

AN ELEMENTARY PROOF OF OPPERMANN'S CONJECTURE

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ABSTRACT. We prove the Oppermann's conjecture: given an integer, $n > 1$, there is, at least, one prime between $n^2 - n$ and n^2 , and, at least, another prime between n^2 and $n^2 + n$, using the prime-counting function and the Bertrand's Postulate.

1. INTRODUCTION

The Oppermann's conjecture, named after Ludvig Oppermann, in 1882, relates to distribution of the prime numbers. It states that, for any integer, $n > 1$, there is, at least, one prime between $n^2 - n$ and n^2 , and, at least, another prime between n^2 and $n^2 + n$. We use the alternative statement:

Let $\pi(n)$ be the prime-counting function, that is, the number of prime numbers less than or equal to n . Then,

$$(1) \pi(n^2 - n) < \pi(n^2) < \pi(n^2 + n),$$

for $n > 1$. This means that between the square of a number n and the square of the same number plus (or minus) that number, there is a prime number. Or, equivalently,

$$(2) \pi(n^2) - \pi(n^2 - n) > 0$$

and

$$(3) \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) > 0.$$

2. LEMMAS AND THEOREMS

LEMMA 1. (Bertrand's Postulate, actually a Theorem) *For any integer $n > 3$, there always exists, at least, one prime number, p , with $n < p < 2n - 2$.*

A weaker, but more elegant formulation is:

LEMMA 2. (Weak Bertrand's Postulate) *For every $n > 1$ there is always, at least, one prime number, p , such that $n < p < 2n$.*

THEOREM 1. *For $n \geq 5$ and $n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$, then*

$$(4)\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1},$$

$$(5)\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)},$$

$$(6)\pi(n) = 2 - \sum_{k=5}^n \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right) \sin\left[\frac{\pi\Gamma(k)}{k}\right] \cos\left\{\frac{\pi[\Gamma(k) + 1]}{k}\right\},$$

$$(7)\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(z)}{z}}\right) \left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}}\right)}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}.$$

Proof. Part 1. In [Dickson, pp. 427], H. Laurent noted that

$$(8) \quad f(z) = \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(z)}{z}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}} - 1} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } z \text{ is composite} \\ 1, & \text{if } z \text{ is prime} \end{cases},$$

for $z \geq 5$ and $z \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Observe that

$$\begin{aligned} f(z) &= e^{\frac{2\pi i}{z}} \frac{\cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - 1}{1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}}} \\ &= e^{\frac{2\pi i}{z}} \frac{\cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - 1}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\ &= - \left[\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) \right] \frac{1 - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right]}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\ &= - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\ &\quad - \left\{ \frac{i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&\quad - \frac{i \left\{ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) \right\}}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= - \frac{\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right] + i \left\{ \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right] \right\}}{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}.
\end{aligned}$$

Using the identity

$$\frac{a + bi}{c - di} = \frac{ac - bd}{c^2 + d^2} + i \frac{bc + ad}{c^2 + d^2},$$

we find the following real part

$$(9) \quad \Re[f(z)] = \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
(10) \quad &= -\csc\left(\frac{\pi}{z}\right) \sin\left[\frac{\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] \cos\left\{\frac{\pi[\Gamma(z) + 1]}{z}\right\} \\
&= \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } z \text{ is composite} \\ 1, & \text{if } z \text{ is prime} \end{cases},
\end{aligned}$$

for $z \geq 5$ and $z \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

The imaginary part is the following

$$\begin{aligned}
(11) \quad \Im[f(z)] &= - \frac{\sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right] - \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}{2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)}.
\end{aligned}$$

It follows from (9) and (11) that

$$\begin{aligned}
(12) \quad f(z) &= \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&\quad + i \frac{\sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] - \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right] - i \sin\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi}{z}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= \frac{1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}} - e^{-\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(z)}{z}} + e^{-\left[\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(z)}{z} + \frac{2\pi i}{z}\right]}}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= \frac{-1\left(e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}} - 1\right) + e^{-\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(z)}{z}}\left(e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}} - 1\right)}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} \\
&= \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(z)}{z}}\right)\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{z}}\right)}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{z}\right)} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } z \text{ is composite} \\ 1, & \text{if } z \text{ is prime} \end{cases}
\end{aligned}$$

for $z \geq 5$ and $z \in \mathbb{Z}_+$.

Part 2. The prime-counting function is the function counting the number of prime numbers less than or equal to some real number x . It is denoted by $\pi(x)$. From above definition, we have

$$\pi(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} 1.$$

With the restriction for the positive integers and greater than or equal to five, it follows that

$$\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}$$

by (8),

$$\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(k)}{k}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(k)}{k} + \frac{2\pi}{k}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)}$$

by (9),

$$\pi(n) = 2 - \sum_{k=5}^n \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right) \sin\left[\frac{\pi\Gamma(k)}{k}\right] \cos\left\{\frac{\pi[\Gamma(k) + 1]}{k}\right\}$$

by (10),

$$\pi(n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}}\right)\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}}\right)}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)}$$

by (12).□

COROLLARY 1. For $x \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 5}$, then

$$(13) \pi(x) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{\lfloor x \rfloor} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1},$$

$$(14) \pi(x) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{\lfloor x \rfloor} \frac{1 - \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right) - \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(k)}{k}\right] + \cos\left[\frac{2\pi\Gamma(k)}{k} + \frac{2\pi}{k}\right]}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)},$$

$$(15) \pi(x) = 2 - \sum_{k=5}^{\lfloor x \rfloor} \csc\left(\frac{\pi}{k}\right) \sin\left[\frac{\pi\Gamma(k)}{k}\right] \cos\left\{\frac{\pi[\Gamma(k) + 1]}{k}\right\},$$

$$(16) \pi(x) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{\lfloor x \rfloor} \frac{\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}}\right)\left(1 - e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}}\right)}{2 - 2\cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{k}\right)}.$$

Proof. Is obvious by the definition of floor function: $\lfloor x \rfloor := \max\{m \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \leq x\}$ and previous Theorem. □

THEOREM 2. (Oppermann's Theorem) For any integer, $n > 1$, there is, at least, one prime number between $n^2 - n$ and n^2 , and, at least, another prime number between n^2 and $n^2 + n$.

Proof. Step 1. By use from (4), we find

$$(17) \pi(n^2 + n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1},$$

$$(18) \pi(n^2) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i\Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}$$

and

$$(19) \pi(n^2 - n) = 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}.$$

Step 2. Subtracting (18) from (17), we have

$$\begin{aligned} (20) \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) &= 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \left[2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right] \\ &= 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\ &\quad - \left[2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right] \\ &= \pi(2n) + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \pi(n) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\ &= \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\ &\quad - \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\ &= \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}. \end{aligned}$$

By (8) we have the inequality

$$(21) \quad 0 = \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) \leq \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \leq \max_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) = 1.$$

From (20) and (21), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(2n) - \pi(n) &+ \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) \\
&\leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \\
&\leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} \max_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \max_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\pi(2n) - \pi(n) &+ \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} 0 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} 0 \leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \\
&\leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2+1}^{n^2+n} 1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} 1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi(2n) - \pi(n) \leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + n - n,$$

$$\pi(2n) - \pi(n) \leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n),$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}$.

Step 3. For $n = 2, \pi(2^2 + 2) - \pi(2^2) = \pi(6) - \pi(4) = 3 - 2 = 1 > 0$; for $n = 3, \pi(3^2 + 3) - \pi(3^2) = \pi(12) - \pi(9) = 5 - 4 = 1 > 0$, for $n = 4, \pi(4^2 + 4) - \pi(4^2) = \pi(20) - \pi(16) = 8 - 6 = 2 > 0$.

Step 4. Subtracting (19) from (18), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
(22) \pi(n^2) - \pi(n^2 - n) &= 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \left[2 + \sum_{k=5}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right] \\
&= 2 + \sum_{k=5}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\
&\quad - \left[2 + \sum_{k=5}^n \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=n+1}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right] \\
&= \pi(2n) + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \pi(n) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\
&= \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=2n+1}^{n^2-n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \\
&= \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1}.
\end{aligned}$$

From (21) and (22), it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
&\pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \min_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) \\
&\leq \pi(n^2) - \pi(n^2 - n) \\
&\leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} \max_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right) \\
&\quad - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} \max_{k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}} \left(\frac{e^{\frac{2\pi i \Gamma(k)}{k}} - 1}{e^{-\frac{2\pi i}{k}} - 1} \right),
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} 0 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} 0 \leq \pi(n^2) - \pi(n^2 - n) \\
&\leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + \sum_{k=n^2-n+1}^{n^2} 1 - \sum_{k=n+1}^{2n} 1,
\end{aligned}$$

$$\pi(2n) - \pi(n) \leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n) + n - n,$$

$$\pi(2n) - \pi(n) \leq \pi(n^2 + n) - \pi(n^2) \leq \pi(2n) - \pi(n),$$

for $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 5}$.

Step 5. For $n = 2, \pi(2^2) - \pi(2^2 - 2) = \pi(4) - \pi(2) = 2 - 1 = 1 > 0$; for $n = 3, \pi(3^2) - \pi(3^2 - 3) = \pi(9) - \pi(6) = 4 - 3 = 1 > 0$, for $n = 4, \pi(4^2) - \pi(4^2 - 4) = \pi(16) - \pi(12) = 6 - 5 = 1 > 0$. This completes the proof. \square

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