

The Distribution Of Prime Numbers And The Continued Fraction

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Abstract. In this paper, we discovered a new sequence contains only ones and the prime numbers, which can be calculated in two different ways that give the same result, the first way is using the greatest common divisor (gcd) and the second way consists of using the denominator of the continued fraction defined by

$$\frac{B_m(n)}{A_m(n)} = \cfrac{1}{2 - \cfrac{3}{3 - \cfrac{4}{4 - \cfrac{5}{\ddots (n-1) - \cfrac{n}{m}}}}}$$

Introduction

A continued fraction is an expression of the form

$$a_0 + \cfrac{b_0}{a_1 + \cfrac{b_1}{a_2 + \cfrac{b_2}{\ddots}}}$$

Other notation

$$a_0 + \cfrac{b_0}{a_1 +} \cfrac{b_1}{a_2 +} \cfrac{b_2}{a_3 +} \dots$$

Where a_i and b_i are real numbers.

The distribution of prime numbers has been analyzed for a formula helpful in generating the prime numbers or testing if the given numbers is prime. In this paper, we present some known formulas.

Mill's showed that there exists a real number $A > 1$ such that $f(n) = [A^{3^n}]$ is a prime number for any integers n , approximately $A=1.306377883863,..$ (see A051021). The first few values

$$f(n) = \{2, 11, 1361, 2521008887, 16022236204009818131831320183,.. \}, \text{ (see A051254)}$$

Euler's quadratic polynomial $n^2 + n + 41$ is prime for all n between 0 and 39, however, it is not prime for all integers.

The Rowland sequence of prime numbers composed entirely of 1's and primes, the sequence defined by the recurrence relation

$$r(n) = r(n - 1) + \gcd(n, r(n - 1)); r(1) = 7$$

The values of $a(n)$

1, 1, 5, 7, 1, 11, 13, 1, 17, 19, 1, 23, 1, 1, 29, 31, 1, 1, 37, 1, 41, 43, 1, 47, 1, 1, 53, 1, 1, 59, 61, 1, 1, 67, 1, 71, 73, 1, 1, 79, 1, 83, 1, 1, 89, 1, 1, 1, 97, 1, 101, 103, 1, 107, 109, 1, 113, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 127, 1, 131, 1, 1, 137, 139, 1, 1, 1, 1, 149, 151, 1, 1, 157, 1, 1, 163, 1, 167...

Conjecture 3. The continued fraction

$$\frac{b(n-3) + nb(n-4)}{n^2 - n - 1} = \frac{1}{2 - \frac{3}{3 - \frac{4}{4 - \frac{5}{\ddots (n-1) - \frac{n}{n - (n+1)}}}}}} ; n \geq 3$$

The following expression finds all odd prime numbers which ends with a 1 or 9 (except for 5)

$$a(n) = \frac{n^2 - n - 1}{\gcd(n^2 - n - 1, b(n-3) + nb(n-4))} ; \text{for } n \geq 2$$

The values of $a(n)$

1, 5, 11, 19, 29, 41, 11, 71, 89, 109, 131, 31, 181, 19, 239, 271, 61, 31, 379, 419, 461, 101, 29, 599, 59, 701, 151, 811, 79, 929, 991, 211, 59, 41, 1259, 1, 281, 1481, 1559, 149, 1721, 1, 61, 1979, 2069, 2161, 1, 2351, 79, 2549, 241, 1, 2861, 2969, 3079, 3191, ... (see A356247)

We conjectured that :

- * Every term of this sequence is either a prime number or 1.
- * Except for 5, the primes all appear exactly twice, such that

$$a(n) = a(a(n) - n + 1)$$

Consequently, let us consider the values of n and m such that we get:

$$a(n) = a(m) = n + m - 1$$

And

$$a(n) = a(m) = \gcd(n^2 - n - 1, m^2 - m - 1)$$

Conjecture 4. The continued fraction

$$\frac{2b(n-3) + nb(n-4)}{n^2 - 2} = \frac{1}{2 - \frac{3}{3 - \frac{4}{4 - \frac{5}{\ddots (n-1) - \frac{n}{n - (n+2)}}}}}} ; n \geq 2$$

The expression of the sequence $a(n)$ as follow

$$a(n) = \frac{n^2 - 2}{\gcd(n^2 - 2, 2b(n-3) + nb(n-4))} ; \text{for } n \geq 2$$

The values of $a(n)$.

7, 7, 23, 17, 47, 31, 79, 7, 17, 71, 167, 97, 223, 127, 41, 23, 359, 199, 439, 241, 31, 41, 89, 337, 727, 1, 839, 449, 137, 73, 1087, 577, 1223, 647, 1367, 103, 1, 47, 73, 881, 1, 967, 1, 151, 2207, 1151, 2399, 1249, 113, 193, 401, 1, 3023, 1567, 191, 41, 71...

the sequence $a(n)$ takes only 1's and primes.

Generalisation

The unreduced sequence $a_m(n)$ can be calculated by using the denominator of the continued fraction as follow

$$\frac{B_m(n)}{A_m(n)} = \frac{1}{2 - \frac{3}{3 - \frac{4}{4 - \frac{5}{\ddots (n-1) - \frac{n}{m}}}}}$$

Where $B_m(n)$ is the numerator related with the recursive formula as follow

$$B_m(n) = |(m-1)n - m| b(n-4) - |m(n-1)| b(n-5)$$

The denominator $A_m(n)$ is a polynomials in term n for various values of m, we can obtain the sequence of the unreduced denominator of the continued fraction as follow

$$a_m(n) = \frac{A_m(n)}{\gcd(A_m(n), B_m(n))}$$

For $m = n + 1$, we obtain the sequence in the conjecture 1.

For $m = n - 3$, we find the sequence in the conjecture 2.

For $m = -1$, we find the sequence in the conjecture 3.

For $m = -2$, we obtain the sequence in the conjecture 4.

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