

The New Prime theorem (9)

There are finite Fermat primes

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Abstract

Using the Jiang function we prove there are finite fermat primes.

Theorem. Suppose the prime equation

$$P_1 = (P - 1)^{2^n} + 1. \quad (1)$$

There exist infinitely many primes P such that P_1 is a prime.

Proof. We have the Jiang function[1]

$$J_2(\omega) = \prod_p [P - 1 - \chi(P)], \quad (2)$$

where $\omega = \prod_p P$, $\chi(P)$ is the number of solutions of congruence

$$(q - 1)^{2^n} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{P}, \quad q = 1, \dots, P - 1. \quad (3)$$

From (3) we have $\chi(P) = 2^n$ if $P \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{n+1}}$, $\chi(P) = 0$ otherwise.

Since $J_2(\omega) \neq 0$, there exist infinitely many primes P such that P_1 is a prime.

We have the asymptotic formula [1]

$$\pi_2(N, 2) = \left| \left\{ P \leq N : (P - 1)^{2^n} + 1 = \text{prime} \right\} \right| \sim \frac{J_2(\omega)}{2^n \phi^2(\omega)} \frac{N}{\log^2 N}. \quad (4)$$

When $P = 3$. From (1) we have the equation of Fermat number [2]

$$P_1 = 2^{2^n} + 1 \quad (5)$$

From (4) we have

$$\pi_2(3, 2) = \left| \left\{ 3 \leq N : 2^{2^n} + 1 = \text{prime} \right\} \right| \sim \frac{J_2(\omega)}{2^n \phi^2(\omega)} \frac{3}{\log^2 3} \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } n \rightarrow \infty \quad (4)$$

From (4) we prove the finite Fermat primes.

In the same way we are able to prove that $4^{2^n} + 1$ and $6^{2^n} + 1$ have finite prime solutions [2]

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