

Goldbach Conjecture

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Abstract

In this article, we use method of a modified sieve of Eratosthenes to prove that any large even numbers can always be expressed as sums of two prime numbers.

N is a large even number.

We use p_i for all the primes, 2,3,5,7,11,13,....., $i=1,2,3,.....$,

Let p_M be the largest prime which satisfies $p_M < N$. Let $p_m < \sqrt{N}$, and $p_{m+1} > \sqrt{N}$.

By using method of sieve of Eratosthenes up to the first m primes, p_i , $i=1, \dots, m$, there are total $\kappa \geq [\prod_{i=1, \dots, m} (1 - 1/p_i)N]$ numbers of the remaining numbers less than N . Here $[a]$ means the greatest integer less than or equal to a .

Obviously $\kappa = M - m$,

These remaining numbers are also prime numbers.

let $(p_{m+i}, i = 1, 2, \dots, \kappa)$ be these primes less than N ,

Now we use a modified Eratosthenes method, every time we sieve an element, x , less than N , by p_i for $i \leq m$,

we check both for $x=0 \pmod{p_i}$, and for $x = N \pmod{p_i}$,

The remaining number is larger than $[\frac{N}{2} \prod_{1 < i \leq m} (1 - \frac{2}{p_i})] > [\frac{\sqrt{N}}{2}]$.

These remaining numbers are prime numbers, $(p_{m+i}, i \leq \kappa)$, except 1 is a remaining number too.

So there can be more than 3 remaining number when N is large enough, and there is at least one prime numbers p_{m+l} which is not 1, or $N-1$.

Since $p_{m+l} \neq N \pmod{p_i}$ for all $i=1,2,\dots,m$, the number $N-p_{m+l}$ is also a remaining number, and a prime number, p .

We have, $N = p + p_{m+l}$.