# CONSIDERATIONS FOR GOLDBACH'S STRONG CONJECTURE

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Numbers,  $I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ .

Since 1742, the year in which the Prussian Christian Goldbach wrote a letter to Leonhard Euler with his Conjecture in the weak version, mathematicians have been working on the problem. The tools in number theory become the most sophisticated thanks to the resolution solutions. Euler himself said he was unable to prove it. The weak guess in the modern version states the following: any odd number greater than 5 can be written as the sum of 3 primes. In response to Goldbach's letter, Euler reminded him of a conversation in which he proposed what is now known as Goldbach's strong conjecture: any even number greater than 2 can be written as a sum of 2 prime numbers. The most interesting result came in 2013, with proof of weak version by the Peruvian Mathematician Harald Helfgott, however the strong version remained without a definitive proof. The weak version can be demonstrated without major difficulties and will not be described in this article, as it becomes a corollary of the strong version. Despite the enormous intellectual baggage that great mathematicians have had over the centuries, the Conjecture in question has not been validated or refuted until today.

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#### **DEFINITIONS AND SOME PROPERTIES OF WHOLE NUMBERS**

This article will be limited to only a few properties of the whole numbers that are deemed necessary for the logical construction of this work. The Set of Integers is represented by  $\mathbb{Z}$  and the number of elements contained in  $\mathbb{Z}$  is infinite, that is,  $\mathbb{Z} = \{..., -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...\}$ .  $\mathbb{Z}$  can be represented without the neutral element  $\mathbb{Z}^* = \{..., -4, -3, -2, -1, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...\}$ . The Set of Natural Numbers N consists of positive integers and the neutral element zero, that is,  $N = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, ...\}$ , alternatively,  $N^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, ...\}$ . It is observed that  $N \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ . One of the properties of the Integers is that for each element n, there is a successor, that is, from an element n, it is possible to deduce that there is n + 1. Property that extends to the Naturals. Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the Set of Integers then follows:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, \exists I \mid I = \{2n + 1\}$ , where I is the Set of Odd

Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the Set of Integers, then follows:  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\exists P \mid P = \{2n\}$ , where P is the Set of Even numbers,  $P \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ .

There are numbers that can only be divided by itself and by the unit. These numbers form the Prime Numbers Set and will be represented here generically by  $\Lambda = \{q_1, \ q_2, \ q_3, ...\}$ . There is an infinity of prime numbers, as shown by Euclid. Prime numbers are distributed infinitely and randomly along the Real line. The question of the distribution of prime numbers pervaded the heads of many mathematicians and culminated in the Prime Number Theorem. Friedrich Gauss was one of the mathematicians who worked on the approximations with regard to the number of prime numbers in the range 0 to n. The function that defines the distribution of prime numbers in n, is  $\pi(n)$ . The approaches came to an interesting result. The number of prime numbers less than or equal to n is given by;  $\frac{n}{lN n}$ , later, it was proved that for n very large, we have  $\frac{n}{lN n} \approx \pi(n)$ , so that  $\lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\pi(n)}{\frac{n}{lN n}} = 1$ . In this article the letter n0 and n1 will be used for composite whole

numbers and they can be written in terms of prime numbers.

Consider  $y=x_kx_s$ , where  $x=\prod_{k=1}^kq_k$  and  $x_s=\prod_{s=1}^s\varphi_s$ , rewriting  $y=\prod_{k=1}^kq_k\prod_{s=1}^s\varphi_s=q_1\dots q_k\varphi_1\dots \varphi_t$ , where  $q_1\leq q_2\leq \dots \leq q_k$ ,  $\varphi_1\leq \varphi_2\leq \dots \leq \varphi_t\in \Lambda$ . This is the formalization of the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, which in words "every composite whole number can be written in terms of prime factors and each number has a unique decomposition signature, except in the order of its factors".

#### DEMONSTRATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF DECOMPOSITION

Sinse y is a prime, then y=q, it is trivial  $\{y,1\}=\{q,1\}$ . If y is composed, then  $\exists x_k \ | \ 1 < x_k < y$  that divides y so that  $y=x_kx_s$  and  $1 < x_s, < y$ . Hypothetically,  $x_k$  and  $x_s$  can be written as the multiplication of prime factors, such that,  $x_k=\prod_{k=1}^k q_s=q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$  and  $x_s=\prod_{s=1}^s \varphi_s=\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3\dots\varphi_s$ , rewriting it comes;  $y=(q_1q_2\dots q_k)(\varphi_1\varphi_2\dots\varphi_s)=\prod_{k=1}^k q_k\prod_{s=1}^s \varphi_s$ , where  $k,s,\geq 1$  are positive integers. Since  $x_k$  and  $x_s$  can be decomposed into their prime factors, the decomposition of y is also obtained.

In the above demonstration, it is considered that the primes are not necessarily distinct, so it is possible to regroup them so that the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic can be rewritten in its standard form, known as canonical form, that is:  $y = q_1^{\alpha_1} q_2^{\alpha_2} \dots q_k^{\alpha_k}$ , where  $\alpha_1$ , ...,  $\alpha_k$  are positive integers and represent the exponents generated by the clusters of primes that eventually repeat, in this case, each prime forms a power  $q_k^{\alpha_k}$ , after this rearrangement, there is  $q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_k$ .

## DEMONSTRATION OF THE UNIQUENESS OF DECOMPOSITION

Each number, when decomposed into its prime factors has a unique signature, is called the uniqueness of the decomposition. Let  $y=q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$ , where  $q_1\leq q_2\leq \dots \leq q_k$ , it is known that the decomposition is unique and in this case the length is k. To prove that given a decomposition of length k, it is unique, suppose there is another decomposition for this case and has length 1, so,  $\varphi_1=y=q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$ , where  $\varphi_1$  is prime. Like  $q_1|q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$ ,  $\rightarrow q_1|\varphi_1\rightarrow \varphi_1=q_1\Rightarrow 1=q_2q_3\dots q_k$ , absurd, because for k>1, there is  $\frac{1}{q_2}=q_3\dots q_k$ , an invertible  $\mathbb Z$  impossible product. We conclude that for k=1,  $y=\varphi_1=q_1$ , which proves that this decomposition is unique. By induction, it is proved that the proposition will be valid for s+1. In fact, doing  $y=\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3\dots\varphi_{s+1}=q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$ , like  $q_1|q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k\rightarrow q_1|\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3\dots \varphi_{k+1}$ , for some  $j\in\{1,2,3,\dots,s,s+1\}$ ,  $q_1|\varphi_j\Rightarrow q_1=\varphi_j$ . How the two factors coincide on both sides of the above equation;  $\varphi_1\varphi_2\varphi_3\dots \varphi_{s+1}=q_1q_2q_3\dots q_k$ . This equality shows that factors  $\varphi_j$  and  $q_i$  are equal for all i and  $j\in\{2,3,4,\dots,s,s+1\}$ . The length of the decomposition in the first member is e0 e1, which justifies the coincidence between the factors e1 e2 and e3, proving that the uniqueness of the decomposition is also valid for e2. Before starting the demonstration proposed in this article, it will be important to look at other properties of whole numbers. Let e1 and e2.

**Property 1:** the multiplication of an odd number by an odd number will always result in an odd number. Demonstration: let two integers be any n and m;

(2n+1)(2m+1) = 4mn + 2n + 2m + 1 = 2(2mn+n+m) + 1. Calling the portion (2mn+n+m) of k, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have: 2(2mn+n+m) + 1 = 2k+1 = y

**Property 2:** multiplying an odd with an even number will always result in an even number. Demonstration: let two integers be any n and m; (2n)(2m+1)=4mn+2n=2(mn+n). Calling (nm+n) of k, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have: 2k=p

**Property 3:** multiplying a pair with a pair will always result in an even number. Demonstration: let two integers be any n and m; (2n)(2m) = 4mn = 2(2mn). Calling (2nm) of k, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have: 2k = p

**Property 4:** adding an odd to an odd will always result in an even number. Demonstration: let any two integers be n and m; (2n+1)+(2m+1)=2n+2m+2=2(n+m)+2. Calling (n+m) de k, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have: 2(n+m)+2=2k+2=p

**Property 6:** adding a pair to a pair will always result in an even number.

Demonstration: let two integers be any n and m; (2n)+(2m)=2(n+m). Calling (n+m) of k, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we have: 2(n+m)=2k=p

Property 4 says that the sum of two odd numbers always results in an even number, however, although the primes other than 2 are odd, it has never been possible to prove that the sum of any prime numbers any other than 2 generates even numbers, this it happens because the quoted property is valid for compound numbers. There is no guarantee that this property will work if the odd ones are prime. However, with a proof, the Goldbach's Conjecture turns into Theorem and then it will be an extension of property 4.

# **MOTTO**

**Proposition:** Let  $y = x_k x_s \in I$ , where  $I = \{2n + 1\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x_k$  and  $x_s$  are odd integers and  $p = x_k + x_s$ ,  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then there is:  $x^2 - px + y = 0$ , where  $x_k$  e  $x_s$  are roots of this equation.

Demonstration

$$y = x_k x_s \qquad \Rightarrow \quad x_k = \frac{y}{x_s}$$
 EQ. 1

$$p = x_k + x_s \quad \Rightarrow \quad x_k = p - x_s$$
 EQ. 2

Joining EQ.1 and EQ.2 we have;

$$y = x_s(p - x_s) = x_sp - x_s^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - px + y = 0$$
 EQ.3

The following conclusions are limited to the Set of Natural Numbers, but are valid for the Whole Set of Integers, since there are odd numbers and negative pairs.

**Conclusion 1:** y is prime if, and only if, there is only one possibility for the value of p, that is, p = y + 1 = q + 1. In this case the only factors are;  $x_k = y = q$  and  $x_s = 1$  or  $x_k = 1$  and  $x_s = y = \varphi$ , where  $\{q, \varphi\} \in \Lambda$ .

**Conclusion 2:** y is composed if, and only if, there are factors  $\{x_k, x_s\} \mid x_k \neq (y, 0, 1)$  and  $x_s \neq (1, 0, y)$  being  $1 < \{x_k, x_s\} < y$ . For  $x_k \neq 0$  and  $x_s \neq 0 \Rightarrow y \neq 0$ . In the case where the two factors are prime, we have  $x_k = q$  and  $x_s = \varphi$  and thus  $y = q\varphi$ . In this case,  $p = q + \varphi$ .

**Conclusion 3:** if and only if,  $p = x_k + x_s$  is knawn, a EQ.3 will determine the factors  $x_k$ ,  $x_s$  for a given y, since the pair  $\{x_k, x_s\}$  is the solution of the equation (trivial conclusion).

As already noted, the factors  $x_k$ ,  $x_s$  may or may not be composed. It is known that all composite numbers also have divisors, 1 and himself, in addition to non-trivial divisors, so for such numbers,  $\exists p \mid p = x_k + x_s$ , where  $\{x_k, x_s\} \neq 1$  and  $\{x_k, x_s\} \neq y$  and also  $\exists p \mid p = y + 1$  for  $y = x_k = q$  and  $x_s = 1$  or for  $y = x_s = \varphi$  and  $x_k = 1$ . If the number y for prime, it is only possible to obtain y = y + 1. This means that the equation  $x_k = 1$  is valid for compound numbers and for prime numbers. A simple check that  $x_k = 1$  is valid for primes follows as follows: let y be a number of the form  $y = q \cdot 1 = q$ , where y is prime, then from equation  $x_k = 1$  and 2 complement each other as, once the numerical value of y, is known, it is possible to state whether y is prime or composed from the found roots.

# THE STRONG GOLDBACH CONJECTURE

Let  $y = q\varphi$ , where  $y \in I$ ,  $\{q, \varphi\} \in \Lambda$  and  $q \neq 2$  and  $\varphi \neq 2 \rightarrow \{q, \varphi\} \in \Lambda$ ,  $\Lambda \subseteq I \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\{q, \varphi\} \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Consider 
$$q + \varphi = p$$

Where p is an integer. One must arrive at the hypothesis;

$$q + \varphi = p = 2k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Joining (EQ. 1) and (EQ. 4), of property 4 results;

$$yq + y\varphi = (q\varphi)q + (q\varphi)\varphi = (q\varphi)p = 2(kq\varphi) = 2n = p'$$
EQ.6

With p' and  $\in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $p' \subseteq P$ .

Note that, for property 1,  $(q\varphi)q$  and  $(q\varphi)\varphi$  are odd. From (EQ.4) can be obtained;

$$\varphi = p - q$$
 EQ.7

Joining the equations (EQ.6) and (EQ.7), we obtain;

$$2n = (q\varphi)q + q\varphi(p - q) =$$

$$(q\varphi)q + q\varphi p - (q\varphi)q =$$

$$p' = 2n = q\phi p = 2kq\phi$$
 EQ.8

If the Conjecture is correct, property 2 implies that p must be even.

So,  $q + \varphi = p = 2k$  por  $\{q, \varphi\} \neq 2$  e 2k > 4. This is Goldbach's strong guess.

# PROOF OF STRONG GOLDBACH CONJECTURE

It is known that there is  $p = x_k + x_s$  for the equation  $x^2 - px + y = 0$ . Then;

$$x_{k,s} = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{(p^2 - 4ay)}}{2a}$$
 EQ. 9.

Follow the test;

$$x = \frac{-p \pm \sqrt{(p^2 - 4ay)}}{2a} \rightarrow$$

$$2ax = -p + \sqrt{(p^2 - 4ay)} \rightarrow$$

 $2ax + p = \sqrt{(p^2 - 4ay)}$ , raising the two members of the equation come;

$$(2ax + p)^2 = (p^2 - 4ay) =$$

$$(2ax + p)(2ax + p) = p^2 - 4ay =$$

$$4a^2x^2 + 2axp + 2axp + p^2 = p^2 - 4ay =$$

$$4a^2x^2 + 4axp + \chi^2 = \chi^2 - 4ay \rightarrow$$

$$4axp = -4a^2x^2 - 4ay \rightarrow$$

$$p = \frac{-4a(ax^2 + y)}{4ax} =$$

$$p = \frac{-(ax^2 + y)}{x} = 2k, \ x \neq 0$$

Remembering that  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ , because it is the result of the sum of two integers. It is also defined that  $y \in I \Rightarrow \{x_k, x_s\} \in I$ . Keeping this in mind, property 4 guarantees that the numerator of EQ. 10 will always be even. Even though x = q, where q is an odd prime, property 4 remains valid because  $x^2 = q^2$  becomes a composite odd. Note that x is guaranteed to be an odd one, because if it weren't, y wouldn't be either, which guarantees that  $ax^2 + y$  is of the form 2l, where  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Property 2 also guarantees that  $p = x_k + x_s = 2k$  is always true, since  $px = 2kx = ax^2 + y = 2l$ . This equation remains valid even when  $\{x_k, x_s\} = \{q, \varphi\}$ ,

$$p = \frac{-(aq^2 + y)}{q} \quad \Longrightarrow \quad p = \frac{-(aq^2 + q\varphi)}{q} = \frac{-q(aq + \varphi)}{q} = -(aq + \varphi).$$

The coefficient a arises from the equation EQ.3, it is trivial that a=1, therefore;  $p=\frac{-(q^2+y)}{q}=-(q+\varphi)$ .

The direct proof that EQ.10 results in an even number, regardless of whether x is prime or does not proceed as follows:

$$p = \frac{-(aq^2 + y)}{q} = \frac{-(q^2 + y)}{q};$$

As  $q^2$  and  $y \in I$ , one can write  $q^2 = 2n + 1$  and y = 2m + 1, so EQ. 10 stays;

$$-\left(\frac{q^2+y}{q}\right) = -\left(\frac{2n+1+2m+1}{q}\right) = -2\left(\frac{n+m+1}{q}\right).$$
 EQ. 11

It is known that  $q^2 = 2n + 1$  and y = 2m + 1, that  $n = \frac{q^2 - 1}{2}$  and  $m = \frac{y - 1}{2}$ , like this;

$$-\left(\frac{n+m+1}{q}\right) = -\left(\frac{q^2-1+y-1}{2q} + \frac{1}{q}\right) = -\left(\frac{q^2-1+y-1+2}{2q}\right) = -\frac{(q^2+y)}{2q}.$$
 Knowing that  $q^2$  and  $y$  são are odd, by

property 4,  $q^2 + y$  results in an even number, therefore  $2l(q^2 + y)$ . As well as  $q|(q^2)$  and q|(y), it can be done;  $\frac{q^2}{q} + \frac{y}{q} = \left(\frac{q^2 + y}{q}\right) = z$ . Note that z is an integer. Since 2 and q are factors of  $q^2 + y$ , by the Fundamental

Theorem of Arithmetic  $2q/(q^2 + y)$ , then;

$$-\frac{(n+m+1)}{q} = -\frac{(q^2+y)}{2q} = k$$
, where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Substituting  $k$  in EQ.11 comes:

$$-2\left(\frac{n+m+1}{q}\right) = 2k = p = q + \varphi.$$
 EQ. 12

Goldbach's conjecture is proven to be true. As the equation is valid for any prime greater than or equal to 3, the first even number that is obtained must be greater than 4, that is, p = 2k > 4, so p = 3 + 3 = 6 is the first even number that it is obtained with the sum of two odd prime numbers. In this case y = 9 and the value of k = 3. Substituting k at p = 2k, the number p = 6 is again reached. The demonstration of the weak Goldbach's Conjecture becomes just a Corollary of this work and easy to demonstrate. This will be left to the reader.

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