Year: 2013 | Vol.: 82 | Fasc.: 1

Title: On the counting function of Stanley sequences

Author(s): Li-Xia Dai and Yong-Gao Chen

For a finite sequence $A = \{a_1 < a_2 < \cdots < a_t\}$ of nonnegative integers which contains no 3-term arithmetic progression, the Stanley sequence S generated by A is defined as follows: for $k \geq t$, a_{k+1} is the least integer $a > a_k$ such that $\{a_1, a_2, \ldots, a_k, a\}$ contains no 3-term arithmetic progression. Recently, Moy proved that $\liminf S(x)/\sqrt{x} \geq \sqrt{2}$, which solves a problem posed by Erdős et al., where S(x)is the counting function of S. In this note we show that $\limsup S(x)/\sqrt{x} \geq 1.77$.

Address:

Li-Xia Dai School of Mathematical Sciences and Institute of Mathematics Nanjing Normal University Nanjing 210046 P.R. CHINA

Address:

Yong-Gao Chen School of Mathematical Sciences and Institute of Mathematics Nanjing Normal University Nanjing 210046 P.R. CHINA