

# ON THE AVERAGE NUMBER OF REPRESENTATIONS OF AN INTEGER AS A SUM OF LIKE PRIME POWERS

ABSTRACT. We investigate the average number of representations of a positive integer as the sum of  $k + 1$  perfect  $k$ -th powers of primes considering only integers  $n$  belonging to a short interval  $[N, N + H]$ , say, where  $H > 1$  is as small as possible. We extend recent results of Languasco and Zaccagnini [see [2] and [1]], which dealt with the case  $k = 2$  and  $k = 3$  respectively. We use the same technique to study the corresponding problem for sums of just  $k$  perfect  $k$ -th powers of primes and we also obtain “conditional” results assuming the validity of the Riemann Hypothesis (RH).

## REFERENCES

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