

# A Limit Problem Involving the F.Smarandache Square Complementary

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**Abstract:** The main purpose of this paper is using the elementary method to study a limit problem involving the F.Smarandache square complementary number, and obtain its limit value.

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## §1. Introduction and Results

For any positive integer  $n$ , we call  $Ssc(n)$  as the square complementary of  $n$  if  $Ssc(n)$  denotes the least positive integer such that  $Ssc(n)n$  is a perfect square. For example,  $Ssc(1) = 1$ ,  $Ssc(2) = 2$ ,  $Ssc(3) = 3$ ,  $Ssc(4) = 1$ ,  $Ssc(5) = 5$ ,  $Ssc(6) = 6$ ,  $Ssc(7) = 7$ ,  $Ssc(8) = 2$ ,  $Ssc(9) = 1$ ,  $Ssc(10) = 10$ ,  $\dots$ . In reference [1], Professor F.Smarandache asked us to study the properties of  $Ssc(n)$ . About this problem, many people had studied it, and obtained many interesting results, see [2] and [3]. For example, Felice Russo<sup>[3]</sup> studied the arithmetical properties of  $Ssc(n)$ , and proved many conclusions. At the same time, he also presented 21 unsolved problems. Maohua Le<sup>[4]</sup> solved the problems 5, 6 and 7. Maohua Le<sup>[6-7]</sup> solved problems 13 and 17 respectively. But the problem 16 still have not been solved at present. That is, whether there exists a limit for

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\ln(Ssc(k))}{\ln k}.$$

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In this paper, we use the elementary method to study this problem, and prove the following sharper conclusion:

**Theorem** Let  $Ssc(n)$  denotes the square complementary of  $n$ , for any positive integer  $n > 2$ , we have the asymptotic formula

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\ln(Ssc(k))}{\ln k} = n + O\left(\frac{n \ln \ln n}{\ln n}\right).$$

From this Theorem we may immediately get the following:

**Corollary** Let  $Ssc(n)$  denotes the square complementary of  $n$ , then we have the limit formula

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\ln(Ssc(k))}{\ln k} = 1.$$

It is clear that this corollary solved problem 16 of [3].

## §2. Proof of the Theorem

In this section, we will complete the proof of the theorem. For any positive integer  $n$ , it is clear that there exist unique positive integers  $l$  and  $m$  such that  $n = m^2 l$ , where  $l$  is a square-free number. So we have  $Ssc(n) = Ssc(l) = l$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\ln(Ssc(k))}{\ln k} \\ &= \sum_{m^2 l \leq n} \frac{|\mu(l)| \ln l}{\ln(m^2 l)} \\ &= \sum_{l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \ln l \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \left( \frac{1}{\ln l} - \frac{2 \ln m}{\ln l (2 \ln m + \ln l)} \right) \\ &= \sum_{l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} 1 - \sum_{l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \frac{2 \ln m}{2 \ln m + \ln l} \\ &= \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{n}} \sum_{l \leq \frac{n}{m^2}} |\mu(l)| - \sum_{l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \frac{2 \ln m}{2 \ln m + \ln l}. \end{aligned} \tag{1.1}$$

Noting that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^2} &= \zeta(2) + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right); \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n^2} &= \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right); \\ \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} &= 2\sqrt{x} + \zeta\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + O\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}\right). \end{aligned}$$

The first term on the right hand side of (1) is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{n}} \sum_{l \leq \frac{n}{m^2}} |\mu(l)| \\
&= \sum_{m^2 l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \\
&= \sum_{m^2 l \leq n} \sum_{d^2 | l} \mu(d) \\
&= \sum_{m^2 d^2 t \leq n} \mu(d) \\
&= \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \mu(d) \sum_{m^2 t \leq \frac{n}{d^2}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \mu(d) \sum_{m \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{d}} \sum_{t \leq \frac{n}{m^2 d^2}} 1 \\
&= \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \mu(d) \sum_{m \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{d}} \left( \frac{n}{m^2 d^2} + O(1) \right) \\
&= n \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} \sum_{m \leq \frac{\sqrt{n}}{d}} \frac{1}{m^2} + O \left( \sqrt{n} \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{|\mu(d)|}{d} \right) \\
&= n \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{\mu(d)}{d^2} \left( \zeta(2) + O \left( \frac{d}{\sqrt{n}} \right) \right) + O \left( \sqrt{n} \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{|\mu(d)|}{d} \right) \\
&= n \zeta(2) \cdot \frac{1}{\zeta(2)} + O \left( \sqrt{n} \sum_{d \leq \sqrt{n}} \frac{|\mu(d)|}{d} \right) \\
&= n + O(\sqrt{n} \ln n). \tag{1.2}
\end{aligned}$$

The second term on the right hand side of (1) is

$$\begin{aligned}
& \sum_{l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \frac{2 \ln m}{2 \ln m + \ln l} \\
&= \sum_{l \leq \frac{n}{(\ln n)^2}} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \frac{2 \ln m}{2 \ln m + \ln l} + \sum_{\frac{n}{(\ln n)^2} < l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \sum_{m \leq \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}}} \frac{2 \ln m}{2 \ln m + \ln l} \\
&= O \left( \sum_{l \leq \frac{n}{(\ln n)^2}} |\mu(l)| \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}} \right) + O \left( \sum_{\frac{n}{(\ln n)^2} < l \leq n} |\mu(l)| \frac{\ln \ln n}{\ln n} \sqrt{\frac{n}{l}} \right) \\
&= O \left( \sqrt{n} \sum_{l \leq \frac{n}{(\ln n)^2}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}} \right) + O \left( \frac{\sqrt{n} \ln \ln n}{\ln n} \sum_{\frac{n}{(\ln n)^2} < l \leq n} \frac{1}{\sqrt{l}} \right) \\
&= O \left( \frac{n \ln \ln n}{\ln n} \right). \tag{1.3}
\end{aligned}$$

Combining (1), (2) and (3), we have

$$\sum_{k=2}^n \frac{\ln(Ssc(k))}{\ln k} = n + O\left(\frac{n \ln \ln n}{\ln n}\right).$$

This completes the proof of theorem.

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