

## Conjecture on the numbers $(p^2-n)/(n-1)$ where $p$ prime

**Abstract.** In this paper I state the following conjecture: for any  $p$  prime there exist at least a value of  $n$ , different from  $p$ , for which the number  $(p^2 - n)/(n - 1)$  is prime.

### Conjecture:

For any  $p$  prime there exist at least a value of  $n$ , different from  $p$ , for which the number  $q = (p^2 - n)/(n - 1)$  is prime.

### Verifying the conjecture:

(for the first 7 primes  $p$ )

- : for  $p = 5$ ,  $q = 23$ , prime, for  $n = 2$ ; also  $q = 11$ , prime for  $n = 3$ ; also  $q = 7$ , prime, for  $n = 4$ ;
- : for  $p = 7$ ,  $q = 47$ , prime, for  $n = 2$ ; also  $q = 23$ , prime, for  $n = 3$ ; also  $q = 11$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ;
- : for  $p = 11$ ,  $q = 29$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ; also  $q = 23$ , prime for  $n = 6$ ; also  $q = 19$ , prime, for  $n = 7$ ;
- : for  $p = 13$ ,  $q = 167$ , prime, for  $n = 2$ ; also  $q = 83$ , prime, for  $n = 3$ ; also  $q = 4$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ; also  $q = 23$ , prime, for  $n = 8$ ;
- : for  $p = 17$ ,  $q = 71$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ; also  $q = 47$ , prime, for  $n = 7$ ; also  $q = 31$ , prime, for  $n = 10$ ; also  $q = 23$ , prime, for  $n = 13$ ;
- : for  $p = 19$ ,  $q = 359$ , prime, for  $n = 1$ ; also  $q = 179$ , prime, for  $n = 3$ ; also  $q = 89$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ; also  $q = 71$ , prime, for  $n = 6$ ; also  $q = 59$ , prime, for  $n = 7$ ; also  $q = 29$ , prime, for  $n = 13$ ; also  $q = 23$ , prime, for  $n = 16$ ;
- : for  $p = 23$ ,  $q = 263$ , prime, for  $n = 3$ ; also  $q = 131$ , prime, for  $n = 5$ ; also  $q = 47$ , prime, for  $n = 12$ ; also  $q = 43$ , prime, for  $n = 13$ .

Note that many primes (I conjecture that an infinity of primes) can be written as  $\text{sqr}(24*m - 23)$ :

- :  $7 = \text{sqr}(24*3 - 23)$ ;
- :  $11 = \text{sqr}(24*6 - 23)$ ;
- :  $13 = \text{sqr}(24*8 - 23)$ ;
- :  $17 = \text{sqr}(24*13 - 23)$ ;
- :  $19 = \text{sqr}(24*16 - 23)$ .

I also conjecture that there exist an infinity of primes that can be written as  $\text{sqr}(48*m - 47)$ ; examples: 7, 17, 23 for  $n = 2, 7, 12$ .