

Title: New results on the value of a certain arithmetical determinant

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Let m and n be integers such that $1 \leq m \leq n$. By

$$G_{m,n} = (\gcd(i, j))_{m \leq i, j \leq n}$$

we denote the $(n - m + 1) \times (n - m + 1)$ matrix having $\gcd(i, j)$ as its i, j -entry for all integers i and j between m and n . Smith showed in 1875 that $\det(G_{1,n}) = \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi(k)$, where φ is the Euler's totient function. In 2016, Hong, Hu and Lin proved that if $n \geq 2$ is an integer, then $\det(G_{2,n}) = \left(\prod_{k=1}^n \varphi(k) \right) \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \text{ is squarefree}}}^n \frac{1}{\varphi(k)}$. In this paper, we

show that if $n \geq 3$ is an integer, then $\det(G_{3,n}) = (\sigma_0 \sigma_1 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_1 \sigma_2 + \frac{1}{2} \sigma_0 \sigma_2) \prod_{k=1}^n \varphi(k)$,

where for $i = 0, 1$ and 2 , one has $\sigma_i := \sum_{\substack{k=1 \\ k \text{ is odd squarefree}}}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2^i} \rfloor} \frac{1}{\varphi(k)}$. Further, we calculate

the determinants of the matrices $(f(\gcd(x_i, x_j)))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ and $(f(\text{lcm}(x_i, x_j)))_{1 \leq i, j \leq n}$ having f evaluated at $\gcd(x_i, x_j)$ and $\text{lcm}(x_i, x_j)$ as their (i, j) -entries, respectively, where $S = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ is a set of distinct positive integers such that $x_i > 1$ for any integer i with $1 \leq i \leq n$, and $S \cup \{1, p\}$ is factor closed (that is, $S \cup \{1, p\}$ contains every divisor of x for any $x \in S \cup \{1, p\}$), where $p \notin S$ is a prime number. Our result answers partially an open problem raised by Ligh in 1988.

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