

# On trying to exceed $\theta(\mathcal{P}(n+1))$ with $\theta(k)$ where $k$ is prime( $n$ ) smooth.

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## ABSTRACT.

Primorials  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  represent local minima of Euler's totient  $\phi(n)$  and occur among local maxima of the regular counting function  $\theta(n) = A_{010846}(n)$ . In the latter case, this has to do with the expansion of the bounded regular tensor in scope and rank. The least nondivisor prime  $q_1$  has outsized impact on  $\theta(n)$ . Therefore we are led to consider a sequence of smallest PRIME( $n$ ) smooth  $k$  such that  $\theta(k)$  is at least as large as  $\theta(\mathcal{P}(n+1))$ .

## INTRODUCTION.

Consider  $k$  and  $n$ , nonzero positive integers. Here we are interested only in those  $k \leq n$ . Recall the standard form prime power decomposition of  $n$  shown below.

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^{\omega} p_i^{\varepsilon_i}, \text{ prime } p \mid n, \omega = \omega(n). \quad [1.1]$$

The empty product  $n = 1$  is a product of no primes at all.

Let  $\text{RAD}(n) = A_{7947}(n) = \kappa$  be the squarefree kernel of  $n$  as below:

$$\kappa = \prod_{i=1}^{\omega} p_i, \text{ prime } p \mid n, \omega = \omega(n). \quad [1.2]$$

We define an  $n$ -regular number  $k$  as  $k$  such that  $\text{RAD}(k) \mid n$ , that is, the squarefree kernel  $A_{7947}(k)$  divides  $n$ .

We say  $k$  and  $n$  are coregular if  $\text{RAD}(k) = \text{RAD}(n) = \kappa$ . From this, it is clear that  $\omega(k) = \omega(n)$  for coregular  $k$  and  $n$ .

Since  $n$ -regularity depends on the squarefree kernel  $\text{RAD}(n) = \kappa$  independent of multiplicity, we then may generate a set  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  that contains all  $\kappa$ -regular  $k$ , that is, the set of all numbers that are products of primes  $p$  such that  $p \mid \kappa$ , raised to any nonnegative power  $\varepsilon$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R}_{\kappa} &= \{k : k \parallel \kappa\}. \\ \mathbf{R}_{\kappa} &= \otimes_{p \mid \kappa} \{p^{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon \geq 0\}. \end{aligned} \quad [1.3]$$

Therefore, the set  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  is the tensor product of prime divisor power ranges  $\{p^{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon \geq 0\}$ . The rank of  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  is  $\omega(\kappa)$ . The cardinality of  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  is  $\aleph_0$ , since  $|\{p^{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon \geq 0\}| = \aleph_0$  and, when sorted, we may assign an index  $i$  that makes the set countably infinite.

In the case of  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  where  $\omega(\kappa) = 1$ , we simply have the prime power range for  $\kappa = p$ , that is,  $\{p^{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon \geq 0\}$ . For example,  $\mathbf{R}_2 = A_{79}$ .

An example of  $\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  for  $\kappa = 6$  is  $A_{3586} = \mathbf{R}_6$  whose first terms follow:

1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 16, 18, 24, 27, 32, 36, 48, 54, 64, 72, 81, 96, 108, 128, 144, 162, 192, 216, 243, 256, 288, 324, 384, 432, 486, 512, 576, 648, 729, 768, 864, 972, 1024, 1152, 1296, 1458, 1536, 1728, 1944, 2048, ...

We may also write  $\mathbf{R}_{12}$ ,  $\mathbf{R}_{54}$ , etc., but these subscripts ascribe to squarefree kernel  $\kappa = 6$ , hence these are equivalent to  $\mathbf{R}_6$ .

If we are interested in coregular  $k$  such that  $\text{RAD}(k) = \kappa$ , then we instead use the set  $\kappa\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$ . Therefore, the set of  $k$  coregular to 6 is simply  $6\mathbf{R}_6 = 6 \times A_{3586}$  which begins as follows:

6, 12, 18, 24, 36, 48, 54, 72, 96, 108, 144, 162, 192, 216, 288, 324, 384, 432, 486, 576, 648, 768, 864, 972, 1152, 1296, 1458, 1536, 1728, 1944, 2304, 2592, 2916, 3072, 3456, 3888, 4374, 4608, 5184, 5832, 6144, ...

Since  $\omega(6) = 2$ ,  $6\mathbf{R}_6$  is simply  $A_{3586}$  stripped of prime powers. For  $\kappa\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  with  $\omega(\kappa) > 2$ , this is not true;  $k \in \kappa\mathbf{R}_{\kappa}$  all have  $\omega(k) = \omega(\kappa)$ , since by definition, all terms are divisible by  $\kappa$ .

We are concerned in this work with  $k$  such that  $\text{RAD}(k) \mid n$  and  $k \leq n$ . We denote this finite set  $\check{\mathbf{R}}_n$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \check{\mathbf{R}}_n &= \{k : k \parallel \kappa \wedge k \leq n\}. \\ &= \{k \in \otimes_{p \mid \kappa} \{p^{\varepsilon} : \varepsilon \geq 0\} : \wedge k \leq n\}. \end{aligned} \quad [1.4]$$

We write the subscript  $n$  rather than squarefree kernel  $\kappa$  to specify the discrete limit. Then  $C_n$  is the set containing those  $k = m\kappa$  not exceeding  $n$  where  $m$  is  $\kappa$ -regular. Simply,  $C_n$  contains  $k \leq n$  coregular to  $\kappa = \text{RAD}(n)$ .

$$C_n = \{k : k = m\kappa \wedge m \parallel \kappa \wedge m\kappa \leq n\}. \quad [1.5]$$

Therefore, for  $n = 12$ , we have the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \check{\mathbf{R}}_{12} &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12\}, \\ C_{12} &= \{6, 12\}. \end{aligned}$$

## THE REGULAR COUNTING FUNCTION.

This section introduces basics about the regular counting function  $\theta(n) = A_{010846}(n)$  and its relation to the divisor counting function  $\tau(n) = A_5(n)$ .

Define the regular counting function as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \theta(n) &= |\{k : k \parallel \kappa \wedge k \leq n\}| \\ &= |\check{\mathbf{R}}_n| \\ &= A_{010846}(n). \end{aligned} \quad [2.1]$$

Let us examine the divisor counting function.

$$\text{For } n = \prod_{i=1}^{\omega} p_i^{\varepsilon_i}, \text{ prime } p \mid n, \omega = \omega(n),$$

$$\tau(n) = \prod_{i=1}^{\omega} (\varepsilon_i + 1) \quad [2.2]$$

$$= \otimes_{i=1}^{\omega} \{p_i^{\delta_i} : \delta_i = 0 \dots \varepsilon_i\}. \quad [2.3]$$

Example: for  $n = 12 = 2^2 \times 3$ ,  $\tau(12) = (2+1)(1+1) = 2 \times 3 = 6$  via [2.2]. A diagram of the outer product approach [2.3] appears below:

$$\begin{array}{c} 2^0 \quad 2^1 \quad 2^2 \\ 3^0 \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4 \\ \hline \end{array} \\ 3^1 \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|} \hline 3 & 6 & 12 \\ \hline \end{array} \end{array} \quad [2.4]$$

The outer product approach lends insight toward an algorithm we can employ to most efficiently construct a table of divisors of  $n$ . In Table [1.9], we see the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \tau(2^2 \times 3) &= \{2^{\delta} : \delta = 0 \dots 2\} \otimes \{3^{\delta} : \delta = 0 \dots 1\} \\ &= \{1, 2, 4\} \otimes \{1, 3\} \\ &= \{\{1, 2, 4\}, \{3, 6, 12\}\} \\ &= \text{row 12 of } A_{275055}. \end{aligned} \quad [2.5]$$

The sequence  $A_{275055}$  lists divisors in the order of appearance read left to right, then by level, etc. through all ranks of  $\check{\mathbf{R}}_n$ , hence the row is vectorized to  $\{1, 2, 4, 3, 6, 12\}$ . We compare this to row 12 of  $A_{162306} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$ , where we regard the operation  $\otimes$  instead as a Kronecker product.

Now consider  $n = 60$ , with  $\omega(60) = 3$ . The outer product approach toward a table of divisors of 60 appears in [2.6]. Compare this to  $\check{\mathbf{R}}_{60}$ , that is, the set of numbers  $k \leq 60$  that are also regular to 60, which is shown in Figure [2.7].

$$\begin{array}{c} \times 5^0 \quad 2^0 \quad 2^1 \quad 2^2 \\ 3^0 \quad \boxed{1} \quad \boxed{2} \quad \boxed{4} \\ 3^1 \quad \boxed{3} \quad \boxed{6} \quad \boxed{12} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \times 5^1 \quad 2^0 \quad 2^1 \quad 2^2 \\ 3^0 \quad \boxed{5} \quad \boxed{10} \quad \boxed{20} \\ 3^1 \quad \boxed{15} \quad \boxed{30} \quad \boxed{60} \end{array} \quad [2.6]$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 8 & 16 & 32 \\ \hline 3 & 6 & 12 & 24 & 48 & \\ \hline 9 & 18 & 36 & & & \\ \hline 27 & 54 & & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|} \hline 5 & 10 & 20 & 40 \\ \hline 15 & 30 & 60 & \\ \hline 45 & & & \\ \hline \end{array} \quad \boxed{25} \quad \boxed{50} \quad [2.7]$$

The finite  $\omega(x)$ -rank tensor  $\check{R}_n$  derives from infinite  $R_x$  bounded by  $n$ . The divisor tensor  $D$  is the product of power ranges  $\{p^e : p^e \mid n\}$ , while the regular tensor  $\check{R}_n$  is the product, bounded by  $n$ , of power ranges  $\{p^e : p \mid n \wedge p^e \leq n\}$ . The former,  $D$ , is an orthogonal array set within  $\check{R}_n$ . The finite  $\omega(x)$ -rank tensor  $\check{R}_n$  involves an irregular discrete “surface” or “sheet”; both are contained in  $R_x$ . The geometry of  $\check{R}_n$  approximates an  $\omega(x)$ -dimensional orthogonal simplex ( $\omega(x)$ -orthosimplex) with an origin-antipodal  $\omega(n-1)$ -simplex facet that joins the largest values of all distinct prime divisor power ranges bounded by  $n$ . The geometry of the orthosimplex may be amenable to calculus and is beyond the scope of this paper.

In brief, [2.6] when vectorized as generated, is merely row 60 of A275055 while row 60 of A027750 is the same set of divisors, sorted. Table [2.7] is what we obtain when we allow an algorithm to iterate the exponent of a prime power factor until the product exceeds  $n$ . This constructs  $\check{R}_n$  efficiently to yield row  $n$  of A275280 in a manner analogous to [2.6]. The algorithm in question appears in the pseudocode below:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{let } n = 60; \\ \text{for } (i = 0, i \leq \lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor) \{ \\ \quad \text{for } (j = 0, j \leq \lfloor \log_3 n/2^i \rfloor) \{ \\ \quad \quad \text{for } (k = 0, k \leq \lfloor \log_5 n/(2^i \times 3^j) \rfloor) \{ \\ \quad \quad \quad 2^a \times 3^b \times 5^c \} \} \} \} \end{array} \quad [2.8]$$

### MERTENS-LIKE REGULAR COUNTING FUNCTION

There are several methods for computing  $\theta(n)$ . Notably, Benoit Cloitre [1: A010846] shows that we may employ the reduced residue system (RRS) of  $n$ , where totative  $t$  such that  $(t, n) = 1$  (i.e.,  $t \perp n$ ) in the following summation:

$$\theta(n) = \sum_{t < n} \mu(t) \times \lfloor n/t \rfloor. \quad [2.9]$$

where  $\mu(n)$  is the Möbius function of  $n$ . This summation links the regular counting function with the totative counting function, better known as the Euler totient function.

Define  $\check{T}_n$  to be the RRS of  $n$ , the set of  $1 \leq t < n$  such that  $(t, n) = 1$ .

$$\check{T}_n = \{t : (t, n) = 1 \wedge t < n\}. \quad [2.10]$$

$$T_n = \{mt : (t, n) = 1 \wedge t < n \wedge m \geq 1\}. \quad [2.11]$$

where [2.11] is the set of numbers coprime to  $n$ , tantamount to the set of numbers coprime to  $x = \text{RAD}(n)$ .

The Euler totient function is the cardinality of  $\check{T}_n$  shown below:

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(n) &= |\check{T}_n| \\ &= n \prod_{p \mid n} (1 - 1/p) \end{aligned} \quad [2.12]$$

We note that  $\check{R}_n \cap \check{T}_n = R_x \cap T_x = \{1\}$ , which makes the construction of  $\theta(n)$  via [2.9] interesting.

Define a **primorial** to be a product of the smallest  $n$  primes:

$$\mathcal{P}(n) = A2110(n) = \text{VO111}(n) \prod_{i=1}^n \text{PRIME}(i). \quad [3.1]$$

We are interested in primorials  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  since they minimize the totient ratio  $\phi(n)/n$  and represent local minima for  $\phi(n)$ , while they occur among local maxima for  $\theta(n)$ .

The Möbius function method of generating  $\theta(n)$  in [2.9] merits examination not merely because it differs from the “intuitive” methodologies associated with the properties of  $n$ -regular  $k$  themselves, but because of implications regarding the smallest primes  $q$  coprime to  $n$ . Chief among the implications is that small prime totatives wreak havoc against a high value of  $\theta(n)$ .

Define function  $f(n, t)$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n, t) &= \mu(t) \times \lfloor n/t \rfloor, \\ \text{with } (n, t) &= 0, t < n. \end{aligned} \quad [3.2]$$

Let  $q_1$  be the least nondivisor prime of  $n$ , i.e.,  $q_1 = \text{LNP}(n) = A053669(n)$ , and generally, let  $q$  be a prime does not divide  $n$ . We can determine the following about the behavior of the function  $f$ . The value of  $f(n, q)$  applied to prime  $q < \frac{1}{2}n$  is negative with an absolute value greater than 1. The absolute value is most pronounced for  $q_1 = 2$  and decreases as  $q$  increases. For prime  $q > \frac{1}{2}n$  the value is  $-1$ .

Consider  $R_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ , the infinite set of  $k$  regular to  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ . It is clear that  $R_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  is the set of  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth numbers. Therefore  $\check{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$  is the set of  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth numbers  $k \leq \mathcal{P}(n)$ .

The empty product is the smallest number coprime to  $n$ . The value of  $f(n, 1) = n$ , since  $n/1 = 1$  and  $\mu(1) = 1$ . Hence, beginning with  $t = n$ ,  $\theta(n) = n$ , with subsequent  $f(n, t)$  for  $t > 1$  modifying the value to arrive at actual  $\theta(n)$ .

Those totatives  $t < \frac{1}{2}n$  have the greatest effect on the ultimate value of  $\theta(n)$  for the following reasons:

1. The totatives of  $n$  are symmetrically arranged about  $\frac{1}{2}n$ . In other words,  $t < n$  such that  $(t, n) = 1$  implies  $(n - t, n) = 1$ .
2.  $\lfloor n/t \rfloor > 1$  for  $t < \frac{1}{2}n$  while  $\lfloor n/t \rfloor = 1$  for  $t < \frac{1}{2}n$ .
3.  $\lfloor n/q_1 \rfloor$  is maximal since  $q_1$  is the smallest prime that is coprime to  $n$ .
4. Let  $S$  be the sum of  $f(n, t)$  across  $\frac{1}{2}n < t < n$ . Then  $f(n, q_1) \geq S$ . The set of numbers that have  $f(n, q_1) = S$  is finite:  $\{3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 30\}$ , cf. A048597.

Hence, the least nondivisor prime  $q_1$  has the most influence on  $\theta(n)$ . This supports interest in  $\check{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}$ .

Examination of  $q_1$  alone is incomplete regarding the full effect of the smallest prime totative  $q_1$  on  $\theta(n)$ .

Given [3.1], the following is evident regarding primorial  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} p_n &< q_1, \text{ that is,} \\ \text{GPF}(\mathcal{P}(n)) &< \text{LNP}(\mathcal{P}(n)). \end{aligned} \quad [3.3]$$

In this way,  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  maximizes  $q_1$  for numbers  $m$  with  $\omega(m) = n$ .

For example, regarding squarefree numbers  $x$  such that  $\omega(x) = 3$ , the smallest such number is  $\mathcal{P}(3) = 30 = 2 \times 3 \times 5$ , where  $q_1 = 7$ . Any other three prime factors produces a number that has  $q_1 < 7$ . Therefore, among  $x$  such that  $\omega(x) = 3$ , primorial  $\mathcal{P}(3) = 30$  maximizes  $q_1$ .

Let's consider the effect of multiplication on the tensor  $\check{R}_n$ . A prime number must either divide or be coprime to  $n$ . Therefore we consider the following cases.

**CASE 1** involves  $pn$ , where prime  $p \mid n$ . Since  $p$  by definition is prime,  $pn > n$ . It is clear that coregular  $k$  and  $n$  share the same squarefree kernel  $x$  and therefore  $R_x$ . It follows that both  $\text{RAD}(n) = \text{RAD}(pn) = x$  and  $\omega(n) = \omega(pn)$ .

If  $n = p^\epsilon Q$ , then it is obvious  $pn = p^{(\epsilon+1)}Q$ , hence,  $(\epsilon+1) > 1$ . No new prime divisors are introduced and none are lost. Since  $\omega(n) = \omega(pn)$ , the rank of  $\mathbf{R}_x$  is maintained. These facts together imply the new tensor  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{pn}$  is merely  $\mathbf{R}_x$  bounded not by  $n$ , but by  $pn > n$ .

Therefore, multiplication of  $n$  by a prime  $p \mid n$  merely increases the bound and admits more regular terms from the infinite regular set  $\mathbf{R}_x$  common to both  $n$  and  $pn$ . Hence,  $\theta(pn) > \theta(n)$ .

CASE 2 involves  $qn$ , with prime  $q$  coprime to  $n$ . Since  $q$  is prime by definition, the product  $qn > n$ . The set  $\mathbf{R}_x$  cannot be that of  $qn$ , since the distinct prime factors of  $qn$  have an additional prime factor  $q$  that is missing in  $n$ , i.e.,  $\text{RAD}(n) < \text{RAD}(qn)$ . Furthermore,  $\omega(qn) = \omega(n) + 1$ , implying  $\mathbf{R}_{qn}$  has greater rank than  $\mathbf{R}_x$ . Specifically,  $\mathbf{R}_{qn}$  has 1 more dimension than  $\mathbf{R}_x$  via the following tensor product:

$$\mathbf{R}_{qn} = \mathbf{R}_x \otimes \{q^\epsilon : \epsilon \geq 0\}. \quad [4.1]$$

Furthermore, since  $qn > n$ ,  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}_{qn}$  is bounded at a larger value  $qn$ . Therefore  $\theta(qn)$  must be significantly larger than  $\theta(n)$ .

CASE 3. Suppose we want to conserve the value of  $\omega(n)$ . Case 1 above conforms to such conservation, while Case 2 violates it. We can, however, “bargain away” prime  $p$  such that  $p \mid n$  for a nondivisor prime  $q$  so as to obtain  $qn/p$ . This way, the number of distinct prime factors is conserved, i.e.,  $\omega(qn/p) = \omega(n)$ , and the regular tensors of both  $n$  and  $qn/p$  have the same rank.

Now suppose  $n = \mathcal{P}(T)$  and that  $q_1 = \text{LNP}(\mathcal{P}(T))$ . Here are some implications:

1.  $q > \text{GPF}(\mathcal{P}(T))$ , i.e.,  $q > p_r$ .
2.  $qn/p > n$ , since  $q > p$  for  $p \mid \mathcal{P}(T)$ .

Let  $q_1 = \text{PRIME}(T+1)$ . Then  $q_1 > \text{LNP}(qn/p)$  which we can rewrite as simply  $q_1 > p$ .

Since  $p < q_1$  and  $q_1 n/p > n$ ,  $\lfloor n/p \rfloor > \lfloor n/q_1 \rfloor$ . This implies that, although  $\theta(q_1 n/p)$  may exceed  $\theta(n)$ ,  $q_1 n/p$  certainly is less efficient at producing regulars; indeed the magnitude of the larger number might only be overcoming the reduced efficiency. Thus we may see certain numbers like  $q_1 n/p$  among the terms of  $\mathbf{A}_{244052}$ , following  $\mathcal{P}(T)$  in the sequence.

#### HOW EARLY DOES $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$ APPEAR IN $\mathbf{A}_{244052}$ ?

What is the smallest  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth  $k$  such that  $\theta(k)$  is no smaller than  $\theta(\mathcal{P}(n+1))$ ? The question is motivated by Cases 1 and 2 above. Therefore we pose the sequence  $\mathbf{A}_{363794}$ , defined as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} a(n) &= \boxtimes k, k \in \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}, \theta(k) \geq \theta(\mathcal{P}(n+1)) \\ &= \boxtimes k, k \in \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}, \mathbf{A}_{010846}(k) \geq \mathbf{A}_{010846}(\mathbf{A}_{2110}(n+1)) \\ &= \boxtimes k, k = \mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}(i), i \geq \mathbf{A}_{363061}(n+1). \quad [5.1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the question is tantamount to finding the smallest index  $i \geq \mathbf{A}_{363061}(n+1)$  such that  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}(i)$  is coregular to  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ . It follows from Case 2 that  $\mathbf{R}_{\mathcal{P}(n)}(i) > \mathcal{P}(n+1)$ . The sequence demonstrates the efficiency of  $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$  over  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth  $m$  in generating regular numbers  $k \leq n$ .

The first terms of  $\mathbf{A}_{363794}$  are as follows:

16, 72, 540, 6300, 92400, 1681680, 36756720, 921470550, 27886608750, 970453984500, 37905932634570, ...

Table [5.2] below shows  $n$ ,  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ , and primorial  $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$  in the first 3 columns, respectively. The fourth column gives the term  $a(n) = \mathbf{A}_{363794}(n)$ , followed by  $\mathbf{A}_{363061}(n) = \theta(\mathcal{P}(n+1))$  and  $\theta(a(n))$ . The last two columns show  $a(n) = \mathbf{C}(j) = m \times \mathcal{P}(n)$ .

n	p(n)	P(n+1)	a(n)	θ(P(n))	θ(a(n))	j	m
1	2	6	16	5	5	4	8
2	3	30	72	18	18	8	12
3	5	210	540	68	69	13	18
4	7	2310	6300	283	290	22	30
5	11	30030	92400	1161	1165	29	40
6	13	510510	1681680	4843	4848	42	56
7	17	9699690	36756720	19985	19994	53	72
8	19	223092870	921470550	83074	83435	68	95
9	23	6469693230	27886608750	349670	351047	89	125
10	29	200560490130	970453984500	1456458	1457926	107	150

This data shows that  $a(n)$  is several times  $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$ . As for records in  $\theta(n)$ , (i.e., highly regular numbers  $\mathbf{A}_{244052}$ ), we see that  $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$  appears long before  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth number appears that has more regular numbers.

#### CONCLUSION.

We have examined the regular counting function  $\theta(n) = \mathbf{A}_{010846}(n)$  and have discerned that primorials  $\mathcal{P}(n)$  set records and therefore are highly regular numbers in  $\mathbf{A}_{244052}$ . Since primorials also represent local minima in Euler’s totient  $\phi(n)$ , we are drawn to what might make them relevant to such apparently disparate constitutive counting functions.

We have shown that the least nondivisor prime  $q_1$  presents an outsized impact against the number  $\theta(n)$ , through the lens of a formula for  $\theta(n)$  involving  $\mu(t) \times \lfloor n/t \rfloor$ . We also examined the effect of multiplication of  $n$  by both prime divisor  $p \mid n$  and nondivisor prime  $q$  coprime to  $n$ . Specifically, the latter product presents a bounded regular tensor  $\tilde{\mathbf{R}}$  with greater rank, therefore, increased density of  $n$ -regular  $k$  such that  $k \leq n$ .

This leads us to consider the smallest  $\text{PRIME}(n)$ -smooth  $k$  that has at least as many regular numbers (no greater than itself) as does  $\mathcal{P}(n+1)$ . Given the first few terms, it is evident that  $k > \mathcal{P}(n+1)$  by a significant factor. ††††

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#### CONCERNS SEQUENCES:

- $\mathbf{A}_{000005}$ : Divisor counting function  $\tau(n)$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{000010}$ : Euler totient function  $\phi(n)$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{000040}$ : Prime numbers.
- $\mathbf{A}_{002110}$ : Primorials  $\mathcal{P}(n)$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{010846}$ : Regular counting function  $\theta(n)$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{038566}$ : List of  $n$ -totatives  $\tilde{T}_n = \{k : k \perp n \wedge k < n\}$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{053669}$ : Smallest prime that does not divide  $n$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{363061}$ :  $\theta(\mathcal{P}(n)) = \mathbf{A}_{010846}(\mathbf{A}_{2110}(n))$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{363844}$ :  $\xi_n(\mathcal{P}(n)) = \mathbf{A}_{243823}(\mathbf{A}_{2110}(n))$ .
- $\mathbf{A}_{363794}$ : Least prime( $n$ ) smooth  $k$  such that  $\theta(k) \geq \mathbf{A}_{363061}(n)$ .

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