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Proof to the twin prime conjecture

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Abstract

The elementary proof to the twin prime conjecture.

The content of the article

Let  $p_s$  denote the  $s$ 'th prime and  $P_s$  the product of the first  $s$  primes.

Define  $A_s$  to be the set of all positive integers less than  $P_s$  which are relatively prime to  $P_s$ .

1. Each  $A_s$ , for  $s \geq 3$ , contains two elements which differ by 2.
2. Consider the finite arithmetic progression  $\{a + mP_s\}$ , where  $a$  is in  $A_s$  and  $0 \leq m < P_s$ . More than half of the elements are prime.
3. Combining 1) and 2), there is always a pair of twin primes which are relatively prime to  $P_s$ , and therefore infinitely many twin primes.

For every pair of values  $a, b$  in  $A_s$  differing by  $d$ , there exist at least  $p_{s+1} - 2$  pairs of values in  $A_{s+1}$  differing by  $d$ . (And exactly that many when  $d$  is not divisible by  $p_{s+1}$ ).

Given this, the claim follows using induction with  $d = 2$ , noting for the base case that 11, 13 are both in  $A_3$ .

The proof is as follows: Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $A_s$ , with  $b - a = d$ . Consider the set of values  $a + mP_s$ , where  $0 \leq m < p_{s+1}$ . These are all less than  $P_{s+1}$ , and since  $P_s$  is relatively prime to  $p_{s+1}$ , there is a unique value  $m_1$  with  $a + m_1P_s$  divisible by  $p_{s+1}$ . Similarly, there is a unique value  $m_2$  with  $b + m_2P_s$  divisible by  $p_{s+1}$ . Furthermore, if  $m_1 = m_2$ , then  $(b + m_2P_s) - (a + m_1P_s) = d$  would be divisible by  $p_{s+1}$ . So when  $d$  is not divisible by  $p_{s+1}$ , for the  $p_{s+1} - 2$  values of  $0 \leq m < p_{s+1}$  which are not equal to  $m_1$  or  $m_2$ , the pair  $(a + mP_s, b + mP_s)$  are a pair in  $A_{s+1}$  differing by  $d$ .

Proof of 2

Consider the finite arithmetic progression  $\{a + mP_s\}$ , where  $a$  is in  $A_s$  and  $0 \leq m < P_s$ . More than half of the elements are prime.

The largest number generated by  $a + mP_s = P_s^2 - 1$  is when  $a = P_s - 1$  and  $m = P_s - 1$

Able to approximate all the non-prime numbers generated by the arithmetic progression  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$  where  $0 \leq m < P_s$  with arithmetic progression  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$  where  $1 \leq n \leq P_s + 1$ .

The first and last terms of the two arithmetic progressions are equal:  $P_s - 1 + 0 \times P_s = 0 + 1 \times (P_s - 1)$  and  $P_s - 1 + (P_s - 1)P_s = 0 + (P_s + 1)(P_s - 1)$ .

And the approximate arithmetic progression common difference is smaller:  $P_s - 1 < P_s$ .

Therefore able to generate non-overlapping  $P_s$  integer intervals between and inclusive of  $P_s - 1$  to  $(P_s - 1)(P_s + 1)$  such that each interval only contains a number from  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$ .

The inclusive intervals are as follows:

$$P_s - 1 \text{ to } 2 \times (P_s - 1) - 1$$

$$2 \times (P_s - 1) \text{ to } 3 \times (P_s - 1) - 1$$

$$3 \times (P_s - 1) \text{ to } 4 \times (P_s - 1) - 1$$

$$4 \times (P_s - 1) \text{ to } 5 \times (P_s - 1) - 1$$

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$$\left(\frac{P_s}{2} + 1\right) \times (P_s - 1) \text{ to } \frac{P_s+2}{2} \times (P_s - 1) - 1$$

$$\frac{P_s+2}{2} \times (P_s - 1) \text{ to } \left(\frac{P_s+2}{2} + 1\right) \times (P_s - 1)$$

$$\left(\frac{P_s+2}{2} + 1\right) \times (P_s - 1) + 1 \text{ to } \left(\frac{P_s+2}{2} + 2\right) \times (P_s - 1)$$

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$$(P_s + 1 - 3) \times (P_s - 1) + 1 \text{ to } (P_s + 1 - 2) \times (P_s - 1)$$

$$(P_s + 1 - 2) \times (P_s - 1) + 1 \text{ to } (P_s + 1 - 1) \times (P_s - 1)$$

$$(P_s + 1 - 1) \times (P_s - 1) + 1 \text{ to } (P_s - 1) \times (P_s + 1)$$

All terms of  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$  when  $n > 1$  are non-prime numbers.

Assume  $1 \times (P_s - 1)$  is non-prime.

Apply the restriction that all non-prime numbers must be odd to arithmetic progression  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$

There are already least  $(P_s + 1) - \frac{P_s+2}{2}$  prime numbers in arithmetic progression  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$  after converting  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$  into  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$ .

The first and last terms of the two arithmetic progressions are equal:  $P_s - 1 + 0 \times P_s = 0 + 1 \times (P_s - 1)$  and  $P_s - 1 + (P_s - 1)P_s = 0 + (P_s + 1)(P_s - 1)$

To convert from arithmetic progression  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$  to arithmetic progression  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$  where  $1 \leq n \leq P_s + 1$  and  $0 \leq m < P_s$ .

First remove the term  $0 + \frac{P_s+1+1}{2} \times (P_s - 1)$ .

For all terms less than  $0 + \frac{P_s+1+1}{2} \times (P_s - 1)$  and greater than  $0 + 1 \times (P_s - 1)$  add a positive integer.

For all terms greater than  $0 + \frac{P_s+1+1}{2} \times (P_s - 1)$  and less than  $0 + (P_s + 1) \times (P_s - 1)$  subtract a positive integer.

Therefore revising the number of prime numbers in arithmetic progression  $P_s - 1 + mP_s$  to be at least  $(P_s) - \left(\frac{P_s+2}{2} - 2\right)$

$$\frac{P_s + 1 + 1}{2} - 2 < \frac{P_s}{2}$$

Now consider the finite arithmetic progression  $\{a + mP_s\}$ , where  $a$  is in  $A_s$  and  $0 \leq m < P_s$  and  $a \neq P_s - 1$ .

The approximate arithmetic progress  $0 + n(P_s - 1)$  can be adjusted to become  $-(P_s - 1) + a + n(P_s - 1)$  where  $1 \leq n \leq P_s + 1$ .

For example  $1 + mP_s$  has the approximate arithmetic progression  $-(P_s - 1) + 1 + n(P_s - 1)$ .

The value of  $a$  is relatively prime to  $P_s - 1$ . Therefore for all odd numbers in approximate arithmetic progression  $-(P_s - 1) + a + n(P_s - 1)$  where  $3 \leq n \leq P_s - 1$  to be odd non-prime numbers then for each  $-(P_s - 1) + a + n(P_s - 1)$  must be divisible by  $n$ . But  $-(P_s - 1) + a + 3(P_s - 1)$  is not divisible by 3. But  $-(P_s - 1) + a + (P_s - 1)(P_s - 1)$  is not divisible by  $(P_s - 1)$ . Therefore there are at least 2 odd numbers in  $-(P_s - 1) + a + n(P_s - 1)$  which are prime.

Therefore the maximum number of possible non-prime generated which could be non-prime numbers in actual arithmetic progression is  $\frac{P_s + 1 + 1}{2} - 2$

$$\frac{P_s + 1 + 1}{2} - 2 < \frac{P_s}{2}$$

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