

## On Andrica's Conjecture, Cramér's Conjecture, gaps Between Primes and Jacobi Theta Functions I

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ABSTRACT. The main objective of this paper is to develop upper and lower bound for the Andrica conjecture, gaps between primes, using Jacobi elliptic functions.

### 1. INTRODUCTION

In [1, p. 34] Richard K. Guy posted that Dorin Andrica conjectures that, for all natural  $n$ , we have

$$(1) \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} < 1,$$

consequently, dividing both sides of the equation (1) by  $\sqrt{p_n}$ , we have

$$(2) \sqrt{\frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_n}} < 1.$$

We will use the following notation for gaps between primes:

$$g(p_n) := p_{n+1} - p_n,$$

that is related to Cramér's conjecture, which states

$$\limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p_{n+1} - p_n}{(\log p_n)^2} = 1,$$

and the Rosser's theorem [2], which states that  $p_n$  is larger than  $n \log n$ . This can be improved by the following pair of bounds:

$$(3) \log n + \log \log n - 1 < \frac{p_n}{n} < \log n + \log \log n,$$

for  $n > 6$ .

### 2. THEOREMS

**THEOREM 1.** Let  $k := \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$  to be a  $k$  modulus and  $n \geq 6$ , then

$$\left(\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}\right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n - n} < \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} < \left(\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}\right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n},$$

where  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are Jacobi theta functions.

*Proof.* Firstly, we consider the sequence of prime numbers

$$(4) \quad 2 < 3 < 5 < 7 < 11 < 13 < 17 < 19 < \dots < p_{n-2} < p_{n-1} < p_n < p_{n+1}.$$

Second, we note that

$$(5) \quad 0 < \frac{2}{3} < 1, 0 < \frac{3}{5} < 1, 0 < \frac{5}{7} < 1, 0 < \frac{7}{11} < 1, 0 < \frac{11}{13} < 1, 0 < \frac{13}{17} < 1, 0 < \frac{17}{19} < 1, \dots,$$

$$0 < \frac{p_{n-2}}{p_{n-1}} < 1, 0 < \frac{p_{n-1}}{p_n} < 1, 0 < \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} < 1.$$

Then, we define that

$$(6) \quad k := k_{n,n+1} = \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} \Leftrightarrow p_{n+1} = \frac{p_n}{k},$$

where  $k_{n,n+1}$  is the  $k$  modulus.

Substituting (6) in the left-hand side of (1), we find

$$(7) \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} = \frac{\sqrt{p_n}}{k^{1/2}} - \sqrt{p_n} = \sqrt{p_n} \left( \frac{1 - k^{1/2}}{k^{1/2}} \right).$$

In [3, p. 83], we knew that

$$(8) k^{1/2} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} = \frac{\theta_2(0)}{\theta_3(0)} = \frac{\theta_2(0|\tau)}{\theta_3(0|\tau)},$$

where  $\tau$  is the parameter and  $\theta_2(z|\tau)$  and  $\theta_3(z|\tau)$  are Jacobi theta functions.

We set (8) in (7)

$$(9) \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} = \sqrt{p_n} \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3}}{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3}} \right) = \sqrt{p_n} \left( \frac{\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_3}}{\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3}} \right) = \sqrt{p_n} \left( \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2} \right).$$

From (3) and (9), we conclude that

$$\left( \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2} \right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n - n} < \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} < \left( \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2} \right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n}. \square$$

COROLLARY 1. Let  $k := \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$  to be a  $k$  modulus, then Andrica's conjecture is equivalent to

$$\sqrt{p_n} < \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2}.$$

*Proof.* Dividing both members of (9) by  $\sqrt{p_n}$ , we have

$$(10) \sqrt{\frac{p_{n+1}}{p_n}} - \left( \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2} \right) = 1.$$

Comparing (2) with (10) and after some algebraic manipulation, we find

$$(11) \frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{p_n}}$$

therefrom,

$$\sqrt{p_n} < \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2}. \square$$

THEOREM 2. Let  $k := \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$  to be a  $k$  modulus, then

$$\left( \frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^2} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n - n) < g(p_n) < \left( \frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^2} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n),$$

where  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are Jacobi theta functions.

*Proof.* We define that

$$(12) \quad k := k_{n,n+1} = \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} \Leftrightarrow p_{n+1} = \frac{p_n}{k},$$

where  $k_{n,n+1}$  is the  $k$  modulus.

We consider that

$$(13) \quad g(p_n) := p_{n+1} - p_n = \frac{p_n}{(k^{1/2})^2} - p_n = p_n \left[ \frac{1 - (k^{1/2})^2}{(k^{1/2})^2} \right].$$

In [2, p. 83], we knew that

$$(14) k^{1/2} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} = \frac{\theta_2(0)}{\theta_3(0)} = \frac{\theta_2(0|\tau)}{\theta_3(0|\tau)},$$

where  $\tau$  is the parameter and  $\theta_2(z|\tau)$  and  $\theta_3(z|\tau)$  are Jacobi theta functions.

We set (14) in (13)

$$(15) \quad g(p_n) = p_{n+1} - p_n = p_n \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta_2^2}{\theta_3^2}}{\frac{\theta_2^2}{\theta_3^2}} \right) = p_n \left( \frac{\frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_3^2}}{\frac{\theta_2^2}{\theta_3^2}} \right) = p_n \left( \frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^2} \right).$$

From (3) and (15), we conclude that

$$\left( \frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^2} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n - n) < g(p_n) < \left( \frac{\theta_3^2 - \theta_2^2}{\theta_2^2} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n). \square$$

THEOREM 3. Let  $k := \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$  to be a  $k$  modulus, then

$$\left( \frac{\theta_4^4}{\theta_2^4} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n - n)^2 < p_{n+1}^2 - p_n^2 < \left( \frac{\theta_4^4}{\theta_2^4} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n)^2,$$

where  $\theta_2$  and  $\theta_3$  are Jacobi theta functions.

Proof. We define that

$$(16) \quad k := k_{n,n+1} = \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}} \Leftrightarrow p_{n+1} = \frac{p_n}{k},$$

where  $k_{n,n+1}$  is the  $k$  modulus.

We consider that

$$(17) p_{n+1}^2 - p_n^2 = \frac{p_n^2}{(k^{1/2})^4} - p_n^2 = p_n^2 \left[ \frac{1 - (k^{1/2})^4}{(k^{1/2})^4} \right].$$

In [2, p. 83], we knew that

$$(18) k^{1/2} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3} = \frac{\theta_2(0)}{\theta_3(0)} = \frac{\theta_2(0|\tau)}{\theta_3(0|\tau)},$$

where  $\tau$  is the parameter and  $\theta_2(z|\tau)$  and  $\theta_3(z|\tau)$  are Jacobi theta functions.

We set (18) in (17)

$$(19) p_{n+1}^2 - p_n^2 = p_n^2 \left( \frac{1 - \frac{\theta_2^4}{\theta_3^4}}{\frac{\theta_2^4}{\theta_3^4}} \right) = p_n^2 \left( \frac{\frac{\theta_3^4 - \theta_2^4}{\theta_3^4}}{\frac{\theta_2^4}{\theta_3^4}} \right) = p_n^2 \left( \frac{\theta_3^4 - \theta_2^4}{\theta_2^4} \right) = p_n^2 \left( \frac{\theta_4^4}{\theta_2^4} \right),$$

to see [3, p. 84] which states  $\theta_2^4 + \theta_4^4 = \theta_3^4$ , the Jacobi identity.

From (3) and (19), we conclude that

$$\left( \frac{\theta_4^4}{\theta_2^4} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n - n)^2 < p_{n+1}^2 - p_n^2 < \left( \frac{\theta_4^4}{\theta_2^4} \right) (n \log n + n \log \log n)^2. \square$$

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