folgenden alten Problem (ich stellte die Frage in 1931!) Es sei

$$1 = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_x = n, \text{ k maximal}$$

Die Summe $\sum_{i=1}^k \varepsilon_i a_i$ seien alle verschieden, $\varepsilon_i = 0$ oder 1
($a_i = 2^i$ ist eine Lösung). Ist es aber wahr dass

$$k < \frac{\log n}{\log 2} + 1$$

ist? Vielleicht ist $k = 2$.

Eine andere Frage: $f(n)$ sei multiplikativ, $f(m) = \varepsilon_1$,

$$\sum_{f(n)=1} \frac{1}{n} = \infty \text{ (oder ist } f(n) = 1 \text{ endlich oft (p. Drmota))}$$

Ist es wahr dass $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} f(n)$ unendlich oft 0 ist (lim = $+\infty$ lim = $-\infty$)
wenn falsch wenigstens vielleicht $\sum_{\substack{f(n)=1 \\ n < x}} 1 > x^{1/\log x}?$

Es sei $1 = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_x = n$, $[a_1, a_2, \dots, a_x] > n$, also keine Zahl
 $m \leq n$ ist ein Vielfaches von 2 der a_i . Ist es wahr dass für $m > m_0$
 $\sum \frac{1}{a_i} < 1$ ist? Wieviel Zahlen $= n$ muss es geben die durch
keine der a_i teilbar ist? Das ist trivial vielleicht gilt ε_m .

(Lévy - Ghesbre) Sur un problème de Paul Erdős, Acta Arith.
1970

Udo Grosse
Mr Paul Erdős

Summary

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Question on the number of digits of primes (related to Bourgain and Green)

Given k , does there exist a prime p and $0 = j_1 < j_2 < \dots < j_k$ with

$$p = 2^{j_1} + 2^{j_2} + \dots + 2^{j_k} ??$$

(This is equivalent to $s_2(p) = k$.)

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Drmotá, Mauduit, Rivat 2011 for **large bases** $q \geq q_0(\deg(P))$

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Remark. Equivalently, a sequence (x_n) in G is μ -uniformly distributed if

$$\frac{1}{N} |\{n < N : x_n \in B\}| \rightarrow \mu(B)$$

holds for all μ -measurable sets $B \subseteq G$ with $\mu(\partial B) = 0$.

★ Generalized Thue-Morse sequences and Gelfond's 1st problem

Theorem

Let $q_1, \dots, q_d \geq 2$, $(q_i, q_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$ and $T_j(n)$, $1 \leq j \leq d$, generalized Thue-Morse sequences with respect to q_j on groups G_j (with Haar measure μ_j).

Then $(T_1(n), \dots, T_d(n))$ is μ -uniformly distributed in $G = G_1 \times \dots \times G_d$, where μ denotes the product measure on G :

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} \delta_{(T_1(n), \dots, T_d(n))} \rightarrow \mu.$$

Theorem (D. and Morgenbesser, 2012)

Let $a \geq 1$ and $b \geq 0$ be integers and set $m' = \gcd(a, m)$ (where $m = m(q, g_0, \dots, g_{q-1})$ can be defined in a proper way). Set

$$d\nu' = m' \cdot \mathbf{1}_{T(b)U'} d\mu,$$

where

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Lemma

Let G be a compact group and ν a regular normed Borel measure on G . Then a sequence $(x_n)_{n \geq 0}$ is ν -uniformly distributed in G iff

$$\frac{1}{N} \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} D(x_n) \rightarrow \int_G D \, d\nu$$

holds for all irreducible unitary representations D of G .

Remarks:

- The integer $m = m(q, g_0, \dots, g_{q-1})$ is the largest integer such that $m \mid q - 1$ and such that there exists a representation D of G with

$$D(g_u) = e^{-2\pi i \frac{u}{m}} \quad \text{for all } u \in \{0, 1, \dots, q - 1\}.$$

- $(T(n^2))_{n \geq 0}$ is uniformly distributed in G (i.e., $\nu = \mu$) iff $m \leq 2$.
- $(T(an + b))_{n \geq 0}$ is uniformly distributed in G (i.e., $\nu' = \mu$) iff $m' = \gcd(a, m) = 1$.
- If G is connected, then $T(n^2)$ and $T(an + b)$ are uniformly distributed in G .

★ Properties of the Fourier term

$$T_\lambda(n) := g_{\varepsilon_0(n)} g_{\varepsilon_1(n)} \cdots g_{\varepsilon_{\lambda-1}(n)} \quad (\text{periodic with period } q^\lambda)$$

$$F_\lambda(h) := \frac{1}{q^\lambda} \sum_{0 \leq u < q^\lambda} e^{-2\pi i \frac{hu}{q^\lambda}} D(T_\lambda(u))$$

Lemma

Set

$$\psi_D(t) = \sum_{0 \leq u < q} e(tu) D(g_u),$$

then

$$F_\lambda(h) = \frac{1}{q^\lambda} \psi_D\left(-\frac{h}{q^\lambda}\right) \psi_D\left(-\frac{h}{q^{\lambda-1}}\right) \cdots \psi_D\left(-\frac{h}{q}\right).$$

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Suppose that $D \notin \{D_0, \dots, D_{m-1}\}$ is an irreducible and unitary representation of G . Then there exists a constant $c > 0$ such that

$$\max_{h \in \mathbb{Z}} \|F_\lambda(h)\|_2 \ll q^{-c\lambda}.$$

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- The representation D_0, \dots, D_{m-1} are special but easy:

$$D_k(g_u) = e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{m} u} \quad \text{for all } 0 \leq u < q \text{ and } 0 \leq k < m$$

$$D_k(T(n^2)) = e^{-2\pi i \frac{k}{m} n^2} \quad \text{Gauss sums}$$

- For all other irreducible unitary representations ...

Van der Corput type inequality:

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★ Invertible automatic sequences:

Theorem (D. and Morgenbesser, 2012)

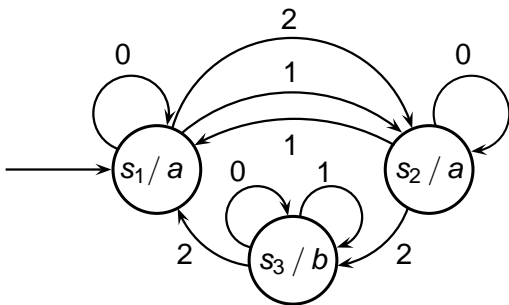
Let $q \geq 2$ and $(u_n)_{n \geq 0}$ be an invertible q -automatic sequence. Then the **frequency** of each letter of the subsequence $(u_{n^2})_{n \geq 0}$ exists.

Remark. In invertible automatic sequences the frequencies of the stated in the automaton is equidistributed. For the subsequence of squares the limiting distribution might be different.

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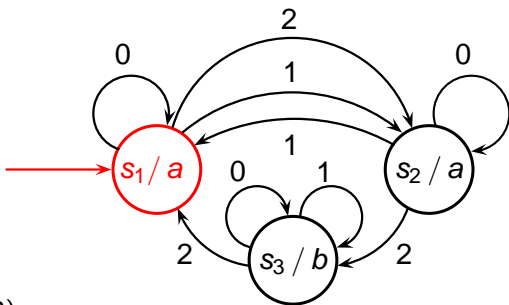
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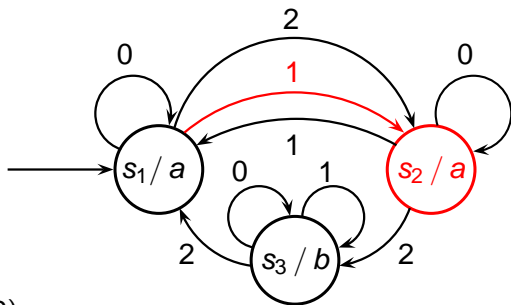


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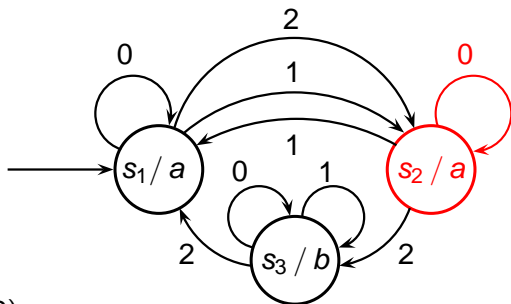


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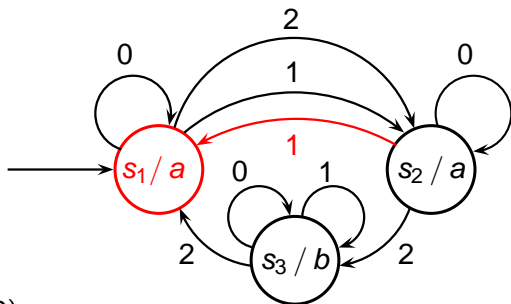


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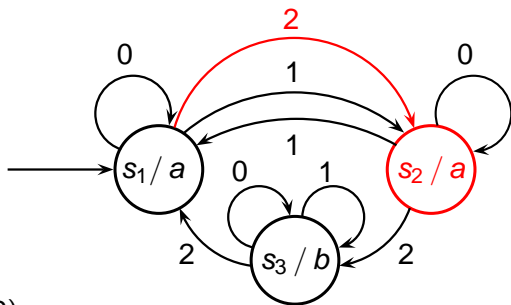


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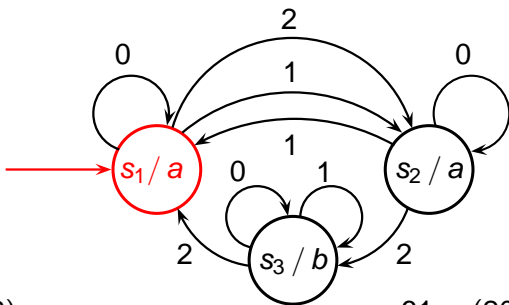


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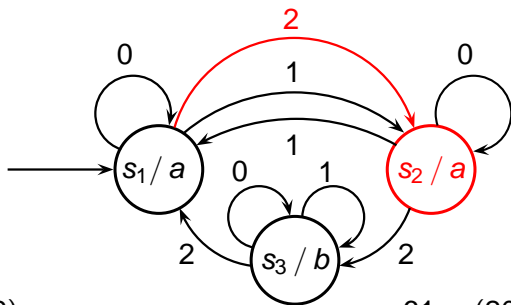
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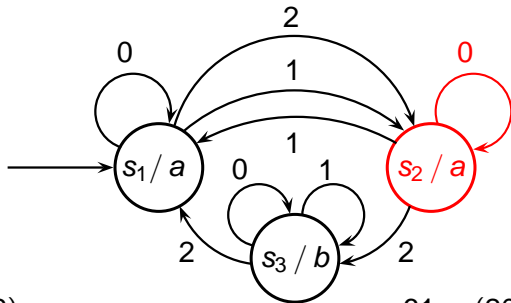
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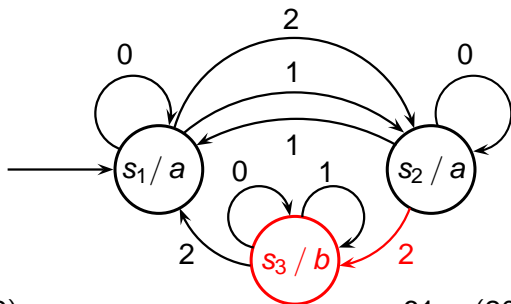
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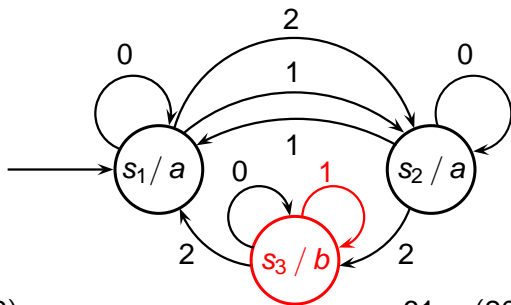
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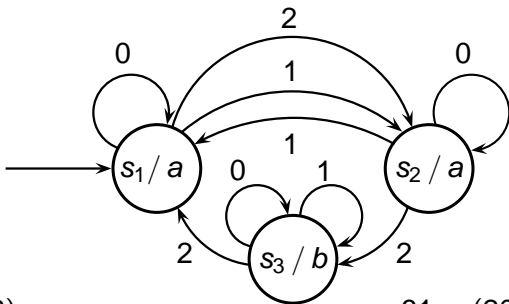
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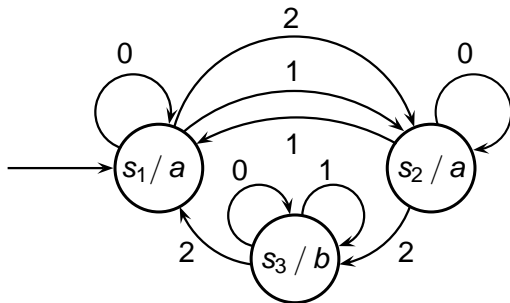
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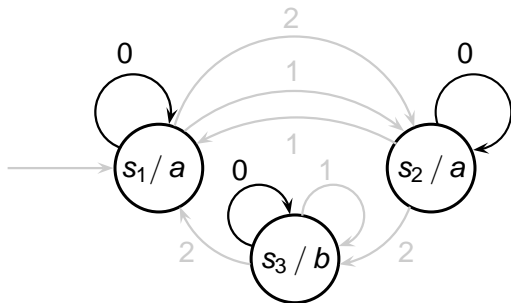


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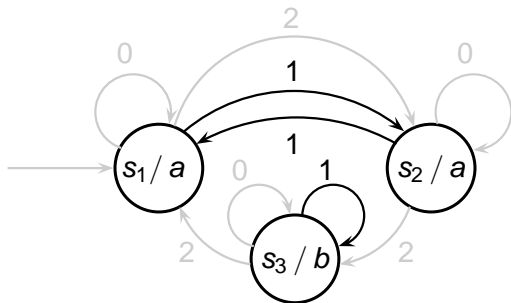
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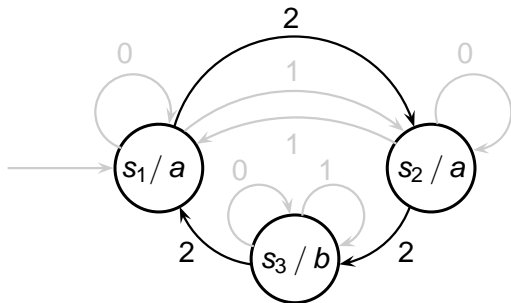


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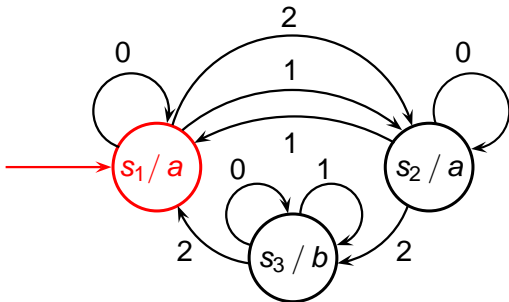
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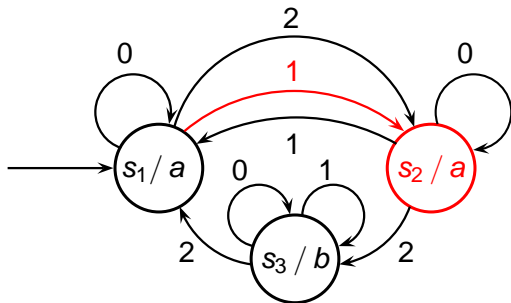
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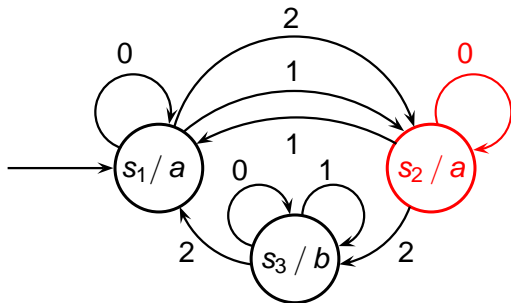
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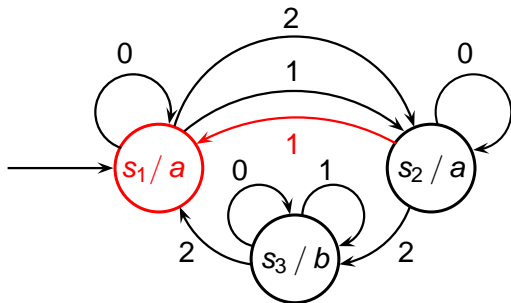
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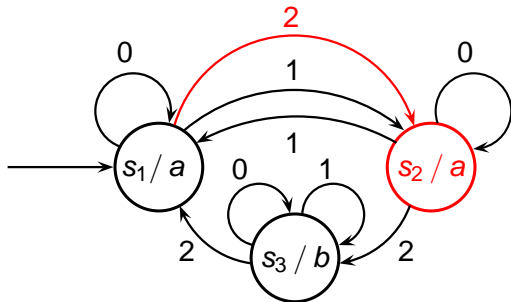
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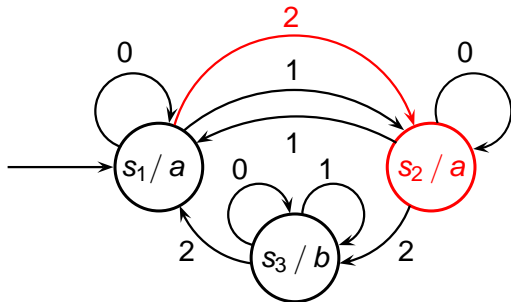


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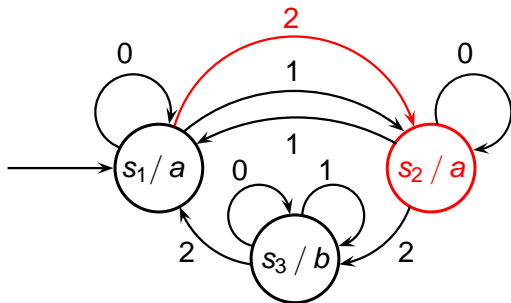
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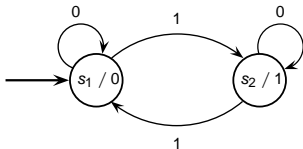
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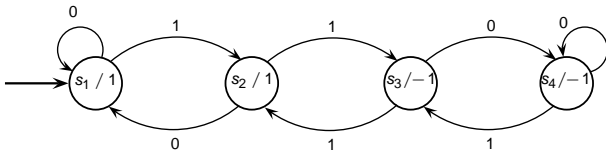
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Examples of automatic sequences

Thue-Morse sequence (invertible):



Rudin-Shapiro sequence (**not** invertible):



★ Automatic Sequences and Generalized Thue-Morse sequences

- $u_n \dots$ invertible automatic sequence

$$\implies \boxed{u_n = f(S(n)\mathbf{e}_1)},$$

where $S(n)$ is a generalized Thue-Morse sequence on
 $H = \mathrm{SL}(m, \mathbb{R})$

★ Gelfond's 3rd problem on polynomial values

★ The sum-of-digits function:

Theorem (D., Mauduit and Rivat, 2011)

Let $d \geq 2$ be an integer, $q \geq q_0(d)$ a sufficiently large **prime** number, and $P \in \mathbb{N}[X]$ of degree d such the leading coefficient is co-prime to q . Set $r = \gcd(q - 1, m)$. Then we have

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Remark. $q_0(d) \leq e^{67d^3(\log d)^2}$

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★ Proof method:

- Exponential sums ($e(x) := \exp(2\pi ix)$):

$$\sum_{n < N} e(\alpha s_q(P(n)))$$

- Van-der-Corput inequality
- Fourier terms

$$F_\lambda(\alpha, h) = \frac{1}{q^\lambda} \sum_{0 \leq u < q^\lambda} e(\alpha s_q(u) - huq^{-\lambda})$$

- Estimates on Fourier terms and exponential sum estimates

★ Subsequences of the form $\lfloor n^c \rfloor$

★ The sum-of-digits function:

Theorem (Deshouillers, D. and Morgenbesser, 2012)

Let u_n be a q -automatic sequence (on an alphabet \mathcal{A}) and

$$1 < c < 7/5.$$

Then for each $\alpha \in \mathcal{A}$ then asymptotic density of α in the subsequence $u_{\lfloor n^c \rfloor}$ exists if and only if the asymptotic density of α in u_n exists (and they are the same).

In particular it follows that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \# \{n < N : s_q(\lfloor n^c \rfloor) \equiv a \pmod{m}\} = \frac{1}{m}.$$

It is conjectured that this holds for all non-integers $c > 1$.

★ Gelfond's 2nd problem on primes

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Theorem (Mauduit and Rivat, 2010)

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★ Local results the sum-of-digits function on primes

Theorem (D., Mauduit and Rivat, 2009)

Suppose that $(q, k - 1) = 1$. Then

$$\#\{\text{primes } p < N : s_q(p) = k\} \\ = \frac{q-1}{\varphi(q-1)} \frac{\pi(N)}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma_q^2 \log_q N}} \left(\exp\left(-\frac{(k - \mu_q \log_q N)^2}{2\sigma_q^2 \log_q N}\right) + O((\log N)^{-\frac{1}{2}}) \right)$$

where

$$\mu_q := \frac{q-1}{2}, \quad \sigma_q^2 := \frac{q^2-1}{12}.$$

Remark: This asymptotic expansion is only significant if

$$\left| k - \mu_q \log_q N \right| \leq C(\log N)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

Note that $\frac{1}{\pi(N)} \sum_{p < N} s_q(p) \sim \mu_q \log_q N$.

★ Binary Representation of Primes

Corollary

Theorem (D., Mauduit, Rivat (2011))

$s_2(n)$... number of powers of 2 in the binary expansion of n

$$\#\{\text{primes } p < 2^{2k} : s_2(p) = k\} \sim \frac{2^{2k}}{\sqrt{2\pi} \log 2 k^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

★ Local results the sum-of-digits function on primes

Lemma

For every fixed integer $q \geq 2$ there exist two constants $c_1 > 0$, $c_2 > 0$ such that for every k with $(k, q-1) = 1$

$$\sum_{p \leq N, p \equiv k \pmod{q-1}} e(\alpha s_q(p)) \ll (\log N)^3 N^{1-c_1 \|(q-1)\alpha\|^2}$$

uniformly for real α with $\|(q-1)\alpha\| \geq c_2(\log N)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Remark. This is a refined version of the result by Mauduit and Rivat.

★ Local results the sum-of-digits function on primes

Lemma

Suppose that $0 < \nu < \frac{1}{2}$ and $0 < \eta < \frac{\nu}{2}$. Then for every k with $(k, q-1) = 1$ we have

$$\sum_{p \leq N, p \equiv k \pmod{q-1}} e(\alpha s_q(p)) = \frac{\pi(N)}{\varphi(q-1)} e(\alpha \mu_q \log_q N) \\ \times \left(e^{-2\pi^2 \alpha^2 \sigma_q^2 \log_q N} (1 + O(|\alpha|)) + O(|\alpha| (\log N)) \right)$$

uniformly for real α with $|\alpha| \leq (\log N)^{\eta - \frac{1}{2}}$.

Remark. This is a refined version of a **central limit theorem** and can be proved by a refined moment method.

Thank you!