

## CHAPTER 5. THE INEQUALITY $0 < x - y < y^\delta$ IN $S$ -INTEGERS.

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### 5.1. Introduction.

Let  $S$  be the set of all positive integers composed of primes from a fixed finite set  $\{p_1, \dots, p_s\}$ , where  $s \geq 2$ , and let  $\delta \in (0, 1)$ . In this chapter we study the diophantine inequality

$$0 < x - y < y^\delta \tag{5.1}$$

in  $x, y \in S$ . We give explicit upper bounds for the solutions, and we show how the algorithms for homogeneous, one- and multi-dimensional diophantine approximation in the real case, that were presented in Chapter 3, can be used for finding all solutions of (5.1) for any set of parameters  $p_1, \dots, p_s, \delta$ . For  $s = 2$  the continued fraction method (cf. Section 3.2) is used. For  $s \geq 3$  we use the  $L^3$ -algorithm for reducing upper bounds (cf. Section 3.7).

Tijdeman [1973] (see also Shorey and Tijdeman [1986], Theorem 1.1) showed that there exists a computable number  $c$ , depending on  $\max(p_i)$  only, such that for all  $x, y \in S$  with  $x > y \geq 3$ ,

$$x - y > y/(\log y)^c.$$

Thus, for any solution of (5.1) a bound for  $x, y$  follows. Størmer [1897] showed how to solve the equation  $x - y = k$  with  $k = 1, 2$  with an elementary method (see also Mahler [1935], Lehmer [1964]). Our method can solve this equation for arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . For the one-dimensional case  $s = 2$ , Ellison [1971<sup>b</sup>] has proved the following result: for all but finitely many explicitly given exceptions,  $|2^x - 3^y| > \exp\{x \cdot (\log 2 - 1/10)\}$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ . Cijssouw, Korlaar and Tijdeman (appendix to Stroeker and Tijdeman [1982]) have found all the solutions  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  of the inequality

$$|p^x - q^y| < p^{\delta \cdot x}$$

for all primes  $p, q$  with  $p < q < 20$ , and with  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ . We shall extend

these results for many more values of  $p, q$  and with  $\delta = 0.9$ . Further, we determine all the solutions of (5.1) for the multi-dimensional case  $t = 6$ ,  $(p_1, \dots, p_6) = (2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13)$  with  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ .

In Section 5.2 we derive upper bounds for the solutions of (5.1). In Sections 5.3 and 5.4 we give a method for reducing such upper bounds in the one- and multi-dimensional cases respectively, and work them out explicitly for some examples. Section 5.5 contains tables with numerical data.

## 5.2. Upper bounds for the solutions.

We assume that the primes are ordered as  $p_1 < \dots < p_s$ . For a solution  $x, y$  of (5.1), the finitely many  $z \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $z \cdot x, z \cdot y$  is also a solution of (5.1) can be found without any difficulty. Therefore we may assume that  $(x, y) = 1$ . Put

$$X = \max_{1 \leq i \leq s} \text{ord}_{p_i}(x \cdot y).$$

Put

$$C_1 = 2^{9 \cdot s + 26} \cdot s^{s+4} \cdot \max(1, \frac{1}{\log p_1}) \cdot \left( \prod_{i=2}^s \log p_i \right) \cdot \log(e \cdot \log p_{s-1}) / (1-\delta),$$

$$C_2 = 2 \cdot \log 2 / \log p_1 + 2 \cdot C_1 \cdot \log(e \cdot C_1 \cdot \log p_s).$$

**THEOREM 5.1.** *The solutions of (5.1) satisfy  $X < C_2$ .*

Proof. If  $y \leq \frac{1}{2} \cdot x$ , then  $y^\delta > x - y \geq y$ , which contradicts  $y \geq 1$ . So  $y > \frac{1}{2} \cdot x$ . Put  $\Lambda = \log(x/y)$ . Then

$$0 < \Lambda < x/y - 1 < y^{-(1-\delta)} < (\frac{1}{2} \cdot x)^{-(1-\delta)}. \quad (5.2)$$

By  $x = \max(x, y) \geq p_1^X$ , we obtain

$$0 < \Lambda < 2^{1-\delta} \cdot p_1^{-(1-\delta) \cdot X}. \quad (5.3)$$

We apply Waldschmidt's result, Lemma 2.4, to  $\Lambda$ , with  $n = s, q = 2$ . Note that the 'independence condition'  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{p_1}, \dots, \sqrt{p_n}) : \mathbb{Q}] = 2^n$  holds. Since  $p_i \geq 3$  we have  $v_i = \log p_i$  for  $i \geq 2$ . Thus

$$\Lambda > \exp \left[ -(\log X + \log(e \cdot \log p_s)) \cdot C_1 \cdot (1-\delta) \cdot \log p_1 \right] .$$

Combining this with (5.3) we find

$$X < C_1 \cdot \log(e \cdot \log p_s) + \log 2 / \log p_1 + C_1 \cdot \log X .$$

The result now follows from Lemma 2.1, since  $C_1 > e^2$ . □

Examples. With  $s = 2$ ,  $2 \leq p_i \leq 199$ ,  $\delta = 0.9$  we have  $C_1 < 2.30 \times 10^{17}$ ,  $C_2 < 1.97 \times 10^{19}$ .

With  $s = 6$ ,  $2 \leq p_i \leq 13$ ,  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$  we find  $C_1 < 8.37 \times 10^{33}$ ,  $C_2 < 1.35 \times 10^{36}$ .

### 5.3. Reducing the upper bounds in the one-dimensional case.

In this section we work out the examples  $s = 2$ ,  $\delta = 0.9$ , and  $p_1, p_2$  run through either the set of primes below 200, or the set of non-powers below 50. We note that for any other set of parameters  $p_1, p_2, \delta$  the method works similarly. We prove the following result.

THEOREM 5.2. (a) *The diophantine inequality*

$$\left| p_1^{x_1} - p_2^{x_2} \right| < \min \left[ p_1^{x_1}, p_2^{x_2} \right]^\delta \tag{5.4}$$

with  $p_1, p_2$  primes such that  $p_1 < p_2 < 200$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, x_1 \geq 2, x_2 \geq 2, \text{ and either } \delta = \frac{1}{2} \\ \text{or } \delta = 0.9, \min \left[ p_1^{x_1}, p_2^{x_2} \right] > 10^{15} \end{aligned} \tag{5.5}$$

has only the 77 solutions listed in Table I.

(b) *The diophantine inequality (5.4) with  $p_1, p_2$  non-powers such that  $2 \leq p_1 < p_2 \leq 50$  and conditions (5.5), has only the 74 solutions listed in Table II.*

Remarks. The Tables are given in Section 5.5. In Tables I, II the column "delta" gives the real number with

$$\left| p_1^{x_1} - p_2^{x_2} \right| = \min \left[ p_1^{x_1}, p_2^{x_2} \right]^\delta .$$

Note that in Theorem 5.2 we do not demand  $(x_1, x_2) = 1$ , and in Theorem

5.2(b) we do not demand  $p_1, p_2$  to be primes. The conditions (5.5) are chosen, since the numerous solutions of (5.4) with  $\delta = 0.9$  and  $\min ( p_1^{x_1}, p_2^{x_2} ) \leq 10^{15}$  can be found without much effort.

Proof. Write

$$\Lambda = | x_1 \cdot \log p_1 - x_2 \cdot \log p_2 | , \quad X = \max(x_1, x_2) .$$

We assume that

$$p_1^X > 10^{25} , \tag{5.6}$$

since it is easy to find the remaining solutions. Let  $\log p_1 / \log p_2$  have the simple continued fraction expansion (cf. Section 3.2)

$$\log p_1 / \log p_2 = [ 0, a_1, a_2, \dots ] ,$$

and let the convergents be  $r_n / q_n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . We may assume that  $(x_1, x_2) = 1$ . First we show that  $x_1 \geq x_2$ , hence  $X = x_1$ . For if  $x_1 < x_2$ , then

$$\Lambda = x_2 \cdot \log p_2 - x_1 \cdot \log p_1 > X \cdot ( \log p_2 - \log p_1 ) \geq X \cdot \log \frac{199}{197} ,$$

and from (5.3) and (5.6) we then infer

$$0.0101 \leq 0.0101 \cdot X < X \cdot \log \frac{199}{197} < \Lambda < 2^{0.1} \cdot 10^{-5/2} < 0.0034 ,$$

which is contradictory. Next we prove that

$$p_1^{X/10} > 3.1 \cdot X . \tag{5.7}$$

Namely, suppose the contrary. Then  $2^{X/10} \leq 3.1 \cdot X$ , and it follows that  $X \leq 80$ . This contradicts  $3.1 \cdot X \geq p_1^{X/10} > 10^{5/2}$ . From (5.3) we infer

$$\left| \frac{x_2}{X} - \frac{\log p_1}{\log p_2} \right| < \frac{2^{0.1}}{\log p_2} \cdot p_1^{-X/10} \cdot \frac{1}{X} . \tag{5.8}$$

It follows from (5.7) that

$$\left| \frac{x_2}{X} - \frac{\log p_1}{\log p_2} \right| < \frac{2^{0.1}}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{1}{3.1 \cdot X^2} < \frac{1}{2 \cdot X^2} .$$

Hence  $x_2 / X$  is, by Lemma 3.1, a convergent of  $\log p_1 / \log p_2$ , say  $r_k / q_k$ . From the example at the end of Section 5.2 we see that  $X \leq X_0 < 1.97 \times 10^{19}$ .

We find from (3.7) that  $k \leq 92.996$ , hence  $k \leq 92$ . Lemma 3.1 further yields: if (5.3) holds then

$$a_{k+1} > -2 + p_1^{\frac{q_k/10}{q_k}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{0.1}} \cdot \frac{\log p_2}{2^{0.1}}, \quad (5.9)$$

and if

$$a_{k+1} > p_1^{\frac{q_k/10}{q_k}} \cdot \frac{1}{2^{0.1}} \cdot \frac{\log p_2}{2^{0.1}} \quad (5.10)$$

then (5.3) holds for  $(x_1, x_2) = (q_k, r_k)$ . We computed the continued fraction expansions and the convergents of all numbers  $\log p_1 / \log p_2$  in the mentioned ranges for  $p_1, p_2$  exactly up to the index  $n$  such that  $q_{n-1} \leq 1.97 \times 10^{19} < q_n$  (cf. Section 2.5 for details of the computational method). Note that  $n \leq 93$ . We checked all convergents for (5.9), and subsequently for (5.10). It is possible, though unlikely, that there is a convergent that satisfies (5.9) but fails (5.10). We met only one such a case:  $p_1 = 15, p_2 = 23$ , with  $\log 15 / \log 23 = [0, 1, 6, 2, 1, 51, \dots]$ , so that  $a_5 = 51, r_4 = 19, q_4 = 22$ . Now, (5.9) holds but (5.10) fails, since

$$15^{2.2} \cdot \frac{1}{22} \cdot (\log 19) / 2^{0.1} = 51.4\dots \in [51, 53].$$

We have in this case  $\Lambda = 0.002714\dots < 0.002771\dots = 2^{0.1} \cdot 15^{-2.2}$ , so (5.3) is true. But  $\log(15^{22} \cdot 23^{19}) / \log(23^{19}) = 0.9008\dots > \delta$ , so (5.1) is not true. This example illustrates that (5.3) is weaker than (5.1). Therefore all found solutions of (5.3) have been checked for (5.1) as well. The proof is now completed by the details of the computations, which we do not give here.  $\square$

The computations for the proof of Theorem 5.2 took 35 sec.

#### 5.4. Reducing the upper bounds in the multi-dimensional case.

Now let  $s \geq 3$ . Put  $x_i = \text{ord}_{p_i}(x/y)$  for  $i = 1, \dots, s$ . Then  $X = \max |x_i|$ , and

$$\Lambda = \sum_{i=1}^s x_i \cdot \log p_i.$$

Note that (5.3) is of the form (3.1). Hence by Theorem 5.1 we can use the method described in Section 3.7 for solving (5.3). We shall do so for the example  $t = 6, \{p_1, \dots, p_6\} = \{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13\}$  (the first six

primes), and  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ .

We use small refinements of Lemmas 3.7 and 3.8, devised specially for this application, as follows. Let notation be as in Section 3.7.

LEMMA 5.3. Let  $X_1$  be a positive number such that

$$t(\Gamma) \geq \sqrt{(4 \cdot n^2 + (n-1) \cdot \gamma^2)} \cdot X_1. \quad (5.11)$$

Then (5.3) has no solutions with for  $i = 1, \dots, s$

$$\log(\gamma \cdot C \cdot \sqrt{2/s} \cdot X_1) / \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log p_i \leq |x_i| \leq X \leq X_1. \quad (5.12)$$

LEMMA 5.4. Suppose that

$$|\tilde{\Lambda}| > \sum_{i=1}^s |x_i|. \quad (5.13)$$

Then

$$|x_i| < \log \left[ \gamma \cdot C \cdot \sqrt{2} / (|\lambda| - \sum_{i=1}^s |x_i|) \right] / (1-\delta) \cdot \log p_i. \quad (5.14)$$

Remark. Lemmas 5.3 and 5.4 are refinements of Lemma 3.8, in that they differentiate between the different  $x_i$ . Moreover, Lemma 5.3 has slightly sharper condition and conclusion than Lemma 3.7.

Proofs (of Lemmas 5.3 and 5.4). Analogous to the proofs of Lemmas 3.7 and 3.8, using (5.2) and

$$\frac{|x_i|}{p_i} \leq \max(x, y) = x < 2 \cdot |\Lambda|^{-1/2}. \quad \square$$

THEOREM 5.5. The diophantine inequality

$$0 < x - y < \sqrt{y}$$

in  $x, y \in S = \{ 2^{x_1} \dots 13^{x_6} \mid x_i \in \mathbb{N}_0 \text{ for } i = 1, \dots, 6 \}$  with  $(x, y) = 1$  has exactly 605 solutions. Among those, 571 satisfy

$$\text{ord}_2(x \cdot y) \leq 19, \quad \text{ord}_3(x \cdot y) \leq 12, \quad \text{ord}_5(x \cdot y) \leq 8,$$

$$\text{ord}_7(x \cdot y) \leq 7, \quad \text{ord}_{11}(x \cdot y) \leq 5, \quad \text{ord}_{13}(x \cdot y) \leq 5.$$

The remaining 34 solutions are listed in Table III.

Remark. The upper bounds for  $\text{ord}_{p_i}(xy)$  given for the 571 solutions not listed in Table III are chosen such that it takes a reasonable amount of computer time to find them all by a brute force method. The list of all 605 solutions is too extensive to be reproduced here.

Proof. By the example at the end of Section 5.2 we know that  $X < X_0$  for  $X_0 = 1.35 \times 10^{36}$ . We apply the method described in Section 3.7. Take  $C = 10^{240}$  (which is chosen so that it is somewhat larger than  $X_0^6$ ), and  $\gamma = 1$ . We applied the  $L^3$ -algorithm to the corresponding lattice  $\Gamma_1$ , and found a reduced basis  $\underline{c}_1, \dots, \underline{c}_6$  with  $|\underline{c}_1| > 9.40 \times 10^{39}$ . So Lemma 3.4 yields

$$\ell(\Gamma_1) > 2^{-5/2} \cdot 9.40 \times 10^{39} > 1.66 \times 10^{39}.$$

This is larger than  $\sqrt{(4 \cdot 6^2 + 5 \cdot 1^2)} \cdot X_0 = 1.64 \dots \times 10^{37}$ , so (5.11) holds with  $X_1 = X_0$ . By Lemma 5.3 we find

$$X < \log[10^{240} \cdot \sqrt{2/6} \cdot 1.35 \times 10^{36}] / \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log 2 < 1350.4,$$

so  $X \leq 1350$ . Next we choose  $C = 10^{32}$ ,  $\gamma = 1$ , and  $X_0 = 1350$ . The reduced basis of the corresponding lattice  $\Gamma_2$  was computed, and we found  $|\underline{c}_1| > 2.71 \times 10^5$ . Hence  $\ell(\Gamma_2) > 4.79 \times 10^4$ , which is larger than  $\sqrt{149} \cdot 1350 = 1.64 \dots \times 10^4$ . Hence Lemma 5.3 yields for all  $i = 1, \dots, 6$

$$|x_i| < \log[10^{32} \cdot \sqrt{2/6} \cdot 1350] / \frac{1}{2} \cdot \log p_i,$$

and it follows that

$$|x_1| \leq 187, \quad |x_2| \leq 118, \quad |x_3| \leq 80, \tag{5.15}$$

$$|x_4| \leq 66, \quad |x_5| \leq 54, \quad |x_6| \leq 50.$$

Next we choose  $C = 10^{12}$ ,  $\gamma = 10^4$ . We use Lemma 5.4 as follows. If  $|\lambda| > 10^6$  then (5.13) holds by (5.15), and Lemma 5.4 yields

$$|x_1| \leq 67, \quad |x_2| \leq 42, \quad |x_3| \leq 29, \tag{5.16}$$

$$|x_4| \leq 24, \quad |x_5| \leq 19, \quad |x_6| \leq 18.$$

All vectors in the corresponding lattice  $\Gamma_3$  satisfying (5.15) and  $|\lambda| < 10^6$  have been computed with the Fincke and Pohst algorithm, cf. Section 3.6. We omit details. We found that there exist only two such vectors, but they do not correspond to solutions of (5.1). Hence all solutions of (5.1) satisfy (5.16). Next, we choose  $C = 10^8$ ,  $\gamma = 10^4$ . If  $|\lambda| > 5 \times 10^5$  then Lemma 5.4 yields

$$\begin{aligned} |x_1| \leq 42, \quad |x_2| \leq 27, \quad |x_3| \leq 18, \\ |x_4| \leq 15, \quad |x_5| \leq 12, \quad |x_6| \leq 11. \end{aligned} \tag{5.17}$$

There are 143 vectors in the corresponding lattice  $\Gamma_4$  satisfying (5.16) and  $|\lambda| \leq 5 \times 10^5$ . Of them, 2 correspond to solutions of (4.1), namely those with

$$\begin{aligned} (x_1, \dots, x_6) &= (7, -5, 3, -9, -3, 8), \quad \lambda = 257674, \\ (x_1, \dots, x_6) &= (-10, 10, -6, 5, -6, 4), \quad \lambda = 144817. \end{aligned}$$

Both also satisfy (5.17). Hence all solutions of (5.1) satisfy (5.17). At this point it seems inefficient to choose appropriate parameters  $C$ ,  $\gamma$ , and a bound for  $|\lambda|$  to repeat the procedure with. But the bounds of (5.17) are small enough to admit enumeration. Doing so, we found the result.  $\square$

Remark. Theorems 5.2 and 5.5 find applications in solving other exponential diophantine equations, see Stroeker and Tijdeman [1982], Alex [1985<sup>a</sup>], [1985<sup>b</sup>], Tijdeman and Wang [1987], and Section 6.4 of this thesis.

Remark. The computation of the reduced basis of  $\Gamma_1$  took 113 sec, where we applied the  $L^3$ -algorithm as we described it in Section 3.5, in 12 steps. The direct search for the solutions of (5.17) took 228 sec. The remaining computations (computation of the  $\log p_i$  up to 250 decimal digits, of the reduced basis of  $\Gamma_2$ , and of the short vectors in  $\Gamma_3$  and  $\Gamma_4$ ) took 8 sec. Hence in total we used 349 sec.

## 5.5. Tables.



Table I. (Theorem 5.2(a)) : see p. 114-115.

Table II. (Theorem 5.2(b)) : see p. 116-117.

Table III. (Theorem 5.5).

| $x_1$ | $x_2$ | $x_3$ | $x_4$ | $x_5$ | $x_6$ | $x$              | $y$              | $x-y$    |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------|------------------|----------|
| -1    | 11    | -1    | 0     | 6     | 0     | 17 71561         | 17 71470         | 91       |
| 0     | 4     | 5     | 1     | -6    | 0     | 17 71875         | 17 71561         | 314      |
| 21    | -2    | -2    | -1    | -3    | 0     | 20 97152         | 20 96325         | 827      |
| 1     | 13    | -1    | -3    | -1    | -2    | 31 88646         | 31 88185         | 461      |
| 19    | 0     | 0     | -8    | 1     | 0     | 57 67168         | 57 64801         | 2367     |
| 6     | 2     | -1    | 1     | 6     | 3     | 88 58304         | 88 57805         | 499      |
| -2    | 15    | -1    | -2    | -4    | 0     | 143 48907        | 143 48180        | 727      |
| 11    | -15   | 0     | 2     | 1     | 1     | 143 50336        | 143 48907        | 1429     |
| 1     | 8     | -1    | -8    | 0     | 3     | 288 29034        | 288 24005        | 5029     |
| -22   | 5     | 1     | -1    | 1     | 3     | 293 62905        | 293 60128        | 2777     |
| 13    | 1     | 3     | -1    | 1     | -6    | 337 92000        | 337 87663        | 4337     |
| 1     | 2     | 9     | -4    | -4    | 0     | 351 56250        | 351 53041        | 3209     |
| 3     | 3     | 0     | 4     | 2     | 7     | 627 52536        | 627 48517        | 4019     |
| -26   | 1     | 0     | 5     | 3     | 0     | 671 10351        | 671 08864        | 1487     |
| 3     | -13   | 10    | -2    | 0     | 0     | 781 25000        | 781 21827        | 3173     |
| 8     | -2    | -10   | 4     | 1     | 1     | 878 95808        | 878 90625        | 5183     |
| 25    | 1     | -4    | 0     | 5     | 0     | 1006 63296       | 1006 56875       | 6421     |
| -6    | 1     | -2    | -6    | 0     | 7     | 1882 45551       | 1882 38400       | 7151     |
| 8     | -13   | 0     | 3     | -2    | 3     | 1929 14176       | 1929 13083       | 1093     |
| 1     | -13   | -3    | 7     | 2     | 0     | 1992 97406       | 1992 90375       | 7031     |
| -4    | -1    | -4    | 1     | -4    | 7     | 4392 39619       | 4392 30000       | 9619     |
| -4    | 2     | -11   | 2     | 6     | 0     | 7812 58401       | 7812 50000       | 8401     |
| 16    | -3    | 5     | 1     | -1    | -6    | 14336 00000      | 14335 62273      | 37727    |
| -8    | 8     | 0     | -8    | 3     | 2     | 14758 24779      | 14757 89056      | 35723    |
| -5    | -2    | -5    | 11    | 0     | -3    | 19773 26743      | 19773 00000      | 26743    |
| -25   | 7     | 1     | 0     | -2    | 5     | 40600 88955      | 40600 86272      | 2683     |
| 2     | 0     | 13    | -9    | -2    | 0     | 48828 12500      | 48827 86447      | 26053    |
| -14   | 19    | -2    | -4    | 1     | -1    | 1 27848 76137    | 1 27848 44800    | 31337    |
| -24   | -1    | -2    | 12    | -1    | 0     | 1 38412 87201    | 1 38412 03200    | 84001    |
| -5    | 5     | 10    | 0     | 1     | -8    | 2 61035 15625    | 2 61033 83072    | 1 32553  |
| 2     | -4    | -9    | 3     | 7     | -2    | 2 67363 98612    | 2 67363 28125    | 70487    |
| 18    | 7     | 0     | -13   | 0     | 2     | 9 68892 08832    | 9 68890 10407    | 1 98425  |
| 7     | -5    | 3     | -9    | -3    | 8     | 1305 16915 36000 | 1305 16881 72831 | 33 63169 |
| -10   | 10    | -6    | 5     | -6    | 4     | 2834 49801 04623 | 2834 49760 00000 | 41 04623 |

Table I. (Theorem 5.2(a)).

| $P_1$ | $x_1$ | $P_1'$                | $P_2$ | $x_2$ | $P_2'$          | $P_3'$ | delta   |
|-------|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|---------|
| 2     | 3     | 8                     | 3     | 2     |                 | 9      | 0.00000 |
| 3     | 3     | 27                    | 5     | 2     |                 | 25     | 0.21534 |
| 2     | 5     | 32                    | 3     | 3     |                 | 27     | 0.48832 |
| 5     | 3     | 125                   | 11    | 2     |                 | 121    | 0.28906 |
| 2     | 7     | 128                   | 11    | 2     |                 | 121    | 0.40575 |
| 2     | 7     | 128                   | 5     | 3     |                 | 125    | 0.22754 |
| 2     | 8     | 256                   | 3     | 5     |                 | 243    | 0.46694 |
| 7     | 3     | 343                   | 19    | 2     |                 | 361    | 0.49512 |
| 2     | 9     | 512                   | 23    | 2     |                 | 529    | 0.45416 |
| 3     | 7     | 2187                  | 13    | 3     |                 | 2197   | 0.29941 |
| 3     | 7     | 2187                  | 47    | 2     |                 | 2209   | 0.40194 |
| 13    | 3     | 2197                  | 47    | 2     |                 | 2209   | 0.32293 |
| 19    | 3     | 6859                  | 83    | 2     |                 | 6889   | 0.38504 |
| 31    | 3     | 29791                 | 173   | 2     |                 | 29929  | 0.47828 |
| 2     | 15    | 32768                 | 181   | 2     |                 | 32761  | 0.18716 |
| 13    | 7     | 627 48517             | 89    | 4     |                 | 42241  | 0.48703 |
| 2     | 50    | 1 12589 99068 42624   | 47    | 9     |                 | 02767  | 0.85259 |
| 7     | 18    | 1 62841 35979 10449   | 149   | 7     | 1 11913 04731   | 02767  | 0.80898 |
| 19    | 12    | 2 21331 49190 66161   | 83    | 8     | 1 63043 64614   | 03549  | 0.80898 |
| 2     | 51    | 2 25179 98136 85248   | 19    | 12    | 2 25229 22321   | 39041  | 0.88568 |
| 2     | 51    | 2 25179 98136 85248   | 83    | 8     | 2 21331 49190   | 66161  | 0.88552 |
| 2     | 51    | 2 25179 98136 85248   | 83    | 8     | 2 25229 22321   | 39041  | 0.76159 |
| 5     | 22    | 2 38418 57910 15625   | 157   | 7     | 2 35124 32775   | 37493  | 0.87942 |
| 13    | 14    | 3 93737 63856 99289   | 89    | 8     | 3 93658 88057   | 02081  | 0.76282 |
| 17    | 13    | 9 90457 80329 05937   | 193   | 7     | 9 97473 03260   | 05057  | 0.86560 |
| 7     | 19    | 11 39889 51853 73143  | 197   | 7     | 11 51499 04768  | 98413  | 0.87594 |
| 61    | 9     | 11 69414 60928 34141  | 197   | 7     | 11 51499 04768  | 98413  | 0.88743 |
| 5     | 23    | 11 92092 89550 78125  | 61    | 9     | 11 69414 60928  | 34141  | 0.89343 |
| 5     | 23    | 11 92092 89550 78125  | 29    | 11    | 12 20050 97657  | 05829  | 0.89862 |
| 29    | 11    | 12 20050 97657 05829  | 199   | 7     | 12 35866 42791  | 61399  | 0.88268 |
| 23    | 12    | 21 91462 44320 20321  | 43    | 10    | 21 61148 23132  | 84249  | 0.88656 |
| 11    | 16    | 45 94972 98635 72161  | 71    | 9     | 45 84850 07184  | 49031  | 0.84059 |
| 5     | 24    | 59 60464 47753 90625  | 73    | 9     | 58 87158 67082  | 67913  | 0.88642 |
| 37    | 11    | 177 91762 17794 60413 | 53    | 10    | 174 88747 03655 | 13049  | 0.89785 |
| 29    | 12    | 353 81478 32054 69041 | 89    | 9     | 350 35640 37074 | 85209  | 0.88568 |
| 23    | 13    | 504 03636 19364 67383 | 163   | 8     | 498 31141 43181 | 21121  | 0.89040 |
| 23    | 13    | 504 03636 19364 67383 | 59    | 10    | 511 11675 33006 | 41401  | 0.89536 |
| 11    | 17    | 505 44702 84992 93771 | 163   | 8     | 498 31141 43181 | 21121  | 0.89580 |

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|-----|-----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|
| 11  | 17  | 505   | 44702 | 84992 | 93771 | 23    | 13    | 504   | 03636 | 19364 | 67383 | 0.85578 |         |         |
| 11  | 17  | 505   | 44702 | 84992 | 93771 | 59    | 10    | 511   | 11675 | 33006 | 41401 | 0.88985 |         |         |
| 7   | 21  | 558   | 54586 | 40832 | 84007 | 41    | 11    | 550   | 32903 | 17162 | 48441 | 0.89708 |         |         |
| 19  | 14  | 799   | 00668 | 57828 | 84121 | 31    | 12    | 787   | 66278 | 37885 | 49761 | 0.89710 |         |         |
| 19  | 14  | 799   | 00668 | 57828 | 84121 | 173   | 8     | 802   | 35917 | 84760 | 91681 | 0.86722 |         |         |
| 2   | 60  | 1152  | 92150 | 46068 | 46976 | 181   | 8     | 1151  | 93665 | 78235 | 00641 | 0.83013 |         |         |
| 67  | 10  | 1822  | 83780 | 45517 | 61449 | 107   | 9     | 1838  | 45921 | 24201 | 54507 | 0.88680 |         |         |
| 47  | 11  | 2472  | 15921 | 50840 | 12303 | 199   | 8     | 2459  | 37419 | 15531 | 18401 | 0.87580 |         |         |
| 13  | 17  | 8650  | 41591 | 93813 | 37933 | 127   | 9     | 8594  | 75474 | 86093 | 97887 | 0.88441 |         |         |
| 2   | 63  | 9223  | 37203 | 68547 | 75808 | 53    | 11    | 9269  | 03592 | 93721 | 91597 | 0.87844 |         |         |
| 3   | 41  | 36472 | 99637 | 71707 | 86403 | 149   | 9     | 36197 | 31987 | 96201 | 91349 | 0.89170 |         |         |
| 2   | 65  | 36893 | 48814 | 74191 | 03232 | 5     | 28    | 37252 | 90298 | 46191 | 40625 | 0.89721 |         |         |
| 2   | 66  | 73786 | 97629 | 48382 | 06464 | 97    | 10    | 73742 | 41268 | 94928 | 26049 | 0.83799 |         |         |
| 3   | 42  | 1     | 09418 | 98913 | 15123 | 59209 | 101   | 1     | 10462 | 21254 | 11204 | 51001   | 0.89916 |         |
| 2   | 68  | 2     | 95147 | 90517 | 93528 | 25856 | 29    | 2     | 97558 | 23267 | 57994 | 63481   | 0.89800 |         |
| 113 | 10  | 3     | 39456 | 73899 | 22223 | 14849 | 191   | 3     | 38298 | 68155 | 95733 | 17311   | 0.87990 |         |
| 53  | 12  | 4     | 91258 | 90425 | 67261 | 54641 | 199   | 4     | 89415 | 46411 | 90705 | 61799   | 0.88284 |         |
| 5   | 30  | 9     | 31322 | 57461 | 54785 | 15625 | 41    | 9     | 25103 | 10231 | 50136 | 29321   | 0.89638 |         |
| 19  | 17  | 54    | 80386 | 85778 | 48021 | 85939 | 47    | 54    | 60999 | 70612 | 05831 | 77327   | 0.88730 |         |
| 16  | 17  | 61    | 32610 | 41568 | 09986 | 48961 | 151   | 61    | 62677 | 95033 | 67185 | 14001   | 0.89400 |         |
| 23  | 16  | 94    | 44732 | 96573 | 92904 | 27392 | 7     | 93    | 87480 | 33764 | 77543 | 05649   | 0.89920 |         |
| 2   | 73  | 377   | 78931 | 86295 | 71617 | 09568 | 181   | 377   | 38596 | 84695 | 57044 | 99801   | 0.86840 |         |
| 2   | 75  | 377   | 78931 | 86295 | 71617 | 09568 | 41    | 379   | 29227 | 19491 | 55588 | 02161   | 0.89368 |         |
| 41  | 14  | 379   | 29227 | 19491 | 55588 | 02161 | 181   | 377   | 38596 | 84695 | 57044 | 99801   | 0.89828 |         |
| 3   | 49  | 2392  | 99329 | 23061 | 75295 | 90083 | 17    | 2390  | 72435 | 68515 | 13248 | 47153   | 0.87071 |         |
| 13  | 21  | 2470  | 64529 | 07345 | 03927 | 04413 | 89    | 2469  | 90403 | 56526 | 21403 | 03521   | 0.84941 |         |
| 103 | 12  | 14257 | 60886 | 84617 | 89454 | 47841 | 157   | 14285 | 52404 | 46318 | 60195 | 25093   | 0.88788 |         |
| 3   | 51  | 21536 | 93963 | 07555 | 77663 | 10747 | 163   | 21580 | 60662 | 62396 | 00904 | 07387   | 0.88933 |         |
| 7   | 29  | 32199 | 05755 | 81317 | 97268 | 37607 | 13    | 32118 | 38877 | 95485 | 51051 | 57369   | 0.89390 |         |
| 11  | 24  | 98497 | 32675 | 80761 | 10947 | 11841 | 61    | 98768 | 32533 | 36131 | 80951 | 12441   | 0.89755 |         |
| 37  | 16  | 1     | 23375 | 11914 | 21716 | 63622 | 74241 | 1     | 23414 | 74201 | 97479 | 41888   | 22591   | 0.86078 |
| 2   | 84  | 1     | 93428 | 13113 | 83406 | 67952 | 98816 | 1     | 93813 | 41794 | 57931 | 33178   | 02199   | 0.89319 |
| 2   | 84  | 1     | 93428 | 13113 | 83406 | 67952 | 98816 | 1     | 93832 | 45667 | 68001 | 98967   | 96723   | 0.89402 |
| 3   | 53  | 1     | 93832 | 45667 | 68001 | 98967 | 96723 | 1     | 93813 | 41794 | 57931 | 33178   | 02199   | 0.84151 |
| 7   | 30  | 2     | 25393 | 40290 | 69225 | 80878 | 63249 | 2     | 25501 | 16774 | 16274 | 31786   | 82911   | 0.86903 |
| 2   | 90  | 123   | 79400 | 39285 | 38027 | 48991 | 24224 | 123   | 63541 | 71303 | 11583 | 51179   | 80561   | 0.89326 |
| 43  | 17  | 587   | 44031 | 06360 | 42001 | 88795 | 53643 | 587   | 32059 | 59385 | 49335 | 38673   | 30551   | 0.86709 |
| 2   | 99  | 63382 | 53001 | 14114 | 70074 | 83516 | 02688 | 63325 | 11891 | 36789 | 38604 | 32759   | 54593   | 0.89791 |
| 2   | 102 | 5     | 07060 | 24009 | 12917 | 60598 | 68128 | 5     | 07282 | 02989 | 53863 | 75247   | 83563   | 0.89060 |
| 13  | 28  | 15    | 50293 | 28026 | 62396 | 21526 | 95351 | 15    | 49673 | 14251 | 78936 | 43509   | 93277   | 0.89106 |

Table II. (Theorem 5.2(b)).

| $P_1$ | $x_1$ | $P_1^N$             | $P_2$ | $x_2$ | $P_2^N$             | $P_3$               | delta   |
|-------|-------|---------------------|-------|-------|---------------------|---------------------|---------|
| 2     | 3     | 8                   | 3     | 2     | 9                   | 9                   | .00000  |
| 3     | 3     | 27                  | 5     | 2     | 25                  | 25                  | 0.21534 |
| 2     | 5     | 32                  | 3     | 3     | 27                  | 27                  | 0.48832 |
| 2     | 5     | 32                  | 6     | 2     | 36                  | 36                  | 0.40000 |
| 5     | 3     | 125                 | 11    | 2     | 121                 | 121                 | 0.28906 |
| 2     | 7     | 128                 | 11    | 2     | 121                 | 121                 | 0.40575 |
| 2     | 7     | 128                 | 5     | 3     | 125                 | 125                 | 0.22754 |
| 6     | 3     | 216                 | 15    | 2     | 225                 | 225                 | 0.40876 |
| 2     | 8     | 256                 | 3     | 5     | 243                 | 243                 | 0.46694 |
| 7     | 3     | 343                 | 19    | 2     | 361                 | 361                 | 0.49512 |
| 2     | 9     | 512                 | 23    | 2     | 529                 | 529                 | 0.45416 |
| 2     | 10    | 1024                | 10    | 3     | 1000                | 1000                | 0.46007 |
| 6     | 4     | 1296                | 11    | 3     | 1331                | 1331                | 0.49607 |
| 12    | 3     | 1728                | 42    | 2     | 1764                | 1764                | 0.48070 |
| 2     | 11    | 2048                | 45    | 2     | 2025                | 2025                | 0.41184 |
| 3     | 7     | 2187                | 13    | 3     | 2197                | 2197                | 0.29941 |
| 3     | 7     | 2187                | 47    | 2     | 2209                | 2209                | 0.40194 |
| 13    | 3     | 2197                | 47    | 2     | 2209                | 2209                | 0.40194 |
| 15    | 4     | 50625               | 37    | 3     | 50653               | 50653               | 0.32293 |
| 6     | 7     | 279936              | 23    | 4     | 279841              | 279841              | 0.30762 |
| 2     | 50    | 112589 99068 42624  | 47    | 9     | 111913 04731 02767  | 111913 04731 02767  | 0.85259 |
| 2     | 50    | 112589 99068 42624  | 18    | 12    | 115683 13814 26176  | 115683 13814 26176  | 0.89628 |
| 24    | 11    | 152168 11431 69024  | 33    | 10    | 153157 89852 64449  | 153157 89852 64449  | 0.85597 |
| 15    | 13    | 194619 50683 59375  | 50    | 9     | 195312 50000 00000  | 195312 50000 00000  | 0.83986 |
| 2     | 51    | 225179 98136 85248  | 19    | 12    | 221331 49190 66161  | 221331 49190 66161  | 0.88532 |
| 6     | 20    | 365615 84400 62976  | 26    | 11    | 367034 44869 87776  | 367034 44869 87776  | 0.84507 |
| 11    | 15    | 417724 81694 15651  | 20    | 12    | 409600 00000 00000  | 409600 00000 00000  | 0.89095 |
| 28    | 11    | 829350 94674 71872  | 39    | 10    | 814040 60851 91601  | 814040 60851 91601  | 0.89154 |
| 10    | 16    | 1000000 00000 00000 | 17    | 13    | 990457 80329 05937  | 990457 80329 05937  | 0.87396 |
| 5     | 23    | 1192092 89550 78125 | 29    | 11    | 1220050 97657 05829 | 1220050 97657 05829 | 0.89862 |
| 2     | 54    | 1801439 85094 81984 | 30    | 11    | 1771470 00000 00000 | 1771470 00000 00000 | 0.89096 |
| 23    | 12    | 2191462 44320 20321 | 43    | 10    | 2161148 23132 84249 | 2161148 23132 84249 | 0.88656 |
| 6     | 21    | 2193695 06403 77856 | 23    | 12    | 2191462 44320 20321 | 2191462 44320 20321 | 0.81690 |
| 6     | 21    | 2193695 06403 77856 | 43    | 10    | 2161148 23132 84249 | 2161148 23132 84249 | 0.88845 |
| 2     | 55    | 3602879 70189 63968 | 24    | 12    | 3652034 74360 56576 | 3652034 74360 56576 | 0.88735 |

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|----|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 19 | 13 | 42    | 05298 | 34622 | 57059 | 46    | 10    | 42    | 42074 | 74827 | 76576 | 0.87619 |         |         |         |         |
| 3  | 35 | 50    | 03154 | 50989 | 99707 | 33    | 11    | 50    | 54210 | 65137 | 26817 | 0.88076 |         |         |         |         |
| 15 | 15 | 51    | 18589 | 30140 | 90757 | 33    | 11    | 50    | 54210 | 65137 | 26817 | 0.88656 |         |         |         |         |
| 26 | 12 | 95    | 42895 | 66616 | 82176 | 35    | 11    | 96    | 54915 | 73730 | 46875 | 0.88631 |         |         |         |         |
| 35 | 11 | 96    | 54915 | 73730 | 46875 | 50    | 10    | 97    | 65625 | 00000 | 00000 | 0.88575 |         |         |         |         |
| 14 | 15 | 155   | 56809 | 55578 | 12224 | 21    | 13    | 154   | 47237 | 77391 | 19461 | 0.87497 |         |         |         |         |
| 11 | 17 | 505   | 44702 | 84992 | 93771 | 23    | 13    | 504   | 03636 | 19364 | 67383 | 0.85578 |         |         |         |         |
| 7  | 21 | 558   | 54586 | 40832 | 84007 | 41    | 11    | 550   | 32903 | 17162 | 48441 | 0.89708 |         |         |         |         |
| 6  | 23 | 789   | 73022 | 30536 | 02816 | 31    | 12    | 787   | 66278 | 37885 | 49761 | 0.85579 |         |         |         |         |
| 9  | 23 | 789   | 73022 | 30536 | 02816 | 19    | 14    | 799   | 00668 | 57828 | 84121 | 0.89216 |         |         |         |         |
| 19 | 14 | 799   | 00668 | 57828 | 84121 | 31    | 12    | 787   | 66278 | 37885 | 49761 | 0.89710 |         |         |         |         |
| 26 | 13 | 2481  | 15287 | 32037 | 36576 | 47    | 11    | 2472  | 15921 | 50840 | 12303 | 0.86739 |         |         |         |         |
| 13 | 13 | 6502  | 11142 | 24979 | 47648 | 37    | 12    | 6582  | 95200 | 58400 | 35281 | 0.89872 |         |         |         |         |
| 28 | 13 | 6568  | 40835 | 57128 | 90625 | 28    | 12    | 6502  | 11142 | 24979 | 47648 | 0.89414 |         |         |         |         |
| 15 | 16 | 6568  | 40835 | 57128 | 90625 | 37    | 12    | 6582  | 95200 | 58400 | 35281 | 0.85892 |         |         |         |         |
| 2  | 65 | 36893 | 48814 | 74191 | 03232 | 5     | 28    | 37252 | 90298 | 46191 | 40625 | 0.89721 |         |         |         |         |
| 37 | 13 | 2     | 43569 | 22421 | 60813 | 05397 | 50    | 2     | 44140 | 62500 | 00000 | 00000   | 0.87101 |         |         |         |
| 68 | 2  | 2     | 95147 | 90517 | 93528 | 25856 | 29    | 2     | 97558 | 23267 | 57994 | 63481   | 0.89800 |         |         |         |
| 11 | 20 | 6     | 72749 | 99493 | 25600 | 09201 | 40    | 13    | 6     | 71088 | 64000 | 00000   | 00000   | 0.87486 |         |         |
| 5  | 30 | 9     | 31322 | 57461 | 54785 | 15625 | 41    | 13    | 9     | 25103 | 10231 | 50136   | 29321   | 0.89638 |         |         |
| 35 | 14 | 41    | 39545 | 12236 | 93847 | 65625 | 46    | 13    | 41    | 29065 | 87698 | 35408   | 01536   | 0.87993 |         |         |
| 19 | 17 | 54    | 80386 | 85778 | 48021 | 85939 | 47    | 13    | 54    | 60990 | 70612 | 05831   | 77327   | 0.88730 |         |         |
| 6  | 28 | 61    | 40942 | 21446 | 48154 | 97216 | 23    | 16    | 61    | 32610 | 41568 | 09986   | 48961   | 0.86842 |         |         |
| 2  | 73 | 94    | 44732 | 96573 | 92904 | 27392 | 7     | 26    | 93    | 87480 | 33764 | 77543   | 05649   | 0.89920 |         |         |
| 20 | 17 | 131   | 07200 | 00000 | 00000 | 00000 | 38    | 14    | 130   | 90925 | 53986 | 67734   | 38464   | 0.86863 |         |         |
| 2  | 74 | 188   | 89465 | 93147 | 85808 | 54784 | 39    | 14    | 188   | 32349 | 19413 | 17426   | 09041   | 0.88695 |         |         |
| 2  | 75 | 377   | 78931 | 86295 | 71617 | 09568 | 41    | 14    | 379   | 29227 | 19491 | 55588   | 02161   | 0.89368 |         |         |
| 3  | 49 | 2392  | 99329 | 23061 | 75295 | 90083 | 19    | 19    | 2390  | 72435 | 68515 | 13248   | 47153   | 0.87071 |         |         |
| 15 | 20 | 3325  | 25673 | 00796 | 50878 | 90625 | 37    | 15    | 3334  | 46267 | 95181 | 53070   | 88493   | 0.89126 |         |         |
| 19 | 19 | 19784 | 19655 | 66031 | 35891 | 23979 | 33    | 16    | 19779 | 85201 | 46255 | 88779   | 34081   | 0.84943 |         |         |
| 7  | 29 | 32199 | 05755 | 81317 | 97268 | 37607 | 13    | 22    | 32118 | 38877 | 95485 | 51051   | 57369   | 0.89390 |         |         |
| 2  | 84 | 1     | 93428 | 13113 | 83406 | 67952 | 98816 | 3     | 1     | 93832 | 45667 | 68001   | 98967   | 96723   | 0.89402 |         |
| 7  | 30 | 2     | 25393 | 40290 | 69225 | 80878 | 63249 | 31    | 2     | 25501 | 16774 | 16274   | 31786   | 82911   | 0.86903 |         |
| 11 | 25 | 10    | 83470 | 59433 | 88372 | 20418 | 30251 | 34    | 10    | 84280 | 35605 | 96593   | 23542   | 07744   | 0.87991 |         |
| 14 | 23 | 22    | 95856 | 92886 | 98149 | 54822 | 20544 | 18    | 22    | 94682 | 51895 | 12940   | 71398   | 72768   | 0.87516 |         |
| 23 | 20 | 171   | 61558 | 31334 | 58634 | 29238 | 95201 | 40    | 171   | 79869 | 18400 | 00000   | 00000   | 00000   | 0.89088 |         |
| 6  | 35 | 171   | 90707 | 99748 | 42259 | 10286 | 58176 | 23    | 171   | 61558 | 31334 | 58634   | 29238   | 95201   | 0.89829 |         |
| 6  | 35 | 171   | 90707 | 99748 | 42259 | 10286 | 58176 | 40    | 171   | 79869 | 18400 | 00000   | 00000   | 00000   | 0.88250 |         |
| 15 | 25 | 25251 | 16829 | 40423 | 48861 | 69433 | 59375 | 43    | 18    | 25259 | 93335 | 73498   | 06081   | 18208   | 06649   | 0.88234 |