

A063752 - Numbers n such that $\text{cototient}(n)$ is square (File, Rev.4 (1))
Subfamilies and subsequences of terms

Given: $\text{cototient}(n) = n - \phi(n)$

In this file, it will be shown that different families of integers belong to the sequence [A063752](#).

Remark: if $a(n) = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_i^{r_i} \dots p_m^{r_m}$ is a term of A063752, then,
for each $i=1,2,\dots,m$, the number $p_i^2 * a(n)$ is also in A063752.

Moreover, if $a(n) = p_1^{r_1} \dots p_i^{r_i} \dots p_m^{r_m}$ is a term of a subsequence of A063752, then, for each $i=1,2,\dots,m$, the integer $p_i^2 * a(n)$ is also a term of the same subsequence, except for the particular subsequence of even perfect numbers, see 2.3.

There are “primitive” terms called $\alpha(n) = p_1^{s_1} \dots p_i^{s_i} \dots p_m^{s_m}$, with $s_1, s_2, \dots, s_i, \dots, s_m = 1$ or 2 .
These “primitive” terms generate an entire subsequence, or family, when multiply by p_i^2 .

Definitions and Examples

The new non primitive terms which appear in each general sequence will be colored in green.

I) If $a(n)$ has only one prime factor

In this case, there is only one subsequence, $b(n)$. This subsequence contains exactly the prime powers p^{2k+1} where p is prime. They form the sequence [A246551](#).

If $b(n) = p^{2k+1}$, then $\text{cototient}(b(n)) = (p^k)^2$.

In particular, if p is prime, $\text{cototient}(p) = 1$. The primes in this case are exactly the primitive terms : $(\beta(n)) = p$ of this subsequence with $\text{cototient}(\beta(n)) = 1$.

Examples:

$$\text{cototient}(5) = 1, \text{ and } 125 = 5^3, \text{ cototient}(125) = 5^2.$$

II) If $a(n)$ has two distinct prime factors

These terms form the sequence [A323916](#). The first few terms are $\{6, 21, 24, 28, 54, 68, 69, 96, 112, 124, 133, 141, 189, 216, \dots\}$. There are two subsequences in this case which are a partition of A323916 and also a third particular subsequence.

The three subsequences of A063752 are described in the following section where they are defined from their primitive representation.

2.1) Define the first case by $\gamma(n) = p * q$, $p < q$ with $\text{cototient}(\gamma(n)) = p+q-1 = M^2$ is square.
The first primitive terms are: $\{6, 21, 69, 133, 141, 237, 301, 481, 501, 589, 669, 781, \dots\}$.

Couples (p,q) with $p < q$ can be found by solving the Diophantine equation:

$$p+q-1 = M^2, \text{ with } p, q \text{ primes.}$$

Discussion: for $M=2$, $(p=2, q=3)$ is solution and there is not other solution for M even ≥ 4 .

Otherwise, for M odd ≥ 3 , following Goldbach's conjecture, every $M^2 + 1$ is even ≥ 10 and so can be expressed as the sum of two primes $p+q$. The number of such decompositions, so the number of couples (p,q) which are solutions of this Diophantine equation, is in [A002375](#).

$M = 2, p+q = 5, (p,q) = (2,3)$ with $2+3-1 = 2^2$, only one solution,
 $M = 3, p+q = 10, (p,q) = (3,7)$ with $3+7-1 = 3^2$, only one solution too,
 $M = 5, p+q = 26, (p,q) = (3,23), (7,19)$, so two solutions,
 $M = 7, p+q = 50, (p,q) = (3,47), (7,43), (13,37), (19,31)$, four solutions.

Some values for $(\gamma(n), p, q, M) = (6, 2, 3, 2), (21, 3, 7, 3), (69, 3, 23, 5), (133, 7, 19, 5), (141, 3, 47, 9), (237, 3, 79, 9), (301, 7, 43, 7), (481, 13, 37, 7), \dots$

The general terms are $c(n) = p^{2s+1} * q^{2t+1}$ with $p < q, r, s \geq 0$, $\text{cototient}(c(n)) = (p^s * q^t * M)^2$.
 The first few terms are: $\{6, 21, 24, 54, 69, 96, 133, 141, 189, 216, 237, 301, 384, 481, \dots\}$.
 These terms form the sequence [A323917](#).

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}
 69 &= 3 * 23, 3+23-1 = 5^2, \text{ so } \text{cototient}(69) = 5^2. \\
 96 &= 2^5 * 3, 2+3-1 = 2^2 \text{ and } \text{cototient}(96) = (2^2 * 3^0 * 2)^2 = 8^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

2.2) Define the second by $\delta(n) = p^2 * q$ with $\text{cototient}(\delta(n)) = p * (p+q-1) = M^2$.

The first primitive terms are: $\{28, 68, 124, 284, 388, 508, 657, 796, 964, 1025, \dots\}$.

Some values of $(\delta(n), p, q, M)$: $(28, 2, 7, 4), (68, 2, 17, 6), (124, 4, 31, 8), (284, 2, 71, 12), (657, 3, 73, 15), \dots$

The general terms $d(n) = p^{2s} * q^{2t+1}$ with $s \geq 1, t \geq 0$ verify that:
 $\text{cototient}(d(n)) = (p^{s-1} * q^t * M)^2$. The first few terms are: $\{28, 68, 112, 124, 272, 284, 388, 448, 496, 508, 657, 796, 964, 1025, \dots\}$. These terms form the sequence [A323918](#).

Some particular cases:

If $p = 2$, then $d(n) = 2^{2s} * q^{2t+1} = 4^s * q^{2t+1}$ with $2*(q+1)$ is square, so q belongs to [A066436](#),
 and for “primitive” terms, $\delta(n) = 2^2 * q = 4*q$ with always $2*(q+1)$ square.
 The first terms for $p=2$ are: $\{28, 68, 112, 124, 272, 284, 388, \dots\}$.

Examples:

$$\begin{aligned}
 28 &= 2^2 * 7, 2*(7+1) = 4^2 \text{ and } \text{cototient}(28) = 4^2. \\
 272 &= 2^4 * 17, 2*(17+1) = 6^2 \text{ and } \text{cototient}(272) = (2^1 * 6)^2 = 12^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

If $p = 3$, then $d(n) = 3^{2s} * q^{2t+1} = 9^s * q^{2t+1}$ with $3*(q+2)$ is square, so q in [A201715](#).
 Example, $657 = 3^2 * 73, 3*(73+2) = 15^2$ and $\text{cototient}(657) = 15^2$.

If $p = 5$, then $d(n) = 5^{2s} * q^{2t+1} = 25^s * q^{2t+1}$ with $5*(q+4)$ is square, so q in [A201786](#).
 Example $1025 = 5^2 * 41, 5*(41+4) = 15^2$ and $\text{cototient}(1025) = 15^2$.

2.3) Even perfect numbers ([A000396](#)). This subsequence is a special supplementary subsequence. By Euclid-Euler theorem, a perfect number has the form:

$2^{p-1} * (2^p - 1)$ where $M_p = 2^p - 1$ is a Mersenne prime (see [A000043](#) - [A000668](#)).

For this case, $\text{cototient}(2^{p-1} * (2^p - 1)) = (2^{p-1})^2$

The first even perfect number, 6, belongs to the second subsequence [A323917](#) while the other ones belong to the third subsequence [A323918](#).

Examples: $6 = 2 * 3$ and $\text{cototient}(6) = 2^2$ and for,

$$8128 = 2^6 * 127 \text{ then } \text{cototient}(8128) = (2^6)^2 = 64^2 = 4096.$$

III) If $a(n)$ has three distinct prime factors.

Some brief remarks about these integers with three distinct prime factors which form the OEIS sequence [A306670](#). There are three subsequences in this case.

The first term with three prime distinct factors in the sequence A306670 is $345 = 3 * 5 * 23$, the third one is $468 = 2^2 * 3^2 * 13$, the twenty-sixth is: $7105 = 5 * 7^2 * 29$.

3.1) Define this first case by $\varepsilon(n) = p * q * r$, and, $p * q * r - (p-1)*(q-1)*(r-1) = M^2$,
 $\text{cototient}(\varepsilon(n)) = p * q * r - (p-1)*(q-1)*(r-1) = M^2$.

The first primitive terms are: {345, 465, 1545, 1833, 2737, 2769, 3145, 3585, 3657, 3945,...}.

The general terms are $e(n) = p^{2s+1} * q^{2t+1} * r^{2u+1}$ with $s, t \geq 0, u \geq 1$ and p, q, r primes such that:
 $\text{cototient}(l(n)) = (p^s * q^t * r^u * M)^2$.

The first few terms are: {345, 465, 1545, 1833, 2737, 2769, [3105](#), 3145, 3585, 3657, 3945,...}.

Example: $345 = 3 * 5 * 23$ and $\text{cototient}(345) = 3 * 5 * 23 - 2 * 4 * 22 = 169 = 13^2$.

3.2) Define the second case by $\lambda(n) = p^2 * q * r$, and $p * [p * q * r - (p-1)*(q-1)*(r-1)] = M^2$,
 $\text{cototient}(\lambda(n)) = p * [p * q * r - (p-1)*(q-1)*(r-1)] = M^2$.

The first primitive terms are: {7105, 14841, 24321, 40033, 42129, 55521, 56425, 58825,...}.

The general terms are $l(n) = p^{2s} * q^{2t+1} * r^{2u+1}$ with $s \geq 1, t, u \geq 0$ and p, q, r primes such that: $\text{cototient}(l(n)) = (p^{s-1} * q^t * r^u * M)^2$.

Example: $7105 = 5 * 7^2 * 29$ and $\text{cototient}(7105) = 7 * (5 * 7 * 29 - 4 * 6 * 28) = 49^2$.

3.3) Define the third case by $\zeta(n) = p^2 * q^2 * r$ with
 $\text{cototient}(\zeta(n)) = p * q * [p * q * r - (p-1)*(q-1)*(r-1)] = M^2$.

The first primitive terms are: {468, 1332, 2628, 4100, 6516, 8428, 12132,...}.

The general terms are $z(n) = p^{2s} * q^{2t} * r^{2u+1}$ with $s, t \geq 1, u \geq 0$ and, p, q, r primes such that $\text{cototient}(z(n)) = (p^{s-1} * q^{t-1} * r^u * M)^2$.

The first few terms are: {468, 1332, [1872](#), 2628, 4100, [4212](#), [5328](#), 6516, [7488](#), 8428,...}.

Example: $468 = 2^2 * 3^2 * 13$ and $\text{cototient}(468) = 2 * 3 * (2 * 3 * 13 - 1 * 2 * 12) = 18^2$.

IV) If $a(n)$ has four distinct prime factors.

There is a new sequence {420, 1680, 2340, 2436, 3300,...} and other subsequences with four distinct prime factors that can be found with similar conditional requirements as displayed here.

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