# On the Polignac's Conjecture

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**Abstract:** The approach of this proof, is to show that whatever of the even number, it is always be decomposed into the difference of two odd numbers. Then, with the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, it can be show the necessary existence of a prime number Pi less than 2n when 2n is more than 3. We deduce that 2n is the difference of a prime number and an odd number. An arithmetic sequence of parameter n and first term Pi will be constructed to deduce that there is at least one prime number in the terms of this sequence by Dirichlet-Lejeune's Theorem. We will show that whatever of 2n>3, there are two prime numbers  $P_i$  and  $-2n + P_i$  whose difference is equal to 2n.

For n=1, i.e  $2=P_{i+1} - P_i$  the twin prime's conjecture is demonstrated.

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### **Introduction**

The prime numbers have fascinated men for millennia. From China through Ancient Egypt and passing by Europe. The immediate utility of prime numbers is cryptography and more recently, links between quantum physics and prime number have been discussed (Montgomery and Dyson 1970). Some are still debating the usage of prime number within the string theory (Kurokawa 1986). The notion of prime number is related to the study of the multiplier structure of the ring of relative integers that define one of the foundations of mathematics.

# The Polignac's Conjecture is expressed as following:

 $\forall$  2n > 3 there is an infinit couple (p,q) of prime number such that 2n = p - q

At the origin, in 1849, Alphonse de Polignac [1] made the more general conjecture that for every natural number n, there are infinitely many primes p such that p + 2n is also prime. The case n = 1 of de Polignac's conjecture is the twin prime conjecture.

This apparently simple problem turns out to be of great difficulty to demonstrate. In 2014 an important breakthrough was made by Zhang Yitang [2] who proved that there were an infinite number of main gaps of size n for a value of n < 70,000,000. Later that year, James Maynard announced that there are an infinite number of main gaps of a certain size up to 600. From 2015, one year after Zhang's announcement, according to the Polymath project wiki, the main gap has been reduced to 246; assuming the Elliott - Halberstam conjecture and its generalized form, the gap can be reduced to 12 and 6, respectively.

Moreover, computers have allowed us to confirm this conjecture to gigantic numbers. Obviously, this is not proof, but all the same, a good tendency. Many mathematical articles can give hope that Polignac's conjecture is true. This is the case of Zhang Yitang [2] (2014) and Alphonse de Polignac [1] (1849) mentioned previously, but also of J. Maynard (2015) [3]. Recently, the work of Mbakiso F. Mothebe, Dintle N. Kagiso and Ben T. Modise (2020) [4] showed that hat for all integers n sufficiently large there is a arithmetical sequence witch contain primes number who verifying Polignac conjecture.

### **Evidence**

#### **Notation**

Either  $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, \dots$  the continuation of the prime numbers 2,3,5,7,11,.....

Either  $\mathbb{P}$  the set of the prime numbers.

Whatever of the common even number 2n, 2n > 3 it is possible to break it down into two odd numbers.

$$\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$$
 odd such that  $2n = a - b$ 

The prime number's theorem demonstrated by Jacques Hadamard and Charles-Jean de La Vallée Poussin [5] shows that whatever of the number 2n > 3, there are primes numbers.  $P_i < 2n$ 

It is then possible to break down 2n by the difference of a prime number and an odd number:

 $2n = P_i - b$  with  $P_i \neq 2$  and *b* is odd number.

**<u>Step1</u>**:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n > 3, \exists P_i \in \mathbb{P},$  and *b* an odd number such that

$$b = P_i - 2n$$

We deduce the existence of a numerical sequence  $S_n(P_i)$  of numbers  $\{3 - 2n, 5 - 2n, 7 - 2n, \dots P_i - 2n, \dots P_{Max} - 2n\}$  for any 2n>3.

**Step2:** The objective is to show the following proposal, which is an equivalent formulation of Polignac's conjecture:

 $\mathcal{P}_{G}$ "There is at least a prime number in the suite  $P_{i} - 2n$  whatever of the even number 2n>3, knowing that  $P_{i}$  is prime. »

This proposal can be also:

 $\mathcal{P}_G: \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } 2n > 3, \exists P_i \in \mathbb{P}$ 

such than  $b = P_i - 2n \in \mathbb{P}$ 

To demonstrate that this proposal is true, suppose it is wrong and deduce the contradictory consequences.

Note  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  the denial of the hypothesis  $\mathcal{P}_G$ 

(If  $\mathcal{P}_G$  is true then  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  is false and if is  $\mathcal{P}_G$  is false then  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  is true.)

Suppose  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  it true

 $\neg \mathcal{P}_G : \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } 2n > 3, \forall P_i \in \mathbb{P}$ 

such than  $b = P_i - 2n \notin \mathbb{P}$ 

## <u>Step3</u>

Let us express as an arithmetic progression, the numerical sequence  $S_n(P_i) = P_i - 2n$ 

 $n \le \frac{P_i - 3}{2}$ , which represents the same set of integers as in <u>Step1</u>

	$P_i$	3	5	7	11	13	17	19	23	
n	2n	3-2n	5-2n	7-2n	11-2n	13-2n	17-2n	19-2n	23-2n	2n
2	4			3	7	9	13	15	19	
3	6				5	7	11	13	17	
4	8				3	5	9	11	15	
5	10					3	7	9	13	
6	12						5	7	11	
7	14						3	5	9	
8	16							3	7	
9	18								5	
10	20								3	
11	22									
12	24									
13	26									

Table of Sequences - In horizontal reading the sequence  $S_n(P_i)$  and in vertical reading the arithmetic sequence of reason -2 and first term  $P_i$ .

The theorem of Lejeune Dirichlet (1949) [6] proves that in this arithmetic sequence of reason -2 and first term  $P_i$ , it is existing at least a prime number.

That is,

$$\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } 2n > 3, \forall P_i \\ \in \mathbb{P} \text{ such than } S_n(P_i) \\ = P_i - 2n \in \mathbb{P}$$

Which contradicts the hypothesis,  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  so  $\neg \mathcal{P}_G$  is wrong what leads to  $\mathcal{P}_G$  is true.

In conclusion

 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ with } 2n > 3, \exists P_i \text{ and } P_k \in \mathbb{P}$ 

such than  $P_k = P_i - 2n \in \mathbb{P}$ 

This demonstrates the following proposition:

 $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, 2n > 3, \exists P_k, P_i \text{ such that}$  $2n = P_k - P_i \text{ with } P_k \text{ and } P_i \text{ prime}$ 

It's Polignac's theorem.

#### **CONFLICT OF INTERESTS**

The author has not declared any conflict of interests.

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