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Let  $k, n$  be any positive integers.  $A = \{a_1, \dots, a_n\}$  any finite, strictly increasing sequence of positive integers satisfying (\*)  $a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, \dots, a_k = k$ . Let us denote the number of integers which can be written in the form  $\prod_{i=1}^n a_i^{\varepsilon_i}$  ( $\varepsilon_i = 0$  or  $1$ ) or  $a_i a_j$  ( $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ ), respectively by  $f(A, n, k)$  and  $g(A, n, k)$ . Let us write  $F(n, k) = \min_A f(A, n, k)$  and  $G(n, k) = \min_A g(A, n, k)$ , where the minima are extended over all sequence  $A$  satisfying (\*) and  $|A| = n$ . The authors conjectured in an earlier paper [Studia Sci. Math. Hung. 9, 161-171 (1974; Zbl 304.10034)] that (1)  $G(n, k)/n > c_1 \cdot G(k, k)/k$  for every  $n \geq k$ , and furthermore, that for any  $\omega > 0$ ,  $k > k_0(\omega)$  and  $n \geq k$ , we have  $F(n, k) > n^2 k^\omega$  or perhaps (2)  $n^2 \exp\left(\frac{c_2 k}{\log k}\right) < F(n, k) < n^2 \exp(c_3 k / \log k)$  for large  $k$  and  $n \geq k$ . In this paper, the authors disprove (1) and prove a slightly weaker form of (2).

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