

# **The Distribution Of Prime Numbers And Continued Fractions**

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# Introduction

- Gandhi's formula:

$$p_n = \left\lfloor 1 - \log_2 \left( -\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{d \mid \prod_{k=1}^{n-1} p_k} \frac{\mu(d)}{2^d - 1} \right) \right\rfloor$$

- Mill's formula:

$$\lfloor \theta^{3^n} \rfloor, \text{ where } \theta = 1.3064 \dots$$

- Willans' formula

$$p_n = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{2^n} \left\lfloor \left( \frac{n}{\sum_{j=1}^i \left\lfloor \left( \cos \frac{(j-1)! + 1}{x} \pi \right)^2 \right\rfloor} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \right\rfloor$$

- Rowland's sequence

$$r(n) = r(n-1) + \gcd(n, r(n-1))$$

Where the initial condition  $r(1) = 7$ .







# The continued fraction

For all integers  $n \geq 3$ .

$$\begin{array}{c}
 \frac{1}{2 - \frac{3}{3 - \frac{4}{4 - \frac{5}{\ddots (n-1) - \frac{n}{m}}}}} \\
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 \end{array} = \frac{mb(n-3) - nb(n-4)}{n(m-n+2) - m}$$

- Where  $b(n) = (n+2)(b(n-1) - b(n-2))$   
 With the initial conditions  $b(-1) = 0$  and  $b(0) = 1$ .
- And  $m$  is a polynomial in term  $n$ .



# Our sequence

$$a(n) = \frac{n^2 - n - 1}{\gcd(n^2 - n - 1, b(n - 3) + nb(n - 4))}$$

1, 5, 11, 19, 29, 41, 11, 71, 89, 109, 131, 31, 181, 19, 239, 271, 61, 31, 379, 419, 461, 101, 29, 599, 59, 701, 151, 811, 79, 929, 991, 211, 59, 41, 1259, 1, 281, 1481, 1559, 149, 1721, 1, 61, 1979, 2069, 2161, 1, 2351, 79, 2549, 241, 1, 2861, 2969, 3079, 3191, 661, 311, 3539, 3659, 199, 71, 139, 4159, 4289, 4421, 911, 4691, 439, 4969, 269, 1051, 491, 179, 139, 5851, 1201, 101, 89, 1, 229, 1361, 6971, 1, 7309, 7481, 1531, 191, 8009, 431, 761, 1, 8741, 8929, 829, 9311, 1901, 109, 521, 10099, 10301, 191, 10711, 179, 359, 1031, 2311, 149, 631, 421, 401, 2531, 1171, 13109, 13339, 331, 251, 739, 131, 14519, 509, 3001, 151, 1409, 15749, 16001, 3251, 1, 409, 17029, 17291, 3511, 251, 18089, 1669, 601, 199, 19181, 1, 19739, 20021, 1, 349, 20879, 21169, 1951, 229, 22051, 22349, 1, 389, 4651, 23561, 23869, 24179, 1289, 1, 25121, 25439, 25759, 2371, 5281, 26731, 27059, 449, 1459, 181, 1, 28729, 709, 29411, 541, 971, 30449, 1621, 31151, 6301, 211, 1, 32579, 32941, 6661, 3061, 34039, 1811, 34781, 1, 35531, 241, 3299, 36671, 7411, 37441, 1, 38219, 38611, 269, 1, 39799, 659, 3691, 1, 41411, 1, 349,.. (See A356247)

$a(n)$  takes only 1's and primes.



# Conjecture 1.

For all integers  $k > 0$  and  $n \geq 3$ , The sequence

$$a_k(n) = \frac{n^2 + (k - 2)n - k}{\gcd(n^2 + (k - 2)n - k, kb(n - 3) + nb(n - 4))}$$

$a_k(n)$  takes only 1's and primes.

## Remark 1.

$a_k(n)$  is the denominator of the continued fraction for

$$m = -k.$$



**Table 1:** The sequence  $a_k(n)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

<b>k</b>	$a_k(n)$	<b>Oeis</b>
<b>1</b>	5, 11, 19, 29, 41, 11, 71, 89, 109, 131, 31, 181, 19, 239, 271, 61, 31, 379, 419, 461, 101, 29, 599, 59, 701, 151, 811, 79, 929, 991, 211, 59, 41, 1259, 1, 281, 1481,...	<a href="#"><u>A356247</u></a>
<b>2</b>	7, 7, 23, 17, 47, 31, 79, 7, 17, 71, 167, 97, 223, 127, 41, 23, 359, 199, 439, 241, 31, 41, 89, 337, 727, 1, 839, 449, 137, 73, 1087, 577, 1223, 647, 1367, 103, 1, 47, 73,...	<a href="#"><u>A363102</u></a>
<b>3</b>	3, 17, 9, 13, 53, 23, 29, 107, 43, 17, 179, 23, 79, 269, 101, 113, 29, 139, 1, 503, 61, 199, 647, 233, 251, 809, 17, 103, 43, 1, 373, 1187, 419, 443, 61, 1, 173, 1637, 191, 601,...	<a href="#"><u>A362086</u></a>
<b>4</b>	11, 5, 31, 11, 59, 19, 19, 29, 139, 41, 191, 1, 251, 71, 29, 89, 79, 109, 479, 131, 571, 31, 61, 181, 41, 1, 179, 239, 1019, 271, 1151, 61, 1291, 1, 1439, 379, 1, 419, 1759,...	<a href="#"><u>A363347</u></a>
<b>5</b>	13, 23, 7, 49, 13, 83, 103, 5, 149, 1, 29, 233, 53, 23, 67, 373, 59, 1, 499, 109, 593, 643, 139, 107, 1, 863, 71, 197, 1049, 223, 1, 179, 53, 1399, 59, 1553, 71, 1, 257, 1,...	<a href="#"><u>A363482</u></a>

- Except for 9, the sequence  $a_3(n)$  contains only 1's and the primes.
- Except for 49, the sequence  $a_5(n)$  contains only 1's and the primes.



## Conjecture 2.

For all integers  $k > 0$  and  $n \geq 3$ , The sequence

$$a_k(n) = \frac{(k+1)n - k}{\gcd((k+1)n - k, b(n-2) + kb(n-3))}$$

$a_k(n)$  takes only 1's and primes.

## Remark 2.

$a_k(n)$  is the denominator of the continued fraction for

$$m = n + k.$$



**Table 2:** The sequence  $a_k(n)$  for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$ .

<b>k</b>	$a_k(n)$	<b>Oeis</b>
<b>1</b>	5, 7, 3, 11, 13, 1, 17, 19, 1, 23, 1, 1, 29, 31, 1, 1, 37, 1, 41, 43, 1, 47, 1, 1, 53, 1, 1, 59, 61, 1, 1, 67, 1, 71, 73, 1, 1, 79, 1, 83, 1, 1, 89, 1, 1, 1, 97, 1, 101, 103, 1, 107, 109, 1,...	<a href="#"><u>A356360</u></a>
<b>2</b>	7, 5, 13, 2, 19, 11, 5, 1, 31, 17, 37, 1, 43, 23, 1, 1, 1, 29, 61, 1, 67, 1, 73, 1, 79, 41, 1, 1, 1, 47, 97, 1, 103, 53, 109, 1, 1, 59, 1, 1, 127, 1, 1, 1, 139, 71, 1, 1, 151, 1, 157, 1, 163,...	<a href="#"><u>A369797</u></a>
<b>3</b>	3, 13, 17, 7, 5, 29, 11, 37, 41, 1, 7, 53, 19, 61, 1, 23, 73, 1, 1, 1, 89, 31, 97, 101, 1, 109, 113, 1, 1, 1, 43, 1, 137, 47, 1, 149, 1, 157, 1, 1, 1, 173, 59, 181, 1, 1, 193, 197, 67,...	<a href="#"><u>A370726</u></a>
<b>4</b>	11, 4, 7, 13, 31, 1, 41, 23, 17, 1, 61, 1, 71, 19, 1, 43, 1, 1, 101, 53, 37, 29, 1, 1, 131, 1, 47, 73, 151, 1, 1, 83, 1, 1, 181, 1, 191, 1, 67, 103, 211, 1, 1, 113, 1, 59, 241, 1, 251, 1, 1,...	
<b>5</b>	13, 19, 5, 31, 37, 43, 7, 11, 61, 67, 73, 79, 17, 1, 97, 103, 109, 23, 11, 127, 1, 139, 29, 151, 157, 163, 1, 1, 181, 1, 193, 199, 41, 211, 1, 223, 229, 47, 241, 1, 1, 1, 53, 271,...	

- Except for 4, the sequence  $a_4(n)$  contains only 1's and the primes.