# Notes: Distribution constraints of prime numbers

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**Abstract**

We examine the numbers of particular multiplication tables with the help of their belonging binary representation. With this approach, we are able to set constraints for the distribution of prime numbers.

## Preamble

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## 1 Introduction

In this short notes, we will deduce some constraints for the distribution of prime numbers.

**Definition 1** (Prime numbers). *The set of prime numbers $\mathbb{P}$ is given by all natural numbers $p$ greater than one which are only integer divisible by one and themselves. A natural number which is not a prime number is called a composite number.*

## 2 Preliminaries

Some preliminaries regarding prime numbers and binary representations.

### 2.1 Basic prime properties

At first, we have to recap some basic natural and prime number properties.

**Lemma 2.1** (Number two is the only even prime). *It exists exact one even prime number and this is number 2.*

*Proof.* Trivial. □

**Lemma 2.2** (Odd composite numbers)**.** *All odd composite numbers $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 3}$ can be written in the following way*

$$n = 2\left(2k_i k_j + k_i + k_j\right) + 1 \tag{1}$$

*with $k_i, k_j \in \mathbb{N}$.*

*Proof.* By definition of odd numbers, an odd composite number has at least two factors. All of its factors always have to be odd, too. Hence, if we define the two odd factors $2k_i + 1$ and $2k_j + 1$, $k_i, k_j \in \mathbb{N}$, we can write a composite numbers $n$ also as

$$\begin{aligned}
n :&= (2k_i + 1)(2k_j + 1) \\
&= 2^2 k_i k_j + 2k_i + 2k_j + 1 \\
&= 2\left(2k_i k_j + k_i + k_j\right) + 1.
\end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

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## 2.2 Binary representation

We want to explain how we can describe the distribution of numbers of a given multiplication table in binary representation of decimal integer numbers and its basic properties.

**Definition 2** (Multiplication table binary representation)**.** *All natural numbers $h \in \mathbb{N}$ which are element of a specific multiplication table $T_m$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, with $h := mn$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, can be described by the binary representation $B_m = b_{m(N-1)} b_{m(N-1)-1} \ldots b_1 b_0$ of a decimal number $D_m$ given by*

$$D_m := \sum_{n=1}^{N-1} 2^{mn}. \tag{3}$$

*Each bit $b_i$ of $B_m$ which represents a multiple of $m$ has the value $1$, else it has the value $0$.*

For our construction we will need the $\text{toggle}(B)$ function on a bit string $B$

**Definition 3** (Bit toggle(b))**.** *The toggle function $\text{toggle}(B)$ inverts the bits $b_i$ of the bit string $B$ bitwise by $0 \mapsto 1$ and $1 \mapsto 0$.*

and also the two's complement $B^{-1}$ of a given bit string $B$.

**Definition 4** (Two's complement $B^{-1}$)**.** *The two's complement $B^{-1}$ of a bit string $B$ with highest bit index $N - 1$ is defined as its complement of $B$ so that $B + B^{-1} = 2^N$. The two's complement $B^{-1}$ of $B$ can be determined by $B^{-1} = \text{toggle}(B) + 1$ and the two's complement $B$ of $B^{-1}$ by $B = \text{toggle}(B^{-1}) + 1$.*

From definition 4 follows directly the way, how we can determine the belonging binary toggled decimal number $D^{toggle}$ of a given decimal number $D$.

**Lemma 2.3** (Decimal number toggle(D))**.** *The toggle $D^{toggled} = \text{toggled}(D)$ of the binary representation of a given decimal number $D$ can be determined by $D^{toggled} = (-1)D - 1$.*

*Proof.* From the definition of two's complement follows that $-D = D^{toggled} + 1$ and hence $D^{toggled} = -D - 1$.
$\square$

Next, we want to define the bit shift function on the binary string $B$ which shifts all the bits $b_i$ of $B$ to the right, so that bit $b_p$ get shifted to the position of bit $b_0$. All bits $b_i$ with bit indices $i < p$ are getting moved into the negative range.

**Definition 5** (Zero position bit shift zshift(B,p))**.** *The zero position bit shift* $\text{zshift}(B,p)$ *of bit* $b_p$ *of the bit string* $B$ *with highest index* $N-1$ *from position* $p$ *to position* $0$ *is defined by*
$\text{zshift}(B,p) = b_{N-1-p}b_{N-2-p}\ldots b_1 b_0 b_{-1} \ldots b_{1-p}b_{-p}.$

We want to consider $\text{zshift}(D,p)$ on the decimal number $D$ of the bit string $B$.

**Definition 6** (Decimal number zshift(D,p))**.** *For a decimal number* $D = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n 2^n$, $a_n \in \{0,1\}$, *the* $p$ *bit shift* $D^{zshifted(p)}$ *is given by* $D^{zshifted(p)} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n 2^{n-p}$.

*Remark* 2.1. We recognize that the amount of bits with negative index for $\text{zshift}(B,p)$ equals $p$.

Finally, we want to define a special kind bit switch function on the binary string $B$ which switches the position of bit $b_p$ with the position of $b_0$ with each other by moving bit indices into the negative range.

**Definition 7** (Zero position bit switch zswitch(B,p))**.** *The zero position bit switch* $\text{zswitch}(B,p)$ *of bit* $b_p$ *of the bit string* $B$ *with highest index* $N-1$ *with bit* $b_0$ *is defined by*
$\text{zswitch}(B,p) = b_{p-(N-1)}b_{p-(N-2)}\ldots b_{-1}b_0 b_1 \ldots b_{p-1}b_p.$

*If we want to read this in the classical bit representation going from right to left for positiv indices and from left to right for negative indices, we can also write it by* $\text{zswitch}(B,p) = b_p b_{p-1} \ldots b_1 b_0 b_{-1} \ldots b_{p-(N-2)}b_{p-(N-1)}$.

We also look at $\text{zswitch}(D,p)$ on the decimal number $D$ of the bit string $B$.

**Definition 8** (Deciaml number zswitch(D,p))**.** *For a decimal number* $D = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n 2^n$, $a_n \in \{0,1\}$, *the* $p$ *bit switch* $D^{zswitched(p)}$ *is given by* $D^{zswitched(p)} = \sum_{n=0}^{N-1} a_n 2^{p-n}$.

*Remark* 2.2. We recognize that the amount of bits with negative index for $\text{zswitch}(B,p)$ equals $|p-(N-1)|$.

# 3 Prime number constraints

Now, we will use our definitions to receive the constraints regarding prime number distribution.

## 3.1 The Construction

We give the construction for the constraints for the distribution of prime numbers which consists of several steps.

**Step 1: Multiplication table**

In our first step, we use the multiplication table binary representation of definition 2 together with equation 2.1 for the multiplication table $T_{2k_1+1}$, $k_1 \in \mathbb{N}$

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\begin{aligned}
D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1} :&= \sum_{k_2=1}^{M_2-1} 2^{(2k_1+1)(2k_2+1)} \\
&= \frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}
\end{aligned}
\tag{4}
$$

with highest bit index $i_{max} := (2k_1+1)(2(M_2-1)+1) = (2k_1+1)(2M_2-1)$.

If we want a representation with one entries at these bit indices which not belong to the multiplication table $T_{2k_1+1}$, which we will denote by $\overline{T}_{2k_1+1}$, we can get this by toggling of (4).

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$$\overline{D}_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1} := \text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1}\right)$$
$$= -1 - D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1}$$
$$= -1 - \sum_{k_2=1}^{M_2-1} 2^{(2k_1+1)(2k_2+1)}$$
$$= -1 + \frac{-2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} + 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$
$$= \frac{-2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} + 8^{2k_1+1} - 2^{2(2k_1+1)} + 1}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$

(5)

**Step 2: Bit switch for $i = p$**

Now, let's say we are interested in the value of bit $b_p$ and want to figure out if our decimal number $D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1}$ does have a 0 or an 1 value at bit position $p$. For this we switch this bit to position $i = 0$ by zswitch $(D_{2k_1+1}, p)$.

$$D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1,zswitched(p)} = \sum_{k_2=1}^{M_2-1} 2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2k_2+1)}$$
$$= \frac{-2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} + 2^{p-(2k_1+1)}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$

(6)

The bit of interesting, $b_p$, is now at position $i = 0$, means the new bit $b_0$. All bits which were before at positions larger than $p$, have now negative powers. Remember that all bits which represent the elements of the mutliplication table $T_{2k_1+1}$ do have the value 1, else 0. Since, we shifted bit $b_p$ to position $i = 0$, we can now check if the bit value is 1, means composite number, by checking if our decimal number $D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1,zswitched(p)}$ is an odd number.

Additional, we have negative powers, the former bits $b_i$, with $i > p$, now. It's easy to see that we reach this negative values if $p < (2k_1 + 1)(2M_2 + 1)$. The best solution for further examinations of our equation (6) would be, to completely eliminate this negative power numbers. Sadly, we couldn't figure out an easy analytical way for doing this. On a computer, this would be trivial by simple shifting bitwise the original integer bit string to right by $p$ bit shifts and we wouldn't need the zswitch function instead. Since, we want to do an analytical analysis here, we choose zswitch instead of zshift, since it gives us the possibility to move the larger part of $B$, the one with bit positions $i > p$, instead of the smaller part with bit positions $i < p$ for $M_2 \rightarrow \infty$ into the negative range. Because of the limit $\lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{i=1}^{N} 2^{-i} = 1$, this approach leads to some benefits and we can consider some possible limit properties.

We can also consider to determine the maximal allowed value of $M_2$ for having only positive powers. We could look of course at $(p \mod (2k_1 + 1))$, but this would mean, that we already know the property of $p$ if it is element of the multiplication table $T_{2k_1+1}$ or not. But this is exactly the information we try to get from our equation (6) means our expected result, so this approach doesn't make sense.

In equation (7) you can see an other way for the determination of the maximal allowed value $M_2^{max}$ for a fixed $k_1$ and $(2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2' - 1) + 1) \geq p \geq (2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2^{max} - 1) + 1)$ which has to be satisfied $\forall x \in [1, p]$.

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$$2\mathbb{N} = 2^{-(x-1)}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2'-1} + \text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2^{max}-1}\right) - \sum_{i=0}^{2(M_2^{max}-1)+1} 2^i\right)$$

$$2^x\mathbb{N} = \frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2'+1)} - 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$

$$- \frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2^{max}+1)} - 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1} - 1$$

$$- 2^{2M_2^{max}} - 1$$

$$= \frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2'+1)} - 2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2^{max}+1)} - \left(2^{2M_2^{max}} + 2\right)\left(4^{2k_1+1} + 1\right)}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1} \tag{7}$$

The idea behind this approach is simple. We know that $D_{2k_1+1}^{M-1} + \text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M-1}\right) = \sum_{i=0}^{(2k_1+1)(2(M-1)+1)} 2^i$. So let's assume that $(2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2' - 1) + 1) \geq p \geq (2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2^{max} - 1) + 1)$ and $(2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2^{max} - 1) + 1)$ is the maximal closest multiple of $(2k_1 + 1)$ to $p$, which means that $(2k_1 + 1)(2M_2^{max} + 1) \geq p \geq (2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2^{max} - 1) + 1)$. Then we know that the bit values of the bit positions $[p - 1, (2k_1 + 1)(2(M_2^{max} - 1) + 1))$ always have to be 0. Hence, the expression in equation (7) has to have $p$ zeros and following from this, it has to be integer divisible by 2 for all $x \in [1, p]$.

We can do of course the same step for $\overline{D}_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1}$

$$\overline{D}_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1,zswitched(p)} = -1 - \sum_{k_2=1}^{M_2-1} 2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2k_2+1)}$$

$$= -1 + \frac{2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2k_1+1)}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1} \tag{8}$$

$$= \frac{2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2k_1+1)} - 2^{2(2k_1+1)} + 1}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$

and also consider $M_2^{max}$ properties.

$$2\mathbb{N} = 2^{-(x-1)}\left(\text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2'-1}\right) + \text{toggle}\left(\text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2^{max}-1}\right)\right) - \sum_{i=0}^{2(M_2^{max}-1)+1} 2^i\right)$$

$$= 2^{-(x-1)}\left(\text{toggle}\left(D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2'-1}\right) + D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2^{max}-1} - \sum_{i=0}^{2(M_2^{max}-1)+1} 2^i\right)$$

$$2^x\mathbb{N} = -\frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2'+1)} - 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1} - 1$$

$$+ \frac{2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2^{max}+1)} - 8^{2k_1+1}}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1}$$

$$- 2^{2M_2^{max}} - 1$$

$$= \frac{-2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2'+1)} + 2^{(2k_1+1)(2M_2^{max}+1)} - \left(2^{2M_2^{max}} + 2\right)\left(4^{2k_1+1} + 1\right)}{4^{2k_1+1} - 1} \tag{9}$$

**Step 3: Summation for $k_1$**

After considering $M_2$, we will look at $k_1$ and $M_1$, now. In equation (6), we determined the binary representation for a certain multiplication table $T_{2k_1+1}$ and went through all possible multiple of $2k_1+1$ by letting go our sum for $k_2$ from 1 (which equals the multiplication with 3) to $M_2-1$. If we let run $M_2 \to \infty$ our equation represents all possible multiple of $2k_1+1$. So, we can describe all numbers of a particular multiplication table until now.

We know that equation (6), always has to have integer solutions. If we are interested in compose numbers, this integer solutions has to be odd, else even. Since, the denominator of (6) is always odd, the numerator has to be odd, if we are interested in compose numbers, else it has to be even.

To get additional information regarding the prime and compose number distribution, we consider the sum over the numerator. If we are interested in the case that for all $k_1 \in [1, M_1 - 1]$ with $M_2 = M_2^{max}$ or $(2k_1 + 1)(2M_2 + 1) \geq p$, for all $k_1$, the numerator has to be odd, then we know that the sum over all the numerators has to alternate between odd numbers and even numbers for consecutive values of $M_1$, starting with an odd case for $M_1 = 2$. If we are interested in the case of having an even numerator for all $M_1$, then the sum has also always to be even for consecutive values of $M_1$. In equation (10), you can see this sum.

$$
\begin{aligned}
S_{M_1-1}^{M_2-1} &= \sum_{k_1=1}^{M_1-1} \left( -2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} + 2^{p-(2k_1+1)} \right) \\
&= \frac{2^{p-(2M_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2M_2+1)}}{4^{2M_2+1} - 1} + \frac{1}{3} \left( 4^{M_1} - 4 \right) 2^{p-(2M_1+1)} \\
&= \frac{2^{p-(2M_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2M_2+1)} + \left( 2^{p-1} - 2^{p-(2M_1-1)} \right) \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}{3 \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}
\end{aligned}
\tag{10}
$$

In this summation, we assumed to have the same $M_2$ for all $k_1$. In the case of $(2k_1 + 1)(2M_2 + 1) > p$ for all $k_1$, it's no problem to take this approach, else we have to dive into deeper analysis.

Finally, we also look for the summation at the toggled case. In equation (8), we are also only interested in the integer solutions, but here we are interested in potential prime numbers, for which the integer solutions has to be odd and else even, now. The denominator of (8) is always odd, the numerator has to be odd, if we are interested in potential prime numbers, else it has to be even.

So, for getting additional information regarding the appearing of potential prime numbers, we consider the sum over the enumerator and are interested in the case of alternating between odd numbers and even numbers for consecutive values of $M_1$, starting with an odd case for $M_1 = 2$, in equation (11).

$$
\begin{aligned}
\overline{S}_{M_1-1}^{M_2-1} &= \sum_{k_1=1}^{M_1-1} \left( 2^{p-(2k_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2k_1+1)} - 2^{2(2k_1+1)} + 1 \right) \\
&= -\frac{2^{p-(2M_1+1)(2M_2+1)} - 2^{p-(2M_2+1)} + \left( 2^{p-1} - 2^{p-(2M_1-1)} \right) \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}{3 \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)} \\
&\quad - \frac{2^2}{15} \left( 4^{2M_1} - 4^2 \right) + M_1 - 1 \\
&= \frac{-5 \cdot 2^{p-(2M_1+1)(2M_2+1)} + 5 \cdot 2^{p-(2M_2+1)} - 5 \left( 2^{p-1} - 2^{p-(2M_1-1)} \right) \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}{3 \cdot 5 \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)} \\
&\quad + \frac{2^2 \left( 2^{2(2M_1)} - 2^{2 \cdot 2} \right) \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right) + 3 \cdot 5 \left( M_1 - 1 \right) \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}{3 \cdot 5 \left( 2^{2(2M_2+1)} - 1 \right)}
\end{aligned}
\tag{11}
$$

## 3.2 The Analysis

We do some analysis of the mentioned equations.

### 3.2.1 Multiplication table representation

Let's start with the multiplication table representations from section 3.1.
Equation (4) does have 1 entries at positions representing compose numbers and 0 entries for potential prime numbers. Since, it represents an integer number, we know that it has always integer solutions for all allowed $(k_1, M_2)$ combinations. Because of our way of construction of this equation, we know that all solutions are even. As opposed to equation (5) which does have 1 entries at positions representing potential prime numbers and 0 entries for compose numbers and we always get an odd integer solution. Because of the definition of toggle $(D)$ we know that

$$\overline{D}_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1} = -D_{2k_1+1}^{M_2-1} - 1. \tag{12}$$

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# 4 Conclusion

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# References

# A Appendix