
Zbl 443.10036**Erdős, Paul; Graham, Ronald L.***On bases with an exact order.* (In English)**Acta Arith.** **37**, 201-207 (1980). [0065-1036]

The statement of the results in this paper require the following definitions: Let A be a set of non-negative integers. A is said to be an asymptotic basis of order r (written $\text{ord}(A) = r$) if r is the least integer such that every sufficiently large integer is expressible as the sum of at most r integers from A (allowing repetition). Also, A is said to have exact order s (written $\text{ord}^*(A) = s$) if s is the least integer for which this is possible with exactly s integers from A . There are basis not having exact order. The following results are established:
I. A basis $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ has an exact order if and only if

$$(1) \quad \gcd\{a_{k+1} - a_k \mid k = 1, 2, \dots\} = 1.$$

II. Let $g(r) = \max\{\text{ord}^*(A)\}$ subject to (1), and $\text{ord}(A) = r$. Then,

$$\frac{1}{4}(1 + o(1))r^2 \leq g(r) \leq \frac{5}{4}(1 + o(1))r^2.$$

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