

**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 in the interval  $(x - (4/\pi) x^{1/2} \log x, x]$ , 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 <sup>1</sup> 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  $(4/\pi) (m-1)^{1/2} \log (m-1)$ , since there exists no other prime between l and m.

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

Consider  $l^2$  and  $m^2$ , what must their values be, so that there is atleast one prime definitely between them as suggested by Dudek<sup>1</sup>, 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.

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

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.

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

$$a^2 \leq 2ma - (8/\pi) m \log m \quad \dots\dots\dots \text{inequality (A)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$(8/\pi) \log m \leq a < (4/\pi) (m-1)^{1/2} \log(m-1)$$

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

References:

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