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Articles of (and about)

## Erdős, Pál

On a problem of S. W. Golomb. (In English)

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A set of primes is defined in the following way:  $q_1 = 3$ ,  $q_2 = 5$ ,  $q_3 = 17$ , ...,  $q_k$  is the smallest prime greater than  $q_{k-1}$  for which  $q_k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q_i}$   $1 \le i < k$ . Let A(x) denote the number of  $q_i \le x$ . S. W. Golomb (Zbl 067.27503) proved that  $\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{A(x) \log x}{x} = 0$ .

In this paper the author proves that  $A(x) = (1 + o(1)) \frac{x}{\log x \log \log x}$ . The proof is based on use of Brun's method and results on primes in short arithmetic progression.

In the end the author states that by similar arguments the following more general result can be proved: Let r>1,  $Q_1>r+1$ ,  $Q_1$  prime, and  $Q_{i+1}$  the smallest prime greater than  $Q_i$  such that  $Q_{i+1}\not\equiv t\pmod{Q_j}$ ,  $1\leq j\leq i$ ,  $1\leq t\leq r$ . Let further  $B_{Q_1,r}(x)$  be the number of Q' not execceding x, then

$$B_{Q_1,r}(x) = (1 + o(1))x/\log x \log_2 x \cdots \log_{r+1} x$$

where  $\log_k x$  denotes the k time iterated logarithm. There are several misprints in the paper.

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