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LARSON—MATH 353—CLASSROOM WORKSHEET 15

$n^2 + 1$ Primes Investigation.

1. Sign in to your CoCalc account.
 - (a) Start the Chrome browser.
 - (b) Go to `https://cocalc.com`
 - (c) Log in to your account.
 - (d) You should see an existing Project for our class. Click on that.
 - (e) Make sure you are in your Home directory (if you put files in the Handouts directory they could be overwritten.)
 - (f) Click “New”, then “Jupyter Notebook”, then call it **353-c15**.
 - (g) Make sure you have SAGE as the *kernel*.
 - (h) Look in your Home directory. You should see a `conjecturing.py` file and an `expressions` file **AND** today’s Jupyter notebook.

Review

2. We wanted some data. We made a list L with all the primes up to 1000. How did we do that? I added this work to our `number_theory.py` file. We don’t want to use all these when we produce conjectures (so that we have simpler conjectures and less overfitting), but we can use them to check if a given conjecture is true.
3. We need `conjecturing.py` loaded for our investigation. I added the command to the `number_theory.py` file. Every time that file is loaded, the Conjecturing program will get loaded too.
4. **Open Conjectures.**

```
count_prime_divisors(x) <= digits10(x)
count_prime_divisors(x) <= 1/2*count_divisors(x)
count_prime_divisors(x) <= count_divisors(x) - 1

count_prime_divisors(x) >= digits10(x) - 1
count_prime_divisors(x) >= (1/digits10(x))
```

Are any of these resolved?

Experiments

The **question** is: are there infinitely many primes of the form $n^2 + 1$?

5. To use the Conjecturing program, we’ll need some *invariants*. The ones we’ve coded in class are in the `number_theory.sage` file in your Handouts folder. We don’t want to keep re-coding those. We can use this file as a permanent record of everything we’ve coded for this research. Copy or move this file to your Home directory.

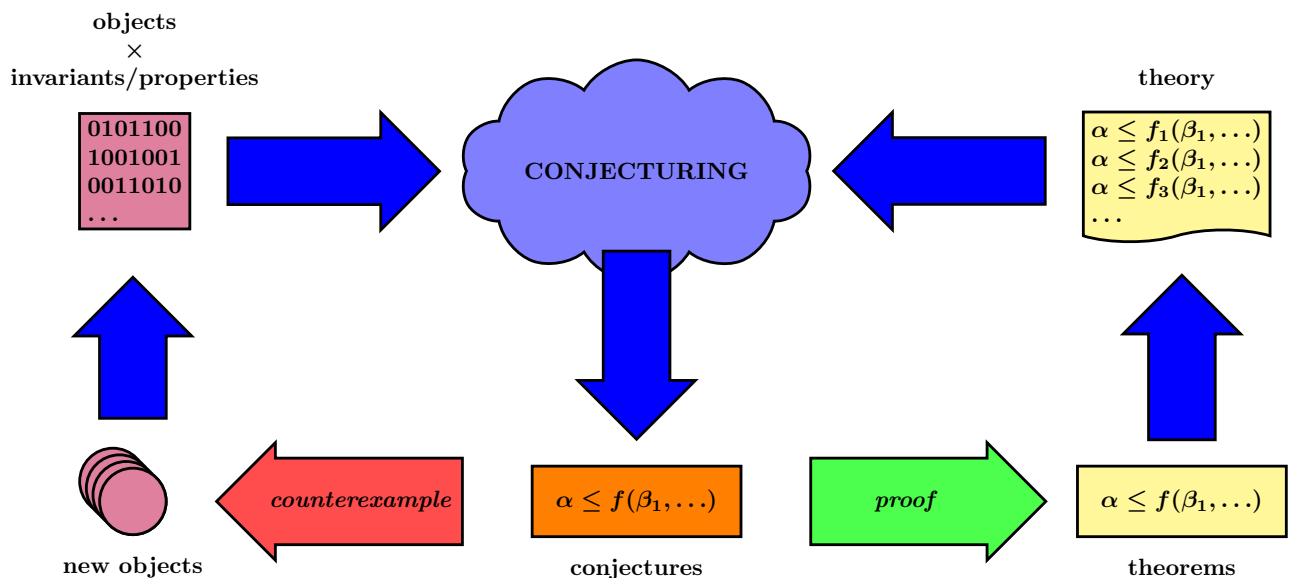
6. We started with a few prime and non-prime integers of the form $n^2 + 1$. We found 901 and 325 were counterexamples to conjectures, and added those. Here is where we are:

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1 #lets try to make conjectures using a *few* of the numbers from N
2 #lets get a couple primes and non-primes
3 objects = [5,17,65,901,325]
4
5 #need invariants for integers
6 invariants = [digits10, digits2, count_divisors, count_prime_divisors,
7               number]
8
9 #maybe count_prime_divisors is worth investigating
10 #Note: this invariant is 1 for primes and bigger than 1 for non-primes
11 invariant_of_interest = invariants.index(count_prime_divisors)
12
13 conjs = conjecture(objects, invariants, invariant_of_interest, upperBound
14                   = False, debug=True)
15 for conj in conjs:
16     print(conj)

```

7. How should we proceed?



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3. Remember to attach today’s classroom worksheet!