

## Proof of the equivalences in the Comment section

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Proof of equivalence of (1) and (2): If  $n = m \cdot k$  with  $m \leq k < 2 \cdot m$  then  $\sqrt{n/2} < m < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$ , proving (2). If divisor  $d|n$  satisfies  $\sqrt{n/2} < d < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$  and  $n = d \cdot e$  then either  $e < d < 2 \cdot e$  or  $d < e < 2 \cdot d$  so that the pair  $(d, e)$  or the pair  $(e, d)$  are members of the set in (1).

Proof of equivalence of (2) and (3):

Suppose  $n = d \cdot e$  and  $\sqrt{n/2} < d < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$  then also  $\sqrt{n/2} < e < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$ . For any factoring  $n = x \cdot y$  the inequalities  $r(n) < x < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$  lead to the contradiction  $2 \cdot y < x + 1 < 2 \cdot y + 1$ . Therefore,  $d, n/d \leq r(n)$  hold, which proves (3).

Suppose that  $d|n$ , that  $d, n/d \leq r(n) < \sqrt{2 \cdot n}$ , and that  $d \leq \sqrt{n/2}$ , then  $n = d \cdot (n/d) < \sqrt{n/2} \cdot \sqrt{2 \cdot n} = n$ , a contradiction. Therefore,  $\sqrt{n/2} < d$  and similarly  $\sqrt{n/2} < n/d$  proving (2).