

# PRODUCT OF POLYNOMIAL VALUES BEING LARGE POWER

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*Abstract* Erdős and Selfridge first showed that the product of consecutive integers cannot be a perfect power. Later, this result was generalized to polynomial values by various authors. They demonstrated that the product of consecutive polynomial values cannot be the perfect power for a suitable polynomial. In this article, we consider a related problem to the product of consecutive integers. We consider all sequences of polynomial values from a given interval whose products are almost perfect powers. We study the size of these powers and give an asymptotic result. We also define a group theoretic invariant, which is a natural generalization of the Davenport constant. We provide a non-trivial upper bound of this group theoretic invariant.

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## 1. Introduction

In [10], Erdős and Selfridge solved a long standing conjecture by showing that the product of consecutive integers cannot be a perfect power. In particular, they proved that for a fixed non-negative integer  $t$ ,

$$(n + d_1)(n + d_2) \cdots (n + d_k) = x^l, \quad (1)$$

where  $1 = d_1 < d_2 < \cdots < d_k \leq k + t$  and  $l > 1$ , has only finite number of solutions. If  $t = 0$  then equation (1) has no solution. After Erdős and Selfridge's work, similar results were studied in an arithmetic progression. In [24], Saradha extended their result for an arithmetic progression. She proved that for integers  $(n, d) = 1$ ,  $1 \leq d \leq 6$ ,  $k \geq 3$ ,  $l \geq 2$ ,

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$n \geq 1$  and  $y \geq 1$  the equation:

$$n(n + d) \cdots (n + (k - 1)d) = y^l, \tag{2}$$

has no integral solution. Later, Saradha’s result was improved by extending the ranges of  $d, k$  and  $l$ . Ultimately, Bennett and Siksek gave a complete solution to [equation \(2\)](#) in [\[3\]](#). Specifically, they showed that, for a large positive integer  $k$ , there are at most finitely many solutions to [equation \(2\)](#) in the positive integers  $n, d, y$ , and  $l$ , where  $l \geq 2$  and  $\gcd(n, d) = 1$ .

A more general setting of this problem can be formulated as follows: Let  $P \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  with positive leading coefficients. Consider the equation

$$\prod_{k=1}^m P(k) = y^l. \tag{3}$$

The question is whether the Diophantine [equation \(3\)](#) has solution or not. Clearly, for an arbitrary polynomial  $P(x)$  the problem is wide open. For some particular polynomials  $P(x)$  the solutions of [equation \(3\)](#) are known. For example, in [equations \(1\)](#) and [\(1.2\)](#), the cases of linear polynomials  $P(x) = x + n$  and  $P(x) = ax + b$  are given. Also, solutions of [equation \(3\)](#) are known for some non-linear polynomials  $P(x)$  when the power  $l = 2$ . Cilleruelo investigated the quadratic polynomial  $P(x) = x^2 + 1$  in [\[6\]](#). Following the result in [\[6\]](#) many authors studied the problem and gave solutions for the polynomials  $4x^2 + 1, 2x(x - 1) + 1, ax^2 + bx + c$ , and  $x^l + m^l$  for  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $l \geq 2$ .

In [\[9\]](#), Erdős, Malouf, Sellfridge, and Szekeres considered a related problem to [equation \(3\)](#). They investigated when the product of integers from a given interval has perfect power. They showed that in any interval of a certain length there are integers whose product is perfect power. This naturally raises the question: if at an interval there are sets of integers whose products are perfect powers, what is the maximal value of such a power? More specifically, the problem can be formulated as follows: Let  $[1, N] \subset \mathbb{N}$  be a given interval. Consider all possible integers  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots, x_m, y$  from the above interval, and  $l \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots x_m = y^l. \tag{4}$$

Let  $L(N)$  be the maximum value of all  $l$  satisfied [equation \(4\)](#). So what will be the supremum of  $L(N)$  in terms of  $N$ ? In [\[25\]](#), Skalba first considered this problem and gave upper and lower bounds for  $L(N)$ . Later Goudout [\[13\]](#) improves the upper bound of  $L(N)$  given in [\[25\]](#). If we combine the Skalba and Goudout results, then one has

$$L(N) = N \exp(-(\sqrt{2} + o(1))\sqrt{\log N \log \log N}),$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

In this article, we will consider sequences  $\{x_i\}$ ’s with certain restrictions. In particular, we will take all sequences  $\{x_i\}$ ’s those are some polynomial values, but the product of  $\{x_i\}$ ’s are perfect powers. We can rewrite this problem in the following way: Let  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a polynomial with a positive leading coefficient. Then for any given interval  $[1, N] \cap \mathbb{N}$  we consider all possible products of the form:

$$P(x_1)P(x_2) \cdots P(x_m) = y^\omega, \tag{5}$$

where  $P(x_i)$ 's are taken from the interval  $[1, N] \cap \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $\omega_P(N)$  be the maximum value of all  $\omega$  satisfies equation (5). What are the infimum and supremum of  $\omega_P(N)$ ? In general finding such bounds for a general polynomial  $P(x)$  are difficult.

Here we will obtain such bounds for some specific polynomials. First, we consider the following product:

$$P(x_1)P(x_2) \cdots P(x_m) = by^\omega, \tag{6}$$

for integers  $P(x_i), y, b$  in  $[1, N]$  and  $\gcd(b, y) = 1$ .

Let  $\omega_P(N)$  be the maximum value of all  $\omega$  satisfies equation (6). Our first result is an asymptotic of  $\omega_P(N)$  when  $P(x)$  is a linear polynomial generate integers those are in arithmetic progression.

**Theorem 1.1.** *Let  $a$  and  $q$  be two integers with  $(a, q) = 1$  and  $P(x) = ax + q$ . Let  $\omega_P(N)$  be the largest possible integer so that*

$$P(x_1)P(x_2) \cdots P(x_k) = by^{\omega_P(N)},$$

when  $P(x_i), b$ , and  $y$  are integer in  $[1, N]$ , and  $\gcd(b, y) = 1$ . Then uniformly for,

$$\log q \leq c\sqrt{\log N \log \log N},$$

we have

$$\omega_P(N) \sim \frac{N}{q \exp((\sqrt{2} + o(1))\sqrt{\log N \log \log N})},$$

as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ .

In our next result, we give bounds for  $\omega_P(N)$  when  $P(x)$  is not a linear polynomial but some other suitable polynomials.

**Theorem 1.2.** *Let  $\omega_P(N)$  be the largest possible integer so that*

$$P(x_1)P(x_2) \cdots P(x_k) = by^{\omega_P(N)},$$

for  $P(x_i), b$ , and  $y$  are in teger in  $[1, N]$  and  $\gcd(b, y) = 1$ .

- (1) *Let  $a$  and  $q$  be two fixed positive integer and  $P(x) = x(ax + q)$ . Then for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exist constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  depends on  $\epsilon, a$ , and  $b$  such that*

$$\frac{C_1 N^{1-\epsilon}}{\log N} \leq \omega_P(N) \leq C_2 N^{1-\epsilon}.$$

- (2) *Let  $P(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Then there exist constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  depends on  $\epsilon$  such that*

$$\frac{C_1 N^{\frac{30}{179}-\epsilon}}{\log N} \leq \omega_P(N) \leq C_2 N^{\frac{179}{328}-\epsilon}.$$

- (3) Let  $P(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2) \cdots (x + l)$  for some positive integer  $l$ . Then for sufficiently large  $N$  there exist a constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  depends on  $\epsilon$  and  $l$  such that

$$\frac{C_1 N^{1 - \exp(-1/l) - \epsilon}}{\log N} \leq \omega_P(N) \leq C_2 N^{1 + \exp(-1/l) - \epsilon},$$

provided none of the  $P(x_i)$  has any common factors.

## 2. Preliminaries

### 2.1. Davenport constant

Our argument depends on the Davenport constant, which is a group-theoretic invariant. Let  $G$  be a finite abelian multiplicative group with the identity element 1. Then the Davenport constant  $D(G)$  of the group  $G$  is the minimal integer such that every sequence of length  $D(G)$  from  $G$  has a sub-sequence whose product is equal to the identity elements of the group. A trivial bound of the Davenport constant is  $D(G) \leq |G|$ . Due to its various implications, from the decomposition of irreducible integers in the ideal class group (see [8]) to the proof of the infinitude of Carmichael numbers (see [1]), a great deal of work has been done on obtaining the best possible bound of the Davenport constant. Let  $\mathbb{M}_n$  denote the cyclic group of order  $n$ . Then any finite abelian group  $G$  can be written as  $G = \mathbb{M}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{M}_{n_2} \times \cdots \times \mathbb{M}_{n_d}$  where  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_d$  are unique integers with  $n_1 \geq 2$  and  $n_i \mid n_{i+1}$  for  $1 \leq i \leq d$ . Here, the integers  $d$  and  $n_d$  are the rank and the exponent of the group  $G$ , respectively. If  $G = \mathbb{M}_n$  is a cyclic group, then  $D(G) = n$ . This can be seen by just considering the sequence  $(a, a, \dots, a)$  where  $a$  is a generator of  $G$ . In [21, 22], Olson proved that if  $G$  is a finite  $p$ -group then

$$D(G) = (n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_d) - d + 1, \tag{7}$$

and  $D(G) = n_1 + n_2 - 1$  when the rank of  $G$  is 2. It is still unknown whether the equality equation (7) holds for any finite abelian group of rank greater than 2. Boas [27] and Gao [12] showed that equality equation (7) holds for a wide class of finite abelian groups of rank 3. In particular, finding the right size of Davenport constant is still an open problem. In [20], Narkiewicz conjectured that  $D(G) \leq (n_1 + n_2 + \cdots + n_d)$ . The best upper bound of  $D(G)$  is

$$D(G) \leq \exp(G) \left( 1 + \log \frac{|G|}{\exp(G)} \right), \tag{8}$$

which is due to Van Emde Boas and Kruyswijk [26], Meshulam [19], and Alford, Granville and Pomerance [1]. Here  $\exp(G)$  is the the exponent of the group  $G$ . Various generalizations of the Davenport constant are studied in the literature.

Now we will define a generalization of the Davenport constant.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $A$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $e$  be the identity element of  $G$ . We define the  $A$ -relative Davenport Constant of  $G$  by the least positive integer  $\ell$  such that

every sequence  $(\bar{x}_1, \dots, \bar{x}_\ell)$  of  $G/A$  of length  $\ell$  has a non-trivial sub-sequence  $(\bar{x}_{i_1}, \dots, \bar{x}_{i_r})$  such that  $\prod_{j=1}^r \bar{x}_{i_j} = \bar{e}$ .

In the rest of the paper, we will use the notation  $D^{(A)}(G)$  for the  $A$ -relative Davenport constant. Note that,  $D^{(A)}(G) = D(G)$  when  $A = \{e\}$ .

In the next lemma, we will give a non-trivial upper bound of  $D^{(A)}(G)$ .

**Lemma 2.2.** *Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group and  $A$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then one has*

$$D^{(A)}(G) \leq \exp(G) \left( 1 + \log \frac{|G|}{\exp(G)} - \frac{D(A) - 1}{\exp(G)} \right).$$

**Proof.** It is enough to prove for a non-trivial subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ . Let  $e$  be the identity element. We will show that

$$D^{(A)}(G) \leq D(G) - D(A) + 1. \tag{9}$$

Let  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m)$  be a sequence from  $A$  of length  $D(A) - 1$  such that there is no sub-sequence whose product is  $e$ . To arrive a contradiction, we consider  $D^{(A)}(G) > D(G) - D(A) + 1$ . Note that, by the definition  $D^{(A)}(G) \leq D(G)$ . Let  $(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l)$  be a sequence of length  $D^{(A)}(G) - 1$  such that there is no sub-sequence whose product is in  $A$ . Next, we consider the sequence  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m, x_1, x_2, \dots, x_l)$ . Since this sequence has length at least  $D(G)$  then there exists a sub-sequence  $(a_{s_1}, a_{s_2}, \dots, a_{s_q}, x_{r_1}, x_{r_2}, \dots, x_{r_t})$  such that

$$a_{s_1} a_{s_2} \dots a_{s_q} x_{r_1} x_{r_2} \dots x_{r_t} = e.$$

This shows  $x_{r_1} x_{r_2} \dots x_{r_t} \in A$ . This gives us a contradiction. Combining [equation \(9\)](#) with [equation \(8\)](#) we have the result of the lemma. □

### 2.2. Smooth polynomial values

Consider the set of  $y$ -smooth integers

$$S(x, y) = \{n \leq x : p^+(n) \leq y\},$$

where  $p^+(n)$  denotes the largest prime factor of  $n$ . It is well known that the cardinality of the set  $S(x, y)$ , which is denoted by  $\Psi(x, y)$ , is

$$\Psi(x, y) = (1 + o(1)) \rho(u)x,$$

where  $u = \frac{\log x}{\log y}$  and  $\rho$  is the Dickman-de Bruijn function satisfies the following differential equation:

$$u\rho'(u) + \rho(u - 1) = 0.$$

We need the following asymptotic results. The most important special case of smooth number estimate is (see [[16](#), p. 270])

**Lemma 2.3.** *Let  $L(x) = \exp(\sqrt{\log x \log \log x})$ . Then*

$$\psi(x, L(x)^c) = \frac{x}{L(x)^{1/2c+o(1)}}$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ .

One generalization of  $y$ -smooth number is polynomial values having prime factor no greater than  $y$ . Consider the polynomial ring  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ . Let  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  and define the set

$$S_P(x, y) = \{n \leq x : p^+(P(n)) \leq y\}.$$

Let  $\Psi_P(x, y)$  denote the cardinality of the set  $S_P(x, y)$ . For a linear polynomial  $P(x) = ax + q$  Chowla and Vijayaraghavan [5] and Buchstab [4] gave an estimate of  $\Psi_P(x, y)$  for a fixed  $f$  and  $u$ . Later, Ramaswami [23] gave an uniform version of Buchstab’s results. Fouvry and Tenenbaum [11] and Granville [14, 15] made significant improvement of Ramaswami’s uniform result. The following result can be found in [11, 14, 15]. See also Hildebrand and Tenenbaum [18, Sec. 6]

**Lemma 2.4.** *Let  $(a, q) = 1$  and  $P(x) = ax + q$ . Then*

$$\Psi_P(x, y) = \frac{x}{qu^{u+o(u)}},$$

for  $x \geq 3$ ,  $1 \leq u \leq e^{c\sqrt{\log y}}$ , and  $q \leq e^{c\sqrt{\log y}}$ .

For degree 2 polynomial Balog and Ruzsa [2] gave bounds of  $\Psi_P(x, y)$ .

**Lemma 2.5.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $P(x) = x(ax + b)$ . Then for all  $\alpha > 0$*

$$\Psi_P(x, x^\alpha) \asymp_{P,\alpha} x.$$

For degree 2 irreducible polynomial we have little weaker result. Dartyge [7] showed that

**Lemma 2.6.** *Let  $P(x) = (x^2 + 1)$  and  $\alpha > \frac{149}{179}$ . Then*

$$\Psi_P(x, x^\alpha) \asymp_{\alpha,P} x$$

holds for all large  $x$ .

Now, if  $P(x) \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a completely reducible polynomial of any degree then Hildebrand [17] computed bounds of  $\Psi_P(x, y)$ . In particular, Hildebrand [17] proved the following. A set  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  is said to be stable if for each fixed  $t \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \in A \Rightarrow tn \in A$ . Define the lower asymptotic density of the set  $A$  by

$$d(A) = \liminf_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \#\{n \leq x : n \in A\}.$$

Then

**Lemma 2.7.** *Let  $k \geq 2$  be an integer and  $\alpha_k = \frac{k-2}{k-1}$ . Then any stable set  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  with  $d(A) > \alpha_k$  satisfies*

$$d(\{n : n + i \in A, i = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k\}) > 0.$$

In particular if we take

$$A = \{n : p^+(n) > y\},$$

then for  $P(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2) \cdots (x + k)$  and  $\alpha > e^{-\frac{1}{k-1}}$  one has

$$\Psi_P(x, x^\alpha) \asymp_{\alpha, P} x \tag{10}$$

for all large  $x$ .

### 3. Proof of Theorem 1.1

#### 3.1. Lower bound

Let  $\mathbb{Q}_+$  be the set of all positive rational numbers and

$$\mathbb{Q}_+^\omega = \{q^\omega : q \in \mathbb{Q}_+\}$$

for some positive integer  $\omega$  which will be chosen later. Then  $\mathbb{Q}_+/\mathbb{Q}_+^\omega$  form a multiplicative group. Let  $y$  be a fixed positive integer and  $\{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t\}$  are primes in  $[1, y]$ . Clearly,  $t = \pi(y)$ . Let us denote  $\overline{p}_i$  be the image of the prime  $p_i$  in the quotient group  $\mathbb{Q}_+/\mathbb{Q}_+^\omega$  and  $G$  be the finite abelian subgroup of  $\mathbb{Q}_+/\mathbb{Q}_+^\omega$  generated by the elements  $\{\overline{p}_1, \overline{p}_2, \dots, \overline{p}_t\}$ . Hence,

$$G \cong \underbrace{\mathcal{C}_\omega \times \mathcal{C}_\omega \times \cdots \times \mathcal{C}_\omega}_{t \text{ times}}, \tag{11}$$

where  $\mathcal{C}_\omega$  is the cyclic group of the order  $\omega > 2$ . Let  $S$  be the set of all  $y$ -smooth integer from  $[1, N]$  and  $S_P = S \cap \{P(n) : 1 \leq n \leq N\}$ , where  $P(x) = ax + q$ . Let us consider  $S_P = \{P(n_1), P(n_2), \dots, P(n_s)\}$ . Note that  $\overline{P(n_i)} \in G$ . Now we choose  $\omega$  such that

$$(\omega - 1)y \log N \leq s. \tag{12}$$

Clearly for large  $N$ , one has  $s \geq \omega\pi(y) \log(\omega) - 1 = \omega t \log(\omega) - 1 \geq D^{(A)}(G)$  for some non-trivial subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ . Then by Lemma 2.2, there exists a subgroup  $A$  of  $G$  such that

$$\overline{P(n_{r_1})} \cdot \overline{P(n_{r_2})} \cdots \overline{P(n_{r_k})} = \bar{b}$$

for some  $\bar{b} \in A$  and hence

$$P(n_{r_1}) \cdot P(n_{r_2}) \cdots P(n_{r_k}) \in b\mathbb{Q}_+^\omega.$$

Therefore

$$P(n_{r_1}) \cdot P(n_{r_2}) \cdots P(n_{r_k}) = bl^\omega,$$

for some integer  $l$  with  $\gcd(b, l) = 1$ . Now, from the right side of [equation \(12\)](#), one has

$$\log \omega \geq \log s - \log y - \log \log N.$$

From the lemma [2.4](#) we can choose  $y = \exp(\sqrt{\log N \log \log N/2})$  and hence  $\log s = \log N - \log q - (u + o(u)) \log u$ . Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \log \omega &\geq \log N - \log q - (u + o(u)) \log u - \sqrt{\log N \log \log N/2} - \log \log N \\ &\geq \log N - \log q - \frac{\log N}{\log y} (\log \log N - \log \log y) - \sqrt{\log N \log \log N/2} \\ &\quad - \log \log N + o(u) \log u \\ &\geq \log N - \log q - \sqrt{2 \log N \log \log N} + o(\sqrt{\log N \log \log N}). \end{aligned}$$

In the penultimate step above we have used the definition

$$u = \frac{\log N}{\log y}.$$

Hence, we obtain

$$\omega \geq \frac{N}{q \exp((\sqrt{2} + o(1))\sqrt{\log N \log \log N})}.$$

### 3.2. Upper bound

Let us consider

$$P(x_1)P(x_2) \cdots P(x_m) = bl^\omega,$$

and  $p$  be the largest prime factor of  $l^\omega$ . Clearly,  $p^\omega$  is a factor of  $p^{\nu_p(bl^\omega)}$ . Here  $\nu_p(x)$  is the  $p$ -adic valuation of the integer  $x$ . Next we consider the set

$$A = \{P(n) : P(n) \leq N, P(n) \text{ is } p\text{-smooth}, p \mid P(n)\}.$$



Hence  $|A| \leq \psi_P(N/p, p)$ . One can check if  $k$  is the largest value for which  $p^k \leq N$  then  $k \leq \log N / \log p$ . Put all these information together with Lemma 2.4 we have

$$\begin{aligned} \omega &\leq \nu_p(bl^\omega) \leq \psi_P\left(\frac{N}{p}, p\right) \frac{\log N}{\log p} \\ &\leq \frac{1}{q} L(p), \end{aligned} \tag{13}$$

where  $L(p) = \frac{N}{p} v^{-v+o(v)} \frac{\log N}{\log p}$  and  $v = \frac{\log N/p}{\log p}$ . Now we will maximize the function  $L(p)$ . Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \log L(p) &= \log N - \log p \\ &\quad + \left(1 - \frac{\log N}{\log p}\right) (\log \log N - \log \log p + \log(1 - \log p / \log N)) + o(v \log v). \end{aligned} \tag{14}$$

To maximize equation (14) one needs to choose  $p$  so that  $\log p$  and

$$\frac{\log N}{\log p} (\log \log N - \log \log p),$$

are of same size. Let us set

$$p = \exp\left(\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + o(1)\right) \sqrt{\log N \log \log N}\right).$$

Therefore

$$\begin{aligned} \log p + \frac{\log N}{\log p} (\log \log N - \log \log p) &= \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + o(1)\right) \sqrt{\log N \log \log N} \\ &\quad + \frac{\log N}{2 \log p} \log \log N + O\left(\sqrt{\log N \log \log N}\right) \\ &= \left(\sqrt{2} + o(1)\right) \sqrt{\log N \log \log N}. \end{aligned} \tag{15}$$

Hence from equations (14) and (15) we have

$$\max_p L(p) = N \exp\left(-\left(\sqrt{2} + o(1)\right) \sqrt{\log N \log \log N}\right). \tag{16}$$

Substituting equation (16) in equation (13) will give the required upper bound.

#### 4. Proof of Theorem 1.2

Proof of Theorem 1.2 is similar to the proof of Theorem 1.1.

**Lower bounds:** Consider the set  $S$  be the set of all  $y$ -smooth integers in  $[1, N]$ . Let us define  $S_P = S \cap \{P(n) : 1 \leq n \leq N\}$  for a polynomial  $P(x)$ . Let us denote  $S_P = \{P(n_1), P(n_2), \dots, P(n_s)\}$ . Clearly  $\overline{P(n_i)} \in G$ , where  $G$  is defined in [equation \(11\)](#). Similar to the previous section we consider

$$(\omega - 1)y \log N \leq s \leq \omega y \log N. \tag{17}$$

Hence  $s \geq \omega\pi(y) \log(\omega) - 1 = \omega t \log(\omega) - 1 \geq D^{(A)}(G)$  for some non-trivial subgroup  $A$  of  $G$ . Then by [Lemma 2.2](#) we have

$$\overline{P(n_{r_1})} \cdot \overline{P(n_{r_2})} \cdots \overline{P(n_{r_k})} = \bar{b},$$

where  $\bar{b} \in A$ . Therefore there exists an integer  $l$  with  $\gcd(b, l) = 1$  such that

$$P(n_{r_1}) \cdot P(n_{r_2}) \cdots P(n_{r_k}) = bl^\omega.$$

From the inequality [equation \(17\)](#) we have

$$\log \omega \geq \log s - \log y - \log \log N.$$

- (1) Let us consider the polynomial  $P(x) = x(ax + q)$ . By [Lemma 2.5](#) we have that for all  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $s \geq C_\alpha N$  when  $y = N^\alpha$ . Therefore,

$$w \geq C_\alpha \frac{N^{1-\alpha}}{\log N}.$$

- (2) Next we consider the polynomial  $P(x) = x^2 + 1$ . By [Lemma 2.6](#) we have for all  $\alpha > 149/179$ ,  $s \geq C_\alpha N$  when  $y = N^\alpha$ . Set  $\alpha = \frac{149}{179} + \epsilon$ . Therefore,

$$w \geq C_\epsilon \frac{N^{\frac{30}{179} - \epsilon}}{\log N}.$$

- (3) Lastly, we consider the polynomial of degree  $l$  defined by  $P(x) = (x + 1)(x + 2) \dots (x + l)$ . From the [equation \(10\)](#) and for  $\alpha > e^{-\frac{1}{l-1}}$  we have  $s \geq C_\alpha N$  when  $y = N^\alpha$ . Take  $\alpha = e^{-\frac{1}{l-1}}\epsilon$  and one has

$$w \geq C_\epsilon \frac{N^{1 - \exp(-1/l) - \epsilon}}{\log N}.$$

**Upper bounds:** From the inequality [equation \(13\)](#) we find

$$\omega \leq \psi_P \left( \frac{N}{p}, p \right) \frac{\log N}{\log p} \tag{18}$$

for any polynomial  $P$ . From Lemmas 2.5, 2.6, and equation (10) one finds that the right side of equation (12) maximizes when  $p = N^{\frac{\alpha}{\alpha+1}}$  for a suitable  $\alpha$ . Hence

$$w \leq C_{\alpha} N^{\frac{1}{\alpha+1}}.$$

Now we choose any  $\alpha > 0$ ,  $\alpha = \frac{149}{179} + \epsilon$ , and  $\alpha = e^{-\frac{1}{l-1}} + \epsilon$  respectively for  $P(x) = x(ax+q)$ ,  $P(x) = x^2 + 1$ , and  $P(x) = (x+1)(x+2)\dots(x+l)$ . This will give the desired upper bounds and which completes the proof of the theorem.

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