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Some consequences of Bertrand's extended postulate

Abstract

Bertrand's postulate establishes that for all positive integers $n > 1$ there exists a prime number between n and $2n$. We consider a generalization of this theorem as: for integers $n \geq k \geq 2$ is there a prime number between kn and $(k + 1)n$? We use elementary methods of binomial coefficients and the Chebyshev functions to establish the cases for $2 \leq k \leq 8$. We then move to an analytic number theory approach to show that there is a prime number in the interval $(kn, (k + 1)n)$ for at least $n \geq k$ and $2 \leq k \leq 519$. This is a generalization of Bertrand's postulate extended as proved at link 1706.01009.pdf. And here are the consequences to be deduced from it.

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Introduction

1) $(x^2; (x+1)^2)$ has a prime year within the range, even 2 prime numbers

In effect, $(1.1; 1.2]$; $[1.2; 2.2)$ with k equals 1.

$(2.2; 2.3)$; $(2.3; 3.3)$ with k equals 2.

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$(x.x; x(x+1))$; $(x(x+1); (x+1)(x+1))$ with k equals x .

Thus, the Legendre conjecture is true when the other property is true.

2) Oppermann's conjecture.

+ For any integer $x > 1$, there is at least one prime number between $x(x-1)$ and x^2 .

In effect, $(1.2; 2.2]$ with k equals 1.

$(2.3; 3.3)$ with k equals 2.

...

$((x-1)x; x.x)$ with k equals x .

+ For any integer $x > 1$, there is at least one prime number between $x.x$ and $x(x+1)$.

In effet, (2.2; 2.3) with k equals 2.

(3.3; 3.4) with k equals 3.

...

(x.x; x(x+1)) with k equals x.

Thus, the Oppermann conjecture is true when the other property is true.

3) Bertrand's conjecture.

There are at least four prime numbers between P_n^2 and P_{n+1}^2 , for all $n > 1$, where P_n is the nth prime number.

Easy to see $P_{n+1} - P_n \geq 2$.

We consider $P_{n+1} - P_n = 2$.

We must then prove that for n being a positive integer, there exists a prime number between P_n^2 and $(P_n + 2)^2$.

Applying the property of element 2, we divide it into 4 intervals

$$\begin{aligned} & (P_n^2; P_n(P_n + 1)); (P_n(P_n + 1); (P_n + 1)^2); ((P_n + 1)^2; (P_n + 1)(P_n + 2)); \\ & ((P_n + 1)(P_n + 2); (P_n + 2)^2) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, Bertrand's conjecture is true when the other property is true.

$$4) P_{n+1} - P_n < \sqrt{P_n} \Leftrightarrow P_{n+1} < \sqrt{P_n}(\sqrt{P_n} + 1)$$

We must then prove that for n being a positive integer, there exists a prime number between P_n and $\sqrt{P_n}(\sqrt{P_n} + 1)$. The other property is true when property 2 is applied.

$$5) KP_n < P_{n+\alpha} < (K+1)P_n, \text{ It means } K < \frac{P_{n+\alpha}}{P_n} < K+1$$

6) Assuming that two prime numbers p and q and have a difference of n, then there are at least $2n$ prime numbers between p^2 et q^2 .

By applying the property of element 2, we divide it into $2n$ intervals.

$$\begin{aligned} (+) & (P^2; P(P+1)); (P(P+1); (P+1)^2); ((P+1)^2; (P+1)(P+2)); \\ & ((P+1)(P+2); (P+2)^2) \end{aligned}$$

$$(+)\left((P+2)^2;(P+2)(P+3)\right); \left((P+2)(P+3);(P+3)^2\right); \left((P+3)^2;(P+3)(P+4)\right); \\ \left((P+3)(P+4);(P+4)^2\right)$$

$$(+)\left((P+n-2)^2;(P+n-2)(P+n-1)\right); \left((P+n-2)(P+n-1);(P+n-1)^2\right); \\ \left((P+n-1)^2;(P+n-1)(P+n)\right); \left((P+n-1)(P+n);(P+n)^2\right)$$

Thus, property 6 is correct.

7) Andrica's conjecture

$$\sqrt{P_{n+1}} - \sqrt{P_n} < 1 \Leftrightarrow P_{n+1} < P_n + 2\sqrt{P_n} + 1$$

But $P_{n+1} < P_n + \sqrt{P_n}$ (according to the property 4)

8) Assuming that two prime numbers have a difference of n , then there are at least mn prime numbers between p^m and q^m where m is a positive entry greater than 1.

By applying property 6 and the induction method, we obtain property 8 correctly.

9) If q is a prime number, there is less $q-1$ prime numbers between q and q^2

By applying the property of element 2, we divide it into $q-1$ intervals.

$$(q; 2q); (2q; 3q); \dots; ((q-1)q; q^2).$$

So property 9 is correct.

10) Where q is prime and m and k are natural numbers greater than 1 such that $m < k$ there is at least $(q-1)(k-m)$ prime numbers between q^m and q^k .

Applying the element property 2, we divide it into $(q-1)(k-m)$ intervals.

$$(q^m; 2q^m); (2q^m; 3q^m); \dots; ((q-1)q^m; q^{m+1})$$

$$(q^{m+1}; 2q^{m+1}); (2q^{m+1}; 3q^{m+1}); ((q-1)q^{m+1}; q^{m+2})$$

...

$$(q^{k-1}; 2q^{k-1}); (2q^{k-1}; 3q^{k-1}); \dots; ((q-1)q^{k-1}; q^k)$$

So property 9 is correct.

11) Weak form Redmond–Sun conjecture.

With x, y, m, n having positive integers such that $x < y$ and $m < n$ there is at least $am + (y-1)(n-m)$ prime numbers between x^m and y^n with $y - x = a$.

By applying properties 9 and 10, we get the correct property 11.

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