

# A true Kurepa conjecture implies Dirichlet-Kurepa primes: Two new classes of infinite primes within arithmetic progressions

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**Abstract:** The Kurepa conjecture states that the  $\gcd(!n, n!)$  is equal to 2 for all  $n=2,3,\dots$ . Although this conjecture has not been proven, in this paper we study the implication of a true Kurepa conjecture. We use  $(!n)/2$  and  $(n!)/2$  as components of two distinct arithmetic progressions and propose that both should have infinitely many primes as known from Dirichlet's theorem of Arithmetic progressions and these are named as Dirichlet-Kurepa primes Type 1 and Type 2 in their honor.

## Results:

According to Kurepa Conjecture, the greatest common divisor of left factorial of  $n$  (denoted by  $!n$ ) and the factorial of  $n$  (denoted by  $n!$ ) is 2 for all positive integers " $n$ " greater than 1. The left factorial for  $n$  is defined as  
 $!n=0!+1!+2!+\dots+(n-1)!$   
and  $n!=1.2.3\dots n$

The Kurepa conjecture is unverified for all  $n$ . However if true, then for all  $n>1$ ,

$$\gcd(!n, n!) = 2 \text{ therefore}$$
$$\gcd((!n)/2, (n!)/2) = 1 \text{ for all } n > 1$$

This means positive integers  $(!n)/2$  and  $(n!)/2$  are coprime with each other.

Consider the Arithmetic progression  $((!n)/2) + m((n!)/2)$ , this sequence contains infinitely many primes according to Dirichlet's Theorem of Arithmetic progressions (where  $m=0,1,2,3,\dots$ ). We will call the primes in this sequence as Dirichlet-Kurepa primes Type 1.

Similarly the other arithmetic progression represented by  $((n!)/2) + k((!n)/2)$  would also contain infinite primes for  $k=1,2,3,\dots$  according to Dirichlet's theorem. We will call the primes in this sequence as Dirichlet-Kurepa primes Type 2.