

Test of the k-tuple conjecture on triples, quadruples and quintuples of twin primes (represented by their average).

Twin primes x such that x is the first and $x+d$ the last of m successive twins.

1. Triples of twin primes with $m=3$ and $d=18$ (A350541)

There are two triples $(x, x + h, x + 18)$: $h = 6$ or $h = 12$

Example: $(x, x + 6, x + 18)$ corresponds to a 6-tupel of primes:

$$(p, p + 2, p + 6, p + 8, p + 18, p + 20) \text{ with } p = x - 1.$$

From $(p + 2 \cdot 0, p + 2 \cdot 1, p + 2 \cdot 3, p + 2 \cdot 4, p + 2 \cdot 9, p + 2 \cdot 10)$, we keep the 6-tuple $\vec{v}_1 = (0,1,3,4,9,10)$. For any odd prime q , $w(q, \vec{v}_1)$ is the number of distinct residues of $\vec{v}_1 \pmod{q}$. For $q=3$, the residues are 0,1,0,1,0,1 with $w(3, \vec{v}_1) = 2$. The same way, we find $w(5, \vec{v}_1) = 4$, $w(7, \vec{v}_1) = 5$ and $w(q, \vec{v}_1) = 6$ for $q > 10$.

For the number $N_1(y)$ of prime 6-tuples

$(p, p + 2, p + 6, p + 8, p + 18, p + 20)$, $p < y$, the conjecture is

$$N_1(y) \sim C(\vec{v}_1) \int_2^y \frac{dt}{\ln^6 t} \text{ with } C(\vec{v}_1) = 2^5 \prod_q \frac{1 - \frac{w(q, \vec{v}_1)}{q}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)^6} \text{ over all odd primes } q.$$

The result is $C(\vec{v}_1) = 34.5973... \approx 34.6$.

The other triple of twin primes $(x, x + 12, x + 18)$ with $\vec{v}_2 = (0,1,6,7,9,10)$ yields the same result so that, for both types of triples as a whole, the constant is $C = 2C_1 \approx 69.2$.

Table with $L(6, y) = \int_2^y \frac{dt}{\ln^6 t}$:

y	$N(y)$	$L(6, y)$	$N(y)/L(6, y) \approx C$
$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	10750	157.17	68.39723393
$4 \cdot 10^{10}$	17878	259.31	68.94536828
$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	24098	348.98	69.05229524
$8 \cdot 10^{10}$	29853	431.52	69.18183298
$1 \cdot 10^{11}$	35314	509.25	69.34510228

The lower integration limit is $a=2$ by convention. A different choice would, asymptotically, not affect the constancy of values in the last column. But as the conjecture is tested for $y < 10^{11}$, it may be necessary to adjust the limit:

r	$\int_2^3 \frac{dt}{\ln^r t}$	$\int_3^y \frac{dt}{\ln^r t}$
6	2.542	506.5
8	3.944	1.169
10	6.430	0.168

For $r=6$, the first integral is small compared with the second. $a=2$ or $a=3$ does not make a great difference. For $r=8$, $a=6.9$ is a good choice and for $r=10$, even the best choice $a=70$ is not very good, see quintuples.

2. Quadruples of twin primes with $m=4$ and $d=30$ (A350542)

There are 6 quadruples $(x, x + 6k_1, x + 6k_2, x + 30)$ with $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 \leq 4$.

Three of them are excluded for divisibility reasons. Remaining quadruples:

1) $(x, x + 6, x + 18, x + 30)$, 2) $(x, x + 12, x + 24, x + 30)$, 3) $(x, x + 12, x + 18, x + 30)$

Example: $\vec{v}_1 = (0, 1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 15, 16)$ leads to:

$$N_1(y) \sim C(\vec{v}_1) \int_a^y \frac{dt}{\ln^8 t} \text{ with } C(\vec{v}_1) = 2^7 \prod_q \frac{1 - \frac{w(q, \vec{v}_1)}{q}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)^8} \text{ over all odd primes } q.$$

For the three quadruples of twin primes, we find: $C(\vec{v}_1) = C(\vec{v}_2) = 475.4$, $C(\vec{v}_3) = 297.1$ and $C = C(\vec{v}_1) + C(\vec{v}_2) + C(\vec{v}_3) \approx 1248$.

Table with $L(8, y) = \int_a^y \frac{dt}{\ln^8 t}$ and $a=6.9$:

y	$N(y)$	$L(8, y)$	$N(y)/L(8, y) \approx C$
$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	393	0.33022	1190
$4 \cdot 10^{10}$	623	0.50609	1231
$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	805	0.65396	1231
$8 \cdot 10^{10}$	985	0.78642	1253
$1 \cdot 10^{11}$	1134	0.90861	1248

The parameter $a = 6.9$ was chosen such that $\frac{N(y)}{L(8, y)} = C$ for $y = 10^{11}$. Then the values in the last column are fairly constant.

3. Quintuples of twin primes with $m=5$ and $d=48$ (A350543)

A priori, we have to consider all quintuples of even numbers

$(x, x + 6k_1, x + 6k_2, x + 6k_3, x + 48)$ with $1 \leq k_1 < k_2 < k_3 \leq 7$.

Their number is $\binom{7}{3} = 35$. Each quintuple corresponds to a 10-tuple of odd

numbers: $(x \pm 1, x + 6k_1 \pm 1, x + 6k_2 \pm 1, x + 6k_3 \pm 1, x + 48 \pm 1)$.

The differences between these numbers and $x - 1$, divided by 2, are

$$\vec{v}_j = (0, 1, 3k_1, 3k_1 + 1, 3k_2, 3k_2 + 1, 3k_3, 3k_3 + 1, 24, 25), j = 1..35$$

with the constant $C(\vec{v}_j) = 2^9 \prod_q \frac{1 - \frac{w(q, \vec{v}_j)}{q}}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{q}\right)^{10}}$ over all odd primes q where $w(q, \vec{v}_j)$

is the number of distinct residues of $\vec{v}_j \pmod{q}$. 27 constants vanish, eight remain. Summation: $C = \sum_{j=1}^8 C(\vec{v}_j) = 18606$. $a = 70$ is chosen such that

$\frac{N(y)}{L(10, y)} \approx C$ for $y = 10^{11}$. This leads to the table:

y	$N(y)$	$L(10, y)$	$N(y)/L(10, y)$
$2 \cdot 10^{10}$	13	0.000709	18333
$4 \cdot 10^{10}$	23	0.001014	22684
$6 \cdot 10^{10}$	24	0.001259	19063
$8 \cdot 10^{10}$	27	0.001473	18335
$1 \cdot 10^{11}$	31	0.001666	18610

The values in the last column differ quite a lot. For a better constancy, y should be much greater than 10^{11} .

The formalism of the conjecture allows us a second test which does not depend on the parameter a : We can evaluate the expected frequencies of the eight different types of quintuples relative to the frequency of all quintuples. The constants $C(\vec{v}_j)$ only differ by the factor $c_j = \prod_q (q - w(q, \vec{v}_j))$ over all odd primes $q < 25$ (last term of \vec{v}_j). Then the expected relative frequency of the corresponding quintuple of twin primes is $f_j = \frac{c_j}{\sum_{i=1}^8 c_i}$ (last column):

Form of the quintuples: (x, x+a, x+b, x+c, x+d)	Relative frequencies	
	observed	expected
(a,b,c,d)		
6, 18, 30, 48	11/31=0.355	0.237
6, 30, 36, 48	5/31=0.161	0.150
6, 18, 36, 48	3/31=0.097	0.075
18, 30, 42, 48	6/31=0.194	0.237
12, 18, 42, 48	3/31=0.097	0.150
12, 30, 42, 48	2/31=0.065	0.038
12, 18, 30, 48	1/31=0.032	0.075
18, 30, 42, 48	0	0.038

The observed and expected frequencies differ quite a lot. The number 31 of observed terms is too small for a better match.