

MA-222Lec-8Prime numbers

- A natural no $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is said to be prime if 1 & n are only divisors.
- if n does not have two smaller divisors.
- If n is prime then whenever $n \mid ab$ then $n \mid a$ or $n \mid b$.

irreducible

$$\cancel{\mathbb{R}[x]}$$

$$\cancel{\mathbb{R}[x, y]}$$

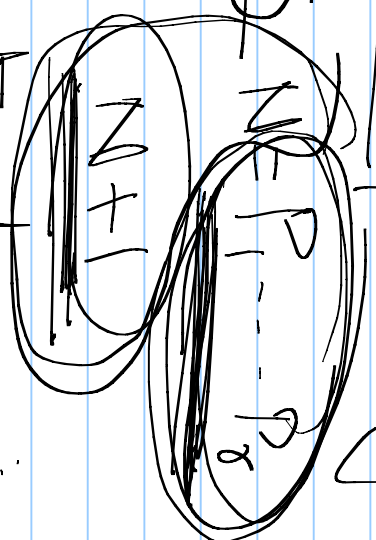
$$\cancel{f(x)}$$

$$\cancel{x^2 + 2x + 1} = (x+1)(x+1)$$

$$\cancel{x^2 + 1} = \underline{(2x^2 + 2)}x^2$$

Thm There are infinitely many primes.

— Euclid's



$$p_i \nmid \underline{N+1} \quad \forall i$$

Lemma 1 — Every natural no is either a prime or has a prime factor.

Lemma 2 — Two consecutive ints do not have a common factor.

Kummer

$$N = \prod p_i$$

$$(N, N-1) = 1$$

$$\prod p_i \nmid N-1$$

Goldbach:

Fermat's numbers

$$F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$$

$$(F_m, F_n) = 1 \quad m \neq n$$

$$F_1 \rightarrow p_1$$

$$F_2 \rightarrow p_2$$

$$p_n$$

latest of 2005 (Sardak)

Start with (1) = N_1 \rightarrow Either a prime

or has a prime factor

$N_2 = n(n+1) \rightarrow$ At least two distinct

prime factors

$$N_3 = n(n+1)[n(n+1)+1]$$

$$= N_2(N_2+1)$$

\rightarrow At least 3 distinct

prime factors.

$N_4 \dots$

Dirichlet:

$$\frac{1}{k+1} \cdot \frac{1}{k+3}$$

Resonance 1996
Shaike Shirel

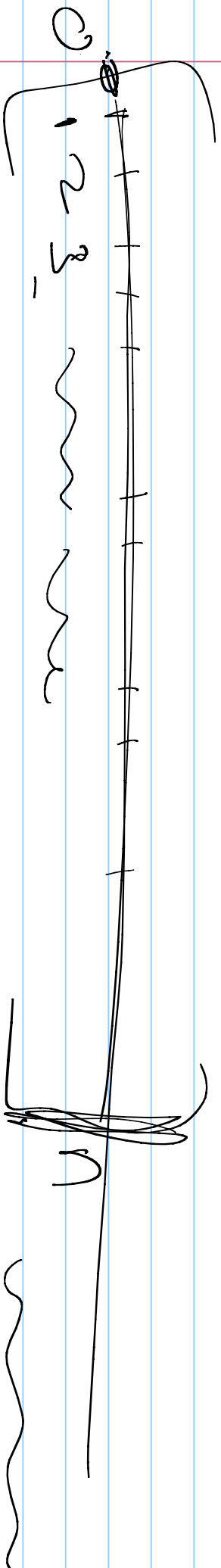
$(G, n) = 1$ then there are inf many primes
of the form

$$nk + a$$
$$p \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

$$3 \cdot 7$$

$$7k + 3$$

Distribution of primes



$$\pi(n) = \left| \left\{ p \mid p \leq n \text{ \& primes} \right\} \right| \rightarrow \pi(\infty)$$

= 25

$$\pi(n) \sim \int_2^n \frac{1}{\log x} dx \sim \frac{n}{\log n} \quad \text{(Legendre)}$$

$$\pi(100) = |\{p < 100 \mid p: \text{prime}\}|$$

$$= |\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, \dots, 97\}|$$

Primality testing

Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$ tell conclusively & in finitely many steps whether n is prime or not.

for each $i, \dots, n-1$

chk if

n

$\log n$

$\sqrt{n+1}$

i

algo

(2002)

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poly time
Primes $\in P$

nonpoly
NP

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Miller-Rabin} \leftarrow \\ \text{Schoor} - \text{Strassen} \leftarrow \\ \text{Fermat's test} \leftarrow \end{array} \right\}$

Funda thm of Arithmetic

Thm 1: p : prime $\neg p \mid ab \Rightarrow p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$.

Coro 1: $p \mid a_1, \dots, a_k$ then $p \mid a$ for some i .

Coro 2: If $p \mid a_1, \dots, a_r$ & $p \nmid a_1, \dots, a_r$

then $p = a_i$ for some i .

Thm:

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Every natural no $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ($n > 1$) can be written as a product of primes.

(22 product of powers of distinct primes)

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{\alpha_i}$$

$p_i \neq p_j$ for $i \neq j$

$$\alpha_i \geq 1.$$

Congruences:

$$n \in \mathbb{N} \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

We say a is congruent to b modulo n written as $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if

$$a - b \mid n$$

Propositions: Define \sim_n on \mathbb{Z} . Fix $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$a \sim b \text{ if } a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

Then (Ex.) \sim is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} .

Thm 2 $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ \iff a & b leave the same remainder when divided by n .

Ex.