

Arithmetic Progressions and Prime Numbers

Gilberto Augusto Carcamo Ortega

gilberto.mcstone@gmail.com

Let's consider the simple arithmetic progression $(n + 1)$, where n takes non-negative integer values ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$). This progression generates all natural numbers. If we define $c = n + 1$, then $c^2 = (n + 1)^2$ is a second-degree polynomial in n .

To analyze the distribution of prime numbers, we define three disjoint arithmetic progressions:

- $a(n) = 3n + 1$
- $b(n) = 3n + 2$
- $c(n) = 3n + 3$

More generally, we can use independent variables:

- $f(x) = 3x + 1$
- $g(y) = 3y + 2$
- $h(z) = 3z + 3$

Consider the product of two terms from these progressions, for example, $K = f(x)g(y)$. This product generates a quadratic curve. Specifically, if we choose terms from two different progressions (e.g., $f(x)$ and $g(y)$), K represents a hyperbola. If we choose two terms from the same progression, we obtain a parabola.

Example: $K = (3x + 1)(3y + 2)$. We choose this progression because the only prime number in $(3n + 3)$ occurs when $n = 0$.

Conditions for Square Numbers

For $K = c^2$, where c is a natural number, the following conditions must be met:

- K must be a perfect square ($K = p^2$).
- K must be a perfect square ($K = q^2$).
- If $K = pq$, where p and q are natural numbers, then the prime factors of p and q must have even exponents in their prime decomposition. That is: $p = 2^{(n1)} * 3^{(n2)} * 5^{(n3)} * \dots$ $q = 2^{(m1)} * 3^{(m2)} * 5^{(m3)} * \dots$ Where $n_i + m_i$ is an even number for all i .

If these conditions are met, then $(3x + 1)(3y + 2) = c^2$. More generally, the equation $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = c^2$ has positive integer natural solutions. In the quadratic case, all conics are classified under projective transformations.

Generalization to Higher Exponents

To obtain natural numbers of the form $x^n + y^n = c^n$, we use the trivial arithmetic progression $(n + 1)$. Then, $c^n = (n + 1)^n$, which is a polynomial of degree n :

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

For degrees greater than 2, the intersection curves do not belong to a single family like conics. They can have different genera, singularities, and irreducible components. Therefore, there is no general way to reduce $f(x)$ to $x^n + y^n = c^n$, which suggests that there are no positive integer solutions for $n > 2$ since $f(x)$ has positive integer solutions and from $f(x)$ I can not reduce to $x^n + y^n = c^n$.