

This occurs because  $J_n$  is divisible by all primes in the interval  $[P_3, P_n]$ .  
 All the  $(6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs with no factor less than  $P_{n+1}$  in which  $6j < P_{n+1}^2$  are twin primes.

### Determining the number of twin primes pairs in the closed interval $[P_n, P_n^2]$ .

Let  $X$  be the number of  $(6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs in the interval  $[P_n, P_n^2]$ . The number of twin prime pairs in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  is  $((P_n - a_n)/P_n)((P_{n-1} - a_{n-1})/P_{n-1})((P_{n-2} - a_{n-2})/P_{n-2}) \dots ((5 - a_3)/5)(X)$  for  $n \geq m \geq 3, P_3=5, 1.7 < a_m < 2.3$ .

The  $P_m - 2$  for  $n \geq m \geq 3$  used in calculating the number of  $(6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs in  $[1, J_n+1]$  with no factor less than  $P_{n+1}$  sets a range for the values of  $a_m$  at  $2 - .3 < a_m < 2 + .3$  as explained under **Graph 1** and **Graph 2**.

**Graph 1** ( $P_m$  in descending order) plots of  $a_m$  values for 44 equally spaced  $P_m$  in the intervals  $[5, 743], [5, 3011], [5, 10007]$  and  $[5, 19993]$  illustrate this formula for  $[743, 743^2], [3011, 3011^2], [10007, 10007^2]$  and  $[19993, 19993^2]$ . For selected  $P_m$  they show the value of  $a_m (P_m - a_m)$ . As explained under **Graph 2**, similar  $a_m$  patterns to the four plots in graph 1 are found in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  intervals for  $(P_n > 500)$ .

**Graph 2** ( $P_m$  in descending order) The  $b_{wm}$  values used in graph 2 are for the same  $P_m, n-1 \geq m \geq 3$  values used in graph 1. There are  $(P_n^2 - P_n)/6+1=X (6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs.  $P_m$  divides the  $6j-1$  and  $6j+1$  at regular intervals a total of the largest integer divisor  $S$ , or  $S+1$  of  $X/P_m$  times. For  $P_t, m \leq t \leq n$  Largest integer divisor  $Y$  or  $Y+1$  of  $S(S+1)/P_t$  (of the  $6j-1$  and  $6j+1$  that are divisible by  $P_m$ ) are divisible at regular intervals by  $P_t$ . Not all divisions are unique because the same  $6j-1$  and  $6j+1$  may be divisible by more than one  $P_t, m \leq t \leq n$ . Because all these divisions are linear, similar  $b_m$  patterns to the four plots in graph 2 are found in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  intervals for  $(P_n > 500)$ . **The values of  $b_{wm}$  determine the values of  $a_m (P_m - a_m)$** , which explains why similar  $a_m$  patterns to the four plots in graph 1 are found in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  intervals for  $(P_n > 500)$ .

**Table 1** shows the number of twin primes calculated ( $TPC_n$ ) in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  for  $347 \leq P_n \leq 31153$ , when  $a_m$  equals 2.04, 2.06, and 2.08 for  $3 \leq m \leq n$ . Comparing  $TPC_n$  with  $TPA_n$  shows the average value for  $P_m - a_m$  starts out near  $P_m - 2.02$  for  $P_n = 347$  and decreases to slightly less than  $P_m - 2.06$  for  $P_n = 31153$ . The  $a_m$  values increase as  $P_n$  gets larger (graph 1), making the  $P_m - a_m$  averages less.

For  $TPA_n P_n > 30000$ , the average  $a_m$  values cycle around 2.0606 (**Graph 3**). This happens because similar  $a_m$  patterns to the four plots in graph 1 are found in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  intervals for  $(P_n > 500)$ .

This puts a cap ( $< 2.07$ ) on the average value of  $a_m$  for all  $P_n$ .

$X =$  the  $(6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$ . For  $n \geq 3, (3/5)(5/7)(7/9) \dots (P_n-2)/P_n(X) = 3X/P_n < TPA_n$ .

$$((P_m - 4)/P_m - 2)(P_m - 2)/P_m = (P_m - 4)/P_m <$$

$$(P_m - 2.3)/P_m < (P_m - a_m)/P_m, \text{ or for twin primes}$$

$$((P_m - 6)/(P_m - 4))(P_m - 4)/P_m = (P_m - 6)/P_m <$$

$$((P_m - 4.3)/(P_m - 2))(P_m - 2.3)/P_m < ((P_{m-1} - a_{m-1})/P_{m-1})(P_m - a_m)/P_m$$

$$\text{Thus, for } n \geq 3, (3/5)(5/7)(7/9) \dots (P_n-2)/P_n(X) = 3X/P_n < TPA_n.$$

## Section 2

### Establishing a lower bound for the ratio $TPA_n / TPA_{n-1}$

Let  $X$  be the number of  $(6j-1, 6j+1)$  pairs in the interval  $[P_n, P_n^2]$ .

The number of twin primes in the interval  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  is  $(a_3/5)(a_4/7)(a_5/11) \dots (a_n/P_n)(X)$ .

The average value of  $a_m, 3 \leq m \leq n$  can be approximated by  $P_m - 2$ .

$X$  equals  $(P_n^2 - P_n)/6+1. m = 3 \text{ to } n \prod P_m - 2 = F_n \quad m = 1 \text{ to } n \prod P_m = J_n$

The number of twin prime pairs in  $[P_n, P_n^2]$  is approximately  $(F_n)(P_n^2) / J_n$

$TPA_n$  is approximately  $(TPA_{n-1})((F_n)(P_n^2) / J_n) / ((F_{n-1})(P_{n-1})^2 / J_{n-1})$ .