

Four conjectures based on the observation of a type of recurrent sequences involving semiprimes

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Abstract. In this paper I make four conjectures starting from the observation of the following recurrent relations: $((p*q - p)^2 - p)^2 - p \dots$, respectively $((p*q - q)^2 - q)^2 - q \dots$, where p, q are distinct odd primes.

Observation:

Let $a(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $a(i) = (((p*q - p)^2 - p)^2 - p) \dots$ and $b(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $b(i) = (((p*q - q)^2 - q)^2 - q) \dots$, where p, q are distinct odd primes, $p < q$. Very interesting patterns can be observed between $a(i)$ and $b(i)$ in the case of the same semiprime $p*q$ or between the terms of this recurrence relation for different semiprimes:

Let $p*q = 7*13 = 91$; then:

: $a(1) = 2*91 - 7 = 175$;
: $a(2) = 2*175 - 7 = 343$;
: $a(3) = 2*343 - 7 = 679 = 7*97$;
: $a(4) = 2*679 - 7 = 1351 = 7*193$;
: $a(5) = 2*1351 - 7 = 2695$;
: $a(6) = 2*2695 - 7 = 5383 = 7*769$
(...)
: $b(1) = 2*91 - 13 = 169$;
: $b(2) = 2*169 - 13 = 325$;
: $b(3) = 2*325 - 13 = 637$;
: $b(4) = 2*637 - 13 = 1261 = 13*97$;
: $b(5) = 2*1261 - 13 = 2509 = 13*193$;
: $b(6) = 2*2509 - 13 = 5005$;
: $b(7) = 2*5005 - 13 = 9997 = 13*769$
(...)

Note that $a(3)/p = b(4)/q = 97$, $a(4)/p = b(5)/q = 193$ and $a(6)/p = a(7)/q = 769$.

Let $p*q = 11*13 = 143$; then:

: $a(1) = 2*143 - 11 = 275$;
: $a(2) = 2*275 - 11 = 539$;

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:   a(3) = 2*539 - 11 = 1067 = 11*97;
:   a(4) = 2*1067 - 11 = 2123 = 11*193;
:   a(5) = 2*2123 - 11 = 4235;
:   a(6) = 2*4235 - 11 = 8459 = 11*769;
:   a(7) = 2*8459 - 11 = 16907;
:   a(8) = 2*16907 - 11 = 33803;
:   a(9) = 2*33803 - 11 = 67595;
:   a(10) = 2*8459 - 11 = 135179 = 11*12289
(...)
:   b(1) = 2*143 - 13 = 273;
:   b(2) = 2*273 - 13 = 533 = 13*41;
:   b(3) = 2*533 - 13 = 1053;
:   b(4) = 2*1053 - 13 = 2093;
:   b(5) = 2*2093 - 13 = 4173;
:   b(6) = 2*4173 - 13 = 8333 = 13*641;
:   b(7) = 2*8333 - 13 = 16653;
:   b(8) = 2*16653 - 13 = 33293;
:   b(9) = 2*33293 - 13 = 66573;
:   b(10) = 2*66573 - 13 = 133133;
:   b(11) = 2*66573 - 13 = 266253;
:   b(12) = 2*266253 - 13 = 532493 = 13*40961
(...)

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Note that, in the case of this semiprime, were obtained for $a(i)/p$ the primes obtained for the first semiprime, id est 97, 193, 769, 12289 (which are primes of the form $6 \cdot 2^n + 1$, see the sequence A039687 in OEIS) but for $b(i)/q$ other primes, id est 41, 641, 40961 ((which are primes of the form $5 \cdot 2^n + 1$, see the sequence A050526 in OEIS).

Let $p \cdot q = 7 \cdot 11 = 77$; then:

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:   a(1) = 2*77 - 7 = 147;
:   a(2) = 2*147 - 7 = 287 = 7*41;
:   a(3) = 2*287 - 7 = 567;
:   a(4) = 2*567 - 7 = 1127;
:   a(5) = 2*1127 - 7 = 2247;
:   a(6) = 2*2247 - 7 = 4487 = 7*641.
(...)
:   b(1) = 2*77 - 11 = 143 then for the following
terms see a(i) in the first example of  $p \cdot q = 11 \cdot 13$ .

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Let $p \cdot q = 193 \cdot 199$; then we obtain, as $b(i)/q$, the primes 769, 12289 (which are primes of the form $6 \cdot 2^n + 1$, obtained above) but for $a(i)/p$ other set of primes not met before: 397, 3169, 6337 (...). To make things even more complicated, for $p \cdot q = 197 \cdot 199$ we obtain, for $a(i)/p$, the set of primes 397, 3169, 6337 mentioned above but for $b(i)/q$ other set of primes not met before: 3137, 50177 (...), which are primes of the form $49 \cdot 2^n + 1$ (see the sequence A077498 in OEIS). Note also the interesting

thing that 397, 3169 and 6337 are all three primes of the form $99 \cdot 2^n + 1$.

Let $p \cdot q = 13 \cdot 233$; then we obtain, as $a(i)/p$, the primes 929, 59393, which are primes of the form $29 \cdot 2^n + 1$. Seems amazing how many possible infinite sequences of primes can be obtained starting from a simple recurrence relation and a randomly chosen pair of distinct odd primes.

Conjecture 1:

Let $a(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $a(i) = (((p \cdot q - p)^2 - p)^2 - p) \dots$ and $b(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $b(i) = (((p \cdot q - q)^2 - q)^2 - q) \dots$, where p, q are distinct odd primes. Then there exist an infinity of primes of the form $a(i)/p$ as well as an infinity of primes of the form $b(i)/q$ for any pair $[p, q]$.

Conjecture 2:

Let $a(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $a(i) = (((p \cdot q - p)^2 - p)^2 - p) \dots$ and $b(i)$ be the general term of the sequence formed in the following way: $b(i) = (((p \cdot q - q)^2 - q)^2 - q) \dots$, where p, q are distinct odd primes. Then there exist an infinity of pairs $[p, q]$ such that the sequence of primes $a(i)/p$ is the same with the sequence of primes $b(i)/q$.

Conjecture 3:

There exist an infinity of primes, for k positive integer, of the form $n \cdot 2^k + 1$, for n equal to 5, 6, 29, 49 or 99 (note that this conjecture is a consequence of Conjecture 1 and the examples observed above).

Conjecture 4:

There exist an infinity of positive integers n such that the sequence $n \cdot 2^k + 1$, where k is positive integer, is infinite.