

# Some remarks concerning the factorization of mirror composite numbers and its relationship with Goldbach conjecture.

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## Abstract:

In this paper we present the concept of mirror composite numbers. Mirror composite numbers are composite numbers of the form  $2n-p$  for some  $n$  positive natural number and  $p$  prime. We shall show that the factorization of these numbers have interesting properties in order to face the Goldbach conjecture by the *divide et impera* method.

### Definitions:

From now on,  $m$  and  $n$  are positive natural numbers,  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers.

All prime numbers  $p \geq 5$  are of the form  $6m+1$  or  $6m-1$ . A prime of the form  $6m+1$  is a **right prime**; a prime of the form  $6m-1$  is a **left prime**.

A **mirror composite number** is a composite number of the form  $2n-p$  for some  $n$  and some prime  $p \geq 5$ .

Given a mirror composite  $2n-p$ , if  $p=6m+1$ , i.e., if  $p$  is a right prime,  $2n-p$  is a **right mirror composite (r.m.c.)**.

Given a mirror composite  $2n-p$ , If  $p=6m-1$ , i.e., if  $p$  is a left prime,  $2n-p$  is a **left mirror composite (l.m.c.)**.

### Lemma 1.

Fixed  $n$ , if 3 is a factor of some l.m.c (respectively r.m.c.), 3 is a factor of every l.m.c. (r.m.c.) and 3 is not a factor of any r.m.c. (l.m.c)

Proof:

The difference between two l.m.c. (r.m.c.) is  $6n$ . If  $3 \mid m$ ,  $3 \mid m \pm 6n$ . On the other hand, if  $3 \mid 2n-(6m-1)$ , then  $3 \nmid 2n-(6m+1)$  and *viceversa*.

### Lemma 2.

Fixed  $n$ , if  $q \neq 3$  is a prime factor of two different l.m.c. (respectively r.m.c.), the difference between them is a multiple of  $6q$  so the minimum gap between two consecutive occurrences of factor  $q$  is  $6q$  for all l.m.c. (r.m.c.).

Proof:

If  $q \mid 2n-(6x-1)$  and  $q \mid 2n-(6y-1)$  exists  $z$  such that  $zq=6(x-y)$ , so  $z$  is multiple of 6, given that  $q$  is a prime and  $q \neq 2,3$ .

If  $q \mid 2n-(6x+1)$  and  $q \mid 2n-(6y+1)$  exists  $z$  such that  $zq=6(x-y)$ , so  $z$  is multiple of 6, given that  $q$  is a prime and  $q \neq 2,3$ .

**Goldbach conjecture** states that for all  $n$  and all  $p$  such that  $3 \leq p \leq 2n-3$ , some  $2n-p$  is a prime, i.e., not every  $2n-p$  is composite.

Let's suppose for the sake of contradiction that exists  $n$  such that every  $2n-p$  is composite. Then, 3 consecutive odd numbers,  $2n-3$ ,  $2n-5$  and  $2n-7$  are composite, so one and only one of them must be multiple of 3.

**Case A:**  $3 | 2n-7$ :

$3 | 2n-7 \Rightarrow 3 | 2n-(6m+1)$  for all  $m$  (**Lemma 1**). So every right mirror composite is a multiple of 3 and no left mirror composite is a multiple of 3. So all element of the sequence:

$$2n-3, 2n-5, 2n-11, 2n-17, 2n-23, \dots 2n-q.$$

where  $q$  is a left prime  $5 \leq q \leq 2n-3$ , must be factorized. There are  $i$  consecutive primes  $p_i$  from  $p_1=5$  to  $p_k$ , where  $p_k$  is the largest prime less than  $\sqrt{2n}$ , available for that factorization.

Now, given the correlative sequence of odd numbers  $2n-3, 2n-5, 2n-7, 2n-9, 2n-11, 2n-13, 2n-15, 2n-a \dots$ , let be  $2n-a_i$  the number containing the first occurrence of prime factor  $p_i$  in that sequence.

Notice that:

For each  $p_i$ ,  $a_i$  is unique.

$$3 \leq a_i \leq 2p_i + 1.$$

For some  $i$ ,  $a_i = 3$ ; for some  $i$ ,  $a_i = 5$ ; for some  $i$ ,  $a_i = 11 \text{ MOD } p_i$ ; for some  $i$ ,  $a_i = 17 \text{ MOD } p_i$ ; for some  $i$ ,  $a_i = 23 \text{ MOD } p_i$  and so on.

$2n-q$ , i.e.,  $2n-(6m-1)$ , is composite if and only if exists  $i$  such that  $6m-1 \equiv a_i \text{ mod } p_i$  (**Lemma 2**).

Now, let's state conditions in order to find some  $2n-q$  with  $q=6m-1$  and  $q$  inside the interval  $\sqrt{2n} < q \leq 2n-3$  that can not be factorized:

- 1)  $q$  is a prime, i.e.,  $q$  is not multiple of any  $p_i$ , so  $6m-1 \not\equiv 0 \text{ mod } p_i$  for all  $i$ .
- 2) There is no  $p_i$  factor available for  $2n-q$ , so  $6m-1 \not\equiv a_i \text{ mod } p_i$  for all  $i$ .

Prime condition  
for  $6m-1$

No factor available condition  
for  $2n-(6m-1)$

$$6m \not\equiv 1 \text{ mod } 5$$

$$6m \not\equiv (a_1+1) \text{ mod } 5$$

$$6m \not\equiv 1 \text{ mod } 7$$

$$6m \not\equiv (a_2+1) \text{ mod } 7$$

$$6m \not\equiv 1 \text{ mod } 11$$

$$6m \not\equiv (a_3+1) \text{ mod } 11$$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
6m \not\equiv 1 \pmod{13} & 6m \not\equiv (a_4+1) \pmod{13} \\
\text{.....} & \text{.....} \\
6m \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p_k} & 6m \not\equiv (a_k+1) \pmod{p_k}
\end{array}$$

Hence for each  $p_i$  there are *at least*  $p_i-2$  remainders moduli  $p_i$  that fullfill the conditions. That amounts up to a minimum of  $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 9 \cdot 11 \dots (p_k-2)$  different systems of linear congruences whith prime moduli, each one of them has a different and unique solution, not every one outside the aforementioned interval.

For now, it will be enough to notice that at least  $p_i-2$  remainders fullfill the conditions for each  $p_i$  to conclude (Pigeonhole strong form principle) that at least exists some (in fact, a lot of)  $6m$  that fullfills the conditions for all  $p_i$ . Hence, exists some  $2n-q$  that can not be factorized, so  $2n-q$  is prime and the conjecture holds for all  $2n$  such that  $3 \mid 2n-7$ , i.e., for all  $2n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

**Case B:**  $3 \mid 2n-5$ :

$3 \mid 2n-5 \Rightarrow 3 \mid 2n-(6m-1)$  for all  $m$  (**Lemma 1**). So every left mirror composite is a multiple of 3 and no right mirror composite is a multiple of 3...

Following the same thought process than before, with  $q$  a right prime of the form  $6m+1$ , it's straightforward to conclude that the conjecture holds for all  $2n$  such that  $3 \mid 2n-5$ , i.e., for all  $2n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ .

**Case C:**  $3 \mid 2n-3$ :

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