

Complementary prime-sieve and a remark on S.W. Golomb's factorization method

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ABSTRACT

The above mentioned "*complementary prime-sieve*" (for short: *C.P.S.*) can be characterize as follows:

Our Theorem 1. is, every prime number (*greater then 3*) has the forms $6k-1$ or $6k+1$ ($k=$ natural number). After it, we are given a necessary sufficient condition for $6k+1$ and $6k-1$ ($k=1,2,3,\dots,$ natural number) in which a composite number. *C.P.S.* does not seek for a prime number (as other sieves do), but sieves the composite numbers which left are prime numbers (therefore this will call a complementary prime-sieve). By *C.P.S.* does not need the use of Dirichlet's theorem. With aid *C.P.S.* we are able to generate the prime numbers without factorization and at the same time we give a new method for factorization of composite numbers.

With *C.P.S.* we makes better the factorization method of S.W. Golomb, which appered in *CRYPTOLOGIA*, vol. XX. Number 3. as "On factoring Jevons' number".

Theorem 1.

Every prime number $p > 3$ has the forms $6k+1$ or $6k-1$ where $k = 1,2,3,\dots$

Proof:

Let us suppose that p is not of forms $6k+1$ or $6k-1$, this implies:

$$(1.1) \quad p=6k+2 \quad \text{or} \quad p=6k-2 \quad p \text{ is even number, therefore it is composite number.}$$

$$(1.2) \quad p=6k+3 \quad \text{or} \quad p=6k-3 \quad p \text{ is divisible } 3, \text{ therefore it is composite number.}$$

$$(1.3) \quad p=6k+4 \quad \text{vagy} \quad p=6k-4 \quad p \text{ is even number, therefore it is composite number.}$$

$$(1.4) \quad p=6k+5 \quad \text{vagy} \quad p=6k-5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad p=6k+5 = 6(k+1)-1 \quad \text{or} \quad p=6k-5 = 6(k-1)+1 \\ \text{these are the form of theorem.}$$

Q.E.D.

Remark:

Dirichlet's theorem states that "If $(a,b)=1$, then the arithmetic progression $ak+b$ ($k=1,2,3,\dots$) contains infinitely many primes." But our theorem states that *every primes are $6k+1$ or $6k-1$.*

By Theorem 1. the natural numbers ordered in six column (see Figure 1.), then all prime numbers contain column first and fifth column (first contains $6k+1$ and column fifth contains $6k-1$).

Figure 1.

$6k+1$					$6k-1$
↓					↓
<u>1</u>	2	3	4	<u>5</u>	6
<u>7</u>	8	9	10	<u>11</u>	12
<u>13</u>	14	15	16	<u>17</u>	18
<u>19</u>	20	21	22	<u>23</u>	24
<u>25</u>	26	27	28	<u>29</u>	30
<u>31</u>	32	33	34	<u>35</u>	36
<u>37</u>	38	39	40	<u>41</u>	42
<u>43</u>	44	45	46	<u>47</u>	48
<u>49</u>	50	51	52	<u>53</u>	54
55	56	57	58	<u>59</u>	60
<u>61</u>	62	63	64	<u>65</u>	66
<u>67</u>	68	69	70	<u>71</u>	72
<u>73</u>	74	75	76	<u>77</u>	78
<u>79</u>	80	81	82	<u>83</u>	84
<u>85</u>	86	87	88	<u>89</u>	90
91	92	93	94	<u>95</u>	96
<u>97</u>	98	99	100	<u>101</u>	102
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By Theorem 1. implies the "fast" upper bound of the number of prime numbers less or equal to N (denote: $\pi(N)$):

$$(1.5) \quad \pi(N) < \frac{N}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{\pi(N)}{N} < \frac{1}{3}$$

By Theorem 1. the determination of prime numbers $p > 3$ makes it possible to enumerate of the form $6k \pm 1$.

Below (see Theorem 2.) we give necessary and sufficient conditions when the numbers is the form $6k \pm 1$ composite numbers. These conditions give the method and procedure, which can be called to C.P.S.

Theorem 2. (Complementary Prime-Sieve: C.P.S.)

Let us suppose that N, k, u, v be natural numbers, where $u, v \geq 1$.

$N = 6k+1$ a composite number iff $k = 6uv + u + v$ or $k = 6uv - u - v$

$N = 6k-1$ a composite number iff $k = 6uv - u + v$ or $k = 6uv + u - v$ holds.

Proof of necessity:

Let us suppose $N = 6k+1$ is a composite number, then $6k+1 = dr \Rightarrow k = \frac{dr-1}{6} \Rightarrow dr \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ holds.

There are two options:

$$(2.1) \quad d \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow d = 6u+1 \quad \text{and} \quad r \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow r = 6v+1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{(6u+1)(6v+1)-1}{6} = \frac{36uv + 6u + 6v + 1 - 1}{6} = 6uv + u + v$$

$$(2.2) \quad d \equiv -1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow d = 6u-1 \quad \text{and} \quad r \equiv -1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow r = 6v-1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{(6u-1)(6v-1)-1}{6} = \frac{36uv - 6u - 6v + 1 - 1}{6} = 6uv - u - v$$

If $N = 6k-1$ a composite number, then $6k-1 = dr \Rightarrow k = \frac{dr+1}{6} \Rightarrow dr \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$ holds.

There are two options:

$$(2.3) \quad d \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow d = 6u+1 \quad \text{and} \quad r \equiv -1 \pmod{6} \Rightarrow r = 6v-1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{(6u+1)(6v-1)+1}{6} = \frac{36uv - 6u + 6v - 1 + 1}{6} = 6uv - u + v$$

For this formula (2.3) is symmetric for u, v , so there is another solution holds:

$$(2.4) \quad k = 6uv + u - v$$

We proved the necessity of the proof.

Proof of sufficiency:

Let us suppose $k = 6uv + u + v$ and $N = 6k + 1$, as well as $v = u + r$, where $u, v \geq 1, r \geq 0$, then

$$(2.5) \quad N = 6(6u(u+r) + u + u+r) + 1 = 6(6u^2 + 6ur + 2u+r) + 1 = (6u)^2 + 6^2ur + 12u + 6r + 1 = \\ = (6u+1)^2 + 6r(6u+1) = (6u+1)(6u+1+6r) = (6u+1)(6v+1) \\ \textit{it is trivially not a prime.}$$

Let us suppose $k = 6uv - u - v$ and $N = 6k + 1$, as well as $v = u + r$, where $u, v \geq 1, r \geq 0$, then

$$(2.6) \quad N = 6(6u(u+r) - u - (u+r)) + 1 = 6(6u^2 + 6ur - 2u - r) + 1 = (6u)^2 + 6^2ur - 12u - 6r + 1 = \\ = (6u-1)^2 + 6r(6u-1) = (6u-1)(6u-1+6r) = (6u-1)(6v-1) \textit{ it is trivially not a prime.}$$

Let us suppose $k = 6uv - u + v$ and $N = 6k - 1$, as well as $v = u + r$, where $u, v \geq 1, r \geq 0$, then

$$(2.7) \quad N = 6(6u(u+r) - u + u+r) - 1 = 6(6u^2 + 6ur + r) - 1 = (6u)^2 + 6^2ur + 6r - 1 = \\ = (6u+1)(6u-1) + 6r(6u+1) = (6u+1)(6u-1+6r) = (6u+1)(6v-1) \\ \textit{it is trivially not a prime.}$$

Let us suppose $k = 6uv + u - v$ and $N = 6k - 1$, as well as $v = u + r$, where $u, v \geq 1, r \geq 0$, then

$$(2.8) \quad N = 6(6u(u+r) + u - (u+r)) - 1 = 6(6u^2 + 6ur - r) - 1 = (6u)^2 + 6^2ur - 6r - 1 = \\ = (6u+1)(6u-1) + 6r(6u-1) = (6u-1)(6u+1+6r) = (6u-1)(6v+1) \\ \textit{it is trivially not a prime.}$$

Q.E.D.**Corollary 2.1.**

Formulae (2.5) - (2.8) gave the natural number $N = 6k \pm 1$ represented as a product of $(6u \pm 1)(6v \pm 1)$.

If $6u-1, 6u+1, 6v-1, 6v+1$ are prime numbers (as it is possible by Theorem 1.), then we obtained prime factorization of N .

We induced the notations $a = 6u+1$ and $b = 6u-1$, then all $N = 6k \pm 1$ can be represented in one of the form to (2.9) form:

$$(2.9) \quad N_1 = a(a+6r) \quad N_2 = b(b+6r) \quad N_3 = a(b+6r) \quad N_4 = b(a+6r)$$

Example:

$$u=23, r=29 \Rightarrow a=139, b=137 \Rightarrow N_1 = 139 \times 313 = 43507 \quad N_2 = 137 \times 311 = 42607 \\ N_3 = 139 \times 311 = 43229 \quad N_4 = 137 \times 313 = 42881$$

Now we apply the C.P.S. to make better the factorization method of S.W. Golomb (see [1]). Golomb's method inspired by W.S Jevons' problem, which published in his book in the 1873' (see [2]). Jevons in this book presented a specific ten-digit number (8.616.460.799) whose prime factorization, he believed, would forever remain unknown except to himself. *The prime factorization method of S.W. Golomb:*

Let us p and q arbitrary prime numbers and their product is J . We can write:

$$(3.1) \quad J = p \cdot q = a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$$

where a and b are natural numbers.

We set $a_0 = \lceil \sqrt{J} \rceil$ and let $a_k = a_0 + k$ for $k=1,2,3,\dots$

We look successively at $a_k^2 - J$ to see if any of these is a perfect square, thus

$$(3.2) \quad a_k^2 - J = b_k^2 \Rightarrow J = (a_k + b_k)(a_k - b_k)$$

We apply the Golomb method for the Jevons' number, that specifically $J=8.616.460.799$ $k=56$, $a_{56}=92.880$, $b_{56}=3199$.

$$(a_{56}^2 - b_{56}^2 = (a_{56} - b_{56})(a_{56} + b_{56}) = \underbrace{89681}_p \cdot \underbrace{96079}_q = 8.616.460.799 = J)$$

The other way by the C.P.S. we give a factorization of J to two prime factors, like the form (3.3):

$$(3.3) \quad J = (6u \pm 1)(6v \mp 1) \quad (u, v = 1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

If we consider the equations (3.2) and (3.3) that imply

$$(3.4) \quad J = (a_k + b_k)(a_k - b_k) = (6u \pm 1)(6v \mp 1)$$

From the condition of J is product of two primes and the (3.3), (3.4) equations follows the next states

$$(3.5) \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{if } J=6K+1, \text{ then } a_k + b_k = 6u \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_k - b_k = 6v \pm 1 \\ \text{if } J=6K-1, \text{ then } a_k + b_k = 6u \pm 1 \quad \text{and} \quad a_k - b_k = 6v \mp 1 \end{array}$$

And the addition of two equations imply:

$$(3.6) \quad \begin{array}{l} 2a_k = 6u + 6v \pm 2 \Rightarrow a_k = 3(u + v) \pm 1 \\ 2a_k = 6u + 6v \quad \Rightarrow a_k = 3(u + v) \end{array}$$

From (3.6) follows the state that a_k , or $a_k \pm 1$ divides by 3, thus we set the a_0 as it appears from (3.7)

$$(3.7) \quad h \equiv [\sqrt{J}] \pmod{3} \Rightarrow a_0 = [\sqrt{J}] - h$$

namely a_0 divides by 3, then from the Golomb's method implies that k divides by 3 too, or $k \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{3}$:

$$(3.8) \quad a_k = a_0 + k$$

That is, we pay attention to only the steps $k=3,6,9, \dots$, or $k=1,4,7,\dots$, or $k=2,5,8,\dots$ of success are sufficient. Applied this result on the Jevons' number:

$$(3.9) \quad \begin{aligned} a_0 &\xrightarrow{(8)} 92823 \quad (h=1) \\ a_{19,3} &= 92880 \end{aligned}$$

Consequently that $k=19$ steps of algorithm (*instead of $k=56$*) would have been sufficient!

Finally remarkable that the C.P.S. gives a direct representation of composite number in an interval (M,N) . Consequently one can obtain the prime numbers of interval (M,N) . By that approach one obtained efficient methods to solve three basic tasks about the prime numbers:

1. *Given an interval (M,N) enumerate all possible prime numbers from that interval.*
2. *Let us represent the prime numbers up to N . (Then $M=1$)*
3. *Decide a natural number p prime itself?*

An RSA (Rivest, Shamir, Adleman) encipherment system the task 1.-3. might used with a practical values. The real possibility which increase the effectiveness of C.P.S. is the parallel computation.

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Now we pay attention to the follows of Theorem 1. and 2. for the twin prime problems. From the Theorem 1. we have the following theorem:

Theorem 3.

$p < q$ are twin primes (greater than 3) iff $p = 6k - 1, q = 6k + 1$ and k convenient natural number.

Corollary 3.1.

$$(3.1.) \quad \text{If } p, q \text{ are twin primes, then } pq = (6k-1)(6k+1) = 36k^2 - 1$$

Thus we give the followig theorem:

Theorem 4.

$(36k^2 - 1)$ have exactly two prime factors iff $6k-1$ and $6k+1$ are twin primes.

Corollary 4.1.

There are finite number of twin primes iff there exist a K threshold number, then every k greater than K implies that $36k^2 - 1$ has greater or equal than three prime factors.

By this state follows that either $6k-1$ or $6k+1$ is composite number (or both), which allowable iff k has the form bellow:

$$(4.1) \quad k=6uv+u+v \text{ or } k=6uv-u-v \text{ or } k=6uv-u+v \text{ or } k=6uv+u-v$$

Thus we give the followig theorem:

Theorem 5.

There are finite number of twin primes iff there exist a K threshold number, then every k greater than K implies that k has the form one of the (4.1) . It means than there are infinitely many such k .

This Theorem 5. is equivalent to S.W.Golomb's following theorem, which appeared as problem E969 in the May, 1951, issue of the American Mathematical Monthly:

"There are infinitely many twin primes if and only if there are infinitely many positive integers and all four combinations of signs are allowed."

$$n \neq 6uv \pm u \pm v \quad \text{where } n, u, v \text{ all } \geq 1$$

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