

LUCAS PSEUDOPRIMES

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Abstract: Theorem on four types of pseudoprimes with respect to Lucas sequences are proved.

If n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q and n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , $(n, P) = 1$, then n is Lucas pseudoprime of four kinds.

Let U_n be a nondegenerate Lucas sequence with parameters P and $Q = \pm 1$, $\varepsilon = \pm 1$. Then, every arithmetic progression $ax + b$, where $(a, b) = 1$ which contains an odd integer n_0 with the Jacobi symbol $\left(\frac{D}{n_0}\right)$ equal to ε , contains infinitely many strong Lucas pseudoprimes n with parameters P and $Q = \pm 1$ such that $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = \varepsilon$ which are at the same time Lucas pseudoprimes of each of the four types.

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A *pseudoprime* to base a is a composite n such that $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$.

An odd composite number n is an *Euler pseudoprime* to base c if $(c, n) = 1$ and $c^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{c}{n}\right) \pmod n$, where $\left(\frac{c}{n}\right)$ is the Jacobi symbol.

Let D , P and Q be integers such that $D = P^2 - 4Q \neq 0$ and $P > 0$. Let $U_0 = 0$, $U_1 = 1$, $V_0 = 2$ and $V_1 = P$. The Lucas sequences U_k and V_k are defined recursively for $k \geq 2$ by

$$U_k = PU_{k-1} - QU_{k-2}, \quad V_k = PV_{k-1} - QV_{k-2}.$$

For $k \geq 0$, we also have

$$U_k = \frac{\alpha^k - \beta^k}{\alpha - \beta}, \quad V_k = \alpha^k + \beta^k,$$

where α and β are distinct roots of $x^2 - Px + Q = 0$.

We shall consider non-degenerate Lucas sequences, i.e. $U_k \neq 0$ if $k \geq 1$ (i.e. α/β is not a root of unity which is equivalent with $D = P^2 - 4Q \neq 0, -2Q, -3Q$).

For an odd prime n with $(n, QD) = 1$ we have (cf. [2], [7]):

$$U_{n - \left(\frac{D}{n}\right)}(P, Q) \equiv 0 \pmod n, \tag{1}$$

$$U_n(P, Q) \equiv \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \pmod{n}, \quad (2)$$

$$V_n(P, Q) \equiv P \pmod{n}, \quad (3)$$

$$V_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}. \quad (4)$$

For every positive integer n the congruences (1), (2) and (3) are linearly dependent mod n :

We have

$$AU_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} + B\left(U_n - \left(\frac{D}{n}\right)\right) + C(V_n - V_1) = 0 \quad (5)$$

in which

$$A = 2\alpha\beta, \quad B = -(\alpha + \beta), \quad C = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = 1$$

and

$$A = -2, \quad B = \alpha + \beta, \quad C = 1 \quad \text{for} \quad \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = -1.$$

Thus if $(n, 2PQD) = 1$ any two of the congruences (1), (2), (3) imply the other one.

Now we shall prove the following

Proposition P. *The natural number n , where $(n, 2QD) = 1$ satisfies (1), (2), (3) and (4) if and only if either*

$$\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = 1, \quad \alpha^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$$

or

$$\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = -1, \quad \alpha^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n} \quad \text{and} \quad \beta^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}.$$

Proof. Let $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = 1$, $(n, 2QD) = 1$, $\alpha^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$, $\beta^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$, then $\alpha^{n-1} - \beta^{n-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ and $U_{n-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $\alpha^n - \beta^n \equiv \alpha - \beta \pmod{n}$, hence $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$; $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{n}$, $V_n \equiv P \pmod{n}$; $\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1} \equiv 1 + 1 \equiv 2 \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}$, $V_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}$.

If $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = -1$, $(n, QD) = 1$, $\alpha^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$ and $\beta^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$, then $\alpha^{n+1} \equiv \alpha\beta \pmod{n}$, $\beta^{n+1} \equiv \alpha\beta \pmod{n}$, hence $(\alpha^{n+1} - \beta^{n+1})/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $U_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$; $\alpha^n - \beta^n \equiv \beta - \alpha \pmod{n}$, hence $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv -1 \equiv \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$, $U_n \equiv \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \pmod{n}$; $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \beta + \alpha \pmod{n}$, $V_n \equiv P \pmod{n}$; $\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} \equiv \beta\alpha + \alpha\beta \equiv 2\alpha\beta \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}$, $V_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}$.

Conversely, if n , where $(n, 2QD) = 1$, satisfies the congruences (2) and (3) then for $(\frac{D}{n}) = 1$ we have $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{n}$, $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, hence $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{n}$, $\alpha^n - \beta^n \equiv \alpha - \beta \pmod{n}$, $2\alpha^n \equiv 2\alpha \pmod{n}$, $2\beta^n \equiv 2\beta \pmod{n}$ and since $(n, 2QD) = 1$ we have $\alpha^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$, $\beta^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$.

If n , where $(n, 2QD) = 1$, satisfies the congruences (2) and (3) then for $(\frac{D}{n}) = -1$ we have $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$, $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{n}$, hence $\alpha^n - \beta^n \equiv \beta - \alpha \pmod{n}$, $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \beta + \alpha \pmod{n}$, $2\alpha^n \equiv 2\beta \pmod{n}$, $2\beta^n \equiv 2\alpha \pmod{n}$ and since $(n, 2QD) = 1$ we have $\alpha^n \equiv \beta \pmod{n}$, $\beta^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$. ■

A composite n is called a *Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q* if $(n, 2QD) = 1$ and (1) holds.

Many results have been published about these numbers (see [1], [2], [3], [4], [6], [7], [8], [9], [10], [11], [12], [13]).

Simple examples show that a composite n satisfying one of the congruences (1), (2), (3), (4) does not necessarily satisfy the others. It is easy to check that the number $323 = 17 \cdot 19$ is a Lucas pseudoprime with parameters $P = 1$, $Q = -1$ but does not satisfy the congruences (2), (3) and (4). Hence three other kinds of pseudoprimes can be distinguished (see [2]).

A composite n such that the congruence (3) holds are called *Dickson pseudoprime* with parameters P and Q (see [5], [6]).

A composite number n such that the congruence (2) holds are called *Lucas pseudoprime of the second kind with parameters P and Q* .

Yorinaga (see [14]) proved that there exist infinitely many *Lucas pseudoprimes of the second kind with parameters $P = 1$, $Q = -1$* . He also published (see [14]) a table of all 109 such numbers n up to 707000. The least such number is $n = 4181 = 37 \cdot 113$. The number 4181 is also the least composite number n which satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4) for $P = 1$, $Q = -1$.

A composite number n which satisfies the congruence (4) is called *Dickson pseudoprime of the second kind with parameters P and Q* .

Remark. If D is a square and n is a Carmichael number with $(n, QD) = 1$ then all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4) hold. Indeed, if D is a square $(n, QD) = 1$ and n is a Carmichael number then α and β are rational integers $\neq 0$, $(\frac{D}{n}) = 1$ and $(\alpha^{n-1} - \beta^{n-1})/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$: $(\alpha^n - \beta^n)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv (\alpha - \beta)/(\alpha - \beta) \equiv 1 \equiv (\frac{D}{n}) \pmod{n}$: $\alpha^n + \beta^n \equiv \alpha + \beta \pmod{n}$ and $\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1} \equiv 2 \equiv 2Q^{(1 - (\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \pmod{n}$.

In 1994 Alford, Granville & Pomerance (see [1]) proved that there are infinitely many Carmichael numbers.

If D is a square, $\alpha > 1$ is a positive integer, $\beta = \pm 1$ that is $P = \alpha \pm 1$, $Q = \pm \alpha$, $(n, 2QD) = 1$ and n is a Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q then $\alpha^n \equiv \alpha \pmod{n}$, $\beta^n = (\pm 1)^n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{n}$ and by proposition P the number n satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4).

The following problems arise

Problem 1. Let D be a square, P and Q be given integers, $\langle P, Q \rangle \neq \langle \alpha \pm 1, \pm \alpha \rangle$ i.e. $\beta \neq \pm 1$.

Do there exist in every arithmetic progression $ax + b$, where $(a, b) = 1$,

infinitely many

- a) Lucas pseudoprimes of the second kind with parameters P and Q ?
- b) Dickson pseudoprimes with parameters P and Q ?
- c) Dickson pseudoprimes of the second kind with parameters P and Q ?

For example: do there exist infinitely many composite n such that $3^n + 2^n \equiv 5 \pmod n$ in every arithmetic progression $ax + b$, where $(a, b) = 1$?

Problem 2. Given integers $P, Q \neq \pm 1$ with $D = P^2 - 4Q$ not a square, do there exist infinitely many

- a') Lucas pseudoprimes of the second kind with parameters P and Q ?
- b') Dickson pseudoprimes with parameters P and Q ?
- c') Dickson pseudoprimes of the second kind with parameters P and Q ?
- d') Arithmetic progressions formed from three different Dickson pseudoprimes?

Problem 3. Find a composite n with $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = -1$, $(n, 2PQD) = 1$, $Q \neq \pm 1$ which satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4). Do there exist infinitely many such composite n ?

An odd composite n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q (see [11]) and

$$U_{(n - (\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{if} \quad \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$$

or

$$V_{(n - (\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{if} \quad \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = -1.$$

We shall prove the following

Theorem 1. If n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q and n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , $(n, P) = 1$, then n satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4).

Proof. We have (see [10])

$$V_n - Q^{(n-1)/2} P = DU_{(n-1)/2} U_{(n+1)/2} \quad (6)$$

$$V_n + Q^{(n-1)/2} P = V_{(n-1)/2} V_{(n+1)/2}. \quad (7)$$

Since n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q we have

$$U_{(n - (\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{if} \quad \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1 \quad (8)$$

$$V_{(n - (\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{if} \quad \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = -1. \quad (9)$$

Let $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$. Since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) \equiv 1 \pmod n$.

By (8) we have $U_{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n$, hence

$$DU_{(n-1)/2}U_{(n+1)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod n,$$

and from (6) we get

$$V_n - Q^{(n-1)/2}P \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{and since} \quad Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod n$$

we have $V_n \equiv P \pmod n$ and n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters P and Q , and since n satisfies the congruence (1) and (3), $(n, 2PQD) = 1$, hence n satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4).

If $(\frac{Q}{n}) = -1$, then since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , we have $V_{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n$, hence

$$V_{(n-1)/2} \cdot V_{(n+1)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod n.$$

Since $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod n$, be (7) we have $V_n + (-1)P \equiv 0 \pmod n$ and $V_n \equiv P \pmod n$ and n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters P and Q , and since n satisfies the congruence (1) and (3), hence n satisfies all congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4). ■

Theorem 2. *If n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q , $(n, 2PQD) = 1$ and n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters P and Q , then n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q .*

Proof. Suppose that n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

Let $(\frac{Q}{n}) = 1$ then by (8), $U_{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n$, hence by (6), $V_n - Q^{(n-1)/2}P \equiv 0 \pmod n$ and $V_n \equiv Q^{(n-1)/2}P \pmod n$. Since n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters and Q we have $V_n \equiv P \pmod n$. Thus $Q^{(n-1)/2}P \equiv P \pmod n$ and since $(n, P) = 1$ we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 1 \equiv (\frac{Q}{n}) \pmod n$.

Since n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters P and Q we have $V_n \equiv P \pmod n$. Thus $Q^{(n-1)/2}P \equiv P \pmod n$ and since $(n, P) = 1$ we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 1 \equiv (\frac{Q}{n}) \pmod n$.

If $(\frac{Q}{n}) = -1$ then by (9) we have $V_{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2} \equiv 0 \pmod n$, hence $V_{(n-1)/2}V_{(n+1)/2} \equiv 0 \pmod n$ hence by (7), $V_n \equiv -Q^{(n-1)/2}P \pmod n$.

Since n is a Dickson pseudoprime with parameters P and Q we have $V_n \equiv P \pmod n$. Thus $-Q^{(n-1)/2}P \equiv P \pmod n$ and since $(n, P) = 1$ we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \equiv (\frac{Q}{n}) \pmod n$ and in the both cases we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv (\frac{Q}{n}) \pmod n$ and n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q . ■

R. Baillie and S. S. Wagstaff (see [2], Theorem 5) proved the following theorem:

Suppose $(n, 2QD) = 1$, $U_n \equiv (\frac{D}{n}) \pmod n$, and n is an Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

If n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , then n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

Now we shall prove the following theorem

Theorem 3. *If a square-free number n is a Dickson pseudoprime of the second kind with parameters P and Q , and n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , then n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .*

Proof. If n is a Dickson pseudoprime of the second kind with parameters P and Q , then

$$\alpha^{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} + \beta^{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 2Q^{(1-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2} \pmod{n}.$$

We consider four cases.

a) If $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = 1$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1} &\equiv 2 \pmod{n}, \\ D \left(\frac{\alpha^{(n-1)/2} - \beta^{(n-1)/2}}{\alpha - \beta} \right)^2 + 2(\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} &\equiv 2 \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

and since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, $2(\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 2 \pmod{n}$.

Thus since n is squarefree and $(n, D) = 1$, from $n \mid D \left(\frac{\alpha^{(n-1)/2} - \beta^{(n-1)/2}}{\alpha - \beta} \right)^2$ we get $n \mid U_{(n-1)/2} = U_{(n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2}$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$ and n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

b) If $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = 1$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = -1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1} &\equiv 2 \pmod{n}, \\ (\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} &\equiv \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{n}, \end{aligned}$$

$(\alpha^{(n-1)/2} + \beta^{(n-1)/2})^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 2 \pmod{n}$ and since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$, hence $-2(\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} \equiv 2 \pmod{n}$.

Thus since n is squarefree from $n \mid (\alpha^{(n-1)/2} + \beta^{(n-1)/2})^2$ we get that $n \mid \alpha^{(n-1)/2} + \beta^{(n-1)/2}$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = -1$ and n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

c) If $\left(\frac{D}{n}\right) = -1$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\alpha}^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} &\equiv 2 \pmod{n}, \\ D \left(\frac{\alpha^{(n+1)/2} - \beta^{(n+1)/2}}{\alpha - \beta} \right)^2 + 2(\alpha\beta)^{(n+1)/2} &\equiv 2\alpha\beta \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

and since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q , $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$ we have $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, hence $2(\alpha\beta)^{(n+1)/2} \equiv 2\alpha\beta \pmod{n}$.

Thus since n is squarefree $(D, n) = 1$, $n \mid D \left(\frac{\alpha^{(n+1)/2} - \beta^{(n+1)/2}}{\alpha - \beta} \right)^2$ we get $n \mid U_{(n+1)/2} = U_{(n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right))/2}$, $\left(\frac{Q}{n}\right) = 1$ and n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q .

d) If $(\frac{D}{n}) = -1$, $(\frac{Q}{n}) = -1$, then

$$\alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} \equiv 2\alpha\beta \pmod n,$$

$$\left(\alpha^{(n+1)/2} + \beta^{(n+1)/2}\right)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta)^{(n+1)/2} \equiv 2\alpha\beta \pmod n.$$

Since n is an Euler pseudoprime to base Q with $(\frac{Q}{n}) = -1$ we have $(\alpha\beta)^{(n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod n$, hence $-2(\alpha\beta)^{(n+1)/2} \equiv 2\alpha\beta \pmod n$.

Thus since n is squarefree from $n \mid (\alpha^{(n+1)/2} + \beta^{(n+1)/2})^2$ we get $n \mid \alpha^{(n+1)/2} + \beta^{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2} = V_{(n-(\frac{D}{n})) / 2}$, $(\frac{Q}{n}) = -1$ and n is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q . ■

A composite n is called a *strong Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q* (see [11]) if $(n, 2QD) = 1$, $n - (\frac{D}{n}) = 2^s \cdot r$, r odd and either

$$U_r \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{or} \quad V_{2^t r} \equiv 0 \pmod n \quad \text{for some } t, 0 \leq t < s. \tag{10}$$

In the joint paper [13] with A. Schinzel we proved the following theorem T.

Theorem T. *Given integers P, Q with $D = P^2 - 4Q \neq 0, -Q, -2Q, -3Q$ and $\varepsilon = \pm 1$, every arithmetic progression $ax + b$, where $(a, b) = 1$ which contains an odd integer n_0 with $(\frac{D}{n_0}) = \varepsilon$ contains infinitely many strong Lucas pseudoprimes n with parameters P and Q such that $(\frac{D}{n}) = \varepsilon$. The number $N(X)$ of such strong pseudoprimes not exceeding X satisfies*

$$N(X) > c(P, Q, a, b, \varepsilon) \frac{\log X}{\log \log X},$$

where $c(P, Q, a, b, \varepsilon)$ is a positive constant depending on P, Q, a, b, ε .

Every strong Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q is an Euler-Lucas pseudoprime with parameters P and Q (see [2]) and $Q^{(n-1)/2} \equiv (\frac{Q}{n}) \pmod n$ for n odd and $Q = 1$, or $Q = -1$, thus from theorem 1 and theorem T it follows the following

Theorem 4. *Let U_n be a nondegenerate Lucas sequence with parameters P and $Q = \pm 1$. Then, every arithmetic progression $ax + b$, where $(a, b) = 1$ which contains an odd integer n_0 with $(\frac{D}{n_0}) = \varepsilon$ contains infinitely many strong Lucas pseudoprimes n with parameters P and $Q = \pm 1$ such that $(\frac{D}{n}) = \varepsilon$, which satisfy congruences (1), (2), (3) and (4) simultaneously and the number $N(X)$ of strong pseudoprimes not exceeding X satisfies*

$$N(X) > c(P, a, b) \frac{\log X}{\log \log X},$$

where $c(P, a, b)$ is a positive constant depending on P, a, b .

The above theorem extends the theorem 2 of my paper [10] that if a and b are fixed coprime positive integers, $Q = \pm 1$, $(P, Q) \neq (1, 1)$, $D = P^2 - 4Q$

then in every arithmetic progression $ax + b$ there exist infinitely many composite n such that we have simultaneously

$$U_{n-\left(\frac{D}{n}\right)} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, \quad U_n \equiv \left(\frac{D}{n}\right) \pmod{n}, \quad V_n \equiv V_1 \pmod{n}.$$

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