

On partitioning an even number into a pair of (relative) primes

Let's look at this with the help of an **example**:

$$m = 68 \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}}$$

Splitting the parenthesis $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix}$ into two additive components $\begin{pmatrix} i \\ k \\ l \end{pmatrix}$ ($0 < i < 3, 0 < k < 5, 0 < l < 7$)

yields a structure which consists of $r = (3-2)*(5-2)*(7-2) = 15$ components forming the eight different partitions (seven asymmetric plus one symmetric) as follows:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \\ \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 4 \\ 6 \end{pmatrix} \end{array} \right] \equiv \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \\ 5 \end{pmatrix} \pmod{\begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 5 \\ 7 \end{pmatrix}} \quad (1)$$

To each component, a unique number (which may be called a *relative prime*)

$$v \quad (0 < v < 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7), \quad (2)$$

can be assigned, juxtaposing to (1) the *isomorphic structure*:

$$\left[\begin{array}{c} 1 + 67 \equiv 127 + 151 \equiv 169 + 109 \\ 121 + 157 \equiv 37 + 31 \equiv 79 + 199 \\ 181 + 97 \equiv 139 + 139 \end{array} \right] \equiv 68 \pmod{(2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7)}, \quad (3)$$

all numbers shown in the bracket on the left containing none of the divisors 3,5,7. For $m = 68$ ($7^2 < 68 < 11^2$), it includes all the partitions into prime numbers (including $68 = 1 + 67$ and excluding $68 = 7 + 61$, for evident reasons).

The structure (1) can be extended by including one higher prime number after another.

Thus, for $m = 122$ ($11^2 < 122 < 13^2$) one finds $r = (3-2) \times (5-2) \times (7-2) \times (11-2) = 135$ relative primes v ($0 < v < 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11$), forming 68 pairs (67 asymmetric and one symmetric), among them the four partitions into prime numbers: $13+109$, $19+103$, $43+79$, $61+61$.

And, for $m = 176$ ($13^2 < 176 < 17^2$), one finds

$$r = (3-2) \times (5-2) \times (7-2) \times (11-1) \times (13-2) = 1650 \text{ relative primes: } v$$

$$(0 < v < 2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7 \times 11 \times 13),$$

forming 825 asymmetric pairs, among them four partitions into prime numbers: $19+157$, $37+139$, $67+109$, $73+103$, $79+97$.

Conclusion

$$\text{Any even number } m \text{ (} m \geq 10 \text{), } (p_n^2 < m < p_{n+1}^2) \quad (A)$$

can be partitioned into

$$r_n(m) = \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ p_i=3}}^{i=n} (p_i - k_i) \quad (k_i = 1 \text{ for } m \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i}, \text{ otherwise } k_i = 2) \quad (B)$$

$$\text{relative primes } v \text{ (} 0 < v < 2 \times \prod_{\substack{i=1 \\ p_i=3}}^{i=n} p_i \text{)} \quad (C)$$

and will admit

- $\frac{1}{2} r_n(m)$ asymmetric partitions ($r_n(m)$ being an even number)
- $\frac{1}{2} (r_n(m) - 1)$ asymmetric partitions, plus one symmetric (if $r_n(m)$ is an odd number)

With the exception of partitions which contain one of the prime numbers p_i ($p_1 = 3 \leq p_i \leq p_n$), all partitions of m into prime numbers will be found among these partitions (one at least).