Proof: A241008 U A241010 == A174905

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Definition:

Let s|n and t|n with s < t be a pair of divisors of n

- (1) (s, t) is called a 2-pair if $s < t < 2 \times s$.
- (2) (s, t) is called a *minimal 2-pair* if it is a 2-pair and minimal in the lexicographic ordering. [i.e. (a, b) $<_L$ (x, y) if (i) a < x or (ii) a = x and b < y]

Simple computations establish the following two observations:

- (1) For every minimal 2-pair (s, t), gcd(s, t) = 1, 1 < s, t is odd and the inequality $t \le \left| \left(\sqrt{8 \times n + 1} 1 \right) / 2 \right| = r_n$ holds.
- (2) Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n = 2^m \times q$ with $m \ge 0$ and $q \ge 1$ odd. The following two statements are equivalent:
 - (a) No pair of divisors s < t of n is a 2-pair.
 - (b) Every pair of odd divisors s < t of n satisfies $2^{m+1} \times s < t$.

Theorem

A174905 = A241008 U A241010

Proof of A174905 ⊆ A241008 U A241010:

Let $n \in A174905$. The link in A238443 shows a proof that $n = 2^k \in A241008$, $k \ge 0$. Therefore, we may assume that $n = 2^m \times q$ with $m \ge 0$ and q > 1 odd. Let $1 = s_0 < s_1 < s_2 < ... < s_k \le n$, $k \ge 1$, be all odd divisors of n. By Observation (2), $2^{m+1} \times s_i < s_{i+1}$ holds for all $0 \le i < k$. This implies that the entries of 1's in the n-th row of triangle A237048 alternate between odd and even indices:

$$1 = s_0 < 2^{m+1} < s_1 < 2^{m+1} \times s_1 < s_2 < \dots < s_i (< 2^{m+1} \times s_i) \le r_n,$$

up through an appropriate index i. Therefore, the widths of the regions for the symmetric representation of $\sigma(n)$, n-th row in triangle A249223, alternate between 1 and 0, starting with 1. The number of regions is even if in the n-th row of triangle A237048 the largest index with a 1 has the form $2^{m+1} \times s_i$ so that $n \in A241008$, and odd if its has the form s_i so that $n \in A241010$.

Proof of A241008 ∪ A241010 ⊆ A174905:

We prove the contrapositive; so let $n \notin A174905$ with $n = 2^m \times q$, $m \ge 0$, q > 1 odd, and let (s, t) be a minimal 2-pair for n. By Observation (1), gcd(s, t) = 1, t is odd, $t \le r_n$, and 1 < s. If s = 2 then t = 3 and the n-th row of triangle A 237048 starts 1 0 1 ... so that the width of the first region of the symmetric representation of $\sigma(n)$ will be 2 for its third leg, that is, $n \notin A241008 \cup A241010$. Therefore, $s \ge 3$. Let $1 \le x < y \le s$ be any pair of odd divisors of n. If $y < 2^{m+1} \times x$ then there is $0 \le j \le m$ such that $2^j \times x < y < 2^{j+1} \times x$, i.e. $(2^j \times x, y)$ is a 2-pair, contradicting minimality of (s, t). Let $1 = s_0 < \ldots < s_i < s$, for suitable $i \ge 1$, be the odd divisors of n less than s, then:

$$1 = s_0 < 2^{m+1} < s_1 < 2^{m+1} \times s_1 < \dots < s_i < 2^{m+1} \times s_i < s < t < 2 \times s$$
 if s is odd, and $1 = s_0 < 2^{m+1} < s_1 < 2^{m+1} \times s_1 < \dots < s_i < s = 2^k \times u < t < 2 \times s = 2^{k+1} \times u \le 2^{m+1} \times u$

if $s = 2^k \times u$ with $0 < k \le m$ and u > 1 odd. That is, odd and even indices with entries of 1's in the n-th row of triangle A237048 alternate between 1 and 0 starting with 1, until s when it is odd, and until s_i

when s is even. In either case, there are two successive 1's at odd indices s & t and s_i & t, respectively, since even indices with entries of 1 have the form $2^{m+1} \times x$ for some odd x. That means that the entry at index t in the n-th row of triangle A249223 will have a value of 2, so that n ∉ A241008 ∪ A241010.