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Thm. (P.L. Čebyšev) ≈ 1850

$\exists c_1 > c_2 > 0 \forall x \geq 2$ ①

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$$\frac{c_2 x}{\log x} < \pi(x) < \frac{c_1 x}{\log x}$$

$\{p \in \mathbb{N} \mid p \text{ is a prime and } p \leq x\}$.

Proof. $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then a) $\frac{4^n}{2n+1} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq 4^n$. This

follows from the binomial expansion $4^n = 2^{2n} = (1+1)^{2n} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} \binom{2n}{i}$ and the inequalities $\binom{2n}{i} \geq 0$

and $\binom{2n}{i} \leq \binom{2n}{n}$. Also, b) $\prod_{n < p \leq 2n} p \leq \binom{2n}{n} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \pi(2n)$

The first \leq follows from the fact that $\binom{2n}{n} = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$, so in fact $\prod_{n < p \leq 2n} p \mid \binom{2n}{n}$. The second \leq was proven in

the previous lecture (the 2nd proof of P. Erdős's): if $\binom{2n}{n} = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ then $p_i \leq 2n$ and even $p_i \leq 2n$. Combining ① and ② (which we did already in) we get

$$\frac{4^n}{2n+1} \leq \binom{2n}{n} \pi(2n) \text{ thus } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}: \pi(2n) \geq \frac{2n \log 2 - \log(2n+1)}{\log(2n)}$$

$c_2 > (\log 2) \frac{2n}{\log(2n)} - 2$. Exercise for you: deduce from

this that indeed for some $c_2 > 0$ and every $x \geq 2$, $\pi(x) > \frac{c_2 x}{\log x}$

Combining ① and ② we get that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$: ②

$$\prod_{n < p \leq 2n} p \leq 4^n \implies \sum_{n < p \leq 2n} \log p \leq n \log 4. \text{ For real } x \geq 2$$

We take $x \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $2^r \leq x < 2^{r+1}$. Then $\sum_{p \leq x} \log p \leq$

$$\leq \sum_{j=0}^r \sum_{2^j < p \leq 2^{j+1}} \log p \leq \sum_{j=0}^r 2^j \log 4 = (2^{r+1} - 1) \log 4 < 2 \cdot 2^r \log 4$$

$\leq (2 \log 4) x$. So $\forall x \geq 2$: $\sum_{p \leq x} \log p < (2 \log 4) x$.

$x \geq 2$: $\implies (2 \log 4) x > \sum_{\sqrt{x} < p \leq x} \log p \geq (\pi(x) - \pi(\sqrt{x})) \log(\sqrt{x})$

$\implies \pi(x) \leq \frac{(2 \log 4) x}{\log(\sqrt{x})} + \sqrt{x} = \frac{(4 \log 4) x}{\log x} + \sqrt{x}$

Exercise for you: deduce from this that indeed for some $c_1 > 0$ and every real $x \geq 2$:

$$\pi(x) < \frac{c_2 x}{\log x} \quad \square$$

I mention some further classical results from the theory of prime numbers, without proofs (almost).

PNT - The Prime Number Theorem (1896, J. Hadamard; de la Vallée-Poussin): For real $x \rightarrow +\infty$,

$$\pi(x) \sim \frac{x}{\log x}, \text{ i.e. } \pi(x) = (1 + o(1)) \frac{x}{\log x}.$$

• Jacques Hadamard (1865-1963)

• Charles J. de la Vallée Poussin (1866-1962)

$Li(x) := \int_2^x \frac{dt}{\log t}$. Then, move precisely from

above, $\pi(x) = \underbrace{Li(x)}_{\sim \frac{x}{\log x}} + O\left(x e^{-\frac{A(\log x)^{3/5}}{(\log \log x)^{1/5}}}\right)$, where $A = 0.2098$ (K. Ford, 2002)

• Kevin Ford (1967) | the Riemann Hypothesis

$\zeta(s) = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^s} = \prod_{p \in \mathbb{P}} \left(1 + \frac{1}{p^s} + \frac{1}{p^{2s}} + \dots\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{C}, \zeta(s) = 0$ with $\text{Re}(s) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{Re}(s) = \frac{1}{2}$. Explicit formula for $\pi(x)$:

H. von Koch (1901): RH $\Rightarrow \pi(x) = Li(x) + O(\sqrt{x} \log x)$

three formulas of $x \rightarrow +\infty$ • Franz Mertens (1840-1874) [-1727]

① $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{\log p}{p} = \log x + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$. Proofs: see my LNA.

② $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log(\log x) + c + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$, where c is a constant.

③ $\prod_{p \leq x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = \frac{d}{\log x} \left(1 + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)\right)$, where $d > 0$ is a constant.

For $N \neq u = p_1^{a_1} \dots p_r^{a_r}$ we define $\omega(u) := \sum_{i=1}^r 1$, $\Omega(u) := a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_r$, $T(u) = (1+a_1)(1+a_2)\dots(1+a_r)$ (# of divisors of u). For real $x \geq 2$,

- $\sum_{u \leq x} \omega(u) = x \cdot \log(\log x) + c_1 x + O(x/\log x)$
- $\sum_{u \leq x} \Omega(u) = x \cdot \log(\log x) + c_2 x + O(x/\log x)$ where $c_i, i=1,2$ are constants.

Almost every $n \in \mathbb{N}$ has $\omega(n) \sim \log \log n$ and $\Omega(n) \sim \log \log n$.

Theorem (Hardy-Ramanujan, 1917)

$\forall \epsilon > 0 \exists x_0 = x_0(\epsilon) > 0$ s.t.

$x > x_0 \Rightarrow \#\{u \leq x \mid |\omega(u) - \log(\log x)| > \epsilon \log(\log x)\} < (1-\epsilon)x$

the multiplicative result. LNs

or $\log(\log u)$ does not matter. Also holds for $\Omega(u)$ too.

Godfrey H. Hardy (1877-1947)

Srinivasa Ramanujan (1887-1920)

Zhang's Theorem!

Proof. (see my LNs) by the 2nd moment method by Paul Turán (1910-1976) (Pál) or Vinograd-Spencer The Probabilistic Method

Chapter 5 - Congruences (Theory of quadratic residues)

$a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $a \in \mathbb{Z}, p \in \mathbb{P} : a$ is a (quadratic) residue mod p , if $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ has a solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Else a is a (quadratic) non-residue mod p .
 For example, for $p=11$

Residues are 1, 4, 9, 5, 3. The rest - 2, 6, 7, 8, 10 - are q. non-residues. For $p=2$, 1 is a q.v. and there is no q. non-residue.

Proposition For any prime $p > 2$, the # of q.v. mod $p =$ the # of q. non-v. mod $p = \frac{p-1}{2}$.

Proof: $\mathbb{Z}_p^* := \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$. The map $\mathbb{Z}_p^* \ni x \mapsto x^2 \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ is two-to-one: $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow (x-y)(x+y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $x \not\equiv -x \pmod{p}$ as $p > 2$.
 $x \equiv \pm y \pmod{p}$

Standard notation: $a \in \mathbb{Z}, p > 2$ a prime
 - Legendre's symbol: $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) := \begin{cases} 1 & \dots & a \text{ is q.v. mod } p \\ -1 & \dots & \text{q. non-v. mod } p \\ 0 & \dots & p \mid a \end{cases}$

Trivially: $a \equiv b \pmod{p} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$

$$\left(\frac{ab^2}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right), \quad (b \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p})$$

Proposition (Euler's criterion) $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \forall p > 2$: ⑥

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}.$$

Proof. Recall Fermat's

little theorem of Fermat: $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1$. So

$$(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1)(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} + 1) \equiv 0 \text{ and } a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv \pm 1. \text{ If } a$$

then $0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \checkmark$. If $a \neq 0$ and is a q.v. then

$$b^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}, \text{ so } a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv (b^2)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = b^{p-1} \equiv 1 \text{ (by FLT)}$$

It remains to prove that if a is a q. non-v. $\Rightarrow \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \checkmark$.

then $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$. This follows from the

theorem in algebra that $\forall f(x) \in F[x], f \neq 0$ and F

is a field, $\#\{a \in F \mid f(a) = 0\} \leq \deg(f)$. In

our case $f(x) = x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1$ and $F = \mathbb{Z}_p = \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$.

$x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1 = 0$ has $\frac{p-1}{2}$ solutions in \mathbb{Z}_p (namely the q.

v. (see \mathcal{P} and the previous prop.) $\Rightarrow x^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = -1$

~~if~~ if x is a q. non-v. \(\square\)

Proposition) $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \forall p > 2, \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$.

~~P. 9.11~~ $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) \equiv (ab)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} b^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$, hence \checkmark . \(\square\)