

## A functional recurrence to obtain the prime numbers using the Smarandache prime function.

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Theorem: We are considering the function:

For  $n \geq 2$ , integer:

$$F(n) = n + 1 + \sum_{m=n+1}^{2n} \prod_{i=n+1}^m \left[ -E \left[ \frac{\sum_{j=1}^i (E(\frac{i}{j}) - E(\frac{i-1}{j}))^{-2}}{\sum_{j=1}^i (E(\frac{i}{j}) - E(\frac{i-1}{j}))^{-1}} \right] \right]$$

one has:  $p_{k+1} = F(p_k)$  for all  $k \geq 1$  where  $\{p_k\}_{k \geq 1}$  are the prime numbers and  $E(x)$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ .

Observe that the knowledge of  $p_{k+1}$  only depends on knowledge of  $p_k$  and the knowledge of the fore primes is unnecessary.

Observe that this is a functional recurrence strictly closed too.

Proof:

Suppose that we have found a function  $G(i)$  with the following property:

$$G(i) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is compound} \\ 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is prime} \end{cases}$$

This function is called Smarandache Prime Function (Reference)

Consider the following product:

$$\prod_{i=p_k+1}^m G(i)$$

If  $p_k < m < p_{k+1}$   $\prod_{i=p_k+1}^m G(i) = 1$  since  $i : p_k + 1 \leq i \leq m$  are all compounds.

If  $m \geq p_{k+1}$   $\prod_{i=p_{k+1}}^m G(i) = 0$  since the  $G(p_{k+1}) = 0$  factor is in the product.

Here is the sum:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{m=p_{k+1}}^{2p_k} \prod_{i=p_{k+1}}^m G(i) &= \sum_{m=p_{k+1}}^{p_{k+1}-1} \prod_{i=p_{k+1}}^m G(i) + \sum_{m=p_{k+1}}^{2p_k} \prod_{i=p_{k+1}}^m G(i) = \sum_{m=p_{k+1}}^{p_{k+1}-1} 1 = \\ &= p_{k+1} - 1 - (p_k + 1) + 1 = p_{k+1} - p_k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

The second sum is zero since all products have the factor  $G(p_{k+1}) = 0$ .

Therefore we have the following relation of recurrence:

$$p_{k+1} = p_k + 1 + \sum_{m=p_{k+1}}^{2p_k} \prod_{i=p_{k+1}}^m G(i)$$

Let's now see that we can find  $G(i)$  with the asked property.  
Considerer:

$$(1) \quad E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) - E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{si } j \mid i \\ 0 & \text{si } j \nmid i \end{cases} \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, i \quad i \geq 1$$

We shall deduce this later.

We deduce of this relation:

$$d(i) = \sum_{j=1}^i \left( E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) - E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) \right) \quad \text{where } d(i) \text{ is the number of divisors of } i.$$

If  $i$  is prime  $d(i) = 2$  therefore:

$$-E\left[-\frac{d(i)-2}{d(i)-1}\right] = 0$$

If  $i$  is compound  $d(i) > 2$  therefore:

$$0 < \frac{d(i)-2}{d(i)-1} < 1 \Rightarrow -E\left[-\frac{d(i)-2}{d(i)-1}\right] = 1$$

Therefore we have obtained the function  $G(i)$  which is:

$$G(i) = -E \left[ \frac{\sum_{r=1}^i (E(\frac{i}{r}) - E(\frac{i-1}{r})) - 2}{\sum_{r=1}^i (E(\frac{i}{r}) - E(\frac{i-1}{r})) - 1} \right] \quad i \geq 2 \text{ integer}$$

To finish the demonstration of the theorem it is necessary to prove (1)

$$\text{If } j=1 \quad j \mid i \quad E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) - E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) = i - (i-1) = 1$$

If  $j > 1$

$$\begin{aligned} i &= jE\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) + r \quad 0 \leq r < j \\ i-1 &= jE\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) + s \quad 0 \leq s < j \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{If } j \mid i \Rightarrow r=0 \Rightarrow jE\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) = jE\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) + s + 1 \Rightarrow \left. \begin{array}{l} j \mid s+1 \\ s+1 \leq j \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow j = s+1$$

$$\Rightarrow jE\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) = jE\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) + j \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) = E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right) + 1$$

$$\text{If } j \nmid i \Rightarrow r > 0 \Rightarrow 0 = j(E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) - E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right)) + (r-s) + 1 \Rightarrow j \mid r-s+1$$

Therefore  $r-s+1=0$  or  $r-s+1=j$

$$\text{If } s \neq 0 \Rightarrow r-s < j-1 \Rightarrow r-s+1=0 \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) = E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right)$$

$$\text{If } s=0 \Rightarrow j \mid i-1 \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{i}{j}\right) = E\left(\frac{i-1}{j} + \frac{1}{j}\right) = \frac{i-1}{j} + 1 = \frac{i}{j} = E\left(\frac{i-1}{j}\right)$$

With this, the theorem is already proved.

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## The general term of the prime number sequence and the Smarandache prime function.

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Let's consider the function  $d(i)$  = number of divisors of the positive integer number  $i$ . We have found the following expression for this function:

$$d(i) = \sum_{k=1}^i E\left(\frac{i}{k}\right) - E\left(\frac{i-1}{k}\right)$$

We proved this expression in the article "A functional recurrence to obtain the prime numbers using the Smarandache Prime Function".

We deduce that the following function:

$$G(i) = -E\left[-\frac{d(i)-2}{i}\right]$$

This function is called the Smarandache Prime Function (Reference)

It takes the next values:

$$G(i) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } i \text{ is prime} \\ 1 & \text{if } i \text{ is compound} \end{cases}$$

Let us consider now  $\pi(n)$  = number of prime numbers smaller or equal than  $n$ .

It is simple to prove that:

$$\pi(n) = \sum_{i=2}^n (1 - G(i))$$

Let us have too:

$$\text{If } 1 \leq k \leq p_n - 1 \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{\pi(k)}{n}\right) = 0$$

$$\text{If } C_n \geq k \geq p_n \Rightarrow E\left(\frac{\pi(k)}{n}\right) = 1$$

We will see what conditions have to carry  $C_n$ .

Therefore we have the following expression for  $p_n$   $n$ -th prime number:

$$p_n = 1 + \sum_{k=1}^{C_n} (1 - E\left(\frac{\pi(k)}{n}\right))$$

If we obtain  $C_n$  that only depends on  $n$ , this expression will be the general term of the prime numbers sequence, since  $\pi$  is in function with  $G$  and  $G$  does with  $d(i)$  that is expressed in function with  $i$  too. Therefore the expression only depends on  $n$ .

$E[x]$  = The highest integer equal or less than  $n$