

## Theorem $T(n, A003056(n)) - T(n-1, A003056(n-1)) = \sigma(n)$

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$T(n, k) = \text{Sum}_{\{j = 1 .. k\}} (-1)^{j+1} * S(n, j)^2$ ,  $n \geq 0$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq A003056(n)$ , where  $S(n, j)$  is the  $j$ -th entry in the  $n$ -th row of the triangle of A235791 .

Case 1:  $A003056(n) = A003056(n-1) = m$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & T(n, A003056(n)) - T(n-1, A003056(n-1)) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} (A235791(n, k))^2 - \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} (A235791(n-1, k))^2 \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right)^2 - \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \left( \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right)^2 \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \left( \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right)^2 - \left( \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right)^2 \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil - \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right) \times \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right) \\
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} A237048(n, k) \times \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil \right) =
 \end{aligned}$$

now,  $\left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil = \left\lceil \frac{n}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil + 1$  precisely when  $A237048(n, k) = 1$ , therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} A237048(n, k) \times \left( \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil + \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil - 1 \right) \\
 &= 2 \times \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} A237048(n, k) \times \left\lceil \frac{n+1}{k} - \frac{k+1}{2} \right\rceil - \sum_{k=1}^m (-1)^{k+1} A237048(n, k) \\
 &= \sigma(n)
 \end{aligned}$$

For the last step in the argument see the Comments section in A249223 and the Links sections in A264116 and A280851 proving that the symmetric representation of sigma for  $n$  equals  $\sigma(n)$ .

Case 2:  $A003056(n) = a003056(n-1) + 1$

In this case  $n = m(m+1)/2$  is a triangular number,  $A003056(n) = m$ ,  $S(n, m) = 1$ , and value  $S(n-1, m) = 0$  extends row  $n-1$  of A235791. With these values the computation of Case 1 applies.

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As a consequence, the right border of the irregular triangle in A236630 is sequence A024916.