

The Twin Prime Conjecture: An Analytical Approach

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Introduction/Abstract

This paper examines the twin prime conjecture. The basic strategy is to first establish that there is no highest prime number by calculating the rates at which the multiples of each successive prime preclude higher numbers from being prime, and then proving that this rate (in the aggregate) can never reach 100%. The same basic methodology is then used to show that there can also be no highest twin prime.

I. No Highest Prime Number

A. Calculating the New Elimination Rate of each prime number

By the definition of a prime number, we know that if a number is *not* prime, then it is divisible by a smaller number, other than 1. Of course, this is the same as saying that if a number is not prime, then it is a multiple of a smaller number, other than 1. All numbers are either prime or the product of primes.¹

Therefore, we know that if a number is not prime, it must be the multiple of a smaller prime. We can, thus, say that the multiples of prime numbers define the set of non-prime numbers. This, of course, is simply the sieve method for identifying prime numbers. [Cite?] For example, 2 eliminates all of its multiples from being prime because they are, by definition, divisible by 2, and the same is true for the multiples of each prime number. The prime numbers are then defined as the set of numbers that are not multiples of smaller primes.

¹ Only the multiples of a prime number can eliminate other numbers from being prime for the first time. If a number is not prime, it is because that number is divisible by a smaller number (other than one), which is itself either prime or, if not prime, divisible by another smaller number which is also either prime or not, and the process continues until a base prime number is identified.

Knowing the rate at which P's multiples occur, thus, tells us the rate at which P's multiples preclude numbers between P and infinity from being prime. However, the reciprocal of each prime (> 2) does not reveal its rate of *new* eliminations because of duplication between the multiples of two primes. For example, although every 3rd number is a multiple of 3, half of 3's multiples are numbers that were already eliminated from consideration as potential prime numbers by multiples of 2. To keep an accurate count of the rate at which the multiples of P eliminate higher numbers from being prime, it is necessary to reduce P's reciprocal ($1/P$) by duplicate multiples between P and each prime $< P$. For purposes of this paper, the term "New Elimination Rate" means the rate at which a given prime (P) precludes higher numbers from being prime for the first time ($1/P$ minus duplicate eliminations with primes $< P$), and the term "Nominal Rate" means a given prime's reciprocal ($1/P$).²

To calculate the New Elimination Rate of P, its Nominal Rate must be reduced to adjust for duplicate multiples of P and all smaller primes. The rate at which duplicate multiples between any two primes occur is the product of their reciprocals ($1/P_1 \times P_2$). So, for example, 2 and 3 share a duplicate multiple every 6 numbers ($2 \times 3 = 6$), and the rate at which duplicate multiples of 2 and 3 occur is the reciprocal of their product ($1/6$). Therefore, to calculate the rate of *new* duplicate multiples between 3 and a larger prime, it is necessary to use 3's New Elimination Rate of $1/6$ to avoid double counting.

Similarly, every third multiple of 5 and every 5th multiple of 3 are duplicate multiples of 3 and 5. However, half of 3's multiples are also duplicate multiples of 2. So to calculate 5's New Elimination Rate, the first step is to reduce 5's Nominal Rate by $1/2$, to adjust for all duplicate multiples between 5 and 2. To adjust for duplicate multiples with 3, however, it is

² A glossary of defined terms used herein is contained in Attachment 1.

necessary to use 3's New Elimination Rate, rather than its Nominal Rate, to avoid reducing 5's Nominal Rate by duplicate multiples of 2 and 3 that were already accounted for in step one.

The following examples demonstrate the calculation of the New Elimination Rates of 5 and 7:

P = 5

1. Two duplicates 1/2 of 5's multiples. Therefore, 5's elimination potential is cut in half by 2 ($1/5 \times 1/2 = 1/10$).
2. Three duplicates 1/3 of 5's multiples. However, half of 3's multiples duplicate multiples of 2. So 3 *newly* reduces only $1/6$ ($1/3 \times 1/2 = 1/6$) of 5's eliminations. Three, thus, further reduces the $1/10$ established in step one by $1/30$ ($1/5 \times 1/6 = 1/30$).
3. 5's total New Elimination Rate is $1/15$ ($1/10 - 1/30 = 1/15$). In other words, every 15th number is a multiple of 5 that is not also a multiple of 2 or 3.

P = 7

As a further example (using decimals), consider the aggregate rate at which the multiples of all primes ≥ 7 preclude the set of all numbers > 7 from being prime candidates.

1. Multiples of two duplicate 50% of 7's multiples. Therefore, 7's nominal elimination potential ($1/7$ or .1428) is cut in half by 2 (.1428 $\times .5 = .0714$).
2. Three duplicates 33.3% of 7's multiples. However, half of 3's multiples duplicate multiples of 2. So 3 *newly* reduces only .1666 ($.3333 \times .5 = .1666$) of 7's potential eliminations. Multiples of three, thus, further reduces the .0714 established in step one by .1666.
3. Five duplicates 1/5 of 7's multiples. However, half of 5's multiples duplicate multiples of 2, and 1/3 of 5's multiples are duplicate multiples of 3.

4. 7's total New Elimination Rate is $1/15$ ($1/10 - 1/30 = 1/15$). In other words, every 15th number is a multiple of 5 that is not also a multiple of 2 or 3.

Similarly, 7's New Elimination Rate can be calculated as follows:

$$(1/7 \times 1/2) - (1/7 \times 1/6) - (1/7 \times 1/15) = 4/105.$$

$$\text{Or in decimals: } (.1428 \times .5) - (.1428 \times .1667) - (.1428 \times .0667) = .0381$$

For any given prime, the New Elimination Rates of that prime and all smaller primes can be aggregated to show the total rate at which the multiples of those primes eliminate all future numbers from being prime (the “Aggregate New Elimination Rate”). The “Remaining Balance” is 100% minus the Aggregate New Elimination Rate at any given prime. In other words, if we only looked at 2 and 3, we could say that 66.67% of all numbers > 3 are multiples of 2 and/or 3 and, hence, not prime, and 33.33% of numbers > 3 may still be prime, at this point in the analysis, depending on whether they are multiples of primes > 3 . The following table illustrates these concepts.

Prime #	New Elimination Rate	Aggregate New Elimination Rate	Remaining Balance
2	50.00%	50%	50%
3	16.67%	66.67%	33.33%
5	6.67%	73.34%	26.66%
7	3.80%	77.14%	22.86%
11	2.08%	79.22%	20.78%
13	1.60%	80.82%	19.18%
17	1.19%	82.01%	17.99%
19	.95%	82.96%	17.04%
23	.74%	83.70%	16.3%
29	.56%	84.26%	15.74%
31	.51%	84.77%	15.23%
37	.41%	85.18%	14.82%
41	.36%	85.54%	14.46%

B. The Aggregate New Elimination Rate is the rate by which the *next* prime's Nominal Elimination Rate is reduced by all smaller primes

The Aggregate New Elimination Rate, at any point, always equals the rate by which all smaller primes reduce the elimination potential of the next prime. For example, to calculate 7's New Elimination Rate, its Nominal Elimination Rate (1/7) is reduced by 1/2 for 2 (50%), 1/6 by 3 (16.6667%), and 1/15 for 5 (6.6667%). The sum of these reduction factors is 73.3334% (50 + 16.6667 + 6.6667 = 73.3334), which is the same as the Aggregate New Elimination Rate at 5. In other words, the sum of the New Elimination Rates of all primes < 7 equals 73.39%, which is the same rate at which 7's new elimination power is reduced by those smaller primes.

This is necessarily true for any prime number because the inputs are the same for both calculations. The New Elimination Rates of each smaller prime that individually reduce the Nominal Rate of a given prime are the same rates that sum to the Aggregate New Elimination Rate for the immediately preceding prime. To illustrate, consider the following two methods of calculating the New Elimination Rate of 11.

Individual Method

$$(1/11 \times 1/2) - (1/11 \times 1/6) - (1/11 \times 1/15) - (1/11 \times 4/105) = 8/385 (2.08\%)$$

$$\text{Or in decimals: } (.0909 \times .5) - (.0909 \times .1666) - (.0909 \times .0666) - (.0909 \times .038) = .0208$$

Aggregate Method

$$\text{A simpler calculation is } 1/11 - (1/11 \times 27/35) = 8/385.$$

$$\text{Or in decimals: } .0909 - (.0909 \times .7712) = .0208$$

This method can be expressed as the formula $1/P - (1/P \times A)$, where P = a given prime number, and A equals the Aggregate New Elimination Rate at the prime immediately preceding P. If P = 11 then A = 27/35 ($1/2 + 1/6 + 1/15 + 4/105 = 27/35$) or 77.142857%. We can

aggregate the New Elimination Rates of each smaller prime, reduce 11's Nominal Elimination Rate by this aggregate, and thus determine 11's New Elimination Rate.

$$1/11 - (1/11 \times 27/35) =$$

$$1/11 - 27/385 =$$

$$8/385$$

Or in decimals:

$$9.090909 - (9.090909 \times .77142857) =$$

$$9.090909 - 7.01298693 =$$

$$2.077922$$

Thus, together 2, 3, 5 and 7 reduce 11's Nominal Rate by 27/35 ($1/2 + 1/6 + 1/15 + 4/105 = 27/35$) or 77.142857% from 1/11 (9.090909%) to 24/1,155 (2.077922%). The individual method reduces 11's Nominal Rate by each smaller prime's New Elimination Rate one at a time and the aggregate method simply sums the New Elimination Rates of each smaller prime and then reduces 11's Nominal Rate by the aggregate amount.

C. The Aggregate New Elimination Rate can never reach 100%

To prove that the Aggregate New Elimination Rate can never reach 100%, consider a hypothetical in which the Aggregate New Elimination Rate finally reaches 100%. At the immediately prior prime, call it Px, the Aggregate New Elimination Rate, call it A, would be, by definition, some number less than 100%, which would then reduce the Nominal Elimination Rate of the next prime number, call it Py, by some amount less than 100%. This concept is illustrated on the following chart:

Prime #	New Elimination Rate	Aggregate New Elimination Rate	Remaining Balance
Px	Unknown %	A%	B%
Py	$1/Py - (1/Py \times A)$	100%	0%

The question then becomes: if the Aggregate New Elimination Rate at Px (A) is < 100%, can the resulting New Elimination Rate of Py equal the Remaining Balance (B) at Px? In other words, can $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ be greater than or equal to B, where $B = 100 - A$, and $A < 100$?

First, we can deduce that $1/\text{Py}$ is < 1 (or 100%) because, obviously, 1 over any number > 1 is a fraction that is < 1. If $1/\text{Py}$ is < 1 and $A < 100$ and $B = 100 - A$, then $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ must be < B. In other words, if $A < 100$, and $B = 100 - A$, then B must be < 100. This is much like the proverbial flea jumping halfway to a wall; it never gets there because each jump is less than the remaining distance.

Here are a few illustrative examples:

- Let $1/\text{Py} = .9$ and $A = .8$ (80%); therefore B must = .2 ($100\% - 80\% = 20\%$)
 $.9 - (.9 \times .8) = .18$ (18%), which is less than B (20%)
- Let $1/\text{Py} = .9$ and $A = .85$ (85%); therefore B must = .15 ($100\% - 85\% = 15\%$)
 $.9 - (.9 \times .85) = .135$ (13.5%), which is less than B (15%)
- Let $1/\text{Py} = .9$ and $A = .99$ (99%); therefore B must = .01 ($100\% - 99\% = 1\%$)
 $.9 - (.9 \times .99) = .009$ (.9%), which is less than B (1%)

Therefore, if $1/\text{Py} < 1$ and A is < 100, then $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ will always be less than B, where $B = 100 - A$, which means there will always be some Remaining Balance, thus precluding the Aggregate New Elimination Rate from ever reaching 100%. Because the Aggregate New Elimination Rate can never reach 100%, there can be no point at which all higher numbers have been eliminated as prime candidates, and thus no highest prime number.

II. No Highest Twin Prime

A. Thinking of twin primes as a three number set

Twin primes can be thought of as a set of 3 numbers, the middle of which is always an even multiple of 3. For the numbers on both ends of a three number set to be prime, the middle number must be an even multiple of 3 because:

- In any series of 3 numbers, one of them will be a multiple of 3.
- If the multiple of 3 is the first or third number in the set, that number is not prime because it is a multiple of 3.
- If the multiple of 3 in the middle of a 3 number set is odd, the numbers on either side will be even, and thus (for numbers > 2) not prime.

Further, the multiple of 3 in the middle cannot appear in the 4 or 6 column of a chart such as the one below (i.e., end in a 4 or 6), because if it did, there would be a number ending in 5 on one side or the other, and a number ending in 5 (a multiple of 5) cannot be prime for numbers > 5 .

A “Twin Prime Middle” (or “TPM”) can, thus, be defined as an even multiple of 3 that ends in a 2, 8 or 0. A “Twin Prime Candidate” (or “TPC”) can be defined as the numbers on either side of a Twin Prime Middle. A “Candidate Set” can be defined as a series of 3 consecutive numbers, the middle number of which is a Twin Prime Middle. A “Twin Prime Pair” is an actual set of prime numbers that differ from each other by 2.

On the chart below, TPMs are designated in green and TPCs are designated in yellow. The pattern of distribution of TPMs and TPCs repeats every 30 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90

(See also Attachment 3.)

Each Candidate Set will be a Twin Prime Pair unless one of the two (or both) Twin Prime Candidates in the Set are eliminated from being prime by the multiples of a smaller prime. The methodology discussed above can be used to determine the rate at which each prime number eliminates Twin Prime Candidates, and thus eliminates Candidate Sets from being Twin Prime Pairs. As discussed below, the rate at which TPCs are eliminated is calculated first, and then an adjustment is made to reflect the rate at which Candidate Sets are eliminated from being Twin Prime Pairs. Finally, the same method used to prove that the Aggregate Rate of Elimination of prime numbers cannot be 100% is then used to prove that the rate at which Candidate Sets are eliminated from being Twin Prime Pairs can also never reach 100%.

B. Calculating the TPC New Elimination Rate

Calculating the rate at which each prime eliminates Twin Prime Candidates for the first time (the “TPC New Elimination Rate”) is a two-step process. The first step is to identify a consistent pattern to the distribution of TPCs. The second step is to identify a consistent pattern to the rates at which a given prime eliminates TPCs.

1. Calculating the Distribution of TPCs

Because Twin Prime Candidates are the odd numbers on either side of an even multiple of 3, the distribution of Twin Prime Candidates is controlled by the distribution of multiples of 3. As discussed in the following section, there is a general rule governing the distribution of the multiples all primes (other than 2 and 5), which is necessary to understand the distribution of multiples of 3 and important for other purposes later in the analysis.

(a) The Distribution of Any Prime's Multiples Repeats Every 10 Multiples

Consider how the multiples of a prime would be distributed on a table of consecutive numbers broken out into rows of 10 numbers each like the TPM/TPC table above in § II.A. On this type of table, of course, the last digit of a given number controls which column it goes in.

The final digit of the multiples of any prime (other than 2 or 5) necessarily repeats after each set of 10 multiples. Therefore, there will be one multiple of any given prime in each of the 10 columns for each set of 10 consecutive multiples, and then the pattern starts over.

If the number is in the 2, 4, 6, 8 or 10 column, it is even and (for numbers > 2) not prime. If the number is > 5 and appears in the 5 column, it is divisible by 5, and hence not prime. Therefore, for the given number to be prime (if it is not 2 or 5) it must appear in the 1, 3, 7 or 9 columns. The multiples of primes that end in 1, 3, 7 or 9 proceed through a specific sequence every 10 multiples. If a prime number ends in 1, then from the row on which one multiple appears to the row on which the next multiple appears, the next multiple will be exactly 1 column over to the right. Consider, for example, the distribution of multiples of 11. Eleven is the first multiple and appears in the 1 column, next 22 appears in the 2 column, then 33 in the 3 column, 44 in the 4 column, 55 in the 5 column, 66 in the 6 column, 77 in the 7 column, 88 in the 8 column, 99 in the 9 column, 110 in the 10 column, and then the pattern starts over with 121 in

the 1 column. The multiples of 31, as a further example, proceed through the same sequence of columns, although the next multiple is always 3 rows down and 1 column over to the right from the previous multiple. [Reference chart.]

If a prime number ends in 3, its multiples will appear in the following column sequence: 3, 6, 9, 2, 5, 8, 1, 4, 7, 10, and then the process starts over in the 3 column (as in 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, 24, 27, 30 and 33). If a prime number ends in 7, its column sequence will be 7, 4, 1, 8, 5, 2, 9, 6, 3, 10 and then back to 7 (7, 14, 21, 28, 35, 42, 49, 56, 63, 70 and 77). If a prime number ends in 9, its column sequence will be (the inverse of one) 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, 10 and then back to 9 (9, 18, 27, 36, 45, 54, 63, 72, 81, 90 and 99). [Examples.]

Because all primes (other than 2 and 5) must end in 1, 3, 7 or 9, and the multiples of numbers appearing in these columns land in each of the 10 columns every 10 multiples, the distribution pattern of multiples of any prime (other than 2 or 5) repeats after each set of 10 multiples.

(b) **The Distribution of Multiples of Three**

Like all primes, other than 2 and 5, the distribution of 3's multiples repeats every 10 multiples of 3, or every 30 numbers. (Attachment 2.) In other words, there will be one multiple of 3 in each of the 10 columns, and then the process starts over again after the 10th multiple. This same pattern repeats infinitely because every 30 numbers the exact same counting process repeats.

(c) **The Twin Prime Candidate Ratio**

Once it has been established that the pattern of 3's multiples repeats every 10 multiples to infinity, it is possible to calculate the ratio of Twin Prime Candidates in each set of 10 multiples of 3 (every 30 numbers). There are 5 even multiples of 3 in each set of 10 multiples. Two of the

5 (those ending in 4 or 6) cannot be Twin Prime Middles because they are within one number of a number ending in 5 on either side, and numbers > 5 that end in 5 cannot be prime. This leaves 3 TPMs with 1 TPC on each side for a total of 6 Twin Prime Candidates every 30 numbers. (See Attachment 3.) Six TPCs every 30 numbers = $6/30 = 1/5$ (20%). Twin Prime Candidates are, therefore, 20% of all numbers. Further, because there are two TPCs in each Candidate Set, there are three Candidate Sets every 30 numbers ($3/30 = 1/10 = 10\%$).

2. Calculating the Rates of Twin Prime Eliminations

(a) Primes Less Than or Equal to Five

In calculating each prime's TPC New Elimination Rate, the number two is obviously not a factor because the TPCs are all odd. Three is also irrelevant because the TPMs are all, by definition, multiples of 3, and so the numbers immediately adjacent cannot also be. Similarly, 5 is irrelevant because TPCs never appear in the 5 column (i.e., no number ending in 5 is a Twin Prime Candidate). The first prime that can eliminate TPCs, therefore, is 7.

(b) Primes Greater Than Five

To calculate the rate at which 7 eliminates TPCs, it is necessary to identify a consistent pattern between the multiples of 7 and 3, because 3 controls the distribution of TPCs. The pattern of multiples of 3 and 7 (viewed together) starts over every 210 numbers ($3 \times 7 \times 10 = 210$). (Attachment 4.) There are 42 TPCs in each group of 210 numbers. (Attachment 3.) Therefore, 20% of the numbers in each group of 210 numbers is a TPC ($42/210 = 1/5$ (20%)). (*Id.*) There are 30 multiples of 7 in each group of 210 numbers, and 6 of those eliminate Twin Prime Candidates ($6/30 = 1/5$ (20%)). (Attachment 5.)

Thus, the ratio of TPCs in the set (42) to the total numbers in the set (210) is $1/5$ ($42/210 = 1/5$), and the ratio of the multiples of 7 that hit TPCs in the set (6) to the total number of

multiples of 7 in the set (30) is also 1/5 ($6/30 = 1/5$). This is true because both 30 and 210 are being reduced by the 20% TPC ratio.

- $210 \times .2 = 42$ ($42/210 = 1/5$ (20%))
- $30 \times .2 = 6$ ($6/30 = 1/5$ (20%))

The ratio of the multiples of 7 that eliminate TPCs to the total number of TPCs in the set is, thus, 6 eliminations by 7's multiples per 42 TPCs for an elimination rate of 1/7 ($6/42 = 1/7$), which is 7's Nominal Rate. (*Id.*)

For the same reason, the Nominal Rate at which every prime eliminates Twin Prime Candidates is the same as the Nominal Rate at which that prime eliminates all numbers. In other words, because 80% of numbers are not TPCs, the same percentage of the multiples of a given prime are irrelevant in considering the rate at which a given prime eliminates TPCs. Therefore, every prime's Nominal Rate is also its nominal rate of TPC elimination. The same process described above can be used to adjust for duplicate eliminations.

For example, 7 is the first prime that can eliminate TPCs, and, therefore, its Nominal Rate is also its TPC New Elimination Rate (1/7 or 14.28571%). However, 11's Nominal Rate ($1/11$ or 9.09091%), is reduced by duplicate multiples between 7 and 11 to 7.79221% ($9.09091 - (9.09091 \times .1428571) = 7.79221$). Thirteen's Nominal Rate ($1/13$ or 7.69231%) is reduced by duplicate multiples between 7 and 13 to 6.59341% ($7.69231 - (7.69231 \times .1428571) = 6.59341$). Thirteen's Nominal Rate is also reduced by duplicate multiples between 11 and 13 by .5994001 ($7.69231 \times .077922 = .5994001$) to 5.99401% ($6.59341 - .5994001 = 5.99401$).

The shortcut method takes 13's Nominal Rate (7.69231%) and reduces it by 22.0791% ($14.28571 + 7.7922 = 22.07791$), which is the Aggregate New Elimination Rate at 11 ($7.69231 - (7.69231 \times .2207791) = 5.99401$).

The following chart illustrates the rate at which each prime number newly eliminates Twin Prime Candidates, thus eliminating an entire Candidate Set.

Prime #	Twin Prime Candidate New Elimination Rate	Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate	Remaining Balance
7	14.28571%	14.28571%	85.71429%
11	7.7922% %	22.07791%	77.92209%
13	5.99401%	28.07192%	71.92808%
17	4.23107%	32.30299%	67.69701%
19	3.563%	35.86599%	64.13401%
23	2.78913%	38.65512%	61.34488%
29	2.1153371%	40.770457%	59.22955%
31	1.91063%	42.681087%	57.31892%
37	1.54916%	44.230247%	55.76976%
41	1.0787844%	45.309031%	54.69097%

C. A Prime's Candidate Set New Elimination Rate Is Always < Its TPC New Elimination Rate

Each prime's TPC New Elimination Rate would equal its "Candidate Set New Elimination Rate" but for the fact that each TPC in a Candidate Set can be eliminated by a different prime.³ The first TPC eliminated by a prime precludes its entire Candidate Set from being a Twin Prime Pair. Therefore, some of the TPC eliminations by a given prime are rendered moot because the other TPC in a given Candidate Set has already been eliminated. As discussed in more detail below, this *reduces* the rate at which a given prime actually eliminates Candidate Sets.

D. The Aggregate Candidate Set New Elimination Rate can never reach 100%

The Aggregate Candidate Set New Elimination Rate can never reach 100% because: (1) the TPC New Elimination Rate at a given prime (Py) will never be sufficient to completely bridge the distance between the Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate at the preceding prime

³ No single prime can eliminate more than 1 TPC in a Candidate Set because 7 is the first prime that can eliminate TPCs and Candidate Sets are 3 consecutive numbers.

(A) and 100%; and (2) a prime's Candidate Set New Elimination Rate is always less than its TPC New Elimination Rate.

Consider a situation in which the Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate finally reaches 100%. In the immediately prior step, the Aggregate New Elimination Rate (A) would necessarily be some number less than 100%, which would then reduce the elimination power of the following prime number (Py) by some amount less than 100%. The following chart illustrates this hypothetical:

Prime #	TPC New Elimination Rate	Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate	Remaining Balance
Px	Unknown %	A%	B%
Py	$1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$	100%	0%

As was the case with proving that there can be no highest prime number, the question here is: can $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ be greater than or equal to B, where A is < 100 , and $B = 100$ minus A? As discussed above in § I.C., the difference between an A value of less than 100 minus a fixed value will always be less than exactly 100 minus the same fixed value. So the problem works only if $1/\text{Py} = 1/1$ (a 100% New Elimination Rate).

No prime can have a 100% TPC New Elimination Rate because the TPC New Elimination Rates start at 14.28571% (for 7) and get smaller as the prime in the denominator gets larger. Because no prime can have a 100% TPC New Elimination Rate, $1/\text{Py}$ must be < 1 , and, if A is < 100 , then $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ must be $< B$. If $1/\text{Py} - (1/\text{Py} \times A)$ is always less than B, then there will always be some Remaining Balance, thus precluding the Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate from ever reaching 100%. Because the Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate can never reach 100%, there can be no point at which all TPCs have been eliminated from being prime.

Further, a given prime's Candidate Set New Elimination Rate is always less than its TPC New Elimination Rate because the Candidate Set New Elimination Rate is reduced not only by exact duplicates, but also reduced by Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations. Therefore, $1/\text{Py}$ is not only reduced by an Aggregate Rate (A) less than 100%, but also by Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations, which reduce its Candidate Set New Elimination Rate even further.

Accordingly, there will always be some Remaining Balance, thus precluding the Aggregate Candidate Set New Elimination Rate from ever reaching 100%. There can, thus, be no point at which all Candidate Sets have been eliminated from being Twin Prime Pairs, which means there can be no highest twin prime.

ATTACHMENT 1

Glossary of Terms

“Aggregate Candidate Set New Elimination Rate” – the sum of the Candidate Set New Elimination Rates of a prime and all smaller primes.

“Aggregate New Elimination Rate” - the sum of the New Elimination Rates of a given prime and all smaller primes.

“Aggregate TPC New Elimination Rate” - the sum of the TPC New Elimination Rates of a prime and all smaller primes.

“Candidate Set” - a series of 3 consecutive numbers, the middle number of which is a Twin Prime Middle.

“Candidate Set Duplication Rate” – the rate of Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations between a prime and an individual smaller prime ($6/(P_1 \times P_2 \times 30)$).

“Candidate Set New Elimination Rate” - the rate at which a prime number eliminates Candidate Sets from being Twin Prime pairs after adjustment for exact duplicate multiples with smaller primes and Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations.

“Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations” - TPC eliminations that are moot for purposes of calculating Candidate Set New Elimination Rates because the eliminated TPC is part of a Candidate Set in which the other TPC has already been eliminated.

“Multiples Within Two” - a set of the multiples of two primes that come within exactly two numbers of each other.

The “Maximum Multiple Difference” is the farthest apart any multiple of a smaller prime can get from the closest multiple of a larger prime between duplicate multiples of the two.

“New Elimination Rate” - the rate at which a given prime (P) eliminates new numbers from being prime (1/P minus duplicate eliminations).

“Nominal Rate” - a given prime’s reciprocal (1/P).

“Remaining Balance” - 100% minus the Aggregate New Elimination Rate (for all numbers, TPCs or Candidate Sets) at a given prime.

“Total Candidate Set Duplication Rate” – the total of the Candidate Set Duplication Rates between a prime and all smaller primes.

“Twin Prime Middle” (or “TPM”) - an even multiple of 3 that ends in a 2, 8 or 0.

“Twin Prime Candidate” (or “TPC”) - one of the numbers on either side of a Twin Prime Middle.

“Twin Prime Pair” - a set of prime numbers that differ from each other by 2.

“TPC New Elimination Rate” - the rate at which each prime number eliminates Twin Prime Candidates for the first time.

ATTACHMENT 2

The Distribution of Multiples of Three

Multiples of 3 are indicated in yellow. The pattern repeats every 30 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150
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161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
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301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330
331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340
341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350
351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360

ATTACHMENT 3

The Distribution of Candidate Sets

Twin Prime Middles (TPMs) are indicated in green. Twin Prime Candidates (TPCs) are indicated in yellow. The pattern repeats every 30 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
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131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
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161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
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331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340
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371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380
381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390
391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410
411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420

ATTACHMENT 4

The Distribution of Multiples of 3 and 7

Multiples of 3 are indicated yellow. Multiples of 7 are indicated in blue. Duplicate multiples of 3 and 7 are indicated in green. The pattern repeats every 210 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180
181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190
191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
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211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
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251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260
261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270
271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280
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292	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300
301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310
311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330
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371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380
381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390
391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410
411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420

ATTACHMENT 5

Twin Prime Candidate Eliminations by Multiples of 7

TPCs are indicated yellow, and TPMs are green. Multiples of 7 that eliminate TPCs are orange. The pattern repeats every 210 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
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151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180
181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190
191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230
231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240
241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250
251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260
261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270
271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280
281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290
292	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299	300
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311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320
321	322	323	324	325	326	327	328	329	330
331	332	333	334	335	336	337	338	339	340
341	342	343	344	345	346	347	348	349	350
351	352	353	354	355	356	357	358	359	360
361	362	363	364	365	366	367	368	369	370
371	372	373	374	375	376	377	378	379	380
381	382	383	384	385	386	387	388	389	390
391	392	393	394	395	396	397	398	399	400
401	402	403	404	405	406	407	408	409	410
411	412	413	414	415	416	417	418	419	420

ATTACHMENT 6

The Distribution Of The Multiples Of Two Primes Relative To Each Other Between Duplicate Multiples

The following table shows the distribution of multiples of 7 and 13 between 91 ($7 \times 13 = 91$) and 182 ($7 \times 13 \times 2 = 182$). The distance between multiples of 7 and the closest multiple of 11 is indicated in parenthesis. Multiples of either 7 or 13 within 2 of the closest multiple of the other are in bold and underlined.

<u>Multiples of 7 From 91 - 182</u>	<u>Multiples of 13 From 91 - 182</u>
91	91
98 (6)	104
105 (1)	<u>117</u>
112 (5)	130
<u>119 (2)</u>	143
126 (4)	<u>156</u>
133 (3)	169
140 (3)	182
147 (4)	
<u>154 (2)</u>	
161 (5)	
168 (1)	
175 (6)	
182	

The following table shows the distribution of multiples of 7 and 17 between 119 ($7 \times 17 = 119$) and 238 ($7 \times 17 \times 2 = 238$).

<u>Multiples of 7 From 119 - 238</u>	<u>Multiples of 17 From 119 - 238</u>
119	119
126 (7)	136
133 (3)	153
140 (4)	<u>170</u>
147 (6)	<u>187</u>
154 (1)	204
161 (8)	221
<u>168 (2)</u>	238
175 (5)	
182 (5)	
<u>189 (2)</u>	
196 (8)	
203 (1)	
210 (6)	
217 (4)	
224 (3)	
231 (7)	
238	

This table shows the distribution of multiples of 11 and 13 between 143 ($11 \times 13 = 143$) and 286 ($11 \times 13 \times 2 = 286$).

<u>Multiples of 11 From 143 - 286</u>	<u>Multiples of 13 From 143 - 286</u>
143	143
<u>154 (2)</u>	<u>156</u>
165 (4)	169
176 (6)	182
187 (5)	195
198 (3)	208
209 (1)	221
220 (1)	234
231 (3)	247
242 (5)	260
253 (6)	<u>273</u>
264 (4)	286
<u>275 (2)</u>	
286	

ATTACHMENT 7

Duplicate Multiples of 7 and 11 In Relation To The Distribution of Candidate Sets

TPCs are indicated yellow. TPMs are indicated in green. Duplicate multiples of 7 and 11 that do not eliminate TPCs are indicated in red. Duplicate multiples of 7 and 11 that eliminate TPCs are indicated in orange. Duplicate multiples of 7 and 11 that eliminate TPMs are indicated in black. The pattern repeats every 2,310 numbers.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
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111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
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131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150
151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180
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191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200
201	202	203	204	205	206	207	208	209	210
211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220
221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230
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251	252	253	254	255	256	257	258	259	260
261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270
271	272	273	274	275	276	277	278	279	280
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461	462	463	464	465	466	467	468	469	470
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711	712	713	714	715	716	717	718	719	720
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771	772	773	774	775	776	777	778	779	780
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1181	1182	1183	1184	1185	1186	1187	1188	1189	1190
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Duplicate Candidate Set Eliminations by Multiples of 7 and 11

TPCs are indicated yellow. TPMs are indicated in green. Multiples of 7 that do not eliminate TPCs or TPMs are indicated in red. Multiples of 11 that do not eliminate TPCs or TPMs are indicated in dark blue. Multiples of 7 that eliminate TPCs are indicated in orange. Multiples of 11 that eliminate TPCs are indicated in light blue. Multiples of 7 that eliminate TPMs are indicated in dark green. Multiples of 11 that eliminate TPMs are indicated in purple.

The pattern repeats every 2,310 numbers.

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