

The randomness of composite numbers disproven

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Abstract:

This paper provides a study on composite numbers and explains how they are generated. This is done by grouping all natural numbers in 6 different groups and following the mathematical reasoning that explains the generation of all composite numbers for each one of these groups. A set of 5 equations that generate all existing composite and none of the prime numbers is then obtained. This paper also provides two sets of equations to obtain prime numbers by iteration and a method derived from it to find twin prime numbers.

Introduction:

For all natural numbers N , where $N = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$ each number will either be a prime or a composite number, with the exception of number 1. A prime number p is a natural number that cannot be obtained by multiplying other natural numbers. In other words, it is only divisible by itself and 1. A composite number c is a natural number that can be obtained by multiplying other natural numbers. All composite numbers can be obtained at least by multiplying 2 other numbers (or two times the same number) being those numbers other than itself and 1. Some composite numbers can be obtained, additionally to this, by multiplying more than 2 numbers.

The first records of prime numbers date from the Rhind mathematical papyrus, around 1550 BC and already in ancient Greece prime numbers were studied in detail, with the finding of Mersenne prime numbers (prime numbers M that follow $M_n = 2^n - 1$) and the Sieve of Eratosthenes (a method where the multiples of each prime are eliminated from the next natural numbers). Some of the learning from that time are still used today or are the foundation to develop similar methods (i.e. Sieve of Sieve of Pritchard, Sieve of Atkin, Sieve of Sundaram...)[1,2].

The most basic way to check if a number is a prime number is by trial division, where the square root of said number is tested to be or not a composite of another set of numbers. The use of computers and algorithms helped to speed the process, but it introduced the possibility of errors as in the case of the Miller Rabin primality test. Other methods, with no errors in their results had to pay a price on speed of calculation, for example the AKS primality test.

There are multiple uses for prime numbers and natural situations where they can be found. Cicadas time their life cycles by them, modern screens use them to define colour intensities of pixels, and manufacturers use them to get rid of harmonics in their products. The most important use of prime numbers nowadays lies in computing and cybersecurity, in fields such as bank transactions, cryptocurrency or computer safety. Is in this field where the obtention or particularly large prime numbers becomes important, existing important prizes for teams delivering primes numbers of millions of cyphers, as in the EFF Cooperative Computer Awards.

With the goal of finding new prime numbers fast, in despite leaving many along the way undiscovered, the use of specific families of prime numbers is an often used technique. For example, the above mentioned Mersenne numbers. Other methods that are restricted to specific number forms include Pépin's test for Fermat numbers (1877), [3] Proth's theorem (c. 1878),[4] the Lucas–Lehmer primality test (originated 1856), and the generalized Lucas primality test.[2,5] The search for ever larger primes has generated interest outside mathematical circles, through the Great Internet Mersenne Prime Search

and the EFF Cooperative Computing Awards to name two examples. Bernstein (2004) summarized 14 of methods to prove that an integer is prime, three additional methods to prove that an integer is prime if certain conjectures are true, and four methods to prove that an integer is composite. [6]

It is not the aim of this paper to go deeper into faster or more refined ways to obtain large prime numbers, but to try to understand, by means of mathematical reasoning, the factors that generate prime and composite numbers and to be able to offer a method able to find them all and an explanation to the apparent randomness of their appearances. Prime gaps (the differences between consecutive primes) are still seen as to some degree arbitrarily occurrences [7], and other questions remain unsolved.

On the last years, more patterns on the apparent randomness of prime numbers have been found. [8] Dan Goldston, János Pintz, and Cem Yıldırım proved that there are infinitely many primes for which the gap to the next prime is as small as we want compared to the average gap between consecutive primes. [9], a phenomenon further studied by Soundararajan. [10] A phenomenon of interdependency between the structure of positive integers and the form of their prime factors was discovered by Karatsube in 2011. [11] In 2015 Granville developed further the findings of Zhang on twin prime numbers (2 prime numbers separated by only one composite number). [12, 13] Prime numbers near to each other tend to avoid repeating their last digits, and most importantly, as observed by Lemke and Soundararajan in 2016, all primes have a remainder of 1 or 5 when divided by 6 (otherwise, they would be divisible by 2 or 3) and the two remainders are on average equally represented among all primes. [14]. This appearance of number 6 together with the appearance of number 6 in Euler's theorem (where $6n+1$ are analyzed) and the findings that almost all prime numbers are of the form $6n+1$ or $6n-1$ is from where the author starts his analysis.

Detailed analysis of the generation of composite numbers:

The study presented in this paper starts from the following premise:

If we could find a set of equations that contain all existing and only composite numbers, then we would have proven that the occurrence of composite numbers is not random but obeys a set of rules.

A way to be able to prove that a set of equations generates all and only composite numbers is to divide all natural numbers N in different groups and then find the equation/s that generate all composite numbers for each one of these groups. In 2016, Lemke and Soundararajan found that all prime numbers are never divisible 6. The author decided to divide all N in 6 groups, A to F, in the following way:

A contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 1+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

B contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 2+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

C contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 3+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

D contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 4+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

E contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 5+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

F contains all natural numbers generated by $N = 6+6n$ where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

To help visualize the calculations and reasoning of this paper, the first 48 natural numbers are represented in Table 1, where each column is one of the groups described above. Number 1, not being considered a prime number, is already marked in red in Table 1:

Table 1 Natural numbers sorted in rows, with 6 columns each. Number one not being a prime is marked as red.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

The first equation that generates only composite numbers, c_1 :

The first prime number is 2, and therefore by the composite definition, we know that any multiple of 2 will be a composite number, because it will be divisible by 2. Composite numbers that are multiples of 2 (c_1) are generated by equation 1:

Equation 1:

$$c_1 = 2(n + 2)$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

so if $n=0$ then $c_1=4$, leaving this way the prime number 2 out of the composite generating equation.

Groups B, D and F contain only numbers which are 2 or multiples of 2, while groups A, C and E contain only odd numbers. This is easily demonstrated by dividing the equation that generates each group by 2 and checking if the result is a natural number or not.

Group A: $(1+6n)/2 = 0.5+3n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 2.

Group B: $(2+6n)/2 = 1+3n$ will always be a natural number, all these numbers are divisible by 2.

Group C: $(3+6n)/2 = 1.5+3n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 2.

Group D: $(4+6n)/2 = 2+3n$ will always be a natural number, all these numbers are divisible by 2.

Group E: $(5+6n)/2 = 2.5+3n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 2.

Group F: $(6+6n)/2 = 3+3n$ will always be a natural number, all these numbers are divisible by 2.

From above, only groups B, D and F are divisible by 2 and therefore means that groups B, D and F are generated by equation 1 and hence composite numbers, with exception of the number 2.

Table 2 shows all composites multiple of 2 marked in red for ease of visualization.

Table 2 All the composite numbers divisible by 2 have been now marked in red too.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

From above, we can affirm that groups B, D and F contain only and all of the composite numbers that are a multiple of 2 with the exception of number 2 itself, which is prime. This forms the group of all even natural composite numbers, c1. Equation 1 is the first equation that generates only composite numbers, but not all composite numbers. More equations are missing as more groups have not been analyzed.

Second equation that generates only composite numbers, c2:

The second prime number is 3, and therefore by the composite definition, we know that any multiple of 3 will be a composite number, because it will be divisible by 3. Composite numbers multiple of 3 (c2) are generated by equation 2:

Equation 2:

$$c2 = 3(n + 2)$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$

so if $n=0$ then $c2=6$, leaving the prime number 3 out of this composite generating equation.

Groups C and F contain only numbers which are 3 or multiples of 3, while groups A, B, C and E contain only numbers that are not multiple of 3. This is easily demonstrated by dividing the equation that generates each group by 3 and checking if the result is a natural number or not.

Group A: $(1+6n)/3 = 1/3+2n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 3.

Group B: $(2+6n)/3 = 2/3+2n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 3.

Group C: $(3+6n)/3 = 1+2n$ will always be a natural number, all these numbers are divisible by 3.

Group D: $(4+6n)/3 = 4/3+2n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 3.

Group E: $(5+6n)/3 = 5/3+2n$ will never be a natural number, none of these numbers are divisible by 3.

Group F: $(6+6n)/3 = 2+2n$ will always be a natural number, all these numbers are divisible by 3.

From above, only groups C and F are divisible by 3. They are generated by equation 2, with the exception of the number 3.

Table 3 shows all composites multiple of 2 and 3 marked in red for means of visualization.

Table 3: All composite numbers multiple of 3 are now marked in red too.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

From above, we can affirm that groups C and F contain only and all of the composite numbers that are a multiple of 3 with the exception of number 3 itself which is prime. This forms the group of all natural composite numbers c_2 , the multiples of 3. Equation 2 is the second equation that generates only composite numbers, but not all composite numbers. More equations are missing as more groups have not been analyzed.

With the above, we have demonstrated that, besides numbers 2 and 3, all remaining prime numbers must belong to either group A ($1+6n$) or group E ($5+6n$). This is in good agreement with previous findings where all prime numbers besides 2 and 3 are of the type $6n+1$ and $6n-1$, because $6n+1$ equals a group A prime number and $6n-1$ a group E prime number.

Composite numbers will also be present in A and E together with the prime numbers. Now we must understand what rules define the nature of the composite numbers in groups A and E.

Defining how the composite numbers in groups A and E are generated:

By definition, any composite number can be obtained by multiplying 2 natural numbers (or the same natural number twice), being those numbers other than itself and 1.

Any multiplication of 2 natural numbers where at least one of them is even, will always result in a composite number which also is even. For example, being:

$2n$ an even number

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

and

$m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

then by equation 3, a multiplication of any m by any $2n$, will always be divisible by 2, and therefore, an even number.

Equation 3:

$$\frac{2n \times m}{2} = n \times m$$

We have already established when defining c_1 composites, that all even composite numbers are only found in groups B, D and F. Therefore, any composite numbers in groups A and E is not even. Therefore any composite number in groups A and E cannot result from multiplying a number from B, D or F with

any other given number, because the result would be even, according to equation 3, but we have already established that even numbers cannot be found in groups A and E.

In short: composite numbers in groups A and B are not divisible by any number found in groups B, D and F.

In a similar way, any multiplication of 2 natural numbers where at least one of them is 3 or a multiple of 3, will always result in composite number which also is multiple of 3. For example, being:

$3n$ a multiple of 3

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

and

$m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

then by equation 4, the multiplication of any $3n$ by any m will be always divisible by 3, and therefore a multiple of 3 itself.

Equation 4:

$$\frac{3n \times m}{3} = n \times m$$

We have already established when defining c_2 composites, that all composite numbers multiple of 3 are only found in groups C and F. Therefore, any composite number in groups A and E cannot be a multiple of 3. Therefore any composite number in groups A and E cannot be a result of multiplying a number from C, or F with any other given number, because the result would be a multiple of 3 according to equation 4, but we have already established that numbers multiple of 3 cannot be found in groups A and E.

In short: composite numbers in groups A and E are not divisible by any number in groups C and F. Not by any number in groups B, D and F, as said earlier.

If numbers in groups A and E are not divisible by any number found in B, C, D or F as already established, we have demonstrated that any composite number found in groups A and E is a result of multiplying 2 natural numbers also found in groups A and/or E.

The 3 remaining equations that generate only composites, c_3 , c_4 and c_5 :

There are three ways to generate composite numbers using 2 numbers from groups A and/or E.

1.- By multiplying 2 numbers from group A, generating a composite number c_3 :

Equation 5:

$$c_3 = (1 + 6n) \times (1 + 6m)$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$. This restriction is very important, neither n or m can be 0, otherwise the number resulting would be 1 for that one and c_3 could then be a composite (e.g. $n=0$ and $m=4$), a primer (e.g. $n=0$ and $m=1$) or even 1 (if both n and m were 0). For all composite, there must be a solution other than itself multiplied by 1, so restricting the equation to not be able to generate 1 in any of the two numbers, all primers are ruled while still allowing to generate all composite.

2.- By multiplying two numbers from group E generating a composite number c_4 :

Equation 6:

$$c4 = (5 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

3.- By multiplying one number from group A and one number from group E, generating a composite number c5:

Equation 7:

$$c5 = (1 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$. n cannot be 0 for the same reason stated above, it would generate number 1 on that factor and a prime number could be generated too.

We have established the 3 equations that can generate all the composite numbers in columns A and E.

The next step is to see if the 3 of them are present in both groups A and E or not and to prove that all primes in groups A and E are not a valid solution of any of these 3 equations. We will start by analyzing in detail group A and afterwards group E.

Finding what composites appear in group A:

Checking the appearance of composites c3 in group A:

If a composite number in A of the form $c3=1+6k$ where $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying two other numbers from group A $(1+6n)$ and $(1+6m)$, then equation 8 must have at least one valid solution, otherwise a composite number in group A would never be obtained by multiplying two other numbers from group A:

Equation 8:

$$\frac{1 + 6k}{(1 + 6n) \times (1 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$1 + 6k = 1 + 6(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$6k = 6(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$k = n + m + 6nm$$

Because it is possible to obtain valid values of k for equation 8 using valid values for n and m , it will be possible to find c3 composite numbers in group A. For example, 91 is a group A number $(1+6 \times 15)$ and is a c3 composite originated by multiplying 7 and 13 (two other group A numbers). In this example, $k=15$ and $n=1$ and $m=2$.

Checking the appearance of composites c4 in group A:

If a composite number in A of the form $c4=1+6k$ where $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying two numbers from group E $(5+6n)$ and $(5+6m)$, then equation 9 must have at least one valid solution, otherwise a composite number in group A would never be obtained by multiplying two other numbers from group E:

Equation 9:

$$\frac{1 + 6k}{(5 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$1 + 6k = 25 + 30(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$6k = 24 + 30(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$k = 4 + 5(n + m) + 6nm$$

Because it is possible to obtain valid values of k for equation 9 using valid values for n and m , it will be possible to find c_4 composite numbers in group A. For example, 55 is a group A number ($1+6 \times 9$) and is a composite c_4 originated by multiplying 5 and 11 (two numbers from group E) with $k=9$ and where $n=0$ and $m=1$.

Checking the appearance of composites c_5 in group A:

If a composite number in A of the form $c_5=1+6k$ where $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying one number from group A ($1+6n$) by one number from group E ($5+6m$), then equation 10 must have at least one valid solution, otherwise a composite number in group A would never be obtained by multiplying one number from group A by one number from group E:

Equation 10:

$$\frac{1 + 6k}{(1 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$1 + 6k = 5 + 6m + 30n + 36nm$$

$$6k = 4 + 6m + 30n + 36nm$$

$$k = \frac{4}{6} + m + 5n + 6nm$$

Equation 10 cannot result in a valid solution, because when using valid values for n and m , a number which is not natural is always obtained. Since k must be a natural number too, c_5 composites can never be found in group A.

In short: Group A is formed by number 1, prime numbers, composite numbers obtained by equation 8 (c_3) and composite number obtained by equation 9 (c_4). This can be easier visualized in Table 4, where all numbers in group A are either prime, result of multiplying $A_n \times A_m$ or result of multiplying $E_n \times E_m$, and of course, number 1.

Table 4 (now extended) shows now the composite numbers for columns A marked in red as well:

Table 4: All composite numbers except those in group E are marked in red, also 1.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |
| 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 |
| 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |
| 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 |
| 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 |
| 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

Finding what composites appear in group E:

Checking the appearance of composites c_3 in group E:

If a composite number in E of the form $c_3=5+6k$ where $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying two numbers from group A ($1+6n$) and ($1+6m$), then equation 11 must have at least one valid solution, otherwise a composite number in group E would never be obtained by multiplying two numbers from group A:

Equation 11:

$$\frac{5 + 6k}{(1 + 6n) \times (1 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$5 + 6k = 1 + 6(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$6k = -4 + 6(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$k = -\frac{4}{6} + (n + m) + 6nm$$

Equation 11 cannot result in a valid solution, because when using natural numbers for n and m , there will be always decimals in the solution, hence a no valid k . Therefore c_3 composites can never found in group E.

Checking the appearance of composites c_4 in group E:

If a composite number in E of the form $c_4=5+6k$ where $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying two other numbers from group E ($5+6n$) and ($5+6m$), then equation 12 must have at least one valid

solution otherwise a composite number in group E would never be obtained by multiplying two numbers from group E:

Equation 12:

$$\frac{5 + 6k}{(5 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$5 + 6k = 25 + 30(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$6k = 20 + 30(n + m) + 36nm$$

$$k = \frac{10}{3} + 5(n + m) + 6nm$$

Equation 12 cannot result in a valid solution, because a valid value for k cannot be obtained using valid values of n and m: when using natural numbers or 0 for n and m, a number which is not natural is always obtained for k. Since k must be a natural number too, c4 composites can never be found in group E.

Checking the appearance of composites c5 in group E:

If a composite number in group E $c_5=5+6k$ where $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ can be formed by multiplying one number from group A $(1+6n)$ by one number from group E $(5+6m)$, then equation 13 must have at least one valid solution, otherwise a composite number in group E would never be obtained by multiplying one number from group A by one number from group E::

Equation 13:

$$\frac{5 + 6k}{(1 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m)} = 1$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$, $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

$$5 + 6k = 5 + 6m + 30n + 36nm$$

$$6k = 6m + 30n + 36nm$$

$$k = m + 5n + 6nm$$

Equation 13 can obtain valid values of k using valid values for n and m, therefore it will be possible to find c5 composite numbers in group E. For example, 65 is a group E number $(5+6 \times 10)$ and is a composite c5 originated by multiplying 13 (group A) and 5 (group E) with $k=10$ and where $n=2$ and $m=0$.

In short: Group E is formed by prime numbers and by composite numbers obtained by equation 13 (c5). This can be easier visualized in Table 5, where all numbers in group E are either prime or the result of multiplying $A_n \times E_m$.

Table 5: All composite numbers are marked in red, also 1.

| Group A | Group B | Group C | Group D | Group E | Group F |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
| 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 |
| 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 |
| 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 |
| 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 |
| 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 |
| 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 |
| 61 | 62 | 63 | 64 | 65 | 66 |
| 67 | 68 | 69 | 70 | 71 | 72 |
| 73 | 74 | 75 | 76 | 77 | 78 |
| 79 | 80 | 81 | 82 | 83 | 84 |
| 85 | 86 | 87 | 88 | 89 | 90 |
| 91 | 92 | 93 | 94 | 95 | 96 |
| ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |

The set of 5 equations that calculate all composites numbers:

We have now a set of 5 equations that when put together, generate all existing composite numbers, the set will be referred as the Segura set of equations:

Equation 1 for all composites in groups B, D and F:

$$c1 = 2(n + 2) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$$

Equation 2 for all composites in groups C and F:

$$c2 = 3(n + 2) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$$

Equation 5 for part of the composites in group A:

$$c3 = (1 + 6n) \times (1 + 6m) \text{ where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4...\} \text{ and } m = \{1, 2, 3, 4...\}$$

Equation 6 for part of the composites in group A:

$$c4 = (5 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$$

Equation 7 for all composites in group E:

$$c5 = (1 + 6n) \times (5 + 6m) \text{ where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4...\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4...\}$$

We can, for means of demonstration, check the first 100 natural numbers using this method in Table 6.

Table 6: The first 100 natural numbers classified

| Number | Family |
|--------|--|
| 1 | not a prime number by definition |
| 2 | prime number |
| 3 | prime number |
| 4 | c ₁ composite number |
| 5 | prime number |
| 6 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 7 | prime number |
| 8 | c ₁ composite number |
| 9 | c ₂ composite number |
| 10 | c ₁ composite number |
| 11 | prime number |
| 12 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 13 | prime number |
| 14 | c ₁ composite number |
| 15 | c ₂ composite number |
| 16 | c ₁ composite number |
| 17 | prime number |
| 18 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 19 | prime number |
| 20 | c ₁ composite number |
| 21 | c ₂ composite number |
| 22 | c ₁ composite number |
| 23 | prime number |
| 24 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 25 | c ₃ composite number |
| 26 | c ₁ composite number |
| 27 | c ₂ composite number |
| 28 | c ₁ composite number |
| 29 | prime number |
| 30 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 31 | prime number |
| 32 | c ₁ composite number |
| 33 | c ₂ composite number |
| 34 | c ₁ composite number |
| 35 | c ₅ composite number |
| 36 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 37 | prime number |
| 38 | c ₁ composite number |
| 39 | c ₂ composite number |
| 40 | c ₁ composite number |
| 41 | prime number |
| 42 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 43 | prime number |
| 44 | c ₁ composite number |
| 45 | c ₂ composite number |
| 46 | c ₁ composite number |
| 47 | prime number |

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| 48 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 49 | prime number |
| 50 | c ₁ composite number |
| 51 | c ₂ composite number |
| 52 | c ₁ composite number |
| 53 | prime number |
| 54 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 55 | c ₄ composite number |
| 56 | c ₁ composite number |
| 57 | c ₂ composite number |
| 58 | c ₁ composite number |
| 59 | prime number |
| 60 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 61 | prime number |
| 62 | c ₁ composite number |
| 63 | c ₂ composite number |
| 64 | c ₁ composite number |
| 65 | c ₅ composite number |
| 66 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 67 | prime number |
| 68 | c ₁ composite number |
| 69 | c ₂ composite number |
| 70 | c ₁ composite number |
| 71 | prime number |
| 72 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 73 | prime number |
| 74 | c ₁ composite number |
| 75 | c ₂ composite number |
| 76 | c ₁ composite number |
| 77 | c ₅ composite number |
| 78 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 79 | prime number |
| 80 | c ₁ composite number |
| 81 | c ₂ composite number |
| 82 | c ₁ composite number |
| 83 | prime number |
| 84 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 85 | c ₄ composite number |
| 86 | c ₁ composite number |
| 87 | c ₂ composite number |
| 88 | c ₁ composite number |
| 89 | prime number |
| 90 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 91 | c ₃ composite number |
| 92 | c ₁ composite number |
| 93 | c ₂ composite number |
| 94 | c ₁ composite number |
| 95 | c ₅ composite number |
| 96 | c ₁ and c ₂ composite number |
| 97 | prime number |

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|-----|------------------------|
| 98 | c_1 composite number |
| 99 | c_2 composite number |
| 100 | c_1 composite number |

Additionally this shows that for any number x , the next composite number $c > N$ will be the smallest possible solution c_y from any of the 5 equations of the Segura being $c_y > x$. Any numbers between x and c_y are prime numbers, as long as c_y is the next possible valid solution of the Segura set larger than x .

Obtaining prime numbers by iteration:

For any composite number of group A ($1+6k$) where $k = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ using equations 5 and 6 we have seen that k can either be:

$$k = n + m + 6nm \text{ (from equation 5)}$$

$$\text{where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \text{ and } m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

or

$$k = 4 + 5(n+m) + 6nm \text{ (from equation 6)}$$

$$\text{where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

Therefore, for any N value of k that cannot be obtained using valid solutions of n and m in any of these two equations, then $1+6k$ will be a prime number.

For example, 7 is a prime number from group A with $k=1$ that cannot be obtained by valid values of n and m in equations 5 and 6.

On a similar way, for group E, any number ($5+6k$) where $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ that cannot be generated using equation 7:

$$k = m + 5n + 6nm$$

$$\text{where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

will be a prime number.

For example, 29 is a prime number from group E with $k=4$ that cannot be obtained using 0 or natural numbers for m and n .

Therefore, for a given number x , and after confirming that x belongs either to group A or to group E, (by means of checking if it can be turned into $1+6k$ or by $5+6k$. Then if it belongs to A or to E, we can iterate equation 7 (if is from E) or equations 5 and 6 (if it is from A).

It is not in the scope of this paper to go deeper into the advantages or disadvantages of this iteration method when compared to other ones, this remains as work for another study.

Twin prime numbers:

A twin prime is a prime number that is separated just by one composite from another prime number—for example, either member of the twin prime pair (41, 43). If we divide all natural numbers N following the method described in this paper, the only way to obtain prime numbers would be that one of them

belongs to group E and the other to group A, being the prime number from group E $p_E = 5+6k$ the smaller one of the pair and the prime number from column A $p_A = 1+6(k+1)$ the larger one of the pair.

Following the reasoning above, in order to find 2 twin prime numbers, one would have to iterate:

$k=m+5n+6nm$ (from equation 7) where $k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ until a k is found where there is not a single combination of n and m where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and where $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ that can originate a valid result. Followed by iterating equations 5 and 6, for $k+1$ instead of k :

$$(k+1)=n+m+6nm \text{ (from equation 5)}$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and where $m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

and

$$(k+1)=4+5(n+m)+6nm \text{ (from equation 6)}$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and where $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

If none of the two can obtain the value of k using valid values for n and for m , then these conditions are met, and: $5+6k$ and $1+6(k+1)$ are twin prime numbers.

We can look at 41 and 43, two twin prime numbers as an example.

$41 = 5+(6 \times 6)$ group E, while $43 = 1+(6 \times 7)$ from group A. In this case, $k=6$.

$$6=m+5n+6nm$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and here $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

A valid solution cannot be obtained. $n=1$ $m=0$ gives a value of 5 for k . $n=m=1$ gives a value for k of 12, and of course, increasing n or m would only increase the value of k . So n or m should be no natural numbers, something not possible. 41 is our lowest prime number of the twin set and has a k of 6.

Now we continue by replacing k by 6 in the two remaining equations:

$$(6+1)=n+m+6nm \text{ (from equation 5)}$$

where $n = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and where $m = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

A valid solution cannot be found. $n=m=1$ gives a value for k of 7, and of course, increasing n or m would only increase it.

and

$$(6+1)=4+5(n+m)+6nm \text{ (from equation 6)}$$

where $n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ and where $m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

A valid solution cannot be found. $n=m=0$ would be a k of 3. $n=1$ and $m=0$ would be for a k of 8. $n=0$ and $m=1$ would be for a k of 8, and of course increasing them more would only increase k .

So a k of 6 does not find a valid set of values of m and n for any of the 2 equations. Therefore is a prime of the form $1+6(k+1)$, 43. 41 and 43 are two prime numbers, with k 6 for the former and 7 for the later.

With enough time and computational power, large twin prime numbers can be found using the same method. It is not in the scope of this paper to go deeper into iterations. To check if by using this method

twin prime numbers can be obtained faster compared with the methods prior to this, remains as work for another study.

Results:

Equations leading to all composite numbers:

By dividing all natural numbers in 6 groups, A to F, and following the reasoning behind the generation of all composite numbers in each group, we have generated a set of 5 equations. These 5 equations, the Segura set of equations, define that a composite number c , must fulfill at least one of the following conditions:

$$c_1 = 2(n+2) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

$$c_2 = 3(n+2) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

$$c_3 = (1+6n)x(1+6m) \text{ where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } m = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

$$c_4 = (5+6n)x(5+6m) \text{ where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

$$c_5 = (1+6n)x(5+6m) \text{ where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

Any number not fulfilling at least one of the equations will be a prime number.

If the search of prime number is desired, one method can be to generate composite numbers using the above equations and those not fulfilling any of them will be prime numbers, but it is also possible to look for prime numbers by iteration, looking for values of k in group A or in group E that cannot be obtained valid solutions of n and m .

For group A, from equations 5 and 6 we have seen that k can either be:

$$k = n + m + 6nm \text{ (for equation 5)}$$

$$\text{where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}, m = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } k = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

or

$$k = 4 + 5(n+m) + 6nm \text{ (for equation 6)}$$

$$\text{where } n = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}, m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } k = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

Therefore, for a valid value of k that cannot be obtained in one of the two equations using valid solutions for n and m , then $1+6k$ will be a prime number.

One can as well obtain a prime number from group E using equation 7 leading to:

$$k = m + 5n + 6nm$$

$$\text{where } n = \{1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}, m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\} \text{ and } k = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\dots\}$$

For a valid of k that cannot be obtained using valid solutions for n and m , then $5+6k$ will be a prime.

Finally, the method to obtain prime numbers by iteration presented in this paper can be used to obtain twin prime numbers. First by finding a value of k that generates a prime number in the group E $5+6k$. Then by checking by iteration in equations 5 and 6 if $1+6(k+1)$ is also a prime number of group A.

Conclusion:

In this paper we have showed an elegant and simple way to obtain a set of equations that can generate all composite numbers, proving that the appearance of composite numbers is not random. We have provided 2 different routes to find prime numbers by iteration and one to find twin prime numbers by iteration.

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