

**Zbl 393.10047****Erdős, Paul; Hall, R.R.***On some unconventional problems on the divisors of integers.* (In English)**J. Aust. Math. Soc., Ser. A 25, 479-485 (1978). [0263-6115]**

The authors prove several theorems concerning the divisors of an integer. Let  $\tau(n)$  be the number of divisors of  $n$ , and let  $d_1, \dots, d_\tau$  be all divisors of  $n$ , ordered so that  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \dots < d_\tau = n$ . Let  $f(n) = \text{card}\{i : (d_i, d_{i+1}) = 1\}$ . Next, let  $\tau_k(n)$  be the number of divisors of  $n$  of the form  $d = t(t+1)\dots(t+k-1)$ , and let  $t_k(n) = \min\{t \geq 1 : n|t(t+1)\dots(t+k-1)\}$ . The following results are proven:

Theorem 1. For every  $\varepsilon > 0$  and  $x > x_0(\varepsilon)$

$$\max f(m) > \exp((\log \log x)^{2-\varepsilon}).$$

Theorem 2. for each  $k \geq 2$  and every fixed  $A < e^{1/k}$  we have  $\tau_k(n) > (\log n)^A$  infinitely often.

Theorem 3.

$$\frac{1}{x} \sum_{n \leq x} t_2(n) \ll x \frac{\log \log \log x}{\log \log x}$$

The last proven result involves the divisors of two integers. We say that two integers  $m$  and  $n$  interlock if every pair of divisors of  $n$  are separated by a divisor of  $m$ , and conversely (except for 1 and the smallest prime factor of  $mn$ ). An integer  $n$  is said to be separable if there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $m$  and  $n$  interlock, and let  $A(x)$  be the number of separable  $n \leq x$ . It is proven:

Theorem 4. For every fixed  $c' > 0$  and sufficiently large  $x$  we have

$$A(x) > c'x / \log \log x.$$

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