

Today: Elementary Prime number estimates.

Thm: There exist positive constants $C_1, C_2 > 0$ such that

for all $x \geq 2$ one has

$$\frac{C_1 \cdot x}{\log(x)} \leq \pi(x) \leq \frac{C_2 \cdot x}{\log(x)}$$

Lemma: For every $x \geq 0$ one has

$$\prod_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \in \mathbb{P}}} p \leq 4^x$$

proof of upper bound:

$$4^x \geq \prod_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \in \mathbb{P}}} p \geq \frac{\prod_{\substack{p \leq x \\ p \in \mathbb{P}}} p}{\sqrt{x}} \geq \sqrt{x}^{\pi(x) - \pi(\sqrt{x})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[\pi(x) - \pi(\sqrt{x}) \right] \cdot \log(\sqrt{x}) \leq x \cdot \log 4$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \Rightarrow \pi(x) \leq \frac{x \cdot \log 4}{\log(\sqrt{x})} + \pi(\sqrt{x})$$

$$\leq \frac{2 \cdot \log 4 \cdot x}{\log x} + \sqrt{x}$$

$$\leq C_2 \cdot \frac{x}{\log x}$$

proof of lemma:

We can assume that $x \in \mathbb{N}$.

Induction: $n=0$
 $n=1$

$$\prod_{p \leq 0} p = 1 = 4^0$$

$n=2:$

$$\prod_{p \leq 2} p = 2 = 4^2$$

~~$n=2:$~~

$n \geq 2$

If n even:

$$\prod_{p \leq n} p = \prod_{p \leq n-1} p \cdot n = 4^{n-1} \cdot n$$

If n odd:

$$n = 2m+1$$

Observation: if p is prime with $m+1 < p \leq 2m+1$, then

$$p \mid \binom{2m+1}{m} = \frac{(2m+1)!}{(m+1)! m!}$$

Thus $\prod_{p \leq 2m+1} p \mid \binom{2m+1}{m} \leq 2^{2m}$

This means that

$$\prod_{p \leq 2m+1} p \leq 2^{2m} \leq \prod_{p \leq m+1} p$$

$$\prod_{m+1} p \leq 2^{2m}$$

$$\prod_{2m+1} p = \prod_{m+1} p = 4^{m+1}$$

proof of lower bound:

$$c + \frac{x}{\log(x)} \leq \pi(x), \quad x \geq 2.$$

Lemma: $0 \leq i \leq n$ integers, then every prime power

dividing $\binom{n}{i}$ is $\leq n$.

$$\left[p^k \mid \binom{n}{i} \Rightarrow p^k \leq n \right]$$

proof later.

$$\binom{n}{i} = \prod_{p \leq n} p^{\alpha(p)} \leq \prod_{p \leq n} n = n^{\pi(n)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^n = (1+1)^n &= \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} = (1+1) + \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} \binom{n}{i} \\ &\leq 2 + (n-1) \cdot n^{\pi(n)} \\ &\leq n^{\pi(n)+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi(n)+1 \geq \frac{n}{\log n}$$

Proof of Lemma:

$$\text{ord}_p(n!) = \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \right\rfloor$$

$$\begin{array}{cccc} p & 2p & 3p & \dots & np \\ \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot & \cdot \\ \hline 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \end{array}$$

$$\text{ord}_p(n!) = \# (\text{multiples of } p \leq n)$$

$$+ \# (\text{multiples of } p^2 \leq n)$$

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$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \right\rfloor$$

$$\text{Now } \text{ord}_p \binom{n}{a} = \text{ord}_p \frac{n!}{a!(n-a)!}$$

$$= \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \left(\left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^i} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{a}{p^i} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n-a}{p^i} \right\rfloor \right)$$

$$\leq \log_p n$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{\text{ord}_p \binom{n}{a}} \leq p^{\log_p n} = n.$$