

Conjecture that any square of a prime p^2 can be written as $p+q+(nq-n\pm 1)$ where q and $nq-n\pm 1$ primes

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Abstract. In this paper I make the following conjecture: Any square of a prime p^2 , where $p > 3$, can be written as $p + q + (n*q - n + 1)$ or as $p + q + (n*q - n - 1)$, where q and $n*q - n + 1$ respectively $n*q - n - 1$ are primes and n positive integer. Examples: $11^2 = 121 = 11 + 37 + (2*37 - 1)$, where 37 and $2*37 - 1 = 73$ are primes; $13^2 = 169 = 13 + 53 + (2*53 - 3)$, where 53 and $2*53 - 3 = 103$ are primes. An equivalent formulation of the conjecture is that for any prime p , $p > 3$, there exist n positive integer such that one of the numbers $q = (p^2 - p + n - 1)/(n + 1)$ or $q = (p^2 - p + n + 1)/(n + 1)$ is prime satisfying also the condition that $p^2 - p - q$ is prime.

Conjecture:

Any square of a prime p^2 , where $p > 3$, can be written as $p + q + (n*q - n + 1)$ or as $p + q + (n*q - n - 1)$, where q and $n*q - n + 1$ respectively $n*q - n - 1$ are primes and n positive integer.

Note that $p^2 - p - (6*k - 1)$ is divisible by 3 for p of the form $6*h - 1$ so in this case q can only be of the form $6*h + 1$ while both $p^2 - p - (6*k \pm 1)$ are not divisible by 3 for p of the form $6*h + 1$.

Verifying the conjecture:

(up to $p = 41$)

- : $p^2 = 5^2 = 25 = 5 + 7 + (2*7 - 1)$ and [7, 13] primes;
- : $p^2 = 7^2 = 49 = 7 + 5 + (9*5 - 8)$ and [5, 37] primes; also $p^2 = 7^2 = 49 = 7 + 11 + (3*11 - 2)$ and [11, 31] primes;
- : $p^2 = 11^2 = 121 = 11 + 37 + (2*37 - 1)$ and [37, 73] primes;
- : $p^2 = 13^2 = 169 = 13 + 53 + (2*53 - 3)$ and [53, 103] primes;

- : $p^2 = 17^2 = 289 = 17 + 31 + (8 \cdot 31 - 7)$ and $[31, 241]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 19^2 = 361 = 19 + 11 + (31 \cdot 11 - 30)$ and $[11, 331]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 23^2 = 529 = 23 + 7 + (83 \cdot 7 - 82)$ and $[7, 499]$ primes; also $p^2 = 23^2 = 529 = 23 + 9 + (27 \cdot 19 - 26)$ and $[23, 487]$ primes; also $p^2 = 23^2 = 529 = 23 + 43 + (11 \cdot 43 - 10)$ and $[43, 463]$ primes; also $p^2 = 23^2 = 529 = 23 + 73 + (6 \cdot 73 - 5)$ and $[73, 433]$ primes; also $p^2 = 23^2 = 529 = 23 + 127 + (3 \cdot 127 - 2)$ and $[127, 379]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 29^2 = 841 = 29 + 271 + (2 \cdot 271 - 1)$ and $[271, 541]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 31^2 = 961 = 31 + 11 + (92 \cdot 11 - 93)$ and $[11, 919]$ primes; also $p^2 = 31^2 = 961 = 31 + 311 + (2 \cdot 311 - 3)$ and $[311, 619]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 37^2 = 1369 = 37 + 223 + (5 \cdot 223 - 6)$ and $[223, 1109]$ primes; also $p^2 = 37^2 = 1369 = 37 + 11 + (132 \cdot 11 - 131)$ and $[223, 1109]$ primes;
- : $p^2 = 41^2 = 1681 = 41 + 19 + (90 \cdot 19 - 89)$ and $[19, 1621]$ primes; also $p^2 = 41^2 = 1681 = 41 + 43 + (38 \cdot 43 - 37)$ and $[43, 1597]$ primes; also $p^2 = 41^2 = 1681 = 41 + 43 + (38 \cdot 43 - 37)$; also $p^2 = 41^2 = 1681 = 41 + 547 + (2 \cdot 547 - 1)$.

Note that $p^2 = 23^2$ can be written the way mentioned for five different pairs of primes $[q, n \cdot q - n + 1]$; also $p^2 = 41^2$ can be written the way mentioned for four different pairs of primes $[q, n \cdot q - n + 1]$

Note that, from the primes above, 13, 31 and 37 can be written as $p + q + (n \cdot q - n - 1)$ and 5, 7, 11, 17, 19, 23, 29, 41 can be written as $p + q + (n \cdot q - n + 1)$ and 37 can be written in both ways.