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LARSON—MATH 353–CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 22
$x = n^2 + 1$ **Primes Property Conjectures Investigation.**

Set up.

1. Start the Chrome browser.
2. Go to `https://cocalc.com`
3. Log in to your account.
4. You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
5. Make sure you are in your Home directory (if you put files in the Handouts directory they could be overwritten.)
6. Click "New", then "Jupyter Notebook", then call it **353-c22**.
7. Make sure you have SAGE as the *kernel*.
8. Look in your `Home` directory. You should see a `conjecturing.py` file and an `expressions` file **AND** today's Jupyter notebook.
9. Copy the latest version of `number_theory.sage` from the Handouts directory to your Home directory.
10. `load("number_theory.sage").`

The **research question** is: are the infinitely many primes of the form $x = n^2 + 1$?

1. **Open Conjectures**.

   ```
   count_prime_divisors(x) <= digits10(x)
   ```

   Are any of these resolved?

   Idea: Can we develop a theory for which $x = n^2 + 1$ integers are prime (that is, have the *property* of being prime?) Maybe generating necessary (and sufficient) condition conjectures for being prime will advance this idea?

2. What is a *property* in mathematics?

3. What is a *necessary condition* in mathematics?

4. The currently coded (and loaded) properties are:

   `properties = [is_prime, is_even, is_odd, is_abundant, is_deficient, is_perfect, is_abundant_base, is_deficient_base, is_perfect_base, is_semiprime, is_semiprime_base]`

   What are these integer properties? What do they mean? When are they true?

5. Try this necessary condition run. Are the conjectures true? Can you find any counterexamples?

```
objects = [5, 17, 65, 901, 325, 170, 2210, 101, 4625, 197, 1025, 4357]

properties = [is_prime, is_even, is_odd, is_abundant, is_deficient,
    is_perfect, is_abundant_base, is_deficient_base, is_perfect_base,
    is_semiprime, is_semiprime_base]

prop_of_interest = properties.index(is_prime)

conjs = propertyBasedConjecture(objects, properties, prop_of_interest,
    sufficient = False, debug=True)

for conj in conjs:
    print(conj)
```

6. What is a *sufficient condition* in mathematics?

7. Switch the "sufficient" parameter to `True` and generate sufficient condition conjectures for $x = n^2 + 1$ integers to be prime.

Getting your classwork recorded
When you are done, before you leave class...

1. Click the "Print" menu choice (under "File") and make a pdf of this worksheet (html is OK too).

2. Send me an email (`clarson@vcu.edu`) with an informative header like "Math 353 - c22 worksheet attached" (so that it will be properly recorded).

3. Remember to attach today's classroom worksheet!