
Zbl 332.10028**Erdős, Paul; Stewart, C.L.***On the greatest and least prime factors of $n!+1$. (In English)***J. London Math. Soc., II. Ser. 13, 513-519 (1976).**

The subject of largest prime factors of special sequences of positive integers offers many interesting and challenging problems which are very simple to state. The introduction to the paper gives a short account of these. In the introduction $P(f(1) \dots f(x)) < Cx \log x$ is an oversight; the inequality should be in the opposite direction. The authors prove (denoting by $P(m)$ the largest prime factor of m): Theorem: (i) For all positive integers n ,

$$P(n! + 1) > n + (1 - o(1)) \log n / \log \log n.$$

(ii) Let $\epsilon(n)$ be any positive function of n which tends to zero as n tends to infinity. Then for almost all integers n , $P(n! + 1) > n + \epsilon(n)n^{1/2}$. (iii) $\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} P(n! + 1)/n > 2 + \delta$ where δ is an effectively computable positive constant. The authors also prove: Theorem. Let p_n denote the n -th prime number. Then for infinitely many integers $n (> 0)$, $P(p_1 \dots p_n + 1) > p_{n+k}$ where $k > c \log n / \log \log n$ for some positive absolute constant c . In proving the latter theorem the authors also establish: Theorem. The equations $\prod_{p \leq n} p = x^m - y^m$ and $\prod_{p \leq n} p = x^m + y^m$ have no solutions in positive integers $x, y, n (> 2)$ and $m (> 1)$.

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