

Twin Primes Proof

1 Verification of Prime Constellations

Here, we provide a verification of prime constellations.

1.1 Formal Definition

A prime constellation is defined by a base p and a set of offsets \mathcal{O} . In Lean 4, we define the property $P_{\mathcal{O}}(p)$ as:

$$P_{\mathcal{O}}(p) \iff \bigwedge_{s \in \mathcal{O}} \text{is_prime}(p + s)$$

1.2 Computational Search (algorithm2e)

Algorithm 1: K-Twin Decidability Algorithm

input : Search limit N , Offsets $\mathcal{O} = \{s_1, \dots, s_k\}$

output: List L of valid base primes

$L \leftarrow \emptyset$;

for $p \leftarrow 2$ **to** N **do**

$valid \leftarrow \text{true}$;

for $s \in \mathcal{O}$ **do**

if $\neg \text{isPrime}(p + s)$ **then**

$valid \leftarrow \text{false}$;

break;

if $valid$ **then**

$L \leftarrow L \cup \{p\}$;

1.3 Proof: Exclusion of Case $[0, 2, 4]$

Theorem 1. *For $p > 3$, the constellation $\{p, p + 2, p + 4\}$ is never prime.*

Proof. Let $p \in \mathbb{N}, p > 3$. By the pigeonhole principle applied to residues modulo 3:

- If $p \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$, p is composite (since $p > 3$).
- If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$, then $p + 2 \equiv 1 + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.
- If $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, then $p + 4 \equiv 2 + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$.

In all cases, one element is a multiple of 3. Since the elements are > 3 , at least one must be composite. \square

Definition 1. A ***Twin Prime*** is a pair $(p, p + 2)$ where both are elements of \mathbb{P} .

Theorem 2. *There is only one prime triplet of the form $(p, p + 2, p + 4)$.*

Proof. By testing $p = 3$, we find $\{3, 5, 7\}$, which are all prime. As proven via modular arithmetic $\pmod{3}$, no other such triplets exist. \square