
Zbl 841.11048**Erdős, Paul; Sárközy, A.; Stewart, C.L.***On prime factors of subset sums.* (In English)**J. Lond. Math. Soc., II. Ser. 49, No.2, 209-218 (1994). [0024-6107]**

As usual, $\omega(n)$ denotes the number of distinct prime factors of n and $P(n)$ denotes the largest prime factor of n . Further, for any finite non-empty set A of positive integers $S(A) = \sum_{a \in A} \varepsilon_a a$, where $\varepsilon_a \in \{0, 1\}$ and $s(A) = \prod_{n \in S(A)} n$. This paper is about the behaviour of $P(s(A))/|A|$ and $\omega(s(A))/\pi(|A|)$ as the cardinality $|A|$ of A increases without bound. The authors conjecture that

$$P(s(A)) > C_1 |A|^2 \text{ and } \omega(s(A)) > C_2 \pi(|A|^2),$$

for constants C_1 and C_2 , and they obtain several results in which they prove these conjectures under certain explicit density restrictions imposed on A .

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