

Tutorial - 3

Primes and their Distribution

1] We will give an example to show that the following conjecture is not true.
Every positive integer can be written in the form, $p \pm a^2$, where p is written either a prime or 1.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Take } x &= 25 \text{ hence } 25 = 0 + 25 \\ &= 21 + 4 \\ &= 9 + 16 \\ &= 16 + 9\end{aligned}$$

But none of 0, 4, 9 and 16 is prime or 1

2) a) Let $p = 3n + 1$ be a prime number, $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$
If n is odd

Then $3n$ is odd $\Rightarrow 3n + 1$ is even

And only 2 is only even prime

$\therefore p = 3n + 1$ can't be prime if n is odd

$\therefore n$ must be even

i.e. $n = 2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\text{now } p = 3n + 1 = 3(2k) + 1 = 6k + 1$$

Thus we proved that any prime of form $3n + 1$ are also of form $6k + 1$

b) We prove that result by induction.

first +ve integer of form $3n + 2 = 2$ is prime,
then 2 is prime divisor of 2 that is clearly of form :

• $3n + 2$:- Suppose that every integer greater than

or equal to 2 but less than $k = 3n+2$ has a prime divisor of form $3l+2$.

Now we want to show that $k = 3n+2$ has a prime divisor of form $3l+2$

Case 1 :- If $k = 3n+2$ is prime

$\Rightarrow k = 3n+2$ is itself a prime divisor of the form $3l+2$.

Case 2 :- If $k = 3n+2$ is not prime

$\Rightarrow k = 3n+2$ is composite

$\Rightarrow k = 3n+2 = ab$ for some $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$1 \leq a, b \leq k = 3n+2$$

Since the product ab is the form $3n+2$ therefore one of the a and b is of the form $3k_1+2$ and other is of form $3k_2+1$ we can write $k = 3n+2 = (3k_1+2)(3k_2+1)$

$$\text{where } 1 \leq a = 3k_1+2 < 3n+2$$

By induction hypothesis $a = 3k_1+2$ has a prime divisor of the form $3k_1+2$ hence $3n+2$ has a prime divisor of form $3n+2$.

(c)

$n^3 - 1$ is given to us

$n^2 - 1$ can be written as product of $(n-1)$ and $(n^2 - n + 1)$

$$n^3 - 1 = (n-1)(n^2 - n + 1)$$

> 0 we can write

$$n^3 - 1 = ab \text{ for integers } a \text{ and } b.$$

If ab is prime either a or b must be 1 (or else we can have more than 2 factors)

Thus either

$$n-1=1$$

$$\text{or } n^2-n+1=1$$

$$n=2$$

$$n^2-n=0$$

(if it is true)

$$n=0, 1$$

(if it is true).

So we test $n=0$, $n=1$ and $n=2$ in n^3-1 to see which one (1) are prime

$$n=0 \quad n^3-1=0-1=-1 \text{ not prime}$$

$$n=1 \quad n^3-1=1-1=0 \text{ not prime}$$

$$n=2 \quad n^3-1=8-1=7 \text{ prime.}$$

Thus 7 is the only prime in form of n^3-1 .

(2). $3p+1$ is perfect square.

$$3p+1=q^2$$

$$3p=q^2-1$$

$$3p=(q-1)(q+1)$$

Left hand side is product of two primes 3 and p . Therefore 3 divides exactly one of $(q-1)$ and $(q+1)$ and p divides one of $(q-1)$ and $(q+1)$.

Because $q-1 < q+1$, $q+1$ can't be 1. Therefore the only possibilities are:

$$a \rightarrow q-1=3, \quad q+1=p$$

$$b \rightarrow q-1=p, \quad q+1=3$$

$$c \rightarrow q-1=1, \quad q+1=3p$$

$a \rightarrow$ If $q-1=3$, then $p=5$, p is prime satisfy the condition of the problem

$b \rightarrow$ If $q+1=3$ then $p=1$. This can't be one case since p is supposed to be prime, this is not satisfy the condition of problem.

$c \rightarrow$ If $q-1=1$ then $3=3p$ that is $p=1$. This

can't be true same case as (b).
So only solution is $p=5$

(2). n^2-4 is given
 n^2-4 can be written as product of $(n-2)$
and $(n+2)$

$$n^2-4 = (n-2)(n+2)$$

So we can write

$$n^2-4 = ab \text{ for integers } a, b$$

If $n^2-4=ab$ is prime, either a or b must be 1 (or else we should have more than two factors)

Thus either $n-2$ or $n+2$ can't be 1 ($n-2 < 0$)

$$n-2=1$$

$$n=3 \text{ --- only soln}$$

$$\text{when } n=3; n^2-4 = 3^2-4 = 5$$

Thus 5 is only prime in term of n^2-4 .

(3). For $p \geq 5$ is a prime number then by the quotient, remainder theorem, p can be expressed as $6k$ or $6k+1$ or $6k+2$ or $6k+3$ or $6k+4$ or $6k+5$ for some integer k .

If it is given p is prime number so it can't be expressed in $6k, 6k+2, 6k+3$ because it is multiple of 2 and 3.

The only numbers which can express p are $6k+1$ or $6k+5$.

If $p = 6k+1$ then by squaring p and adding 2

$$\begin{aligned} p^2+2 &= (6k+1)^2+2 \\ &= 36k^2+12k+1+2 \\ &= 36k^2+12k+3 \end{aligned}$$

$$= 3(12k^2 + 4k + 1)$$

So it can be observe that $p^2 + 2$ is composite

Now let $p = 6k + 5$

$$p^2 + 2 = (6k + 5)^2 + 2$$

$$= 36k^2 + 25 + 60k + 2$$

$$= 36k^2 + 60k + 27$$

$$= 3(12k^2 + 20k + 9)$$

and if it also composite.

Thus if $p \geq 5$ is a prime number, then $p^2 + 2$ is composite.

④ a) We have to prove that $p^n | a^n$,

Given that p is prime number and $p | a$.

We know that if p is prime and $p | ab$ then $p | a$ or $p | b$ — (1)

Let assume $p | a^n = p | (a^{n-1} a)$

Then by (1) either $p | a^{n-1}$ or $p | a$ as p is prime

if $p | a$ then $p^n | a^n$

if $p | a^{n-1}$ then again by (1) either $p | a^{n-2}$ or $p | a$

if $p | a$ then again $p^n | a^n$

so if $p | a^{n-2}$ then again by (1) either $p | a^{n-3}$ or $p | a$

If $p | a$, then again $p^n | a^n$

in this process, ultimately $p | a$ which gives $p^n | a^n$.

Hence proved.

⑤. It is given that $\gcd(a, b) = p$ and p is a prime number.

Case - 1 $a = pm$ & $b = pn$ can be written when $p \nmid na$ & $p \nmid n$ and m, n doesn't have common factor

Then gcd of :-

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a^2, b^2) &= \gcd(p^2 m^2, p^2 n^2) \\ &= p^2 \gcd(m^2, n^2) \\ &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a^2, b) &= \gcd(p^2 m^2, pn) \\ &= p^2 \gcd(m^2, n) \\ &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a^3, b^2) &= \gcd(p^3 m^3, p^2 n^2) \\ &= p^2 \gcd(p m^3, n^2) \\ &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$

Case - 2 $a = pm$ & $b = p^k n$ where $k \geq 2$.
Where $p \nmid m$ & $p \nmid n$ and m, n doesn't have common factor.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{then gcd of } \gcd(a^2, b^2) &= \gcd(p^2 m^2, p^{2k} n^2) \\ &= p^2 \gcd(m^2, p^{2k-2} n^2) \\ &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a^2, b) &= \gcd(p^2 m^2, p^k n) \quad k \geq 2 \\ &= p^2 \gcd(m^2, p^{k-2} n) \\ &= p^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a^3, b^2) &= \gcd(p^3 m^3, p^{2k} n^2) \\ &= p^3 \gcd(m^3, p^{2k-3} n^2) \\ &= p^3 \end{aligned}$$

Case 3 : when $a = p^k m$, $b = pn$ $k \geq 2$

$$\gcd(a^2, b^2) = p^2$$

$$\gcd(a^2, b) = p$$

$$\gcd(a^3, b^2) = p^2$$

possible values of $\gcd(a^2, b^2) = p^2$
 $\gcd(a^2, b) = p$ or p^2

$$\gcd(a^3, b^2) = p^2 \text{ or } p^3$$

Q a) We have to show that every integer of the form $n^4 + 4$ with $n > 1$ is composite

$$n^4 + 4 = (n^2 + 2n + 2)(n^2 - 2n + 2)$$

$n^4 + 4$ can be written as product of $(n^2 + 2n + 2)$ $(n^2 - 2n + 2)$ and for $n \geq 1$ both the numbers are +ve and greater than 1,
 $\therefore n^4 + 4$ is composite.

b) Any integer of form $8^n + 1$ where $n \geq 1$ is composite

$$\begin{aligned} 8^n + 1 &= (2^3)^n + 1 \\ &= (2^n)^3 + 1 \quad \because a^3 + b^3 \\ &= (2^n + 1)(2^{2n} - 2^n + 1) \end{aligned}$$

For $n \geq 1$ both the numbers $2^n + 1$ and $2^{2n} - 2^n + 1$ are +ve and greater than 1.
 $\therefore 8^n + 1$ is composite.

c) Each integers $n > 11$ can be written as sum of ~~the~~ two composite numbers.

If n is even then $n = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned} n - 6 &= 2k - 6 \\ &= 2(k - 3) \end{aligned}$$

$$n = 2(k - 3) + 6$$

both are composite

If n is odd $n = 2k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} n - 9 &= 2k + 1 - 9 \\ &= 2k - 8 \end{aligned}$$

$$n - 9 = 2(k - 4)$$

$$n = 2(k - 4) + 9$$

both are composites.

⑥ All primes ≤ 50 will divide $50!$ since each is a term of 50

By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic each term k of $50!$ that is not prime has a unique prime factorization and each term of unique factorization of k is smaller than k and 50 is a prime that is < 50 .

\therefore There is no prime > 50

\therefore all prime < 50 are all primes that divide $50!$

which are: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43 and 47.

⑦. $x^7 - 1$ is given to us.

$x^7 - 1$ can be written of product of $(x-1)$ and $(x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$

$$x^7 - 1 = (x-1)(x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$$

So we can write,

$$x^7 - 1 = ab \text{ for integers } a \text{ and } b$$

If ab is prime either a or b must be 1 (or else we would have more than two factors)

Thus either

$$x-1=1 \quad \text{or} \quad x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 1$$

$$x=2 \quad \text{or} \quad x(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = 0$$

$$x=0, x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

$$x^3(x^2 + x + 1) + 1(x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$x^3 + 1 = 0, x^2 + x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x^2 - x + 1) = 0 \quad \text{No possible}$$

$x = -1 \rightarrow$ No real solution
 so we test $x=0$, $x=-1$, $x=2$ in x^7-1
 to see which ones are prime

$x=0$	$x^7-1 = 0-1 = -1$	not prime
$x=-1$	$x^7-1 = (-1)^7-1 = -2$	not prime
$x=2$	$x^7-1 = 2^7-1 = 127$	prime

127 is prime expressed as x^7-1 when $x=2$.

⑧ a) Primes that are 1 more than a power of 2
 $17 = 2^4 + 1$, $257 = 2^8 + 1$

b). Primes of form n^2+1

$$1^2 + 1 = 2$$

$$2^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$4^2 + 1 = 17$$

$$6^2 + 1 = 37$$

$$10^2 + 1 = 101$$

⑨ Using division algorithm if p is an integer then
 $p = 10k, 10k+1, 10k+2, 10k+3, 10k+4, 10k+5,$
 $10k+6, 10k+7, 10k+8, 10k+9$

and p is odd prime

so $\rightarrow 10k+1, 10k+3, 10k+7, 10k+9$ only
 these terms follow that a prime p will be
 of form

$$p = 10k+1$$

$$p^2 - 1 = (10k+1)^2 - 1$$

$$= 100k^2 + 20k + 1 - 1$$

$$= 10(10k^2 + 2k) \text{ — divisible by } 10$$

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$$\begin{aligned}p^2 + 1 &= (10k+1)^2 + 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 20k + 1 + 1 \\&= 10(10k^2 + 2k) + 2 \\&\rightarrow \text{Not divisible by 10}\end{aligned}$$

For $p = 10k+1$ then either p^2-1 or p^2+1
 $\rightarrow p^2-1$ is divisible by 10

$$p = 10k+3$$

$$\begin{aligned}p^2 - 1 &= (10k+3)^2 - 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 9 + 60k - 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 60k + 8 \\&= 10(10k^2 + 6k) + 8 \\&\rightarrow \text{Not divisible by 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p^2 + 1 &= (10k+3)^2 + 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 60k + 10 \\&= 10(10k^2 + 6k + 1) \text{ divisible by 10}\end{aligned}$$

For $p = 10k+3 \rightarrow p^2+1$ is divisible by 10

$$p = 10k+7$$

$$\begin{aligned}p^2 - 1 &= (10k+7)^2 - 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 140k + 48 \\&= 10(10k^2 + 14k) + 48 \\&\text{Not divisible by 10}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}p^2 + 1 &= (10k+7)^2 + 1 \\&= 100k^2 + 140k + 50 \\&= 10(10k^2 + 14k + 5) \\&\text{divisible by 10}\end{aligned}$$

For $p = 10k+7 \rightarrow p^2+1$ is divisible by 10

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For $p = 10k + 9$

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 - 1 &= (10k + 9)^2 - 1 \\ &= 100k^2 + 180k + 80 \\ &= 10(10k^2 + 18k + 8) \end{aligned}$$

divisible by 10

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + 1 &= (10k + 9)^2 + 1 \\ &= 100k^2 + 180k + 82 \end{aligned}$$

Not divisible by 10

For $p = 10k + 9 \rightarrow p^2 - 1$ is divisible by 10

(10) . We want to find the prime factors of these numbers

$$1234 = 2 \cdot 617$$

$$10140 = 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 13^2$$

$$36000 = 2^5 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 3^2$$