

A New Sieve for Twin Primes

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Abstract

In this article, we find a new sieve for twin primes to prove the twin prime theory.

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

When we sieve numbers 2 and 3 to the whole natural numbers by removing all the multiples of 2 or 3, the remaining numbers are 1 and all pairs of $\{6k-1, 6k+1; k=1,2,3,\dots\}$. The remaining numbers set is a group of multiply.

We call the integer k as the id of the pair $(6k-1, 6k+1)$.

By multiplication, two pairs of $(6k_1 - 1, 6k_1 + 1)$, and $(6k_2 - 1, 6k_2 + 1)$, can generate four new numbers, $6k-1$, or $6k+1$, with id k takes four new integers of $(6k_1 \pm 1)k_2 \pm k_1$ when $k_1 \neq k_2$, while four new k will reduce to three when $k_1 = k_2$.

We have a new sieve based on the above observation, we sieve the whole integer set I of id integers by the numbers of $6k_1-1$, and $6k_1 + 1$ for $k_1 = 1, 2, \dots, m$, by removing all the numbers of $\{i \in I; i = \pm k_1, \text{ mod } (6k_1 \pm 1), k_1 \leq m\}$;

the remaining numbers are set of $\{i \in I; i \neq \pm k_1, \text{ mod } (6k_1 \pm 1), k_1 \leq m\}$;

If we limit our sieve upto a finite large number N , we have $m = \lfloor \sqrt{\frac{N}{6}} \rfloor$, here $\lfloor a \rfloor$ means the largest integer less than a .

Theorem;

By using the above sieve when sieve all $(6k_1 \pm 1)$, $k_1 \leq m$ for the first N integers $(0, N)$, the total number of the remaining numbers inside $(0, N)$ is larger than $N \times \prod_{5 \leq p \leq (6m+1)} (1 - 2/p)$,

The remaining numbers less than N is the set, $\{i \leq N; i \neq \pm k_1, \text{ mod } (6k_1 \pm 1), k_1 \leq m\}$;

Each remaining number i is an id for a twin primes of $(6i \pm 1)$,

For example, if $N= 100$, we get $m=4$. Here we only need to sieve by primes of, 5,7,11,13,17,19,23, which are less than $(6m+1)$;

The total remaining number is larger than $100(1-2/5)(1-2/7)(1-2/11)(1-2/13)(1-2/17)(1-2/19)(1-2/23)$, which is about 21;

with i equals to 5,7, 10,12,17,18,23,25,30,32,33,38,40,45,47,52,58,70,72,77,87,95;

here the actual total remaining id's is 22. For example $i=95$, the twin primes is $(569,571)$.

This also proves the twin prime conjecture.