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GENERALIZATAION OF BERTRAND'S CONJECTURE

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ABSTRACT

In 1845 Joseph Bertrand conjectured that for every integer n>1 there is always atleast one prime p between n and 2n [1].

Mathematically there exists at least one prime p such that n .

With the help of this conjecture we are going to generalize this.

In this article we are going to show that for any prime p, there exists atleast n primes between p and $2^n p$.

Keywords: Bertrand, Conjecture, Prime, Generalization

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INTRODUCTION

Bertrand had enunciated that there exists at least one prime between n and 2*n, more specifically there exists so between p and 2*p.

We are going to be more specific and showing the generalized version of Bertrand's Conjecture.

BODY OF THE WORK

There is at least a prime between p and 2*p.

So, there is also one between 2*p and 4*p.

So between p and 4*p there are atleast two.

More over between 4*p and 8*p there is another.

So between p and 8*p there are atleast three.

Proceeding in this way we get there are atleast n so between p and 2^n*p .

We are going to prove it in a more rigorous way, by the method of induction.

It is true for n=1, because there is atleast one between p and 2*p.

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Let this be true for n=m.

So there are atleast m primes between p and 2^m*p . But according to Bertrand there is atleast one between 2^m*p and $2^{(m+1)*p}$. So there are atleast m+1 primes between p and $2^{(m+1)*p}$. So it is true for all n. QED.

CONCLUSION

We conclude that there are atleast n primes between p and 2ⁿ*p.

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APPENDIX

Generalization of Bertrand's conjecture follows from the same.

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