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### Abstract

Let  $\sigma(n)$  denotes the sum of the positive divisors of the positive integer  $n$  and  $\varphi$  be the Euler's totient function([1],page25). Clearly,  $n$  divides  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$  if  $n$  is a prime. Then, the question is there a composite  $n$  that divides  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$ ? Considering this problem Yang-Gao Chen and Jin-Hui Fang [5] have proved that  $n \in R \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 3$ , where  $\omega(n)$  as usual is the number of distinct prime factors of  $n$ . and  $R = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k$ ,  $R_k = \{n: \varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1 = kn\}$ . We devoted the study of this problem where we prove that every  $n$  in  $R$  is odd and that  $n \in R$  and  $3 \mid n \Rightarrow n = 3$ , from which it follows that for any composite  $n$  in  $R$ , the least prime factors is  $\geq 5$ . Also, we obtained lower bounds for  $\omega(n)$  and  $n$  for any  $n \in R = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq 672$ , which improves the result of [5] in some cases.

**Key words** : Euler's totient function, the sum of the positive divisor of  $n$ .

### 1. Introduction:

Let  $\sigma(n)$  denotes the sum of the positive divisors of the positive integer  $n$  and  $\varphi$  be the Euler's totient function([1],page25). It is easy to see that  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$  is divisible by  $n$  if  $n$  is a prime number (in fact, if  $n = p$ , a prime, then  $\varphi(p)\sigma(p) + 1 = (p-1)(p+1) + 1 = p^2$  divisible by  $n$ ). Now the question:

(1.1) Is there a composite number  $n$  for which  $n \mid \varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$ ?

That is, if

(1.2)  $R_k = \{n: \varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1 = kn\}$  and,

(1.3)

$$R = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k.$$

The question in(1.1) is seeking composite numbers in  $R$ .

Yang-Gao Chen and Jin-Hui Fang ([5] Theorem2) have proved that

(1.4)  $n \in R \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 3$ .

where  $\omega(n)$  is as before the number of distinct prime factor of  $n$ .

The purpose of this study is to improve (1.4) in the case  $n \in R_k$  with  $k \leq 336$  and  $5 \mid n$ , and with  $k \leq 672$ , and  $5 \nmid n$ . Also, we find lower bounds for  $n \in R_k$ .

### Preliminary:

In this part we prove some preliminaries lemmas. As already noted in [5], any  $n \in R_k$  is squarefree. Since  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$  is odd for  $n > 4$ , it follows that

(2.1)  $n \in R_k \Rightarrow k$  and  $n$  are both odd.

Hence  $R_2 = R_4 = R_6 = R_8 = \dots = \emptyset$ .

Therefore, any  $n \in R$  is odd and squarefree so that it can be written as

(2.2)  $n = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_r$ , where  $p_1 < p_2 < p_3 < \dots < p_r$  are all odd primes

$r = \omega(n)$  and,

(2.3)

$$(p_1 - 1)(p_2 - 1) \dots (p_r - 1)(p_1 + 1)(p_2 + 1) \dots (p_r + 1) + 1 = kp_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_r$$

Through this paper, we assume  $n \in R$  and that it is of the form (2.2).

**2.1. Lemma** :  $p_i^2 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p_j}$  for  $i \neq j$ .

**Proof** : Suppose  $p_i^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p_j}$  for some  $i \neq j$ , then it follows from (2.3) that  $p_j \mid 1$ , a contradiction. Therefore, the lemma holds.

**2.2. Lemma** : The only element in  $R$  divisible by 3 is 3. In other words,  $R$  has no composite number divisible by 3.

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**Proof :** Clearly,  $3 \in R$  (since  $\varphi(3)\sigma(3) + 1 = 2.4 + 1 = 9 = 3.3$ ). If possible  $n \in R$  with  $r \geq 2$  and  $p_1 = 3$ . Then, by Lemma 2.1,  $p_i \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq r$  so that reducing (2.3) to module 3 we get  $0 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ , a contradiction. Thus,  $r \not\geq 2$ , hence the lemma.

**3 .Main result**

In all that follows  $n$  denotes the composite number in  $R_k$  so that, by (2.3) the product  $P_n$  is defined by

(3.1)

$$P_n \doteq \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{p_i}{p_i - 1} > \frac{(p_1 + 1)(p_2 + 1) \dots (p_r + 1)}{k}.$$

Now, since  $r \geq 3$ , by (1.4) and  $p_1 \geq 5, p_2 \geq 7, p_3 \geq 13$ , it follows that

(3.2)

$$P_n > \begin{cases} \frac{6 \times 8 \times 14}{k} = \frac{672}{k} & \text{if } 5 \mid n \\ \frac{8 \times 12 \times 14}{k} = \frac{1344}{k} & \text{if } 5 \nmid n \end{cases}$$

**3.1. Theorem :** Suppose  $n \in R_k$  ( $k$  is odd) and  $5 \mid n$  then

- i)  $1 \leq k \leq 129 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 58246$  and  $n > 10^{310360}$ .
- ii)  $131 \leq k \leq 143 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 11504$  and  $n > 10^{17698}$ .
- iii)  $145 \leq k \leq 191 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 371$  and  $n > 10^{1064}$ .
- iv)  $193 \leq k \leq 287 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 18$  and  $n > 10^{22}$ .
- v)  $289 \leq k \leq 336 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 8$  and  $n > 10^5$ .

**Proof :** Suppose  $n \in R_k, 5 \mid n$ . Then,  $n$  is of the form (2.2) with  $p_1 = 5$ , so that  $p_i \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}$  for  $2 \leq i \leq r$ . Therefore,  $p_i$ 's are from the set

$A = \{p: p \text{ prime}, p > 5, p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5}\}$ . Also, if  $A = \{a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots\}$  with  $a_j \leq a_{j+1}$  for  $j = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then,  $p_i \geq a_i$  for  $2 \leq i \leq r$ . hence we have

(3.3)

$$P_n = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{p_i}{(p_i - 1)} \leq \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{a_i}{(a_i - 1)} = \alpha(r). \text{ (say).}$$

Now, comparing (3.2) and (3.3), we find that

(3.4)  $\alpha(r) > \frac{672}{k}$ .

i) Suppose  $1 \leq k \leq 129$ , then by (3.4),  $\alpha(r) > 5.2093$  and hence

$$\ln \alpha(r) = \ln \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{a_i}{(a_i - 1)} = \ln \sum_{i=1}^r \frac{a_i}{(a_i - 1)} > \ln(5.2093) = 1.65044549.$$

A computation yields  $r \geq 58246$ , proving the first part of (i).

Now, by the Robin's inequality ([3], Theorem6) given by :

(3.5)  $n > \left(\frac{r \ln r}{3}\right)^r$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\omega(n) = r$ .

Since  $n \in R_k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq 129$ , we get by (3.5) for such  $n$  that

$$n > \left(\frac{58246 \cdot \ln(58246)}{3}\right)^{58246} > 10^{310360}.$$

ii) Suppose  $129 \leq k \leq 143$ , then by (3.4),  $\alpha(r) > 4.6993$  and hence

$\ln(4.6993) = 1.54741356$ . A computation yields  $r \geq 11504$ , giving first part of (ii). Therefore, for  $n \in R_k$  with  $129 \leq k \leq 143$ , we get by (3.5) that

$$n > \left(\frac{11504 \cdot \ln 11504}{3}\right)^{11504} > 10^{17698}.$$

iii) Suppose  $145 \leq k \leq 191$ , then by (3.4),  $\alpha(r) > 3.518324$  and

hence  $\ln \alpha(r) > \ln(3.518324) = 1.257984912$ . A computation yields  $r \geq 371$ , proving first part of (iii).

Therefore, for  $n \in R_k$  with  $145 \leq k \leq 191$ , we get by (3.5) that

$$n > \left(\frac{371 \cdot \ln 371}{3}\right)^{371} > 10^{988}.$$

iv) Suppose  $193 \leq k \leq 287$ , then by (3.4),  $\alpha(r) > 2.34146$  and

hence  $\ln \alpha(r) > \ln(2.34146) = 0.8507761248$ . A computation yields  $r \geq 18$ .

Therefore, for  $n \in R_k$  with  $193 \leq k \leq 287$ , we get ,by (3.5) that

$$n > \left(\frac{18 \cdot \ln 18}{3}\right)^{18} > 10^{22} .$$

v) Suppose  $289 \leq k \leq 335$ .Then by (3.4),  $\alpha(r) > 2.0059$  and hence  $\ln \alpha(r) > \ln(2.0059) = 0.69069$ .A computation yields  $r \geq 371$ . Therefore, for  $n \in R_k$  with  $289 \leq k \leq 335$ , we get by (3.5) we have that

$$n > \left(\frac{8 \cdot \ln 8}{3}\right)^8 > 10^5$$

**3.2 Theorem :** Suppose  $n \in R_k$  ( $k$  is odd) and  $5 \nmid n$  then

- i)  $1 \leq k \leq 207 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 65536$  and  $n > 10^{67963}$ .
- ii)  $209 \leq k \leq 223 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 27889$  and  $n > 10^{138843}$ .
- iii)  $225 \leq k \leq 267 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 4188$  and  $n > 10^{17028}$ .
- iv)  $269 \leq k \leq 333 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 646$  and  $n > 10^{2009}$ .
- v)  $335 \leq k \leq 445 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 100$  and  $n > 10^{218}$ .
- vi)  $447 \leq k \leq 671 \Rightarrow \omega(n) \geq 14$  and  $n > 10^{15}$ .

**Proof:** Suppose  $n \in R_k$ ,  $5 \nmid n$ , then  $n$  is of the form (2.2), where  $p_i$ 's are from the set  $D = \{p: p \text{ prime}, p \geq 7\}$ . Also, if  $D = \{d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots\}$  with  $d_1 < d_2 < d_3 \dots$ , then  $d_1 \geq 7, d_2 \geq 11, d_3 \geq 13$  and  $p_i \geq d_i$  for  $i \geq 1$ . Therefore,

(3.6)

$$P_n \leq \delta(r), \text{ where } \delta(r) = \prod_{i=1}^r \frac{d_i}{(d_i - 1)} .$$

Now, by (3.6) and (3.2), we get

$$(3.7) \quad \delta(r) > \frac{1344}{k} .$$

i) Suppose  $1 \leq k \leq 207$ , then by (3.7),  $\delta(r) > 6.4927536$  and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(6.4927536) = 1.8706867$ . A computation yields  $r \geq 65536$ , proving the first part of (i). Also, by (3.5), any  $n \in T_k$  with  $1 \leq k \leq 207$  is such that

$$n > \left(\frac{65536 \cdot \ln(65536)}{3}\right)^{65536} > 10^{67963} .$$

ii) Suppose  $209 \leq k \leq 223$ . So that  $\delta(r) > \frac{1344}{223} = 6.02690583$  and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(6.02690583) = 1.7962$ . A computation yields  $r \geq 27889$ . Therefore, for  $n \in R_k$  with  $209 \leq k \leq 223$ , we get by (3.5) that

$$n > \left(\frac{27889 \cdot \ln 27889}{3}\right)^{27889} > 10^{138843} .$$

iii) Suppose  $225 \leq k \leq 267$ . So that  $\delta(r) > \frac{1344}{267} = 5.0337808$ . and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(5.0337808) = 1.61615$ . A computation gives  $r \geq 4188$  and by (3.5) we have

$$n > \left(\frac{4188 \cdot \ln 4188}{3}\right)^{4188} > 10^{17028} .$$

iv) Suppose  $269 \leq k \leq 333$ . So that  $\delta(r) > \frac{1344}{333} = 4.036036$  and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(4.036036) = 1.39526$ . A computation gives  $r \geq 646$  and by (3.5) we have

$$n > \left(\frac{646 \cdot \ln 646}{3}\right)^{646} > 10^{2009} .$$

v) Suppose  $335 \leq k \leq 445$ . So that  $\delta(r) > \frac{1344}{445} = 3.0202$  and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(3.0202) = 1.1053$ . A computation gives  $r \geq 100$  and by (3.5) we have

$$n > \left(\frac{100 \cdot \ln 100}{3}\right)^{100} > 10^{218} .$$

vi) Suppose  $447 \leq k \leq 671$ . So that  $\delta(r) > \frac{1344}{671} = 2.0029$  and hence  $\ln \delta(r) > \ln(2.0029) = 0.694636$ . A computation gives  $r \geq 14$  and by (3.5) we have

$$n > \left(\frac{14 \cdot \ln 14}{3}\right)^{14} > 10^{15} .$$

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## العدد $n$ الذي يقسم المقدار $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$

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### الملخص

إذا كانت  $\sigma(n)$  مجموع القواسم الموجبة للعدد الصحيح الموجب  $n$  وكانت دالة أويلر  $\varphi$  دالة أويلر ، فمن السهل معرفة أنه إذا كان العدد  $n$  عددا أوليا فإنه يقسم المقدار  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$  . ولكن هل يوجد عدد غير أولي  $n$  يقسم المقدار  $\varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1$  ؟ هذا السؤال طرحه الباحثان ينق - قوشن و جان - هيو فانج ، وتمكننا ([5] ، نظرية 2) من إثبات أنه عندما  $n \in R$  فإن  $\omega(n) \geq 3$  ، حيث  $\omega(n)$  تمثل عدد العوامل الأولية المختلفة للعدد  $n$  والمجموعتان  $R$  و  $R_k$  معرفتان بالشكل التالي :  $R = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k$  ، و  $R_k = \{n: \varphi(n)\sigma(n) + 1 = n, \omega(n) \geq 3\}$  . استطاع الباحث إثبات أنه إذا كان  $n \in R$  و كان  $3|n$  فإن  $n = 3$  ، مما يعني أن أصغر عامل أولي للعدد غير الأولي  $n \in R$  سيكون أكبر أو يساوي العدد 5 ، كما توصل الباحث إلى الحد الأدنى لعدد العوامل الأولية  $\omega(n)$  لأي  $n \in R = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} R_k$  ، حيث  $1 \leq k \leq 672$  ، وبهذا يكون الباحث قد حسن بعض النتائج في [5].

**كلمات المفتاح :** دالة أويلر ، مجموع القواسم الموجبة للعدد الصحيح  $n$ .