

Title: Unknown Pattern of prime numbers.

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Abstract:

This text develops and formulates the discovery of an unknown pattern for prime numbers, with amazing and calculable characteristics. Using a mechanism similar to the Collatz conjecture.

Prime numbers Pattern

A clear rule of thumb states exactly what makes a prime number: it is an integer that cannot be divided exactly by any other number except 1 and itself. But there is no discernible pattern in the appearance of the prime numbers. Beyond the obvious - after numbers 2 and 5, prime numbers cannot be even or end in 5. There seems to be little structure that can help predict where the next prime number will appear.

Discovering the pattern of prime numbers

Let the following operation be applicable to any odd natural number greater than 1.

Let (m): the number to be tested.

We apply

Development has two variables

Formula A	Formula B
$k > 1 \in \mathbb{N}$	$k > 1 \in \mathbb{N}$
$m = 2k + 1 \Leftrightarrow k \equiv 1 \vee 2 \pmod{4}$	$m = 2k + 1 \Leftrightarrow k \equiv 0 \vee 3 \pmod{4}$
$\rightarrow n = -1$	$\rightarrow n = 1$
$n = \textit{initial succession number}$	$n = \textit{initial succession number}$

- If (n) is even, divide by 2.
- If (n) is odd, add (m) and divide by 2.

Formally, this corresponds to a function $f: \mathbb{N} \mapsto \mathbb{N}$

$$f(m) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+m}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

Given any number, we can consider its cycle, that is, the successive i images when iterating the function.

We can calculate the number of images that the cycle forms f_x as follows:

For example: $f(m) = 13$:

$$f_x = \left(\frac{f(m) - 1}{2} \right) - 1$$

$$f_x = \left(\frac{13 - 1}{2} \right) - 1 = 5$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq f_x \leq 5$$

Formula A: Calculation of the starting number.

$$13 = 2 * 6 + 1 \Leftrightarrow 6 \equiv 1 \vee 2 \pmod{4} \rightarrow n = -1 \text{ (nº initial)}$$

$$f_x(m) = i$$

$$f_5(13) = \frac{-1 + 13}{2} = \mathbf{6}$$

$$f_4(f_5(13)) = \frac{6}{2} = \mathbf{3}$$

$$f_3(f_4(f_5(13))) = \frac{3 + 13}{2} = \mathbf{8}$$

$$f_2(f_3(f_4(f_5(13)))) = \frac{8}{2} = \mathbf{4}$$

$$f_1(f_2(f_3(f_4(f_5(13)))))) = \frac{4}{2} = \mathbf{2}$$

$$f_0(f_1(f_2(f_3(f_4(f_5(13)))))) = \frac{2}{2} = \mathbf{1}$$

Proposition:

- **New conjecture of prime numbers:** Once the function is executed $f(m)$ all odd prime numbers end the sequence in $f_0 = 1$

$$P = \{3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 79, 83, 89, \dots\}$$

- Base 2 pseudoprimes also end in 1.
- Therefore, odd composite numbers that are not base 2 pseudoprimes end with $f_0 \neq 1$

Pseudoprime numbers (Euler-Jacobi pseudoprimes).

$$P_{sp} = \{561, 1.105, 1.729, 1.905, 2.047, 2.465, 3.277, 4.033, 4.681, 6.601, 8.321, 8.481, 10.585, 12.801, 15.841, 16.705, 18.705, 25.761, 29.341, 30.121, 33.153, 34.945, 41041, 42.799, \dots\}$$

Reference OEIS [A047713](#)

*These represent a very small portion of the set of composite numbers.
His images form patterns within the cycle.*

The succession of images forms a cycle

- Each odd number (m) has a unique and unrepeatable cycle, with images (i) such that, $0 < (i) < m$.
- The cycle will be formed by the total number of images, cycle = $f_x + 1$

Cycle characteristics

- A. There are cycles with repeated images, forming patterns.
- B. There are cycles with images without repeating.

A) Prime numbers with patterns in their cycles

They are those prime numbers whose images are repeated forming patterns.

$$P_A = \{31, 43, 73, 89, 109, 113, 127, 151, 157, 223, 229, 233, 241, 251, 257, 277, 281, 283, 307, \dots\}$$

Reference OEIS [A082595](#)

Example:

$f(m) = 31$		$f_x = \left(\frac{f(m) - 1}{2}\right) - 1$
f_x	i	
f_{14}	16	$f_x = \left(\frac{31 - 1}{2}\right) - 1 = 14$ $\therefore 0 \leq f_x \leq 14$ <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Formula B:</u></p> $31 = 2 * 15 + 1 \Leftrightarrow$ $15 \equiv 0 \vee 3 \pmod{4}$ $\rightarrow n = 1 \text{ (initial number)}$ $f_{14} = \frac{1 + 31}{2} = 16$ $\text{cycle} = f_x + 1$ $\text{cycle} = f_{14} + 1 = 15$
f_{13}	8	
f_{12}	4	
f_{11}	2	
f_{10}	1	
f_9	16	
f_8	8	
f_7	4	
f_6	2	
f_5	1	
f_4	16	
f_3	8	
f_2	4	
f_1	2	
f_0	1	

The patterns of each cycle are linked to the dividers of the cycle.

Example above with loop 15, you have a pattern of $1 * 15$, $15 * 1$, $5 * 3$, or $3 * 5$.

In this case you have 3 patterns of 5 images each.

B) Prime numbers with cycles without repetition

They are those prime numbers whose images are not repeated.

$$P_B = \{3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,37,41,47,53,59,61,67,71,79,83,97,101,103,107, \dots\}$$

Examples of prime numbers with cycles without repeating numbers.

$f(m) = 17$		$f(m) = 19$		$f(m) = 23$	
f_x	i	f_x	i	f_x	i
f_7	9	f_8	9	f_{10}	12
f_6	13	f_7	14	f_9	6
f_5	15	f_6	7	f_8	3
f_4	16	f_5	13	f_7	13
f_3	8	f_4	16	f_6	18
f_2	4	f_3	8	f_5	9
f_1	2	f_2	4	f_4	16
f_0	1	f_1	2	f_3	8
	Formula B	f_0	1	f_2	4
			Formula A	f_1	2
				f_0	1
					Formula B

$f(m) = 29$		$f(m) = 37$	
f_x	i	f_x	i
f_{13}	14	f_{17}	18
f_{12}	7	f_{16}	9
f_{11}	18	f_{15}	23
f_{10}	9	f_{14}	30
f_9	19	f_{13}	15
f_8	24	f_{12}	26
f_7	12	f_{11}	13
f_6	6	f_{10}	25
f_5	3	f_9	31
f_4	16	f_8	34
f_3	8	f_7	17
f_2	4	f_6	27
f_1	2	f_5	32
f_0	1	f_4	16
	Formula A	f_3	8
		f_2	4
		f_1	2
		f_0	1
			Formula A

Odd Composite Numbers

The characteristic of odd composite numbers is that $f_0 \neq 1$, this happens for all odd composite numbers that are not base 2 pseudoprimes.

$$C = \{9, 15, 21, 25, 27, 33, 35, 39, 45, 49, 51, 55, 57, 63, 65, 69, 75, 77, 81, 85, 91, 93, 95, \dots\}$$

Examples of odd composite numbers

$f(m) = 15$		$f(m) = 25$		$f(m) = 27$	
f_x	i	f_x	i	f_x	i
f_6	8	f_{11}	13	f_{12}	13
f_5	4	f_{10}	19	f_{11}	20
f_4	2	f_9	22	f_{10}	10
f_3	1	f_8	11	f_9	5
f_2	8	f_7	18	f_8	16
f_1	4	f_6	9	f_7	8
f_0	2	f_5	17	f_6	4
		f_4	21	f_5	2
		f_3	23	f_4	1
		f_2	24	f_3	14
		f_1	12	f_2	7
		f_0	6	f_1	17
				f_0	22

Formula B

Formula B

Formula A

Demonstration

Each image that forms the cycle has an order in the power of 2, so if we apply modular arithmetic to these we can obtain equivalent congruences for all images.

Example of what happens with prime numbers:

$f(m) = 19$		$2^{f_x} \quad i \equiv (\text{Mod } f(m)19)$	
f_x	i		
f_8	9	2^8	$\equiv 9 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_7	14	2^7	$\equiv 14 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_6	7	2^6	$\equiv 7 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_5	13	2^5	$\equiv 13 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_4	16	2^4	$\equiv 16 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_3	8	2^3	$\equiv 8 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_2	4	2^2	$\equiv 4 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_1	2	2^1	$\equiv 2 (\text{Mod } 19)$
f_0	1	2^0	$\equiv 1 (\text{Mod } 19)$

"Ultimately each image is transformed into a congruent residue"

Example of what happens with odd composite numbers:

$f(m) = 25$		$2^{f_x} \quad i \not\equiv (\text{Mod } f(m)25)$	
f_x	i		
f_{11}	13	2^{11}	$\not\equiv 13 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_{10}	19	2^{10}	$\not\equiv 19 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_9	22	2^9	$\not\equiv 22 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_8	11	2^8	$\not\equiv 11 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_7	18	2^7	$\not\equiv 18 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_6	9	2^6	$\not\equiv 9 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_5	17	2^5	$\not\equiv 17 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_4	21	2^4	$\not\equiv 21 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_3	23	2^3	$\not\equiv 23 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_2	24	2^2	$\not\equiv 24 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_1	12	2^1	$\not\equiv 12 (\text{Mod } 25)$
f_0	6	2^0	$\not\equiv 6 (\text{Mod } 25)$

"Then each image becomes a non-congruent residue"

Pseudoprime numbers have the same characteristic as prime numbers.

Conclusion

After the function is executed, all prime numbers end in $f_0 = 1$. Which shows us a totally unknown and interesting new feature of prime numbers.

While the number sequences are expressed in the OEIS encyclopedia. There is no paper or text that refers to this function as it is presented and developed in this document.

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Download the spreadsheet to check more numbers and play with prime numbers.

<https://www.academia.edu/50803638>

Other works on prime numbers of the author

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