

## Two conjectures, on the primes of the form $6k + 1$ respectively of the form $6k - 1$

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**Abstract.** In this paper I make two conjectures, one about how could be expressed a prime of the form  $6k + 1$  and one about how could be expressed a prime of the form  $6k - 1$ .

### Conjecture 1:

Any prime  $p$  of the form  $6k + 1$  greater than or equal to 13 can be written as  $(q^2 - q + r)/3$ , where  $q$  is prime of the form  $6k - 1$  and  $r$  is prime or power of prime or number 1.

#### Note:

Because we have  $5^2 - 5 = 20$ ,  $11^2 - 11 = 110$ ,  $17^2 - 17 = 272$ ,  $23^2 - 23 = 506$  and so on, the conjecture is equivalent to the existence of a prime or power of prime among the numbers  $3p - 20$ ,  $3p - 110$ ,  $3p - 272$ ,  $3p - 506$  and so on.

### Verifying the conjecture:

(up to  $p = 229$ )

- :  $13 \cdot 3 - 20 = 19$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [13, 5, 19]$ ;
- :  $19 \cdot 3 - 20 = 37$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [19, 5, 37]$ ;
- :  $31 \cdot 3 - 20 = 73$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [31, 5, 73]$ ;
- :  $37 \cdot 3 - 110 = 1$ , so  $[p, q, r] = [37, 11, 1]$ ;
- :  $43 \cdot 3 - 20 = 109$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [43, 5, 109]$   
and also  $43 \cdot 3 - 110 = 29$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [43, 11, 29]$ ;
- :  $61 \cdot 3 - 20 = 163$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [61, 5, 163]$   
and also  $61 \cdot 3 - 110 = 73$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [61, 11, 73]$ ;

We also found the following triplets  $[p, q, r]$ :  $[67, 5, 181]$ ,  $[73, 5, 199]$ ,  $[73, 11, 109]$ ,  $[79, 11, 127]$ ,  $[97, 5, 271]$ ,  $[97, 11, 181]$ ,  $[97, 17, 19]$ ,  $[103, 11, 199]$ ,  $[109, 5, 307]$ ,  $[127, 11, 271]$ ,  $[127, 17, 109]$ ,  $[139, 5, 397]$ ,  $[139, 11, 307]$ ,  $[151, 5, 433]$ ,  $[151, 17, 71]$ ,  $[157, 17, 199]$ ,  $[163, 1, 379]$ ,  $[181, 5, 523]$ ,  $[181, 11, 433]$ ,  $[181, 17, 271]$ ,  $[181, 23, 37]$ ,  $[193, 17, 307]$ ,  $[193, 23, 73]$ ,  $[199, 5, 577]$ ,  $[199, 11, 487]$ ,  $[211, 5, 613]$ ,  $[211, 11, 523]$ ,  $[211, 17, 19^2]$ ,  $[211, 23, 127]$ ,  $[223, 17, 397]$ ,  $[223, 506, 163]$ ,  $[229, 11, 577]$ ,  $[229, 23, 181]$ , so the conjecture is verified up to  $p = 229$ .

## Conjecture 2:

Any prime  $p$  of the form  $6*k - 1$  greater than or equal to 11 can be written as  $(q^2 - q + r)/3$ , where  $q$  is prime of the form  $6*k - 1$  and  $r$  is prime or power of prime or number 1.

### Note:

Because we have  $5^2 - 5 = 20$ ,  $11^2 - 11 = 110$ ,  $17^2 - 17 = 272$ ,  $23^2 - 23 = 506$  and so on, the conjecture is equivalent to the existence of a prime or power of prime among the numbers  $3*p - 20$ ,  $3*p - 110$ ,  $3*p - 272$ ,  $3*p - 506$  and so on.

### Verifying the conjecture:

(up to  $p = 179$ )

:  $11*3 - 20 = 13$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [11, 5, 13]$ ;

:  $17*3 - 20 = 31$ , prime, so  $[p, q, r] = [17, 5, 31]$ ;

We also found the following triplets  $[p, q, r]$ :  $[29, 5, 67]$ ,  $[41, 5, 103]$ ,  $[47, 11, 31]$ ,  $[53, 5, 129]$ ,  $[59, 5, 157]$ ,  $[59, 11, 67]$ ,  $[71, 5, 193]$ ,  $[71, 11, 103]$ ,  $[83, 5, 229]$ ,  $[83, 11, 139]$ ,  $[89, 11, 157]$ ,  $[101, 5, 283]$ ,  $[101, 11, 193]$ ,  $[101, 17, 31]$ ,  $[107, 11, 211]$ ,  $[113, 11, 229]$ ,  $[113, 17, 67]$ ,  $[131, 5, 373]$ ,  $[131, 11, 283]$ ,  $[137, 17, 139]$ ,  $[149, 11, 337]$ ,  $[167, 17, 229]$ ,  $[173, 5, 449]$ ,  $[173, 11, 409]$ ,  $[173, 23, 13]$ ,  $[179, 23, 31]$  so the conjecture is verified up to  $p = 179$ .

### Comment:

In the case that the conjectures are invalidated, still remain two open problems:

- (1) Which are the smallest primes that don't satisfy each from the two conjectures?;
- (2) Which is the maximum length of a chain formed in the following way:  $p_2 = 3*p_1 - (q^2 - q)$ ,  $p_3 = 3*p_2 - (q^2 - q)$ , ...,  $p_n = 3*p_{n-1} - (q^2 - q)$ ? For instance, such a chain of length 3 is  $[43, 109, 307]$  for  $q = 5$ .