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Articles of (and about)

On the greatest prime factor of $\prod_{k=1}^{x} f(k)$. (In English)

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Let f be an irreducible polynomial with integer coefficients of degree exceeding 1, denote by P(n) the largest prime divisor of n and for positive integer x let F(f,x) be the product f(1)...f(x). The first author proved [J. Lond. Math. Soc. 27, 379-384 (1952; Zbl 046.04102)] that for sufficiently large x one has $P(F(f,x)) > x \log^t x$, with $t = c \log \log \log x$ and c = c(f) > 0, and stated the stronger bound

(1)
$$P(F(f,x)) > x \exp(\log^d x),$$

with a certain positive d = d(f). The authors show now

$$P(F(f,x)) > x \exp \exp(c(\log \log x)^{1/3}).$$

with a positive absolute constant c. In an added footnote they write that the assertion (1) has been recently established by G. Tenenbaum [A tribute to Paul Erdős, 405- 443 (1990; Zbl 713.11069)].

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