

# Notes about Prime Constellations

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## 1 Introduction

**Definition 1.** *A Constellation is a function:  $\chi : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$   
We call  $d$  the degree of the constellation.*

We are now looking for  $n$  such that all  $\chi(n)$  are prime! Or rather we are looking for their count in the range  $[1, n]$ . To do this we will first “generalize” prime numbers because we have to closed form expression for  $\pi(n)$ , the number of primes in the range  $[1, n]$ . Instead we have an upper bound.

The general idea is to step over all “prime” numbers and eliminate all  $t$  such that not all  $\chi(t)$  are prime. Then we use the upper bound to establish a lower bound for the resulting count.

### 1.1 Example Constellations

#### 1.1.1 Basic Prime Numbers

The constellation  $\chi(t) = t$  yields the primes.

#### 1.1.2 Twin Primes

The constellation  $\chi(t) = (t - 2, t)$  yields twin primes.

#### 1.1.3 Goldbach-n-primes

**Definition 2.** *Goldbach-n-prime*

*For  $n$  even, a number  $p < n$  is a Goldbach-n-prime iff both  $p$  and  $n - p$  are prime*

**Conjecture 1** (The Goldbach-Conjecture). *For every  $n \geq 4$  there exists at least one Goldbach-n-prime*

The constellation  $\chi(t) = (t, n - t)$  yields Goldbach-n-primes

#### 1.1.4 Landau’s Fourth Problem

The constellation  $\chi(t) = t^2 + 1$  yields primes for Landau’s fourth problem.

### 1.1.5 Mersenne Primes

The constellation  $\chi(t) = 2^t - 1$  yields Mersenne Primes.

### 1.1.6 Sophie Germain Primes

The constellation  $\chi(t) = (t, 2t + 1)$  yields Sophie Germain Primes.

## 2 Basic Definitions

Let's define a function that generalizes prime numbers:

$$\psi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \quad (1)$$

We will also need an inverse function for  $\chi$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \chi^{-1} : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d \\ \chi^{-1}(t) &= (\chi_k^{-1}(t))_{k \in [d]} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

Now to define the numbers “coprime” to the first  $k$  “prime” numbers:  $M_\chi^\psi(k)$

$$\begin{aligned} M_\chi^\psi(0) &:= M_0 := \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{t \in \mathbb{Z} : \exists l \in [d] : \chi_l(t) = 0 \vee \chi_l(t) \in \mathbb{Z}^\times\} \\ &= \mathbb{Z} \setminus \chi^{-1}(0) \setminus \chi^{-1}(\mathbb{Z}^\times) \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} M_\chi^\psi(k) &:= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \setminus \{t \in \mathbb{Z} : \exists l \in \chi(t) : \psi(k) \mid l\} \\ &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \setminus \{t \in \mathbb{Z} : \exists l \in [d], m \in M_0 : m\psi(k) = \chi_l(t)\} \\ &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \setminus \{t \in \mathbb{Z} : \exists l \in [d], m \in M_0 : \chi_l^{-1}(m\psi(k)) = t\} \\ &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \setminus \chi^{-1}(\psi(k) \cdot M_0) \\ &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \setminus \left( M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \chi^{-1}(\psi(k) \cdot M_0) \right) \end{aligned} \quad (4)$$

## 3 Derivation

For  $\chi = \text{id}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \chi^{-1}(\psi(k) \cdot M_0) &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap (\psi(k) \cdot M_0) \\ &= \psi(k) \cdot M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \end{aligned} \quad (5)$$

For  $\chi(t) = \{t-2, t\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \chi^{-1}(\psi(k) \cdot M_0) \\ &= M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap (\psi(k) \cdot M_0 \cup (\psi(k) \cdot M_0 + 2)) \\ &= (M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \psi(k)M_0) \cup (M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \psi(k)M_0 + 2) \end{aligned} \quad (6)$$

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\chi(t) = \{t, n-t\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} &M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \chi^{-1}(\psi(k) \cdot M_0) \\ &= (M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap \psi(k)M_0) \cup (M_\chi^\psi(k-1) \cap (n - \psi(k)M_0)) \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

## 4 Results

**Definition 3.**

$$\Psi_{\chi}^{\psi} = \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} M_{\chi}^{\psi}(k) \tag{8}$$

**Lemma 1.**

$$\mathbb{P} = \Psi_{\text{id}}^{\pi^{-1}} \tag{9}$$

## 5 Notes

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