

## **THERE ARE INFINITELY MANY FIBONACCI COMPOSITES WITH PRIME SUBSCRIPTS**

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### **Abstract**

From the entire set of natural numbers successively deleting some residue classes mod a prime, we invent a recursive sieve method. This is a modulo algorithm on natural numbers and their sets. The recursively sifting process mechanically yields a sequence of sets, which converges to the set of the certain subscripts of Fibonacci composites. The corresponding cardinal sequence is strictly increasing. Then the well known theory, set valued analysis, allows us to prove that the set of the certain subscripts is an infinite set, namely, the set of Fibonacci composites with prime subscripts is infinite.

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### 1. Introduction

Fibonacci number  $F_x$  is defined by the recursive formula

$$F_1 = 1,$$

$$F_2 = 1,$$

$$F_{x+1} = F_x + F_{x-1}.$$

From the aspect of primality, like the Mersenne numbers, in the Fibonacci sequence there is a conjecture and an open problem.

There are infinitely many Fibonacci primes.

There are infinitely many Fibonacci composites with prime subscripts.

It is well known that the Fibonacci sequence is a divisibility sequence, so we consider Fibonacci composites with prime subscripts.

Today in analytic number theory, by the normal sieve method, like the twin prime conjecture, it is still extremely difficult if not hopeless to solve the above open problem.

But mathematical research often off the beaten path.

In this paper, we solve this open problem by a recursive sieve method.

In 1998, Drobot showed a theorem: if  $p > 7$  is a prime such that  $p \equiv 2, 4 \pmod{5}$ , and  $2p - 1$  is also prime, then  $2p - 1 | F_p$  [6], [9].

For example:

$p = 19, 37, 79, 97, 139, 157, 199, 229, 307, 337, 367, 379, 439, 499, 547, 577, \dots$

When  $p$  and  $2p + 1$  both are prime, the prime  $p$  is said to be a Sophie Germain prime.

When  $p$  and  $2p - 1$  both are prime, the prime  $p$  is said to be another Sophie Germain prime.

If we prove that there are infinitely many another Sophie Germain primes of the form  $5k + 2$ ,  $5k + 4$ , then we prove that there are infinitely many Fibonacci composites with prime subscripts  $F_p$ .

In 2011, author used the recursive sieve method, which reveals some exotic structures for various sets of primes, to prove the Sophie Germain prime conjecture [3].

Recently, author solved a similar open problem: there are infinitely many Mersenne composites with prime exponents [5].

Here we extend the above structural result to solve the open problem about Fibonacci composites.

In order to be self-contained we repeat some contents in the paper [3, 4, 5].

## 2. A Recursive Sieve Method for Fibonacci Composites

For expressing a recursive sieve method by well formed formulas, we extend both basic operations addition and multiplication  $+$ ,  $\times$  into finite sets of natural numbers.

We use small letters  $a, x, t$  to denote natural numbers and capital letters  $A, X, T$  to denote sets of natural numbers except  $F_x$ .

For arbitrary both finite sets of natural numbers  $A, B$ , we write

$$A = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n \rangle, a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_i < \dots < a_n,$$

$$B = \langle b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j, \dots, b_m \rangle, b_1 < b_2 < \dots < b_j < \dots < b_m.$$

We define

$$A + B = \langle a_1 + b_1, a_2 + b_1, \dots, a_i + b_j, \dots, a_{n-1} + b_m, a_n + b_m \rangle,$$

$$AB = \langle a_1 b_1, a_2 b_1, \dots, a_i b_j, \dots, a_{n-1} b_m, a_n b_m \rangle.$$

**Example.**

$$\langle 7, 9 \rangle + \langle 0, 10, 20 \rangle = \langle 7, 9, 17, 19, 27, 29 \rangle,$$

$$\langle 10 \rangle \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle = \langle 0, 10, 20 \rangle.$$

For the empty set  $\emptyset$ , we define  $\emptyset + B = \emptyset$  and  $\emptyset B = \emptyset$ .

We write  $A \setminus B$  for the set difference of  $A$  and  $B$ .

Let

$$X \equiv A = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n \rangle \pmod{a}$$

be several residue classes mod  $a$ .

If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , we define the solution of the system of congruences

$$X \equiv A = \langle a_1, a_2, \dots, a_i, \dots, a_n \rangle \pmod{a},$$

$$X \equiv B = \langle b_1, b_2, \dots, b_j, \dots, b_m \rangle \pmod{b},$$

to be

$$X \equiv D = \langle d_{11}, d_{21}, \dots, d_{ij}, \dots, d_{n-1m}, d_{nm} \rangle \pmod{ab},$$

where  $x \equiv d_{ij} \pmod{ab}$  is the solution of the system of congruences

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{a},$$

$$x \equiv b_j \pmod{b}.$$

The solution  $X \equiv D \pmod{ab}$  is computable and unique by the Chinese remainder theorem.

For example,  $X \equiv D = \langle 9, 17, 27, 29 \rangle \pmod{30}$  is the solution of the system of congruences

$$X \equiv \langle 7, 9 \rangle \pmod{10},$$

$$X \equiv \langle 0, 2 \rangle \pmod{3}.$$

The reader, who is familiar with model theory, know that we found a model and formal system of the second order arithmetic [4]. Here we do not discuss the model and formal system.

From the entire set of natural numbers successively deleting some residue classes modulo a prime, and leave residue classes, we invented a recursive sieve method or modulo algorithm on natural numbers and their sets.

Now we introduce the recursive sieve method for another Sophie Germain primes of the form  $5k + 2$ ,  $5k + 4$ .

Let  $p_i$  be  $i$ -th prime,  $p_0 = 2$ . For every prime  $p_i$ , let  $B_i \pmod{p_i}$  be the solution of the congruence

$$x(2x - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i}.$$

**Example.**

$$B_0 \equiv \langle 0 \rangle \pmod{2},$$

$$B_1 \equiv \langle 0, 2 \rangle \pmod{3},$$

$$B_2 \equiv \langle 0, 3 \rangle \pmod{5},$$

$$B_3 \equiv \langle 0, 4 \rangle \pmod{7},$$

$$B_4 \equiv \langle 0, 6 \rangle \pmod{11},$$

$$B_i \equiv \langle 0, (p_i + 1) / 2 \rangle \pmod{p_i}.$$

Let

$$m_0 = 5,$$

$$m_1 = 10,$$

$$m_2 = 30,$$

for all  $i > 2$ , let

$$m_{i+1} = \prod_0^i p_j.$$

From the residue class  $x \equiv \langle 2, 4 \rangle \pmod{5}$  we successively delete the residue classes  $B_1 \pmod{p_1}, \dots, B_i \pmod{p_i}$ , leave the residue class  $T_{i+1} \pmod{m_{i+1}}$ . Then the left residue class  $T_{i+1} \pmod{m_{i+1}}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$ , such that  $x(2x - 1)$  does not contain any prime  $p_j \leq p_i$  as a factor ( $x(2x - 1), m_{i+1}$ ) = 1.

Let  $X \equiv D_i \pmod{m_{i+1}}$  be the solution of the system of congruences

$$X \equiv T_i \pmod{m_i},$$

$$X \equiv B_i \pmod{p_i}.$$

Let  $T_{i+1}$  be the set of least nonnegative representatives of the left residue class  $T_{i+1} \pmod{m_{i+1}}$ .

We obtain a recursive formula for the set  $T_{i+1}$ , which describe the recursive sieve method or modulo algorithm for another Sophie Germain primes of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$ .

$$T_0 = \langle 2, 4 \rangle,$$

$$T_{i+1} = (T_i + \langle m_i \rangle \langle 0, 1, 2, \dots, p_i - 1 \rangle) \setminus D_i. \quad (2.1)$$

The number of elements of the set  $T_{i+1}$  is

$$|T_{i+1}| = 2 \prod_3^i (p_j - 2). \quad (2.2)$$

We exhibit the first few terms of formula (2.1) and briefly prove that the algorithm is valid by mathematical induction.

The residue class  $T_0 = \langle 2, 4 \rangle \pmod{5}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$ . Now the set  $X \equiv \langle 2, 4 \rangle \pmod{5}$  is equivalent to the set

$$X \equiv (\langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 5 \rangle \langle 0, 1 \rangle) = \langle 2, 4, 7, 9 \rangle \pmod{10},$$

from them we delete the solution of the system of congruences  $D_1 = \langle 2, 4 \rangle \pmod{10}$ , and leave

$$T_1 = (\langle 2, 4 \rangle + \langle 5 \rangle \langle 0, 1 \rangle) \setminus \langle 2, 4 \rangle = \langle 7, 9 \rangle.$$

The residue class  $T_1 \pmod{10}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$  such that  $(x(2x - 1), 10) = 1$ . Now the set  $X \equiv \langle 7, 9 \rangle \pmod{10}$  is equivalent to the set

$$X \equiv (\langle 7, 9 \rangle + \langle 10 \rangle \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle) = \langle 7, 9, 17, 19, 27, 29 \rangle \pmod{30},$$

from them we delete the solution of the system of congruences

$$D_2 = \langle 9, 17, 27, 29 \rangle \pmod{30},$$

and leave

$$T_2 = (\langle 7, 9 \rangle + \langle 10 \rangle \langle 0, 1, 2 \rangle) \setminus \langle 9, 17, 27, 29 \rangle = \langle 7, 19 \rangle.$$

The residue class  $T_2 \pmod{30}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$  such that  $(x(2x - 1), 30) = 1$ .

We delete nothing by the prime 5 from  $T_2 \pmod{30}$ . So that let  $T_3 = T_2$ . The set  $T_3 \pmod{30}$  is equivalent to the set

$$X \equiv \langle 7, 19, 37, 49, 67, 79, 97, 109, 127, 139, 157, 169, 187, 199 \rangle \pmod{210}.$$

From them we delete

$$D_3 \equiv \langle 7, 49, 67, 109 \rangle \pmod{210},$$

and leave

$$T_4 \equiv \langle 19, 37, 79, 97, 139, 127, 157, 169, 187, 199 \rangle \pmod{210}.$$

The residue class  $T_4 \pmod{210}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$  such that  $(x(2x - 1), 210) = 1$ . And so on.

Suppose that the residue class  $T_i \pmod{m_i}$ , for  $i > 2$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$  such that  $(x(2x - 1), m_i) = 1$ . We delete the residue class  $B_i \pmod{p_i}$  from them. In other words, we delete the solution  $X \equiv D_i \pmod{m_{i+1}}$  of the system of congruences

$$X \equiv T_i \pmod{m_i},$$

$$X \equiv B_i \pmod{p_i}.$$

Now the residue class  $T_i \pmod{m_i}$  is equivalent to the residue class

$$(T_i + \langle m_i \rangle \langle 0, 1, 2, \dots, p_i - 1 \rangle) \pmod{m_{i+1}}.$$

From them we delete the solution  $D_i \pmod{m_{i+1}}$ , which is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$  such that  $x(2x - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i}$ . It follows that the left residue class  $T_{i+1} \pmod{m_{i+1}}$  is the set of all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$ , and  $(x(2x - 1), m_{i+1}) = 1$ . Our algorithm is valid. It is easy to compute  $|T_{i+1}| = 2|T_i|(p_i - 2)$  for  $i > 2$  by the above algorithm.

We may rigorously prove formulas (2.1) and (2.2) by mathematical induction, the proof is left to the reader.

In the next section we refine formula (2.1) and solve the open problem.



### 3. A Theorem About Fibonacci Composites

We call another Sophie Germain primes  $p > 7$  of the form  $5k + 2$ ,  $5k + 4$   $S$ -primes.

Let  $T_e$  be the set of all  $S$ -primes

$$T_e = \{x : x \text{ is a } S\text{-prime}\}.$$

We shall determine an exotic structure for the set  $T_e$  based on the limit of a sequence of sets  $(T'_i)$ ,

$$\lim T'_i = T_e, \lim |T'_i| = \aleph_0.$$

Then we prove that the cardinality of the set  $T_e$  is infinite by well known theory of those structures,

$$|T_e| = \aleph_0.$$

Based on the recursive algorithm, formula (2.1), we successively delete all numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2$ ,  $5k + 4$  such that  $x(2x - 1)$  contains the least prime factor  $p_i$ . We delete non  $S$ -primes or non  $S$ -primes together with a  $S$ -prime. The sifting condition or 'sieve' is

$$x(2x - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i} \wedge p_i \leq x.$$

For  $p_i > 7$  we modify the sifting condition to be

$$x(2x - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i} \wedge p_i < x. \quad (3.1)$$

According to this new sifting condition or 'sieve', we successively delete the set  $C_i$  of all numbers  $x$ , such that either  $x$  or  $2x - 1$  is composite with the least prime factor  $p_i$ .

For  $p_i \leq 7$ ,

$$C_i = \{x : x \in X \equiv T_i \pmod{m_i} \wedge x(2x - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i} \wedge p_i \leq x\}.$$

For  $p_i > 7$ ,

$$C_i = \{x : x \in X \equiv T_i \pmod{m_i} \wedge x(2x-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i} \wedge p_i < x\},$$

but remain the  $S$ -prime  $x$  if there is a  $x > 7$  such that  $p_i = x$  in  $T_i \pmod{m_i}$ .

**Note:** If  $p = 3, 7$ , then  $2p - 1 = 5, 13$  are Fibonacci primes  $F_5, F_7$ , both are deleted.

We delete all sets  $C_j$  with  $0 \leq j < i$  from the set  $N_0$  of all natural numbers  $x$  of the form  $5k + 2, 5k + 4$ , and leave the set

$$L_i = N_0 \setminus \bigcup_0^{i-1} C_j.$$

The set of all  $S$ -primes is

$$T_e = N_0 \setminus \bigcup_0^{\infty} C_i.$$

The recursive sieve (3.1) is a perfect tool, with this tool we delete all non  $S$ -primes and leave all  $S$ -primes. So that we only need to determine the number of all  $S$ -primes  $|T_e|$ . If we do so successfully, then the parity obstruction, a ghost in house of primes, has been automatically evaporated [8].

With the recursive sieve (3.1), each non  $S$ -prime is deleted exactly once, there is need neither the inclusion-exclusion principle nor the estimation of error terms, which cause all the difficulty in normal sieve theory.

Let  $A_i$  be the set of all  $S$ -primes  $x$  less than  $p_i$ .

$$A_i = \{x : x < p_i \wedge x \text{ is } S\text{-prime}\}.$$

From the recursive formula (2.1), we know that the left set  $L_i$  is the union of the set  $A_i$  of  $S$ -primes and the residue class  $T_i \pmod{m_i}$ ,

$$L_i = A_i \cup T_i \pmod{m_i}. \tag{3.2}$$

Now we intercept the initial segment  $T'_i$  from the left set  $L_i$ , which is the union of the set  $A_i$  of  $S$ -primes and the set  $T_i$  of least nonnegative representatives. Then we obtain a new recursive formula

$$T'_i = A_i \cup T_i. \tag{3.3}$$

Except remaining all  $S$ -primes  $x$  less than  $p_i$  in the initial segment  $T'_i$ , both sets  $T'_i$  and  $T_i$  are the same.

Formula (3.3) expresses the recursively sifting process according to the sifting condition (3.1), and provides a recursive definition of the initial segment  $T'_i$ . The initial segment  $T'_i$  is a well chosen notation. We shall consider some properties of the initial segment  $T'_i$ , and reveal some structures of the sequence of the initial segments  $(T'_i)$  to determine the set of all  $S$ -primes and its cardinality.

Let  $|A_i|$  be the number of  $S$ -primes less than  $p_i$ . Then the number of elements of the initial segment  $T'_i$  is

$$|T'_i| = |A_i| + |T_i|. \tag{3.4}$$

From formula (2.2), we deduce that the cardinal sequence  $(|T'_i|)$  is strictly increasing for all  $i > 2$

$$|T'_i| < |T'_{i+1}|. \tag{3.5}$$

Based on order topology obviously we have

$$\lim |T'_i| = \aleph_0. \tag{3.6}$$

Intuitively we see that the initial segment  $T'_i$  approaches the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ , and the corresponding cardinality  $|T'_i|$  approaches infinity as  $i \rightarrow \infty$ . Thus the set of all  $S$ -primes is limit computable and is an infinite set.

Next we give a formal proof based on set valued analysis.

**3.1. A formal proof.** Let  $A'_i$  be the subset of all  $S$ -primes in the initial segment  $T'_i$ ,

$$A'_i = \{x \in T'_i : x \text{ is } S\text{-prime}\}. \quad (3.7)$$

We consider the structures of both sequences of sets  $(T'_i)$  and  $(A'_i)$  to solve the open problem.

**Lemma 3.1.** *The sequence of the initial segments  $(T'_i)$  and the sequence of its subsets  $(A'_i)$  of  $S$ -primes both converge to the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ .*

First from set theory, next from order topology we prove this lemma.

**Proof.** For the convenience of the reader, we quote a definition of the set theoretic limit of a sequence of sets [2].

Let  $(F_n)$  be a sequence of sets, we define  $\limsup_{n=\infty} F_n$  and  $\liminf_{n=\infty} F_n$  as follows:

$$\limsup_{n=\infty} F_n = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcup_{i=0}^{\infty} F_{n+i},$$

$$\liminf_{n=\infty} F_n = \bigcup_{n=0}^{\infty} \bigcap_{i=0}^{\infty} F_{n+i}.$$

It is easy to check that  $\limsup_{n=\infty} F_n$  is the set of those elements  $x$ , which belongs to  $F_n$  for infinitely many  $n$ . Analogously,  $x$  belongs to

$\liminf_{n=\infty} F_n$  if and only if it belongs to  $F_n$  for almost all  $n$ , that is it belongs to all but a finite number of the  $F_n$ .

If

$$\limsup_{n=\infty} F_n = \liminf_{n=\infty} F_n,$$

we say that the sequence of sets  $(F_n)$  converges to the limit

$$\lim F_n = \limsup_{n=\infty} F_n = \liminf_{n=\infty} F_n.$$

We know that the sequence of left sets  $(L_i)$  is descending

$$L_1 \supset L_2 \supset \dots \supset L_i \supset \dots.$$

According to the definition of the set theoretic limit of a sequence of sets, we obtain that the sequence of left sets  $(L_i)$  converges to the set  $T_e$

$$\lim L_i = \bigcap L_i = T_e. \quad (3.8)$$

The sequence of subsets  $(A'_i)$  of  $S$ -primes is ascending

$$A'_1 \subset A'_2 \subset \dots \subset A'_i \subset \dots,$$

we obtain that the sequence of subsets  $(A'_i)$  converges to the set  $T_e$ ,

$$\lim A'_i = \bigcup A'_i = T_e. \quad (3.9)$$

The initial segment  $T'_i$  is located between two sets  $A'_i$  and  $L_i$

$$A'_i \subset T'_i \subset L_i.$$

Thus the sequence of the initial segments  $(T'_i)$  converges to the set  $T_e$

$$\lim T'_i = T_e. \quad (3.10)$$

According to set theory, we have proved that both sequences of sets  $(T'_i)$  and  $(A'_i)$  converge to the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$

$$\lim T'_i = \lim A'_i = T_e. \quad (3.11)$$

Next we prove that according to order topology both sequences of sets  $(T'_i)$  and  $(A'_i)$  converge to the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ .

We quote a definition of the order topology [1].

Let  $X$  be a set with a linear order relation; assume  $X$  has more one element. Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be the collection of all sets of the following types:

- (1) All open intervals  $(a, b)$  in  $X$ .
- (2) All intervals of the form  $[a_0, b)$ , where  $a_0$  is the smallest element (if any) in  $X$ .
- (3) All intervals of the form  $[a, b_0)$ , where  $b_0$  is the largest element (if any) in  $X$ .

The collection  $\mathbb{B}$  is a bases of a topology on  $X$ , which is called the order topology.

According to the definition there is no order topology on the empty set or sets with a single element.

The recursively sifting process, formula (3.3), produces both sequences of sets together with the set theoretic limit point  $T_e$ .

$$\mathbf{X}_1 : T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_i, \dots; T_e,$$

$$\mathbf{X}_2 : A'_1, A'_2, \dots, A'_i, \dots; T_e.$$

We further consider the structures of sets  $\mathbf{X}_1$  and  $\mathbf{X}_2$  using the recursively sifting process (3.3) as an order relation

$$i < j \rightarrow T'_i < T'_j, \forall i(T'_i < T_e),$$

$$i < j \rightarrow A'_i < A'_j, \forall i(A'_i < T_e).$$

The set  $\mathbf{X}_1$  has no repeated term. It is a well ordered set with the order type  $\omega + 1$  using the recursively sifting process (3.3) as an order relation. Thus the set  $\mathbf{X}_1$  may be endowed an order topology.

The set  $\mathbf{X}_2$  may have some repeated terms. We have computed out the first few  $S$ -primes  $x$ . The set  $\mathbf{X}_2$  contains more than one element, may be endowed an order topology using the recursively sifting process (3.3) as an order relation.

Obviously, for every neighbourhood  $(c, T_e]$  of  $T_e$  there is a natural number  $i_0$ , for all  $i > i_0$ , we have  $T'_i \in (c, T_e]$  and  $A'_i \in (c, T_e]$ , thus both sequences of sets  $(T'_i)$  and  $(A'_i)$  converge to the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ .

$$\lim A'_i = T_e,$$

$$\lim T'_i = T_e.$$

According to the order topology, we have again proved that both sequences of sets  $(T'_i)$  and  $(A'_i)$  converge to the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ . We also have

$$\lim T'_i = \lim A'_i. \quad (3.12)$$

The formula  $T'_i$  is a recursive asymptotic formula for the set of all  $S$ -primes  $T_e$ .  $\square$

In general, if  $T_e = \emptyset$ , the set  $\mathbf{X}_2 = \{\emptyset\}$  only has a single element, which has no order topology. In this case formula (3.12) is not valid and our method of proof may be useless [3].

Lemma 3.1 reveals an order topological structure and a set theoretic structure for the set of all  $S$ -primes on the recursive sequences of sets. By the well known theory of those structures, we easily prove that the cardinality of the set of all  $S$ -primes is infinite.

**Theorem 3.2.** *The set of all  $S$ -primes is an infinite set.*

We give two proofs.

**Proof.** We consider the cardinalities  $|T'_i|$  and  $|A'_i|$  of sets on two sides of the equality (3.12), and the order topological limits of cardinal sequences  $(|T'_i|)$  and  $(|A'_i|)$  as the sets  $T'_i$  and  $A'_i$  both tend to  $T_e$ .

From general topology we know, if the limits of both cardinal sequences  $(|T'_i|)$  and  $(|A'_i|)$  on two sides of the equality (3.12) exist, then both limits are equal; if  $\lim |A'_i|$  does not exist, then the condition for the existence of the limit  $\lim |T'_i|$  is not sufficient [7].

For  $S$ -primes, the set  $T_e$  is nonempty  $T_e \neq \emptyset$ , the formula (3.12) is valid, obviously the order topological limits  $\lim |A'_i|$  and  $\lim |T'_i|$  on two sides of the equality (3.12) exist, thus both limits are equal

$$\lim |A'_i| = \lim |T'_i|.$$

From formula (3.6)  $\lim |T'_i| = \aleph_0$ , we have

$$\lim |A'_i| = \aleph_0. \quad (3.13)$$

Usually, let  $\pi_2(n)$  be the counting function, the number of  $S$ -primes less than or equal to  $n$ . Normal sieve theory is unable to provide non-trivial lower bounds of  $\pi_2(n)$  by the parity obstruction [8]. Let  $n$  be a natural number. Then the number sequence  $(m_i)$  is a subsequence of the number sequence  $(n)$ , we have

$$\lim \pi_2(n) = \lim \pi_2(m_i).$$

By formula (3.7), the  $A'_i$  is the set of all  $S$ -primes less than  $m_i$ , and the  $|A'_i|$  is the number of all  $S$ -primes less than  $m_i$ , thus  $\pi_2(m_i) = |A'_i|$ . We have

$$\lim \pi_2(m_i) = \lim |A'_i|.$$



From formula (3.13), we prove

$$\lim \pi_2(n) = \aleph_0. \quad (3.14)$$

□

We directly prove that the number of all  $S$ -primes is infinite with the counting function. Next we give another proof by the continuity of the cardinal function.

**Proof.** Let  $f : \mathbf{X} \rightarrow \mathbf{Y}$  be the cardinal function  $f(T) = |T|$  from the order topological space  $\mathbf{X}$  to the order topological space  $\mathbf{Y}$

$$\mathbf{X} : T'_1, T'_2, \dots, T'_i, \dots; T_e,$$

$$\mathbf{Y} : |T'_1|, |T'_2|, \dots, |T'_i|, \dots; \aleph_0.$$

It is easy to check that for every open set  $[|T'_1|, |d|)$ ,  $(|c|, |d|)$ ,  $(|c|, \aleph_0]$  in  $\mathbf{Y}$  the preimage  $[T'_1, d)$ ,  $(c, d)$ ,  $(c, T_e]$  is also an open set in  $\mathbf{X}$ . So that the cardinal function  $|T|$  is continuous at  $T_e$  with respect to the above order topology.

Both order topological spaces are first countable, hence the cardinal function  $|T|$  is sequentially continuous. By a usual topological theorem [1] (Theorem 21.3, p. 130), the cardinal function  $|T|$  preserves limits

$$|\lim T'_i| = \lim |T'_i|. \quad (3.15)$$

Order topological spaces are Hausdorff spaces. In Hausdorff spaces, the limit point of the sequence of sets  $(T'_i)$  and the limit point of cardinal sequence  $(|T'_i|)$  are unique.

We have proved Lemma 3.1,  $\lim T'_i = T_e$ , and formula (3.6),  $\lim |T'_i| = \aleph_0$ . Substitute, we obtain that the set of all  $S$ -primes is an infinite set,

$$|T_e| = \aleph_0. \quad (3.16)$$

Without any estimation or statistical data, without the Riemann hypothesis, by the recursive algorithm, we well understand the recursive structure, set theoretic structure and order topological structure for the set of all  $S$ -primes on sequences of sets. We obtain a formal proof of the open problem in pure mathematics.  $\square$

By Drobot's theorem we have solved the open problem about Fibonacci composites.

**Theorem 3.3.** *There are infinitely many Fibonacci composite numbers with prime subscripts.*

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