

# CONSTELLATIONS OF PRIMES GENERATED BY TWIN PRIMES

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ABSTRACT. We study a special set of constellations of primes generated by twin primes.

## 1. INTRODUCTION AND MAIN RESULTS

Let  $A$  be an infinite sequence of increasing positive integers with the infinite complementary sequence  $\bar{A}$ . Let  $H$  be lexicographically first strictly increasing sequence starting, say,  $H(2) = h_0$  with the property that  $H(n) \in A$  if and only if  $n \in A$ . Shevelev [1] studied several different  $H$ -sequences which possess an interesting property: let numbers  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary in  $A$ ; let  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  are defined in the same way as sequence  $H$  but with the initial term  $a$  and  $b$  respectively; then there exists a position  $n = n(a, b)$  in which  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  merge. Most likely, it is a difficult problem to find a test for  $A$ , when this property holds. Here is only one conjecture in case when  $A = P$  is the sequence of all primes.

**Conjecture 1.** *Consider lexicographically first strictly increasing sequence starting  $H(2) = 3$  with the property that  $H(n)$  is prime if and only if  $n$  is prime. Then for arbitrary primes  $a > b \geq 3$ ,  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  merge.*

Note that Conjecture 1 easily follows from each of the following weaker forms:  $\alpha)$   $b = 3$ ;  $\beta)$   $a = \text{Nextprime}(b), b \geq 3$ . If Conjecture 1 is true, there appear many natural questions. For example,

1) For a given primes  $a > b \geq 3$ , what is the position when  $H_a$  and  $H_b$  merge?

For the first such pairs  $(5, 3); (7, 3), (7, 5); (11, 3), (11, 5), (11, 7); \dots$  we get the following positions:

(1) 11; 47, 47; 47, 47, 11; 47, 47, 17, 17; 683, 683, 683, 683, 683; ...

(cf. A276676[2]).

2) What is the maximal difference between the corresponding terms of  $H_a$  and  $H_b$ ?

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For example, in case when  $a$  and  $b$  are twin primes:  $a = A001359(n - 1) + 2$ ,  $b = A001359(n - 1)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , we get

$$(2) \quad 4, 14, 6, 6, 6, 12, 6, 8, 14, 14, 18, 36, 24, 65, 18, 6, 10, 6, 84, 14, 162, \dots$$

(cf. A276826[2]).

Let us consider those lesser of twin primes  $\{A001359(l)\}$ ,  $l \geq 1$ , which correspond to terms of the sequence (2) which not exceeding 6. We have the sequence  $A276848 = \{c(n)\}[2]$ :

$$(3) \quad 3, 11, 17, 29, 59, 227, 269, 1277, 1289, 1607, 2129, 2789, 3527, 3917, \dots$$

We call "nearest" twin primes the corresponding pairs of twin primes (3, 5), (11, 13), (17, 19), ... A numerical research of sequence (3) shows that we have an interesting phenomenon: although terms  $c(n) \equiv 7$  or  $9 \pmod{10}$  occur often, the first terms  $c(n) \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$  are 11, 165701, ... . This phenomenon is explained by the following.

**Theorem 1.** 1)  $c(n) = p \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$  if and only if, for some  $t \geq 0$ ,  $p = 30t + 17$  and we have the following constellation of five consecutive primes:  $p, p + 2, p + 6, p + 12, p + 14$ ;

2)  $c(n) = p \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$  if and only if, for some  $t \geq 0$ ,  $p = 30t + 29$  and we have the following constellation of five consecutive primes:  $p, p + 2, p + 8, p + 12, p + 14$ ;

3)  $c(n) = p \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$  if and only if, for some  $t \geq 0$ ,  $p = 30t + 11$  and we have the following constellation of seven consecutive primes:  $p, p + 2, p + 6, p + 8, p + 12, p + 18, p + 20$ .

Again in case when  $a$  and  $b$  are twin primes:  $a = A001359(n - 1) + 2$ ,  $b = A001359(n - 1)$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , consider the smallest  $m = m(n)$  such that  $H_a(m) - H_b(m) > 6$  or 0 if there is no such  $m$ . We get the sequence

$$(4) \quad 0, 13, 0, 0, 0, 9, 0, 11, 11, 5, 3, 15, 3, 7, 3, 0, 3, 0, 3, 5, 7, 3, 11, \dots$$

**Theorem 2.** The all distinct numbers in the sequence (4) are 0, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 and 17 only.

## 2. PROOF OF THEOREM 1 (SUFFICIENCY)

1) Let  $p = 30t + 17$ , set  $a = 30t + 19, b = p$ . Let  $\{b, a\}$  are twin primes. If also  $30t + 23, 30t + 29, 30t + 31$  are prime, then we have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 19, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 17;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 23, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 19;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 20;$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_a(5) &= 30t + 29, & H_b(5) &= 30t + 23; \\
 H_a(6) &= 30t + 30, & H_b(6) &= 30t + 24; \\
 H_a(7) &= 30t + 31, & H_b(7) &= 30t + 29; \\
 H_a(8) &= 30t + 32, & H_b(8) &= 30t + 30; \\
 H_a(9) &= 30t + 33, & H_b(9) &= 30t + 32; \\
 H_a(10) &= 30t + 34, & H_b(10) &= 30t + 33;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 34), \quad H_b(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 33).$$

Since  $\text{Nextprime}(30t + 34) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 33)$  then  $H_a(n) = H_b(n)$  for  $n \geq 11$  and, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\max(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) = 6$  which holds for  $n = 5, 6$ .

2) Let  $p = 30t + 29$ , set  $a = 30t + 31, b = p$ . Let  $\{b, a\}$  are twin primes. If also  $30t + 37, 30t + 41, 30t + 43$  are prime, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_a(2) &= 30t + 31, & H_b(2) &= 30t + 29; \\
 H_a(3) &= 30t + 37, & H_b(3) &= 30t + 31; \\
 H_a(4) &= 30t + 38, & H_b(4) &= 30t + 32; \\
 H_a(5) &= 30t + 41, & H_b(5) &= 30t + 37; \\
 H_a(6) &= 30t + 42, & H_b(6) &= 30t + 38; \\
 H_a(7) &= 30t + 43, & H_b(7) &= 30t + 41; \\
 H_a(8) &= 30t + 44, & H_b(8) &= 30t + 42; \\
 H_a(9) &= 30t + 45, & H_b(9) &= 30t + 44; \\
 H_a(10) &= 30t + 46, & H_b(10) &= 30t + 45;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 46), \quad H_b(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 45).$$

Since  $\text{Nextprime}(30t + 46) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 45)$  then  $H_a(n) = H_b(n)$  for  $n \geq 11$  and, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\max(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) = 6$  which holds for  $n = 3, 4$ .

3) Let  $p = 30t + 11$ , set  $a = 30t + 13, b = p$ . Let  $\{b, a\}$  are twin primes. If also  $30t + 17, 30t + 19, 30t + 23, 30t + 29, 30t + 31$  are all prime, then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_a(2) &= 30t + 13, & H_b(2) &= 30t + 11; \\
 H_a(3) &= 30t + 17, & H_b(3) &= 30t + 13; \\
 H_a(4) &= 30t + 18, & H_b(4) &= 30t + 14; \\
 H_a(5) &= 30t + 19, & H_b(5) &= 30t + 17; \\
 H_a(6) &= 30t + 20, & H_b(6) &= 30t + 18; \\
 H_a(7) &= 30t + 23, & H_b(7) &= 30t + 19;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 H_a(8) &= 30t + 24, & H_b(8) &= 30t + 20; \\
 H_a(9) &= 30t + 25, & H_b(9) &= 30t + 21; \\
 H_a(10) &= 30t + 26, & H_b(10) &= 30t + 22; \\
 H_a(11) &= 30t + 29, & H_b(11) &= 30t + 23; \\
 H_a(12) &= 30t + 30, & H_b(12) &= 30t + 24; \\
 H_a(13) &= 30t + 31, & H_b(13) &= 30t + 29; \\
 H_a(14) &= 30t + 32, & H_b(14) &= 30t + 30; \\
 H_a(15) &= 30t + 33, & H_b(15) &= 30t + 32; \\
 H_a(16) &= 30t + 34, & H_b(16) &= 30t + 33;
 \end{aligned}$$

$$H_a(17) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 34), \quad H_b(17) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 33).$$

So  $H_a(n) = H_b(n)$ ,  $n \geq 17$ , and and, for  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\max(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) = 6$  which holds for  $n = 11, 12$ . ■

### 3. PROOF OF THEOREM 1 (NECESSITY) AND OF THEOREM 2

1) Let  $c(n) = p \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$ . By Section 2, if we have five consecutive primes of the form

$$(5) \quad 30t + 17 = p, 30t + 19, 30t + 23, 30t + 29, 30t + 31, \quad t \geq 0,$$

then, for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) \leq 6$ . Let us show that, if the condition (5) does not hold, then  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) > 6$ . Denote by  $m$  the smallest  $n$  when  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) > 6$ .

1a) Let  $30t + 17, 30t + 19$  be prime, but  $30t + 23$  be composite. Then we have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 19, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 17;$$

$$H_a(3) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 23) \geq 30t + 29, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 19.$$

So  $(H_a(3) - H_b(3)) \geq 10$ , i.e.  $m = 3$ .

1b) Let  $30t + 17, 30t + 19, 30t + 23$  be prime, but  $30t + 29$  be composite. We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 19, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 17;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 23, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 19;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 20;$$

$$H_a(5) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 29) \geq 30t + 31, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 23.$$

So  $(H_a(5) - H_b(5)) \geq 8$ , i.e.  $m = 5$ .

1c) Let  $30t + 17, 30t + 19, 30t + 23, 30t + 29$  be prime, but  $30t + 31$  be composite. We have

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 20;$$

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 29, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 23;$$

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 30, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 24;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 31) \geq 30t + 37, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 29.$$

So  $(H_a(7) - H_b(7)) \geq 8$ , i.e.  $m = 7$ . This proves the case  $c(n) \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$  with  $m = 3, 5$ , or  $7$

2) Now let  $c(n) = p \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$ . By Section 2, if we have five consecutive primes of the form

$$(6) \quad 30t + 29 = p, 30t + 31, 30t + 37, 30t + 41, 30t + 43, \quad t \geq 0,$$

then, for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) \leq 6$ . Let us show that, if the condition (6) does not hold, then  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) > 6$  and  $3 \leq m \leq 17$ .

2a) Let in (6)  $30t + 37$  is composite. Then we have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 31, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 29;$$

$$H_a(3) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 37) \geq 30t + 41, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 31.$$

So  $(H_a(3) - H_b(3)) \geq 10$ , i.e.  $m = 3$ .

2b) Let  $30t + 37$  be prime, but  $30t + 41$  be composite.

2ba) Let  $30t + 37$  be prime, but  $30t + 41, 30 + 49$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 31, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 29;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 37, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 31;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 38, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 32;$$

$$H_a(5) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 43) \geq 30t + 47, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 37,$$

if  $30t + 43$  is composite,  $m = 5$ .

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 43, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 37,$$

if  $30t + 43$  is prime;

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 44, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 38;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 47) \geq 30t + 53, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 43,$$

if  $30 + 47$  is composite,  $m = 7$ .

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 47, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 43,$$

if  $30t + 47$  is prime;

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 48, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 44;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 49, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 45;$$

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 50, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 46;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 53) \geq 30t + 59, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47;$$

if  $30t + 53$  is composite,  $m = 11$ .

$$H_a(11) = 30t + 53, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is prime;

$$H_a(12) = 30t + 54, \quad H_b(12) = 30t + 48;$$

$$H_a(13) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 54) \geq 30t + 61, \quad H_b(13) = 30t + 53,$$

if  $30 + 59$  is composite,  $m = 13$ .

$$H_a(13) = 30t + 59, \quad H_b(13) = 30t + 53,$$

if  $30t + 59$  is prime;

$$H_a(14) = 30t + 60, \quad H_b(14) = 30t + 54;$$

$$H_a(15) = 30t + 62, \quad H_b(15) = 30t + 55,$$

if  $30t + 61$  is prime,  $m = 15$ .

$$H_a(15) = 30t + 61, \quad H_b(15) = 30t + 55,$$

if  $30t + 61$  is composite;

$$H_a(16) = 30t + 62, \quad H_b(16) = 30t + 56;$$

$$H_a(17) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 62) \geq 30t + 67, \quad H_b(17) = 30t + 59,$$

and  $m = 17$ , which completes proof of the case 2ba)

2bb) Let  $30t + 37, 30t + 49$  be prime, but  $30t + 41, 30t + 47$  be composite. Now the rows  $H_a(2), \dots, H_a(6)$  are as in 2ba). But here we have  $30t + 43$  and  $30t + 49$  are prime. So,

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 49, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 43,$$

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 50, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 44;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 51, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 46;$$

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 52, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 47;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 53) \geq 30t + 59, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 49,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is composite,  $m = 11$ .

$$H_a(11) = 30t + 53, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 49,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is prime;

$$H_a(12) = 30t + 54, \quad H_b(12) = 30t + 50;$$

$$H_a(13) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 59) \geq 30t + 61, \quad H_b(13) = 30t + 53,$$

if  $30t + 59$  is composite,  $m = 13$ .

$$H_a(13) = 30t + 59, \quad H_b(13) = 30t + 53,$$

if  $30t + 59$  is prime;

$$H_a(14) = 30t + 60, \quad H_b(14) = 30t + 54;$$

$$H_a(15) = 30t + 62, \quad H_b(15) = 30t + 55,$$

if  $30t + 61$  is prime,  $m = 15$ .

$$H_a(15) = 30t + 61, \quad H_b(15) = 30t + 55,$$

if  $30t + 61$  is composite;

$$H_a(16) = 30t + 62, \quad H_b(16) = 30t + 56;$$

$$H_a(17) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 62) \geq 30t + 67, \quad H_b(17) = 30t + 59$$

and  $m = 17$ , which completes proof of the case 2bb)

2bc) Let  $30t + 37, 30t + 47, 30t + 49$  be prime, but  $30t + 41$ , be composite. Now again the rows  $H_a(2), \dots, H_a(6)$  are as in 2ba). But here we have  $30t + 43, 30t + 47$  and  $30t + 49$  are prime. So,

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 47, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 43,$$

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 48, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 44;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 50, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 45;$$

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 51, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 46;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 53) \geq 30t + 59, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is composite,  $m = 11$ .

$$H_a(11) = 30t + 53, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is prime;

$$H_a(12) = 30t + 54, \quad H_b(12) = 30t + 48;$$

$$H_a(13) \geq 30t + 59, \quad H_b(12) = 30t + 49$$

and  $m = 13$ .

2c) Let  $30t + 37, 30t + 41$  be prime, but  $30t + 43$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 31, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 29;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 37, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 31;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 38, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 32;$$

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 41, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 37$$

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 42, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 38;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 47) \geq 30t + 49, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 41,$$

if  $30t + 47$  is composite,  $m = 7$ .

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 47, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 41,$$

if  $30t + 47$  is prime;

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 48, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 42;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 50, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 43,$$

if  $30t + 49$  is prime,  $m = 9$ .

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 49, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 43,$$

if  $30t + 49$  is composite;

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 50, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 44;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 53) \geq 30t + 59, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is composite,  $m = 11$ .

$$H_a(11) = 30t + 53, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 47,$$

if  $30t + 53$  is prime.

The two last rows coincide with the corresponding rows of 2ba). Therefore, 2c) has the same end as 2ba) with  $m = 13, 15$  and  $m = 17$ .

This proves the case 2c) and together with 2a), 2ba), 2bb) and 2bc) completes the proof of the case  $c(n) \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$  with  $m = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15$  or  $17$ .

3) Finally let  $c(n) = p \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$ . By Section 2, if we have seven consecutive primes of the form

$$(7) \quad 30t+11 = p, 30t+13, 30t+17, 30t+19, 30t+23, 30t+29, 30t+31, \quad t \geq 0,$$

then, for all  $n \geq 2$ ,  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) \leq 6$ . Again let us show that, if the condition (7) does not hold, then  $(H_a(n) - H_b(n)) > 6$  and  $3 \leq m \leq 13$ .

3a) Let  $30t + 11, 30t + 13$  be prime, but  $30t + 17$  be composite.



We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 13, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 11;$$

$$H_a(3) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 19) \geq 30t + 23, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 13,$$

if  $30t + 19$  is composite,  $m = 3$ .

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 19, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 13,$$

if  $30t + 19$  is prime;

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 20, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 14;$$

$$H_a(5) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 23) \geq 30t + 29, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 19,$$

if  $30t + 23$  is composite,  $m = 5$ .

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 23, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 19,$$

if  $30t + 23$  is prime.

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 20;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 29) \geq 30t + 31, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 23,$$

if  $30t + 29$  is composite,  $m = 7$ .

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 29, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 23,$$

if  $30t + 29$  is prime;

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 30, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 24;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 32, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 25,$$

if  $30t + 31$  is prime and  $m = 9$ .

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 31, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 25,$$

if  $30t + 31$  is composite;

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 32, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 26;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 32) \geq 30t + 37, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 29$$

and  $m = 11$ . This proves 3a).

3b) Let  $30t + 11, 30t + 13, 30t + 17$  be prime, but  $30t + 19$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 13, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 11;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 17, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 13;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 18, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 14;$$

$$H_a(5) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 23) \geq 30t + 29, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 17,$$

if  $30t + 23$  be composite,  $m = 5$ .

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 23, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 17,$$

if  $30t + 23$  is prime;

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 18;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Next}(30t + 29) \geq 31, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 23,$$

if  $30t + 29$  be composite,  $m = 7$ .

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 29, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 23,$$

if  $30t + 29$  be prime. Since the last two rows coincide with the corresponding rows  $H_a(7)$ 's of the previous point 3a), then 3b) has the same end as 3a) with  $m = 9$  and  $m = 11$ . This proves 3b).

3c) Let  $30t + 11, 30t + 13, 30t + 17, 30t + 19$  be prime, but  $30t + 23$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(2) = 30t + 13, \quad H_b(2) = 30t + 11;$$

$$H_a(3) = 30t + 17, \quad H_b(3) = 30t + 13;$$

$$H_a(4) = 30t + 18, \quad H_b(4) = 30t + 14;$$

$$H_a(5) = 30t + 19, \quad H_b(5) = 30t + 17;$$

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 20, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 18;$$

$$H_a(7) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 23) \geq 30t + 29, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 19$$

and  $m = 7$ . This proves 3c).

3d) Let  $30t + 11, 30t + 13, 30t + 17, 30t + 19, 30t + 23$  be prime, but  $30t + 29$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(6) = 30t + 20, \quad H_b(6) = 30t + 18;$$

$$H_a(7) = 30t + 23, \quad H_b(7) = 30t + 19;$$

$$H_a(8) = 30t + 24, \quad H_b(8) = 30t + 20;$$

$$H_a(9) = 30t + 25, \quad H_b(9) = 30t + 21;$$

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 26, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 22;$$

$$H_a(11) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 29) \geq 30t + 31, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 23$$

and  $m = 11$ . This proves 3d).

Finally,

3e) Let  $30t + 11, 30t + 13, 30t + 17, 30t + 19, 30t + 23, 30t + 29$  be prime, but  $30t + 31$  be composite.

We have

$$H_a(10) = 30t + 26, \quad H_b(10) = 30t + 22;$$

$$H_a(11) = 30t + 29, \quad H_b(11) = 30t + 23;$$

$$H_a(12) = 30t + 30, \quad H_b(12) = 30t + 24;$$

$$H_a(13) = \text{Nextprime}(30t + 31) \geq 30t + 37, \quad H_b(13) = 30t + 29$$

and  $m = 13$ . This completes the proof of the case 3e) and the proof of the case  $c(n) \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$  with  $m = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11$ , or 13. The proved cases 1), 2) and 3) complete the proof of both Theorem 1 and 2. ■

**Corollary 1.** *In sequence (2) there is only one term equal to 4; all other terms are greater than or equal to 6.*

Also from 2ba), 2bb) and 2c) we deduce the following.

**Corollary 2.** *In sequence (4)  $m = 17$  appears if and only if we have seven primes: either*

$$p = 30t + 29, p + 2, p + 8, p + 12, p + 18, p + 24, p + 30$$

or

$$p, p + 2, p + 8, p + 14, p + 20, p + 24, p + 30$$

or

$$p, p + 2, p + 8, p + 14, p + 18, p + 24, p + 30,$$

but  $p + 32$  is composite.

**Corollary 3.** *In sequence (4)  $m = 15$  appears if and only if we have one of the constellations of eight primes: either*

$$p = 30t + 29, p + 2, p + 8, p + 12, p + 18, p + 24, p + 30, p + 32$$

or

$$p, p + 2, p + 8, p + 14, p + 20, p + 24, p + 30, p + 32$$

or

$$p, p + 2, p + 8, p + 14, p + 18, p + 24, p + 30, p + 32.$$

So  $m = 15$  occurs asymptotically less than  $m = 17$ . Analogous statements one can obtain for other positive values of  $m$  among which  $m = 3$  appears asymptotically most frequently.

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