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Articles of (and about)

Ein zahlentheoretischer Satz.

A number-theoretical theorem. (In German)

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Let a be a fixed integer, and let l(k) be defined (for any k prime to a) as the least positive integer for which $a^{l(k)} \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$. Generalising a result of N.P.Romanoff (Zbl 009.00801), the authors prove here that $\sum_{k} \frac{1}{kl(k)^{\varepsilon}}$ converges for every $\varepsilon > 0$. It suffices to prove that $\sum \frac{1}{k}$ extended over those k for which $l(k) < (\log k)^{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}}$ converges. For this it suffices that the number of divisors $\leq n$ of $(a-1)(a^2-1)...(a^N-1)$ should be $O(n/\log^2 n)$, where $N=\left[(\log n)^{\frac{2}{\varepsilon}}\right]$. This is proved by estimating the number of prime factors, and considering separately those divisors with more than $\sqrt{\log n}$ different prime factors and those with less.

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