

# 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  $N \neq 0 \pmod d'$ , and  $d$  or  $d'$  is not equal 1.

For those are not zero, it is easy to prove that,

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

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.