

SOME REMARKS ON ADDITIVE ARITHMETICAL FUNCTIONS

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1. We call that a function $f(n)$ defined on the set of natural numbers is restrictedly additive (or simply additive), if $f(nm) = f(n) + f(m)$ holds for all coprime m, n . Furthermore, we say, that $f(n)$ is completely additive, if $f(nm) = f(n) + f(m)$ holds for all pairs m, n of integers.

The letters $p, p_1, p_2, \dots; q, q_1, \dots; q'$ stand for prime numbers. $c_1, c_1, c_2, \dots; \delta, K$ denote suitable positive constants, not necessarily the same at every occurrence.

2. In the paper [1] I proved the following analogon of the Erdős-Wintner theorem: if $f(n)$ is an additive function satisfying the conditions

$$\text{a)} \quad \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f(p)}{p} \quad \text{converges,}$$

$$\text{b)} \quad \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f^2(p)}{p} < \infty,$$

$$\text{c)} \quad \sum_{|f(p)| \geq 1} \frac{1}{p} < \infty,$$

then $f(p+1)$ has a limit distribution, i. e. there exists a distribution function $F(\alpha)$, such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\operatorname{li} x)^{-1} N \{ p \leq x, f(p+1) < \alpha \} = F(\alpha) \quad (2.1)$$

holds for all continuity points of its.

The question, whether the conditions a), b), c) are necessary for (2.1) was suggested to me by Prof. Kubilius and Prof. Erdős.

I think that the answer is affirmative. However presently I can prove only the following weaker assertion.

Theorem 1. *Let $f(n)$ be an additive arithmetical function, for which $f(p)$ is bounded. Assuming that for a suitable distribution function $F(\alpha)$ the relation (2.1) holds for all continuity points of it, the conditions a), b), c) are satisfied.*

Proof. Let

$$A(x) = \sum_{q < x} \frac{f(q)}{q}, \quad B(x) = \left(\sum_{q < x} \frac{f^2(q)}{q} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \quad (2.2)$$

First we prove, that $B(x)$ is bounded for $x \rightarrow \infty$. Hence the conditions b), c) will immediately follow. Suppose the contrary, $B(x) \rightarrow \infty$. Then using the large sieve repeating the arguments of Barban, A. I. Vinogradov and Levin in [2] we deduce:

$$N \left\{ p \leq x, p+1 \text{ square free}, (f(p+1) - A(x)) (B(x))^{-1} > \alpha \right\} (C \operatorname{li} x)^{-1} \rightarrow \Phi(\alpha) \quad (2.3)$$

for all real α as $x \rightarrow \infty$, where

$$\Phi(\alpha) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}} \int_{-\infty}^{\alpha} e^{-\frac{u^2}{2}} du, \quad C = \prod_p \left(1 - \frac{1}{p(p-1)}\right).$$

Hence it follows, that $f(p+1) > A(x) + B(x)$ for at least $\delta \operatorname{li} x$ of primes $p \leq x$ and $f(p+1) < A(x) - B(x)$ for at least $\delta \operatorname{li} x$ of primes $p \leq x$, with a suitable constant $\delta (> 0)$. This contradicts to (2.1).

Now we prove, that $A(x)$ is bounded. Using the large sieve in the form due to Barban, say, we easily deduce the following Turán-type inequality:

$$\sum_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p+1 \text{ square free}}} (f(p+1) - A(x))^2 \ll \operatorname{li} x. \quad (2.4)$$

Assuming, that $\limsup_{x \rightarrow \infty} |A(x)| = \infty$, from (2.4) follows the existence of two sequences x_v, K_v tending to infinity, such that $|f(p+1)| > K_v$ for at least $\delta \operatorname{li} x_v$ of primes $p \leq x_v$, with a positive constant δ . This contradicts to (2.1).

Let

$$(-\infty <)a = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} A(x) \leq \overline{\lim}_{x \rightarrow \infty} A(x) = A(< +\infty). \quad (2.5)$$

Now we prove, that $A = a$, which completes the proof of Theorem 1: I proved in [3] that for an additive function $f(n)$ for which $f(p)$ and $B(x)$ are bounded there exists a distribution function $G(\alpha)$, such that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\operatorname{li} x)^{-1} N \{ p \leq x, f(p+1) - A(x) < \alpha \} = G(\alpha) \quad (2.6)$$

in all continuity points of it.

Observing (2.1) and (2.6) we obtain that $G(\alpha + A - \varepsilon) \leq G(\alpha + a + \varepsilon)$ for all α and all $\varepsilon > 0$. Hence $a = A$ and thus Theorem 1 holds.

3. Let $f(n)$ be a completely additive function, satisfying the inequality

$$|f(p+1)| \leq C \log(p+1) \quad (3.1)$$

for all primes p .

I believe, that from (3.1)

$$|f(n)| \leq AC \log n \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots)$$

follows with an absolute constant A . But I am unable to prove this, presently.

Now we prove a weaker result on the assumption of the extended Riemann-hypothesis stating that all the Dirichlet L -functions have no zeros in the halfplane $\operatorname{Re} s > \frac{1}{2}$.

Theorem 2. Suppose that the extended Riemann-hypothesis is true. If $f(n)$ is a completely additive function satisfying (3.1) then

$$|f(n)| \leq K(\log n)(\log \log 10n) \quad (n = 1, 2, \dots), \quad (3.2)$$

where K is a suitable constant dependig only on C and on the values $f(p)$ for $p \leq c_1$.

Previously I showed, that there exists a suitable constant K , such that, if $f(q) = 0$ for all $q \leq K$ and $f(p+1) = 0$ for all primes p , then $f(n) = 0$, identically (See [4]).

Proof. From the extended Riemann-hypothesis

$$\pi(x, q, -1) = \frac{\text{li } x}{q-1} + O(x^{\frac{1}{2}} \log x)$$

follows (see [5], p. 251). Hence

$$\pi(x_q, q, -1) > 0,9 \frac{\text{li } x_q}{q}, \quad x_q = q^2 (\log q)^5$$

for all $q \geq c_1$.

By the Brun sieve we can deduce the following assertion. There exist positive constants $\delta (< 0,01)$ and c_2 such that for all $q > c_2$ can be found a prime $p \leq x_q - 1$ satisfying the conditions: $p+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{q}$, $p+1 = qm$, all prime factors of m are smaller than $q^{1-\delta}$. Such an m can be written as $m = m_1 m_2$, where $m_1 < q^{1-\delta}$, $m_2 < q^{1-\delta}$.

Thus by such a p from (3.1)

$$|f(q)| \leq |f(p+1)| + |f(m)| \leq C \log x_q + |f(m_1)| + |f(m_2)| \quad (3.4)$$

follows.

Let

$$E(x) = (\log x) H(x), \quad H(x) = K \log \log 10x, \quad (3.5)$$

K be a sufficiently large constant.

Let c_3 be such a large constant that for all $q \geq c_3$,

$$5 \frac{\log \log q}{\log q} < 0,001 \log \frac{1}{1-\delta}, \quad \log \log 10 q^{1-\delta} < \log \log 10 q - \frac{1}{2} \log \frac{1}{1-\delta},$$

$$x_q < q^8.$$

Let K be such a large constant, that

$$|f(q')| \leq E(q') \quad (3.7)$$

for all primes $q' \leq \max(c_1, c_2, c_3) = c_4$.

Now we deduce by induction, that (3.7) holds for all integers.

Assuming, that (3.7) holds for all primes $q' \leq X$ we deduce

$$|f(n)| \leq E(n) \quad (3.8)$$

for all integers $n \leq X$. This is an easy consequence of the inequality $E(x^4) \leq AE(x)$ holding for $x \leq 1$, $A \leq 1$.

Let $q > c_4$ and suppose that (3.7) holds for all $q' < q$. Consequently (3.8) holds for all $n < q$. Using (3.4) and taking into account (3.6) we have by using easy calculation, that

$$|f(q)| \leq 3C \log q + (\log m_1) H(m_1) + (\log m_2) H(m_2) \leq 3C \log q + \\ + (\log m) H(q^{1-\delta}) \leq 3C \log q + (\log q + 5 \log \log q) K \log \log 10 q^{1-\delta} \leq E(q).$$

Thus (3.7) holds for $q' = q$. Hence Theorem 2 by induction follows.

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PASTABOS APIE ADITYVINES ARITMETINES FUNKCIJAS

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(Reziumė)

Straipsnyje [1] buvo įrodytas šitoks Erdiošo – Vintnerio teoremos analogas.

Sakykime, $f(n)$ – adityvinė funkcija, kuriai

$$\text{a)} \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f(p)}{p} \text{ konverguoja, b)} \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f^*(p)}{p} < \infty, \text{ c)} \sum_{|f(p)| \geq 1} \frac{1}{p} < \infty$$

(p – pirminis skaičius). Tada $f(p+1)$ turi ribinių pasiskirstymą.

Šiam straipsniui nagrinėjamas sąlygų būtinumas.

1. teorema. Tarkime, kad $f(n)$ – aprézta adityvinė funkcija. Tam, kad $f(p+1)$ turėtų ribinių pasiskirstymą, sąlygos a, b ir c būtinios.

2 teorema. Tarkime, kad $f(n)$ – pilnai adityvinė funkcija, kuriai galioja nelygybė $|f(p+1)| \leq C \log(p+1)$, ir Rimanu – Pilco hipotezė yra teisinga.

Tada

$$|f(n)| \leq K_f(\log n)(\log \log 10 n) \quad (n=1, 2, \dots);$$

Cia K_f – konstanta, priklausanti nuo f .

НЕКОТОРЫЕ ЗАМЕЧАНИЯ К АДДИТИВНЫМ АРИФМЕТИЧЕСКИМ ФУНКЦИЯМ

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В работе [1] доказывался следующий аналог теоремы Эрдеша – Винтнера. Пусть $f(n)$ – аддитивная функция, для которой

$$\text{a)} \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f(p)}{p} \text{ сходится, б)} \sum_{|f(p)| < 1} \frac{f^*(p)}{p} < \infty, \text{ в)} \sum_{|f(p)| \geq 1} \frac{1}{p} < \infty.$$

Здесь и позже p пробегает простые числа.) Тогда $f(p+1)$ имеет предельное распределение.

В этой заметке изучается необходимость этих условий.

Теорема 1. Пусть $f(n)$ – ограниченная аддитивная функция. Для того чтобы $f(p+1)$ имела предельное распределение, условия а), б) и в) необходимы.

Теорема 2. Пусть $f(n)$ – тотально-аддитивная функция, для которой имеет место неравенство $|f(p+1)| \leq C \log(p+1)$. Предполагая справедливость гипотезы Римана – Пильца, доказывается, что $|f(n)| \leq K_f(\log n)(\log \log 10 n)$ для всех $n=1, 2, \dots$, где K_f – некоторая (зависящая от f) постоянная.