

The prime gaps between successive primes to ensure that there is atleast one prime between their squares assuming the truth of the Riemann Hypothesis

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Abstract: Based on Dudek’s proof that assumed the truth of the Riemann’s hypothesis, that there exists a prime between $\{x - (4/\pi) x^{1/2} \log x\}$ and x , we determine the size of prime gaps that must exist between successive primes, so that we can be sure that there is atleast one prime number between their squares.

Results:

Let “ l ” and “ m ” represent two successive primes. Based on Dudek’s proof ¹ where he assumed the truth of the Riemann Hypothesis, the prime gap in this case is $a = (m-l)$ and it must be definitely smaller than $(4/\pi) m^{1/2} \log m$, since there exists no prime between them.

$$(4/\pi) m^{1/2} \log m > a$$

Consider l^2 and m^2 , what must their values be, so that there is atleast one prime definitely between them as suggested by Dudek¹, assuming Riemann’s hypothesis.

l^2 must be equal to or smaller than $\{m^2 - (8/\pi) m \log m\}$, which is obtained by replacing “ $x = m^2$ ” in the expression “ $x - (4/\pi) x^{1/2} \log x$ ”

Therefore the interval $(m^2 - (8/\pi) m \log m, m^2]$ must contain atleast one prime. Note that m^2 is composite, so the prime will be located within the interval.

Another way to write the gap between the squares is $(m^2 - l^2) = m^2 - (m-a)^2 = 2ma - a^2$

If this gap is greater than or equal to the minimum gap needed based on Dudek’s results, then we can expect atleast one prime in between them.

$$2ma - a^2 \geq (8/\pi) m \log m$$

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$$m \{2a - (8/\pi) \log m\} \geq a^2$$

Since $m = l + a$, we can be sure that $m > a$. However, ensuring $2a - (8/\pi) \log m \geq a$ will guarantee the left hand side of inequality (A) will be greater than the right side.

$$2a - (8/\pi) \log m \geq a$$

$$a \geq (8/\pi) \log m$$

So when two primes “ l ” and “ m ”, (l and $m > l$), are separated by a prime gap “ a ” where,

$$(4/\pi) m^{1/2} \log m > a \geq (8/\pi) \log m$$

the two primes, l and m must be successive primes and there must be at least a single prime between their squares assuming the Riemann Hypothesis to be true.

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