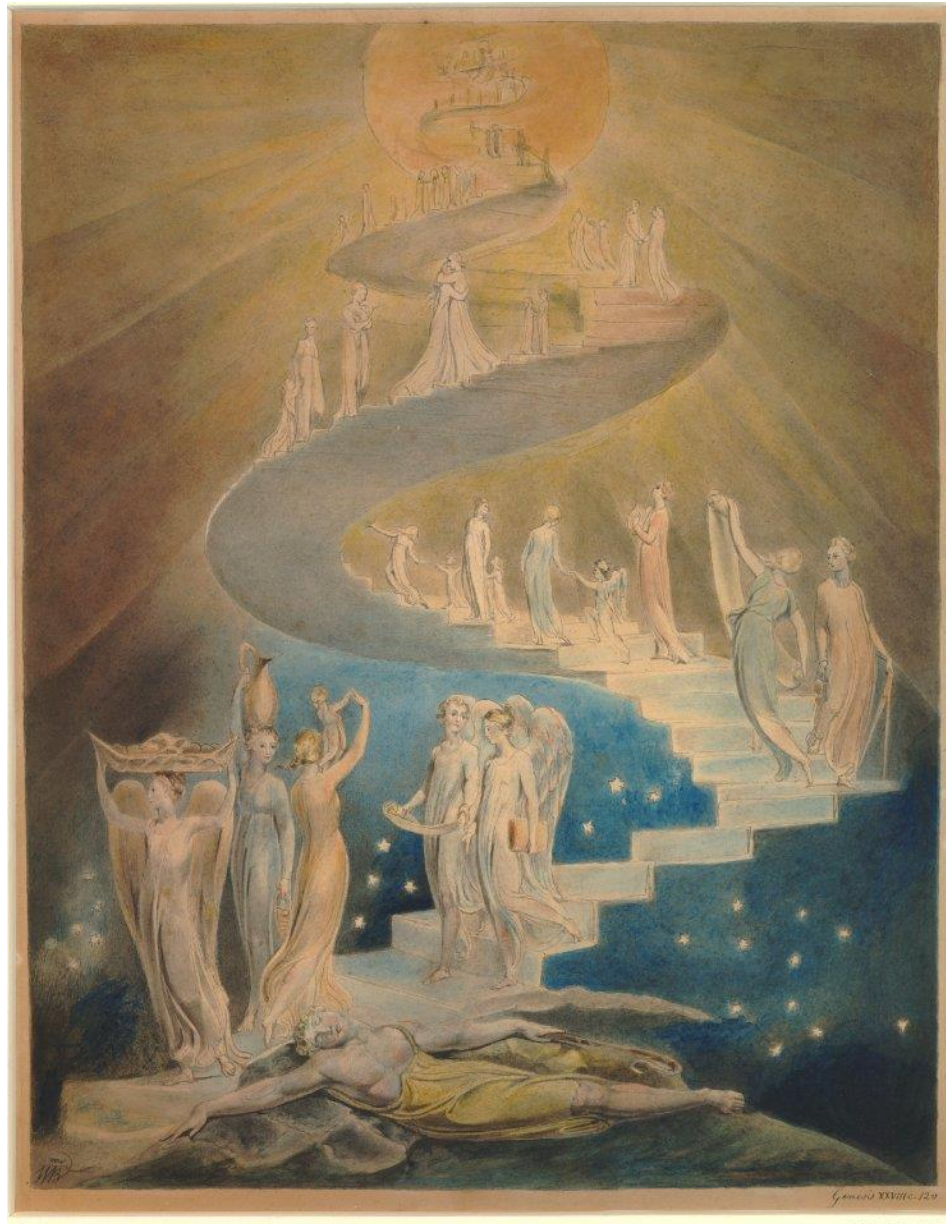


Jacob's Ladder: Prime numbers in $2d$

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Jacob's Dream by William Blake (c. 1805, British Museum, London)

Prime numbers; open problems

- Goldbach's Conjecture: Every even $n > 2$ is the sum of two primes.
- Twin Prime Conjecture: There are infinitely many twin primes.
- Is there always a prime between n^2 and $(n+1)^2$?
- Riemann hypothesis
- ...

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A065358 The Jacob's Ladder sequence: $a(n) = \text{Sum}_{\{k=1..n\}} (-1)^{\pi(k)}$, where $\pi =$ [A000720](#). 10

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OFFSET 0,5

COMMENTS Partial sums of [A065357](#).

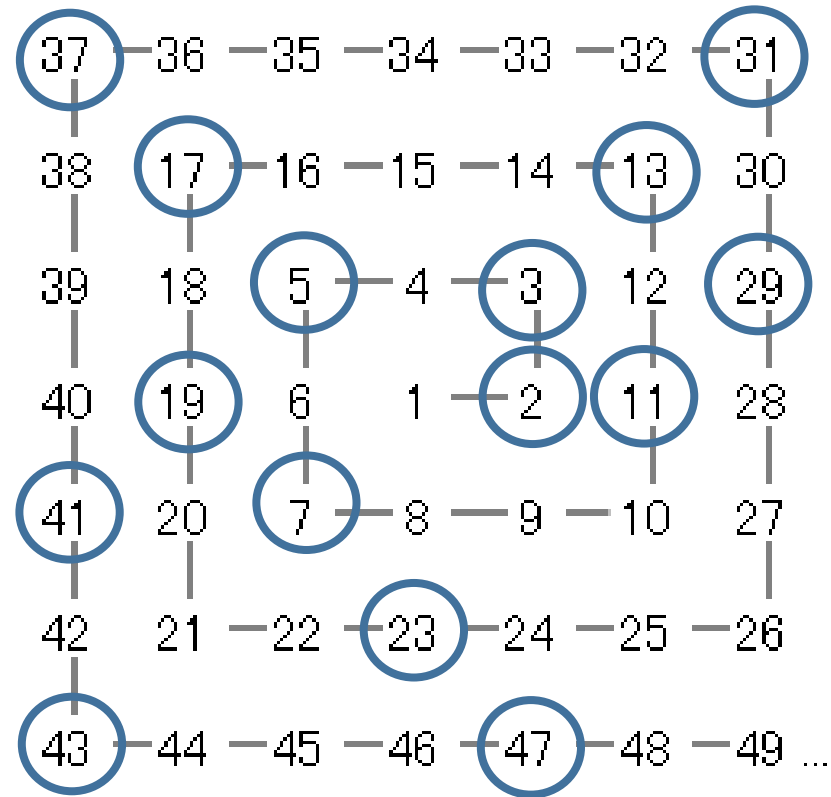
LINKS N. J. A. Sloane, [Table of n, a\(n\) for n = 0..10000](#) (First 1000 terms from Harry J. Smith.)

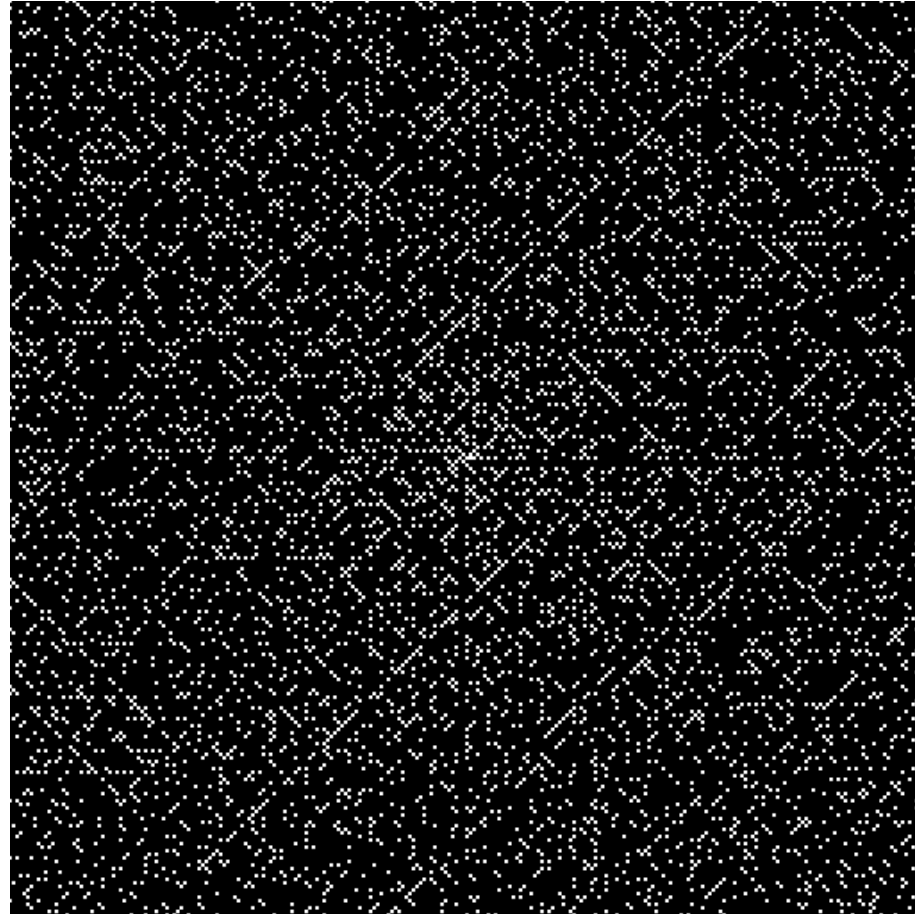
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Prime numbers in 2d. Ulam spiral

37	-36	-35	-34	-33	-32	-31
38	17	-16	-15	-14	-13	30
39	18	5	-4	-3	12	29
40	19	6	1	-2	11	28
41	20	7	-8	-9	-10	27
42	21	-22	-23	-24	-25	-26
43	-44	-45	-46	-47	-48	-49 ...

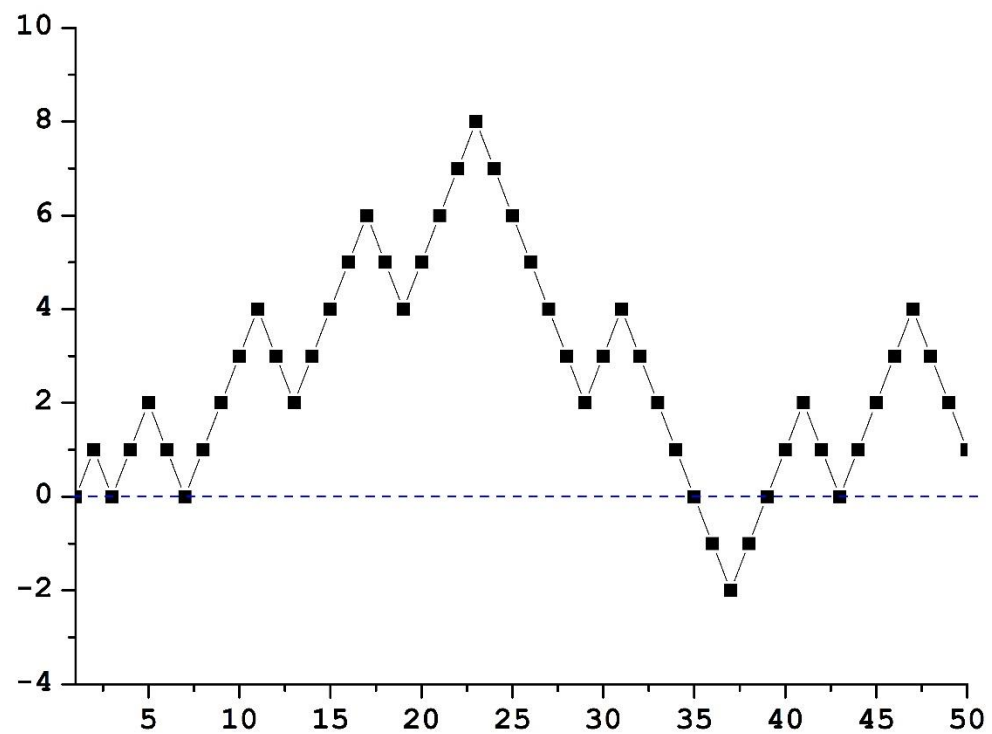
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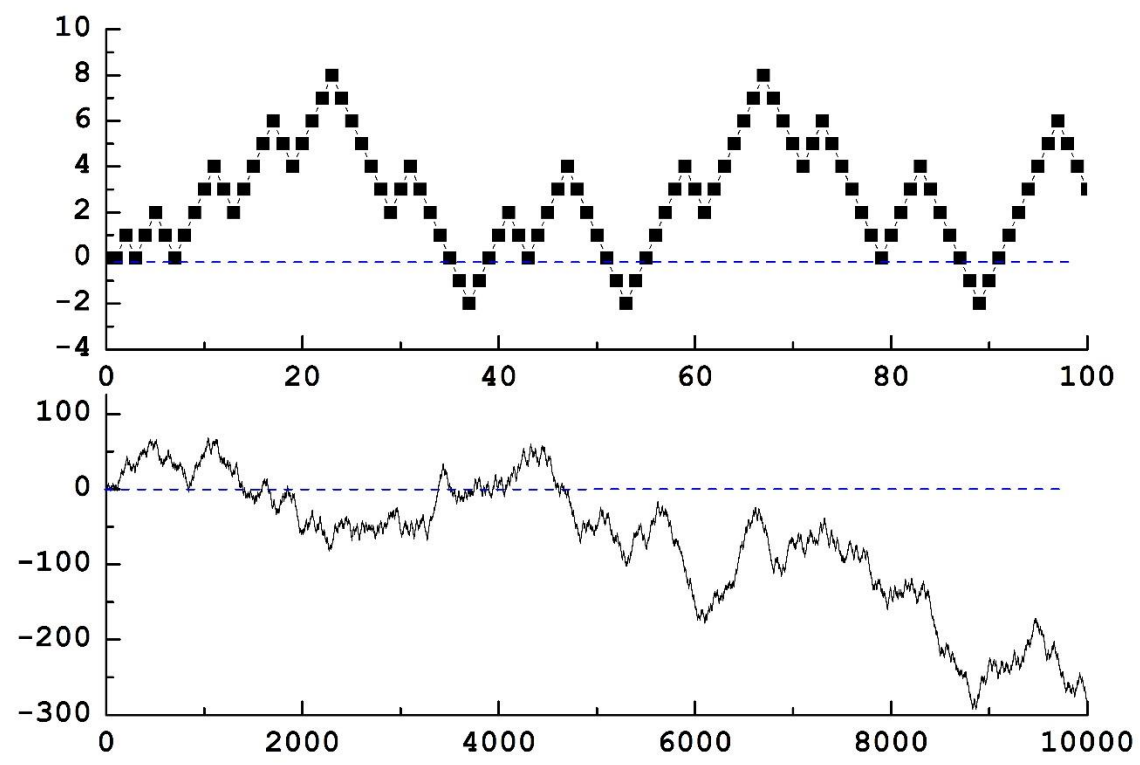


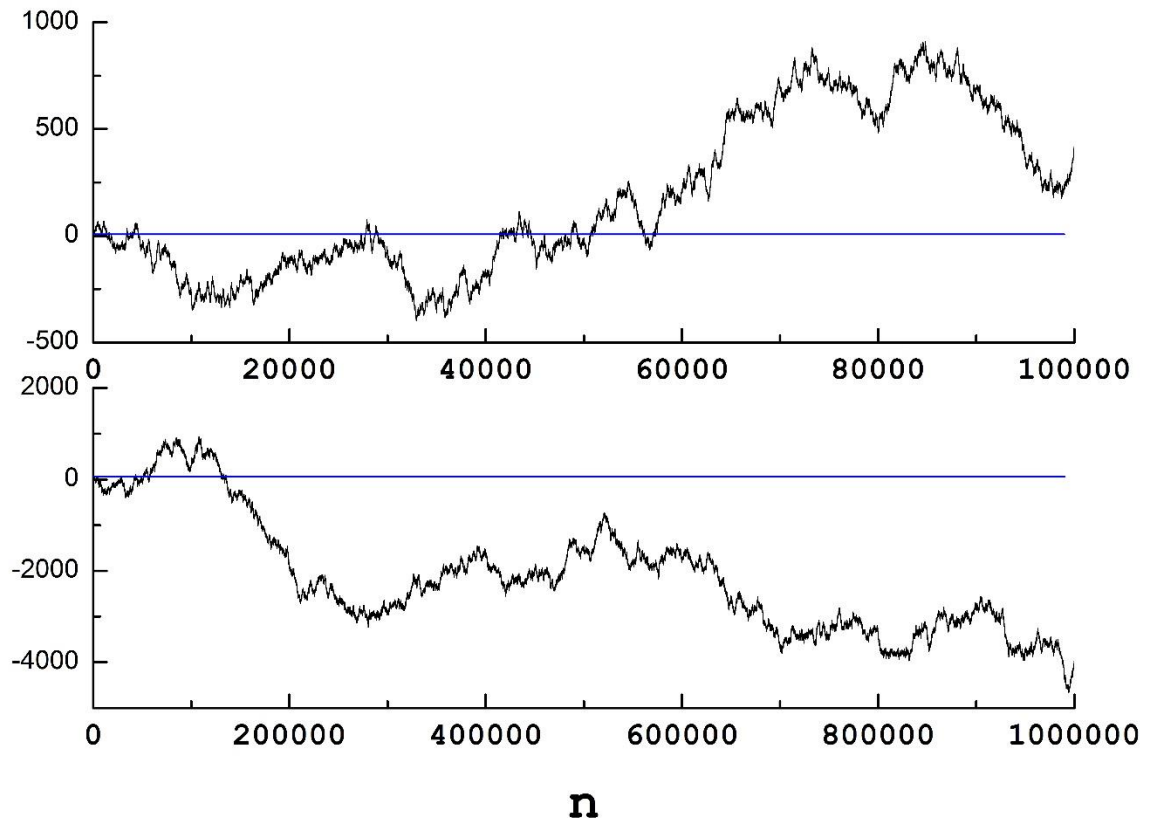


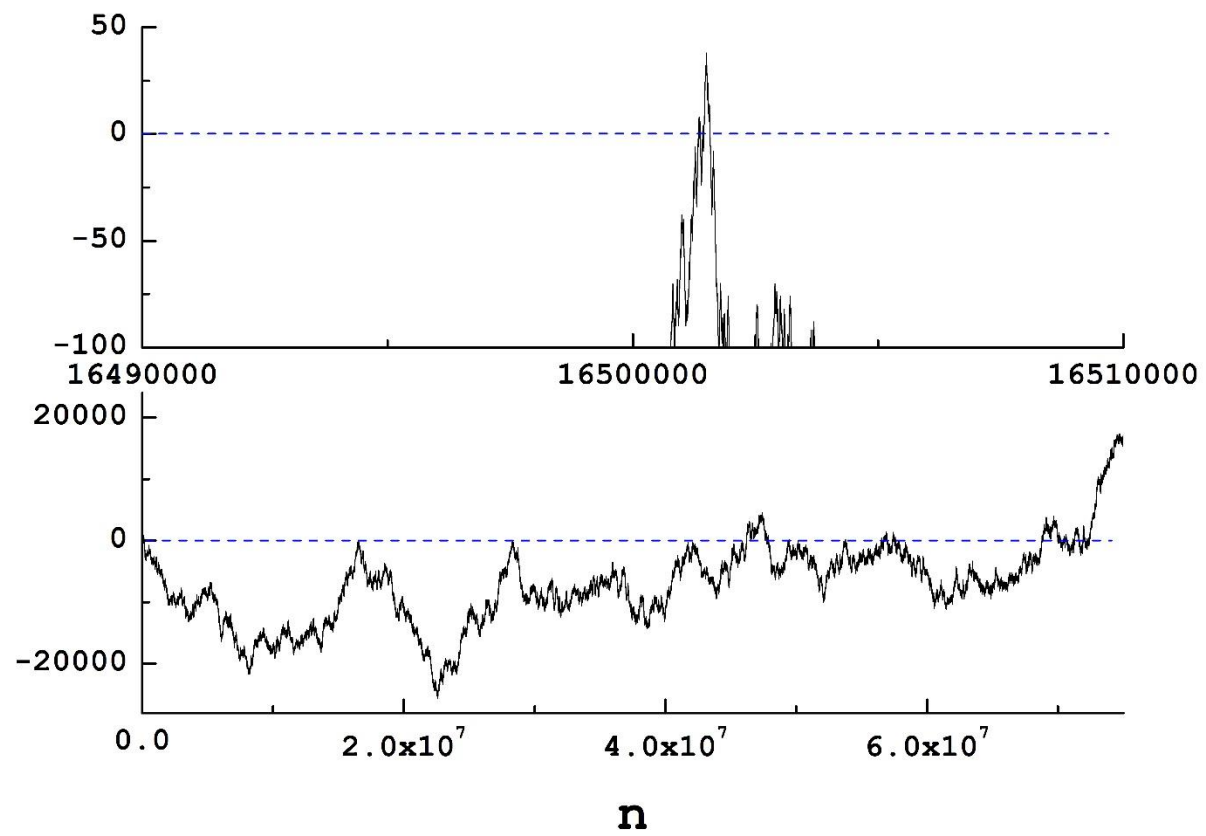
Stein, M. L.; Ulam, S. M.; Wells, M. B. (1964), "A Visual Display of Some Properties of the Distribution of Primes", *American Mathematical Monthly*, Mathematical Association of America, 71 (5): 516–520

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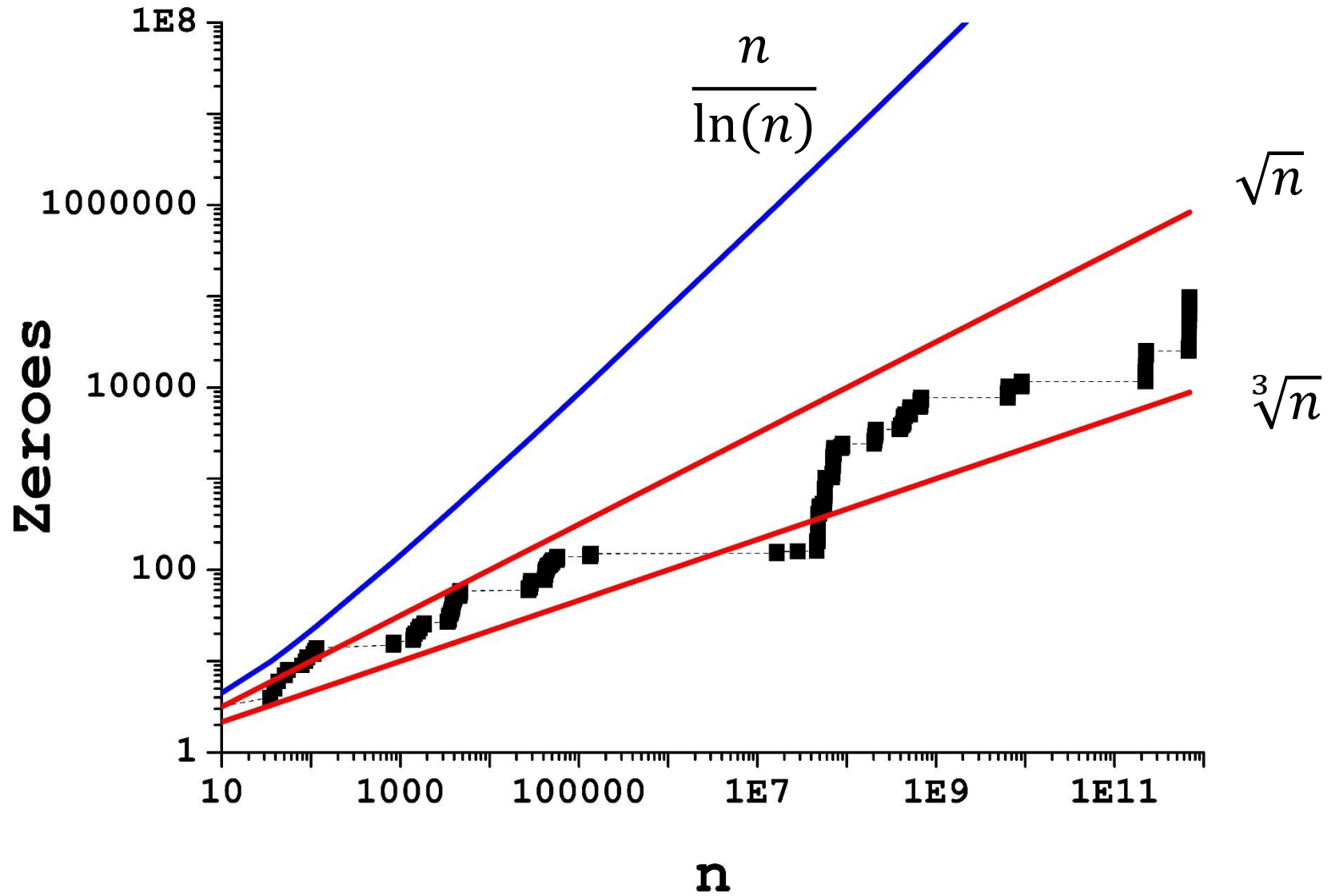








~200,000 zeroes in 8×10^{12}



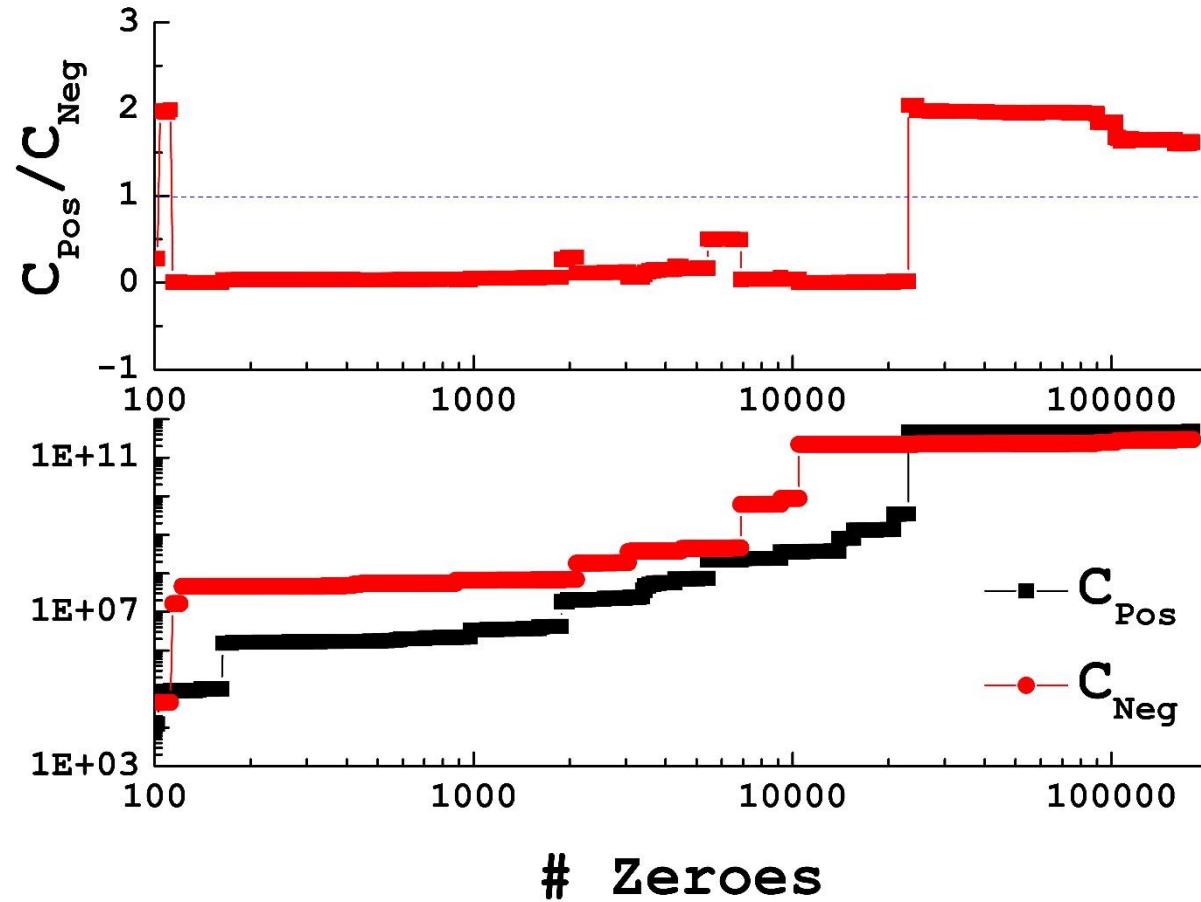
Conjectures

- **I.** The number of cuts (zeroes) in the x axis tends to infinity. i.e, being $Z(n)$ the number of zeroes in the Ladder

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} Z(n) = \infty$$

- **II.** The slope $\varepsilon(n)$, of the Ladder is zero in the limit when n goes to infinity.
- **III. A.** the ratio $\text{Area}_{\text{up}}/\text{Area}_{\text{down}}$ tends to 1 in the limit $n \rightarrow \infty$.
- **III. B.** the ratio between the number of points above and below $y = 0$ tends to 1 when $n \rightarrow \infty$.

Results



Results I. Benford Law

Examples

Fibonacci numbers

Factorials $n!$

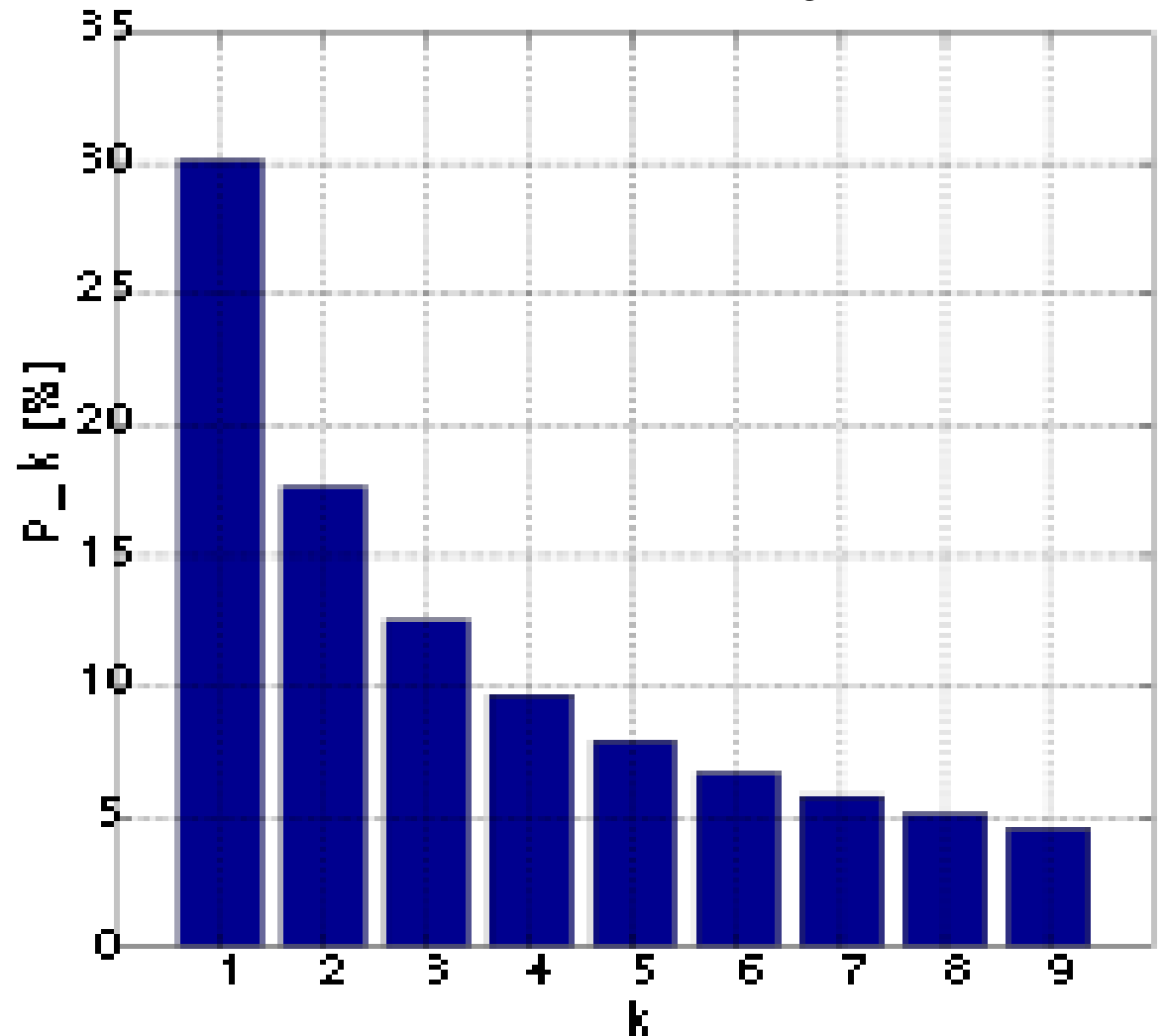
Powers n^m

Binomial coefs $\binom{n}{m}$

Etc..

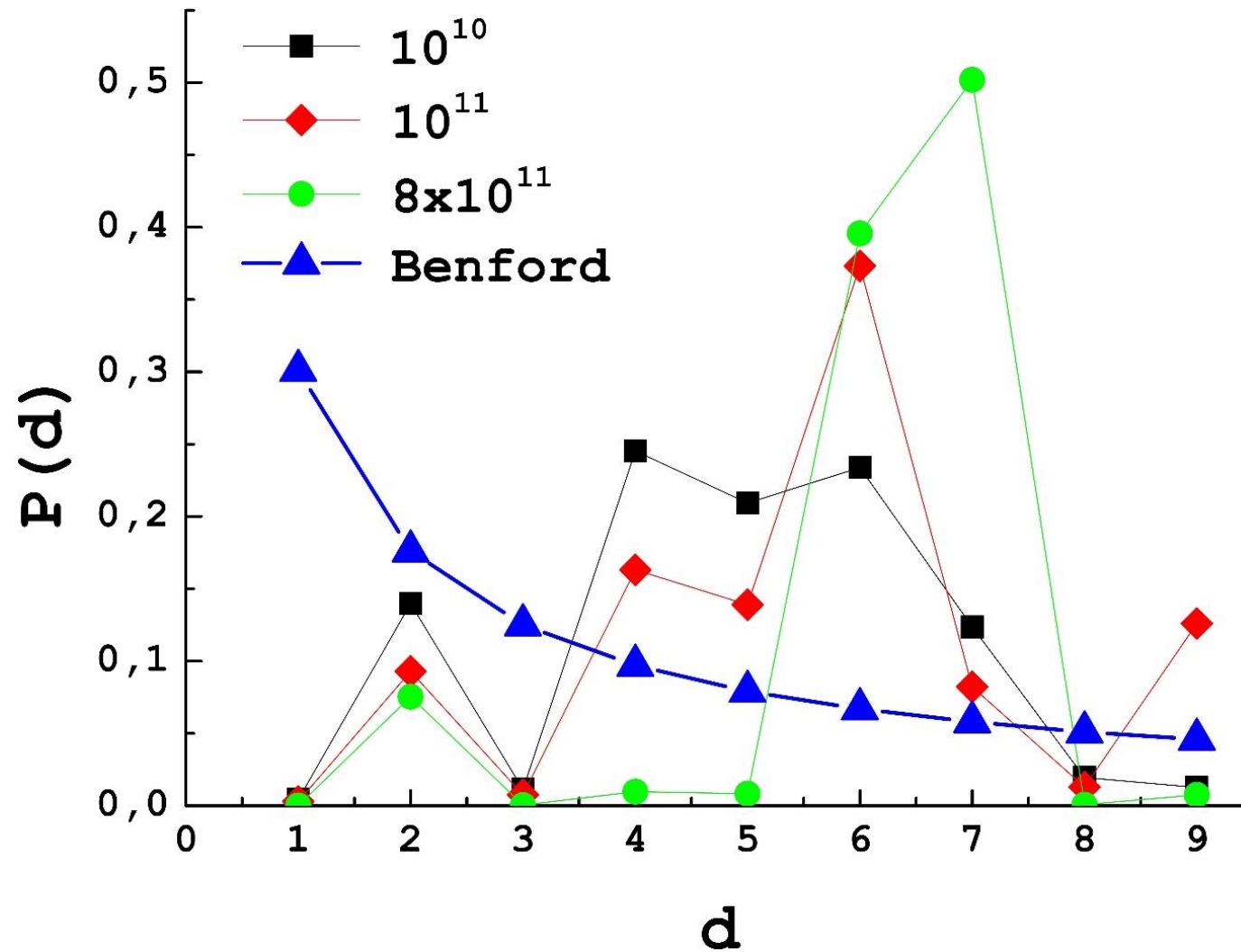
Length of rivers...

$$P(d) = \log_{10}(1+1/d)$$

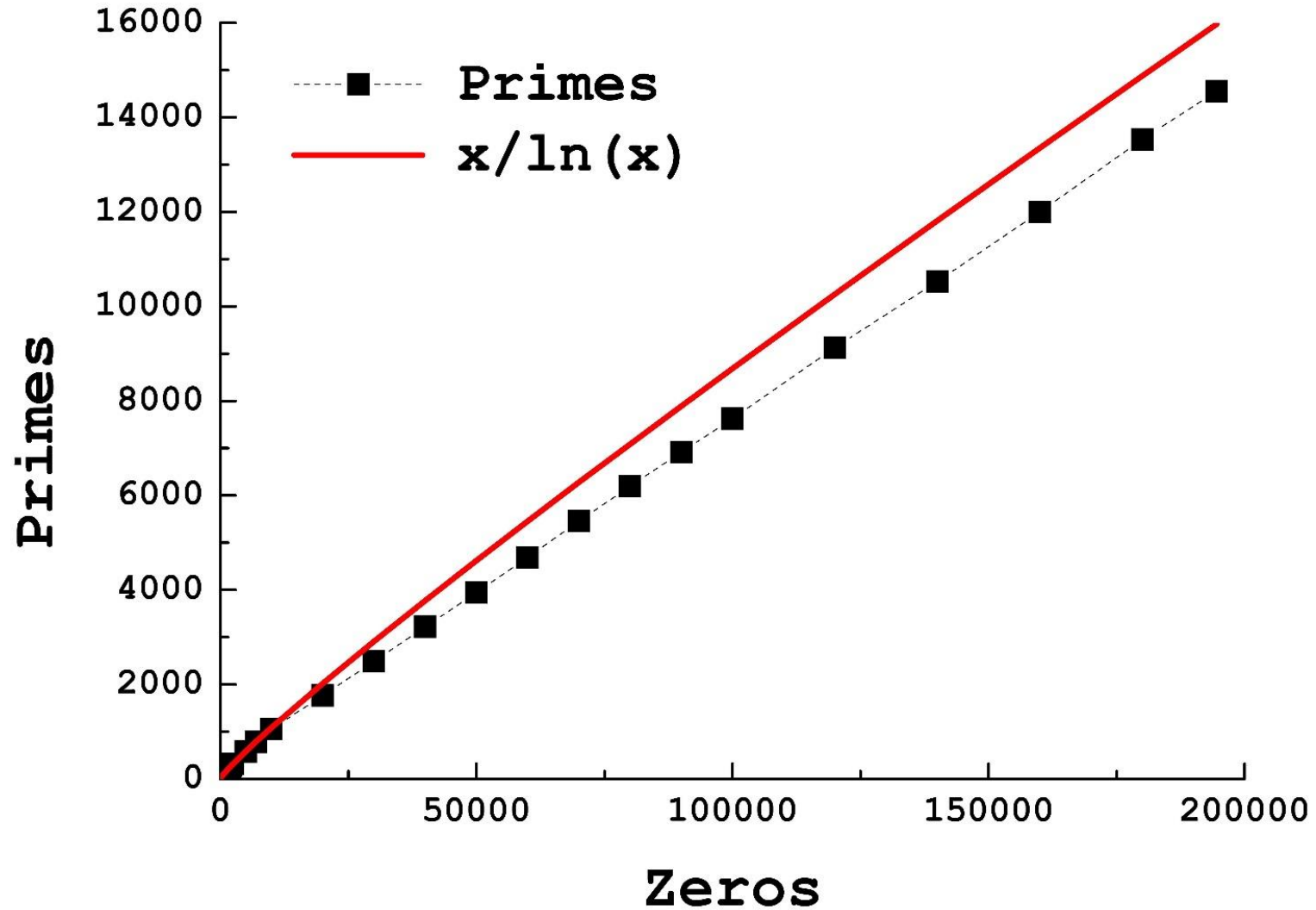


Results I. Benford Law

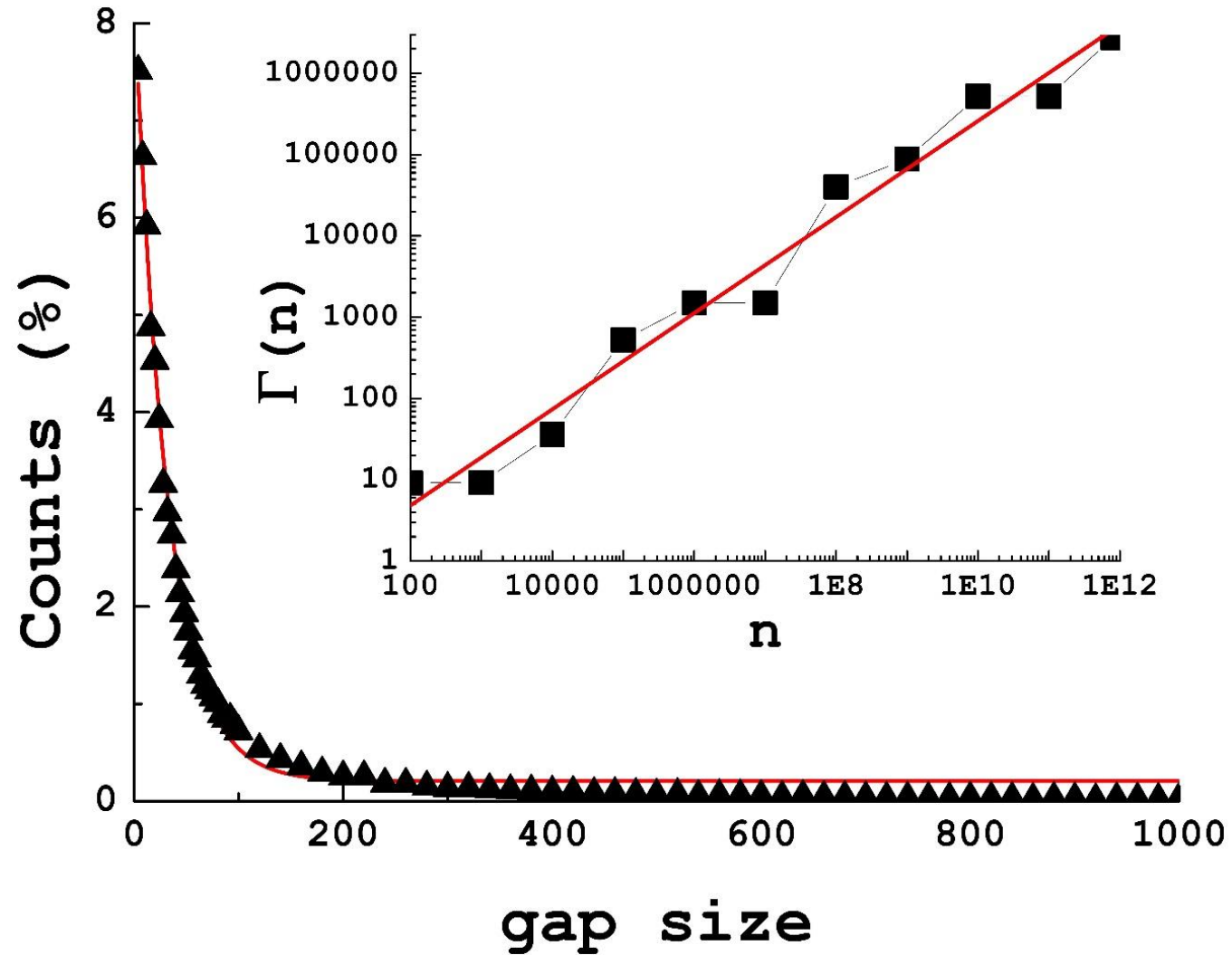
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Results II. Prime numbers



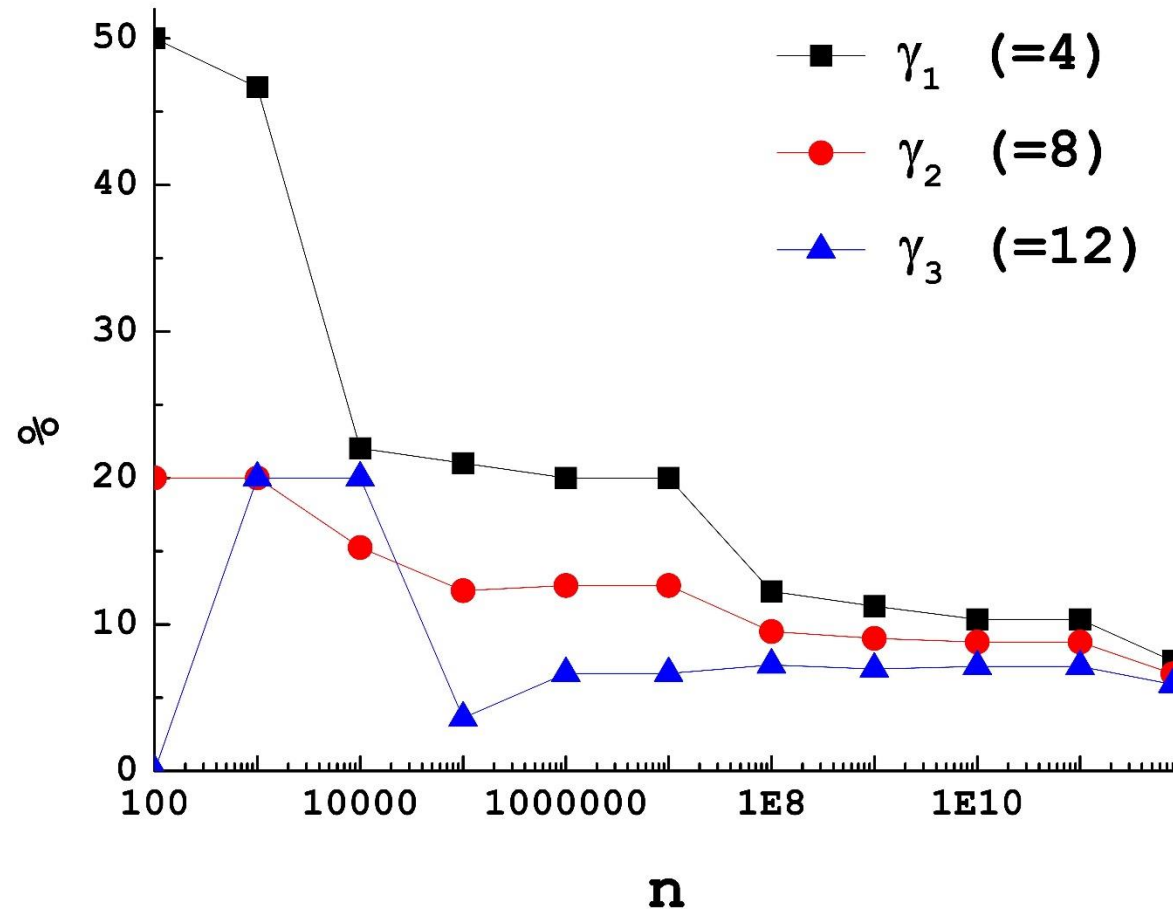
Results III. Gaps



Conclusions

Interval	Zeroes	Primes	$n/\log n$	Diff (%)	Average gap Γ
$[1, 10^2]$	10	5	4.342	13.16	9.2
$[1, 10^3]$	16	6	5.770	3.82	9.25
$[1, 10^4]$	59	21	14.469	31.09	36.20
$[1, 10^5]$	139	36	28.169	21.75	526.57
$[1, 10^6]$	151	37	30.096	18.65	1503.97
$[1, 10^7]$	151	37	30.096	18.65	1503.97
$[1, 10^8]$	2,415	313	310.034	0.947	40170.11
$[1, 10^9]$	7,730	846	863.41	-2.058	887722.55
$[1, 10^{10}]$	11,631	1,161	1,242.438	-7.014	523588.07
$[1, 10^{11}]$	11,631	1,161	1,242.438	-7.014	523588.07
$[1, 8 \cdot 10^{11}]$	194,530	14,556	15,973	-9.734	2750072.04

Conjecture IV. $\gamma_1 = 4$ for all n ?



Thank you for your attention



Conjecture II

