

$$t = \prod_{i=1}^u p_i, \quad 5 \leq p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_u,$$

where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_u$  are primes. Then  $p_2 \geq 7, p_3 \geq 11, \dots$ . If  $u \leq 139$ ,

$$4 \leq j = \frac{t-1}{\phi(t)} < \frac{t}{\phi(t)} = \prod_{i=1}^u \frac{p_i}{p_i-1} \leq \frac{5}{4} \frac{7}{6} \frac{11}{10} \dots \frac{811}{810} < 4.$$

(There are 139 primes from 5 to 811, inclusive.) This contradiction shows that  $u = \omega(t) \geq 140$  in this case, giving (iii) and completing the proof.

Using the above and results of Pomerance [6, esp. the Remark] and [7], it is not difficult to show that the number of natural numbers  $n$  such that  $n \leq x$ ,  $(\phi(n) + 1) | n$  and  $n$  is not a prime or twice a prime, is

$$O(x^{1/2} (\log x)^{3.4} (\log \log x)^{-5/6}).$$

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