1067-11-923Lenny Jones and Dan White* (dw9878@ship.edu), Department of Mathematics, Shippensburg
University, 1871 Old Main Drive, Shippensburg, PA 17257. Appending Digits to Generate an
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Let $D = [d_1, \ldots, d_t]$, where $d_i \in \{0, 1, \ldots, 9\}$, and let k be a positive integer. We generate an infinite sequence $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of positive integers by repeatedly appending, in order, one at a time, the digits from the list D to the integer k, in one of four ways: always on the left, always on the right, alternating and starting on the left, or alternating and starting on the right. For example, if k = 35 and D = [1, 7, 9], then the sequence generated by appending the digits from D to k in an alternating manner, starting on the left, is:

 $s_1 = 135$, $s_2 = 1357$, $s_3 = 91357$, $s_4 = 913571$, $s_5 = 7913571$, ...

In each of these four situations, we investigate, for various lists D, when there exist infinitely many positive integers k, such that every term of the sequence $\{s_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is composite. (Received September 16, 2010)