

An observation about the digital root of the twin primes, few conjectures and an open problem on primes

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Abstract. Few interesting properties which distinguish twin primes from the general set of primes there are already known. I wrote myself an article regarding an interesting property of a set of (pairs of) twin primes based on the sum of the digits of the lesser (implicitly greater) prime from a pair of twin primes. This paper notes a property regarding twin primes based on their digital root.

Observation:

The digital root of the lesser prime p from a pair of twin primes $[p, q]$, under the condition that $p > 3$, is, for the first such 100 primes (for a list of lesser of twin primes see the sequence A001359 in OEIS):

: 5, 2, 8, 2, 5, 5, 8, 2, 8, 2, 5, 8, 2, 8, 2, 5, 8, 2,
5, 5, 8, 2, 8, 2, 5, 5, 2, 2, 8, 2, 8, 2, 8, 2, 5, 5, 8,
2, 8, 5, 8, 2, 5, 5, 5, 2, 5, 2, 5, 8, 2, 5, 2, 5, 8, 5,
5, 5, 8, 2, 2, 8, 5, 5, 8, 5, 8, 5, 8, 5, 2, 8, 2, 5, 2,
2, 8, 2, 8, 2, 5, 8, 2, 8, 5, 8, 2, 5, 5, 5, 2, 8, 2, 2,
8, 8, 5, 5.

Note:

Obviously the digital root of a lesser from a pair of twin primes can never be equal to 3, 6 or 9 (it would be then a number divisible by 3 not a prime) or 1, 4 or 7 (the greater from the pair of twin primes would be in this case divisible by 3).

Conjecture 1:

There is an infinity of pairs of twin primes for which the lesser term of the pair has the property that its digital root is equal to 2.

Conjecture 2:

There is an infinity of pairs of twin primes for which the lesser term of the pair has the property that its digital root is equal to 5.

Conjecture 3:

There is an infinity of pairs of twin primes for which the lesser term of the pair has the property that its digital root is equal to 8.

Note:

Is remarkable that the three subsets of the set of (lesser of) twin primes seem to have (of course, for a given term great enough) an approximately equal number of terms; for instance, from the first 100 from the lesser of twin primes, 33 of them have the digital root equal to 2, 35 have the digital root equal to 5 and 32 have the digital root equal to 7.

Conjecture 4:

Let a_i be the sequence of the lesser of twin primes whose digital root is equal to 2, b_i be the sequence of the lesser of twin primes whose digital root is equal to 5 and c_i be the sequence of the lesser of twin primes whose digital root is equal to 8. Than:

- : there exist an infinity of terms n of a_i for which the number of the terms of b_i smaller than n is equal to the number of the terms of c_i smaller than n ;
- : there exist an infinity of terms n of b_i for which the number of the terms of a_i smaller than n is equal to the number of the terms of c_i smaller than n ;
- : there exist an infinity of terms n of c_i for which the number of the terms of a_i smaller than n is equal to the number of the terms of b_i smaller than n .

Conjecture 5:

There is an infinity of integers n for which the set of the lesser (greater) of the twin primes smaller than n is divided in three subsets with an equal number of terms, a_i with the property that the digital root of its terms is equal to 2 (4), b_i with the property that the digital root of its terms is equal to 5 (7) and c_i with the property that the digital root of its terms is equal to 8 (1).

Open problem:

Is there any other prime p beside $p = 23$ with the property that the following six subsets of odd primes have an equal number of terms smaller than p ? The terms of the six subsets are the primes whose digital root is equal to 1, 2, 4, 5, 7 respectively 8 (it can be seen that, for $p = 23$, we have the following odd primes smaller than 23 that belong to the six subsets: 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, whose digital root is 5, 7, 2, 4, 8, 1).