

Goldbach Conjecture

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Abstract

In this article, we use method of a modified sieve of Eratosthenes to prove the Goldbach conjecture.

We use p_i for all the primes, $2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots$, $i=1, 2, 3, \dots$,

Let $p_j < \sqrt{N}$, and $p_{j+1} > \sqrt{N}$,

N is a large even integer.

Let set $M = \{n \in (1, N); \text{and } n \text{ odd number}\}$

$P = \prod_{2 \leq i \leq j} p_i$,

for $d \mid P$ set $M_d = \{m; md \in M\}$,

obviously, $|M_d| = \lfloor \frac{|M|}{d} \rfloor$,

if $d' \mid P$, set $M_{d,d'} = \{m \in M_d, N-md = 0, \text{ mod } d'\}$,

By sieving of the Eratosthenes for all the primes ($p_i, i = 2, 3, \dots, j$),

The total of remaining numbers n of M which are those numbers in the following set,

$\{n \in M; n \neq 0 \pmod p \forall p \mid P, \text{ and } N - n \neq 0 \pmod p \forall p \mid P\}$,

and it equals to,

$$B(M) = \sum_{n \in M} (\sum_{d \mid (n, P)} \mu(d)) (\sum_{d' \mid (N-n, P)} \mu(d')) \quad (1)$$

we have,

$$B(M) = \sum_{(d \mid P, d' \mid P)} \mu(d) \mu(d') (\sum_{(n \in M, d \mid (n, P), d' \mid (N-n, P))} 1), \quad (2)$$

The summation in the last blank is zero for those $d \mid d'$ or $d' \mid d$ when d or d' is not equal 1.

It is easy to prove that,

$$||M_{d, d'}| - \frac{|M|}{LCM(d, d')}| \leq 1, \quad (3)$$

we have,

$$B(M) \approx \sum_{(d \mid P, d' \mid P)} \mu(d) \mu(d') \frac{|M|}{LCM(d, d')} = |M| \prod_{(2 \leq i \leq j)} (1 - \frac{2}{p_i}), \quad (4)$$

So there are approximately $(\frac{N-1}{2}) \prod_{(2 \leq i \leq j)} (1 - \frac{2}{p_i})$ such primes in the range (1, N).

This number is larger than 3. There is at least one n which is not 1 or $N-1$, and obviously it is a prime number.

Also $N - n$ is a prime number too.

This proves the Goldbach conjecture.