

On Andrica's Conjecture, Cramér's Conjecture, gaps Between Primes and Jacobi Theta Functions III: A Simple Proof for Andrica's Conjecture

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1. NOTATION

We will use the notation of Armitage and Eberlein, [see 1, p. 103]:

k is a real number such that $0 < k < 1; k' = (1 - k^2)^{1/2}$ is the complementary modulus,

$$(1) \quad K = K(k) = \int_0^{2\pi} \frac{d\psi}{(1 - k^2 \sin^2 \psi)}, \quad K' = K(k').$$

$$(2) \quad \tau = iK'/K, \quad q = \exp(\pi i \tau).$$

2. PRELIMINARES

The Rosser's theorem [2] states that p_n is larger than $n \log n$. This can be improved by the following pair of bounds:

$$(3) \quad \log n + \log \log n - 1 < \frac{p_n}{n} < \log n + \log \log n,$$

for $n \geq 6$.

3. THEOREM

THEOREM 1 (Andrica's Conjecture). For $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 1}$, then

$$(3) \quad \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} < 1.$$

Proof 1. Step 1. In previous paper[3, *On Andrica's Conjecture, gaps Between Primes and Jacobi Theta Functions*], Theorem 1, we discover that

$$(4) \quad \left(\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}\right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n - n} < \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} < \left(\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}\right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n},$$

for $k := \frac{p_n}{p_{n+1}}$ to be a k modulus. Ergo, dividindo ambos os membros of (14) by

$\left(\frac{\theta_3 - \theta_2}{\theta_2}\right) \sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n}$, we have

$$\sqrt{\frac{n \log n + n \log \log n - n}{n \log n + n \log \log n}} < \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n}}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2}\right) < 1,$$

$$(5) \quad \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log \log n}} < \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n \log n + n \log \log n}}\right) \left(\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2}\right) < 1,$$

But, by the Rosser's theorem, we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 (6) & \sqrt{(n+1)\log(n+1) + (n+1)\log\log(n+1) - (n+1)} - \sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n - n} \\
 & < \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} \\
 & < \sqrt{(n+1)\log(n+1) + (n+1)\log\log(n+1) - (n+1)} - \sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing (6) by $\sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}$, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 (7) & \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1}{\log n + \log\log n} - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}} < \frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}} \\
 & < \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1)}{\log n + \log\log n} - 1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Dividing (5) by (7), we encounter

$$\begin{aligned}
 (8) & \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1}{\log n + \log\log n} - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}} < \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2} \\
 & < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1)}{\log n + \log\log n} - 1}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Substituting the left-hand side of (8) in (5), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 (9) & \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}{\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \frac{\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1}{\log n + \log\log n} - \sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}} \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}} \right) \\
 & < \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}} \right) \left(\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2} \right) < 1,
 \end{aligned}$$

consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
 (10) & \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}{\sqrt{(n+1)[\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1] - \sqrt{n(\log n + \log\log n - 1)}}} (\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}) \\
 & < \left(\frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{n\log n + n\log\log n}} \right) \left(\frac{\theta_2}{\theta_3 - \theta_2} \right) < 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Simplifying (10), we find

$$\begin{aligned}
 (11) & \frac{\sqrt{1 - \frac{1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}{\sqrt{(n+1)[\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1] - \sqrt{n(\log n + \log\log n - 1)}}} (\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}) < 1 \\
 & \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{(n+1)[\log(n+1) + \log\log(n+1) - 1] - \sqrt{n(\log n + \log\log n - 1)}}} \\
 & < \frac{\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}}{\sqrt{\frac{\log n + \log\log n - 1}{\log n + \log\log n}}}.
 \end{aligned}$$

But, we observe that $\sqrt{\log(n+1) + \log \log(n+1) - 1} \cong \sqrt{\log n + \log \log n - 1}$; for example: 1) for $n = 11$, then $\sqrt{\log(12) + \log \log(12) - 1} = 1.54762454851 \dots$ and $\sqrt{\log(11) + \log \log(11) - 1} = 1.50747691714 \dots$; 2) for $n = 110$, then $\sqrt{\log(111) + \log \log(111) - 1} = 2.2932767734 \dots$ and $\sqrt{\log(110) + \log \log(110) - 1} = 2.29088303384 \dots$; 3) for $n = 1100$, then $\sqrt{\log(1101) + \log \log(1101) - 1} = 2.81965456368 \dots$ and $\sqrt{\log(1100) + \log \log(1100) - 1} = 2.81947041741 \dots$

Therefore, the equation (11) can be written as

$$\begin{aligned}
 (12) \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} &\lesssim \frac{\sqrt{(n+1)(\log n + \log \log n - 1)} - \sqrt{n(\log n + \log \log n - 1)}}{\sqrt{\frac{\log n + \log \log n - 1}{\log n + \log \log n}}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{\log n + \log \log n - 1}}{\sqrt{\frac{\log n + \log \log n - 1}{\log n + \log \log n}}} \\
 &= \frac{(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{\log n + \log \log n - 1}}{\sqrt{\log n + \log \log n}} \sqrt{\log n + \log \log n} \\
 &= (\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{\log n + \log \log n} < \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{\log n} \\
 &< \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{n}.
 \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, for $f(n) = \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{n}$, the maximum occurs when n tends at infinity, and $f(n) \downarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$; we have,

for $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0.707106781187 \dots$. For $n \in \mathbb{N}_{\geq 6}$, because of condition for Rosser's theorem, then

$$\begin{aligned}
 (13) \sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n} &< \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{n} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{2}(\sqrt{(n+1)} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{n} \\
 &= 0.707106781187 \dots < 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Step 2. For $n = 1$, then $\sqrt{p_2} - \sqrt{p_1} = \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2} = 0.317837245196 \dots < 1$; for $n = 2$, then $\sqrt{p_3} - \sqrt{p_2} = \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} = 0.504017169931 \dots < 1$; for $n = 3$, then $\sqrt{p_4} - \sqrt{p_3} = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5} = 0.409683333565 \dots < 1$; for $n = 4$, then $\sqrt{p_5} - \sqrt{p_4} = \sqrt{11} - \sqrt{7} = 0.670873479291 \dots < 1$; for $n = 5$, then $\sqrt{p_6} - \sqrt{p_5} = \sqrt{13} - \sqrt{11} = 0.267949192431 \dots < 1$. \square

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Table 1

The order of table: 1.^a column: n ; 2.^a column: $\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n}$; 3.^a column: $(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{2n}$; 4.^a column: $(\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})\sqrt{2n} - (\sqrt{p_{n+1}} - \sqrt{p_n})$.

1	0.317837245196	0.585786437627	0.267949192431
2	0.504017169931	0.635674490392	0.13165732046
3	0.409683333565	0.656338798447	0.24665546488
4	0.670873479291	0.667701070844	-0.00317240844
5	0.288926485108	0.674898880549	0.385972395441
6	0.517554350154	0.679870015673	0.16231566552
7	0.235793317923	0.683510307647	0.447716989724
8	0.436932579772	0.686291501015	0.24935892124
9	0.589333283822	0.688485803641	0.09915251982
10	0.182599555695	0.69026135046	0.507661794765
11	0.514998167468	0.691727623168	0.1767294557
12	0.320361707134	0.692958984179	0.37259727704
13	0.154314286869	0.694007717489	0.53969343062
14	0.298216076099	0.694911658696	0.396695582597
15	0.424455288879	0.69569886461	0.27124357573
16	0.401035858588	0.696390581412	0.29535472282
17	0.129103928038	0.697003193363	0.567899265325
18	0.375103095966	0.697549538528	0.32244644256
19	0.240797001304	0.698039819092	0.457242817788
20	0.117853972141	0.698482244917	0.580628272776
21	0.344190671998	0.698883497306	0.3546928253
22	0.222239161828	0.699249068966	0.477009907137
23	0.323547552912	0.699583517091	0.37603596417
24	0.414876669739	0.699890654423	0.28501398468
25	0.201017819324	0.700173695313	0.499155875988
26	0.0990159439713	0.70043536869	0.601419424719
27	0.195188867696	0.700678006374	0.505489138677
28	0.096226076122	0.700903612773	0.604677536651
29	0.189839303824	0.701113920409	0.511274616585
30	0.63928185685	0.701310434503	0.06202857765
31	0.176095472675	0.701494469074	0.525398996399
32	0.25917676846	0.701667176365	0.442490407905
33	0.085126211832	0.701829570996	0.616703359164
34	0.416729493182	0.701982549917	0.28525305673
35	0.0816501117108	0.702126908986	0.620476797275
36	0.241758358697	0.702263356824	0.460504998127
37	0.237181248662	0.702392526447	0.465211277785
38	0.155702648516	0.702514985087	0.546812336571
39	0.230098454645	0.702631242525	0.472532787879
40	0.226141722293	0.702741758182	0.476600035888
41	0.0745358868141	0.702846947188	0.628311060374
42	0.366650914011	0.702947185597	0.33629627158
43	0.0721690283646	0.703042814876	0.630873786511
44	0.143224858168	0.703134145793	0.559909287625
45	0.0710671320477	0.703221461792	0.632154329745
46	0.419103066668	0.703305021932	0.28420195526
47	0.407345476734	0.703385063451	0.29603958671
48	0.133334650251	0.70346180402	0.570127153769
49	0.0662267771022	0.703535443718	0.637308666616
50	0.131591572052	0.703606166774	0.572014594722
51	0.195287311266	0.703674143105	0.508386831838
52	0.0645498625197	0.703739529681	0.639189667162
53	0.318804821495	0.703802471737	0.38499765024
54	0.188240024126	0.703863103844	0.515623079717

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63	0.113776620613	0.70432285307	0.590546232457
64	0.0566139244057	0.704366016053	0.647752091647
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