

Fahrenbacher's Theorem I

For every integer b greater than or equal to three, there exists another integer a in the range $(0, b)$ such that the summation of consecutive odd integers from the a th to the b th odd is the product of two primes, p and q . In fact, the sum of these two primes is exactly the even integer $2b$.

Fahrenbacher's Theorem is derived directly from Goldbach's conjecture: for every even integer x greater than two, there exists two primes, p and q , such that their sum is equal to x .

Proof I

Let x be an arbitrary even integer greater than four. Then Goldbach's conjecture is true if

$$x = p + q.$$

Similarly, we can express this equation this way

$$x = (x/2 + a) + (x/2 - a),$$

because we know p and q are equidistant from $x/2$. Therefore, we can write the product of p and q as so:

$$pq = (x/2 + a)(x/2 - a).$$

This can obviously be simplified:

$$pq = (x^2)/4 - a^2.$$

We know that $x^2/4$ is an integer because two divides x (because x is even), and so $2^2=4$ divides x^2 . Also, this means that any prime factors that x^2 has will have an even power (because if y is a prime factor of x , then y^2 is a prime factor of x^2), so $x^2/4$ is itself a perfect square, b^2 .

$$pq = b^2 - a^2.$$

Also, every perfect square z^2 is the sum of consecutive odds from one to z .
Ex: $z^2 = 1+3+\dots+z$. Then, let's define $O(i)$ be the i th odd number. Then,

$$z^2 = \sum_{i=1}^z O(i)$$

And, the sum of p and q equals $x(2b)$, so the proof is complete.