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A Consequence of Bertrand's Postulate and Beyond

Abstract: Bertrand's postulate assures that for any positive integer n > 3 there exists a prime p between n and 2n. A consequence of Bertrand's postulate states that the set of integers $\{1, 2, ..., 2n\}$ can be partitioned into pairs so that the sum of each pair is a prime number for any positive integer n. In this talk, I will introduce its proof and a stronger conjecture by Filz in 1982 that the set of integers $\{1, 2, ..., 2n\}$ can be rearranged into a cycle so that the sum of any two adjacent integers is a prime number. With a fundamental result in graph theory and a recent breakthrough on the twin prime conjecture, we prove that Filz's conjecture is true for infinitely many cases. This talk is based on a joint work with Hung-Lin Fu and Jun-Yi Guo.

Research Interest:

The mathematical tools used in my research works are various, including algorithm design and complexity analysis, discrete mathematics, graph theory and combinatorics. My research interests span the optimization and algorithmic mathematics underpinnings of group testing, optimal partitions, graph partitions and extremal set theory.

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