

**Observation on the length of the period of the rational number which is the sum of  $1/(n_i-1)$  where  $n_i$  are odd semiprimes not divisible by 3**

**Abstract.** In this paper I make the following observation: let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i$  be the ordered set of the odd semiprimes not divisible by 3; then the period of the rational number which is the sum  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1) + \dots + 1/(n_i - 1)$  seems to be always (for any  $i$ ) divisible by 48. This is not the fact when the semiprimes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i$  are not the ordered set of such semiprimes but few randomly taken (even consecutive) such semiprimes.

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**Note:**

For the sequence of odd semiprimes not divisible by 3 take out from the sequence A046388 on OEIS the numbers divisible by 3 (I understand by semiprimes the product of two distinct primes). The sequence is: 35, 55, 65, 77, 85, 91, 95, 115, 119, 133 (...).

**Verifying the observation:**

(true up to  $i = 10$ )

- : for  $n_1 = 35$  and  $n_2 = 55$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54$  equal to 48;
- : for  $n_3 = 65$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64$  equal to 48;
- : for  $n_4 = 77$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76$  equal to 144 which is  $48 \cdot 3$ ;
- : for  $n_5 = 85$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84$  equal to 144 which is  $48 \cdot 3$ ;
- : for  $n_6 = 91$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84 + 1/90$  equal to 144 which is  $48 \cdot 3$ ;

- : for  $n_7 = 95$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84 + 1/94$  equal to 3312 which is  $48 \cdot 69$ ;
- : for  $n_8 = 115$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84 + 1/94 + 1/114$  equal to 3312 which is  $48 \cdot 69$ ;
- : for  $n_9 = 119$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84 + 1/94 + 1/114 + 1/118$  equal to 96048 which is  $48 \cdot 2001$ ;
- : for  $n_{10} = 133$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/34 + 1/54 + 1/64 + 1/76 + 1/84 + 1/94 + 1/114 + 1/118 + 1/132$  equal to 96048 which is  $48 \cdot 2001$ .

**Note:**

As I mentioned in Abstract, the observation doesn't apply when semiprimes  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_i$  are not the ordered set of such semiprimes but few randomly taken (even consecutive) such semiprimes.

Examples:

- : for  $[n_1, n_2] = [35, 65]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1)$  equal to 16 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2] = [35, 91]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1)$  equal to 16 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2] = [35, 95]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1)$  equal to 368 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2] = [35, 119]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1)$  equal to 464 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2, n_3] = [35, 65, 91]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1) + 1/(n_3 - 1)$  equal to 16 which is not divisible by 48;
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- : for  $[n_1, n_2, n_3] = [55, 65, 77]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1) + 1/(n_3 - 1)$  equal to 18 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2, n_3] = [35, 119, 133]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1) + 1/(n_3 - 1)$  equal to 464 which is not divisible by 48;
- : for  $[n_1, n_2, n_3] = [114, 119, 133]$  we have the length of the period of the number  $1/(n_1 - 1) + 1/(n_2 - 1) + 1/(n_3 - 1)$  equal to 522 which is not divisible by 48.