Empirical Investigation of an Open Conjecture: Let n be a positive integer and define L_n to be the least common multiple of {1

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Abstract

This report documents the empirical investigation of an open mathematical conjecture that could not be formally proved or disproved in Lean 4 with Mathlib. Numerical experiments were conducted to gather evidence for or against the conjecture. The empirical verdict is: **Empirically Supported**. The conjecture remains formally open.

1 Conjecture Statement

Conjecture 1.

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Let n be a positive integer and define L_n to be the least common multiple
    of {1,...,n} and define a_n such that a_n divided by L_n is equal to the
    nth harmonic number. Then, each of the following happens for infinitely
    many n: 1) a_n and L_n are coprime, and 2) the greatest common divisor of
     a_n and L_n is greater than 1.
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2 Status

Formal Status: OPEN — no Lean 4 proof or disproof was found.

Empirical Verdict: Empirically Supported

The pipeline attempted formal verification in Lean 4 with Mathlib but was unable to produce a compiling proof or disproof. Empirical testing was then conducted to gather numerical evidence.

3 Basic Empirical Testing

The following output was produced by the basic numerical experiment:

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=== EXPERIMENT PLAN ===

We compute, for every n in [1, N]:
    H_n  = sum_{k=1}^n 1/k    (exact rational via Python Fraction)
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    d_n  = gcd(a_n, L_n)
and record whether d_n = 1 (coprime) or d_n > 1 (non-coprime).

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      .
      If BOTH counts keep growing without bound as N grows, this is strong
      evidence that each case occurs infinitely often.
  (B) Asymptotic / density analysis: plot running counts vs n, and running
      densities (fraction of coprime / non-coprime in [1,n]). A density that
      is bounded away from 0 AND from 1 gives even stronger evidence that
      both events occur infinitely often.
  (C) Gap analysis: the gaps between consecutive coprime n's and between
      consecutive non-coprime n's. If the maximum gap stays bounded (or
      grows slowly) as n increases, this corroborates infinitude.
  (D) Large-n windows: check several disjoint large windows [N-500, N] to
      verify each case still occurs in every window.
  (E) Prime factor analysis of d_n: which primes divide the common factor
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      phenomena, where p | a_{p-1} etc.
  (F) Spot-check using Kummer-like observation: for a prime p with
      p-1 <= n < p, H_n has p in the denominator, so p cannot divide a_n,
      which forces d_n to be a proper divisor of L_n (not necessarily 1
      though). Conversely, whenever n >= p we investigate whether p | d_n.

The conjecture is EMPIRICALLY SUPPORTED if both sets are large, appear in
every tested window, and have lower-bounded densities.

[A] Enumerating n = 1..3000 with exact rational arithmetic...
  total n tested         : 3000
  #coprime (d_n = 1)     : 402
  #non-coprime (d_n > 1) : 2598
  first 15 coprime n     : [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
     17, 27]
  first 15 non-coprime n : [6, 7, 8, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 33,
      34, 35]
  last  5 coprime n      : [2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499]
  last  5 non-coprime n  : [2996, 2997, 2998, 2999, 3000]

[B] Running densities:
    n=  100  density(coprime)=0.3700   density(non-coprime)=0.6300
    n=  500  density(coprime)=0.2120   density(non-coprime)=0.7880
    n= 1000  density(coprime)=0.1450   density(non-coprime)=0.8550
    n= 2000  density(coprime)=0.1515   density(non-coprime)=0.8485
    n= 3000  density(coprime)=0.1340   density(non-coprime)=0.8660

[C] Gap analysis:
  coprime gaps     : max=944, mean=6.229, median=1.0
  non-coprime gaps : max=100, mean=1.153, median=1.0

[D] Disjoint window check (each window of length 500):
    n  ( 500,1000]  coprime=  39  non-coprime= 461   both_present=True
    n  (1000,1500]  coprime= 158  non-coprime= 342   both_present=True
    n  (1500,2000]  coprime=   0  non-coprime= 500   both_present=False
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    n   (2000,2500]  coprime=  99  non-coprime= 401   both_present=True
    n   (2500,3000]  coprime=   0  non-coprime= 500   both_present=False

[E] Most common primes dividing d_n = gcd(a_n, L_n):
    prime     3 divides d_n for 1092 values of n
    prime     5 divides d_n for  656 values of n
    prime     7 divides d_n for  399 values of n
    prime    11 divides d_n for  396 values of n
    prime    13 divides d_n for  182 values of n
    prime    53 divides d_n for  159 values of n
    prime   137 divides d_n for  137 values of n
    prime    43 divides d_n for  129 values of n
    prime    37 divides d_n for  111 values of n
    prime   109 divides d_n for  109 values of n
    prime    97 divides d_n for   97 values of n
    prime    29 divides d_n for   87 values of n
    prime    61 divides d_n for   61 values of n
    prime    47 divides d_n for   47 values of n
    prime    41 divides d_n for   41 values of n

[F] Wolstenholme-style consistency (p does NOT divide L_{p-1}):
    p=    5: d_{p-1}=1, p divides d_{p-1}? False (expec
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4 Experiment Code (Basic)

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Empirical test of the conjecture:
  Let L_n = lcm(1,...,n) and a_n = H_n * L_n (integer numerator when H_n is
  expressed over denominator L_n). Then both of the following occur for
  infinitely many n:
    (1) gcd(a_n, L_n) = 1   (coprime case)
    (2) gcd(a_n, L_n) > 1   (non-coprime case)
"""
import matplotlib
matplotlib.use("Agg")
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
import numpy as np
from fractions import Fraction
from math import gcd, lcm, log
from collections import Counter

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# (A) Main enumeration
N = 3000
print(f"[A] Enumerating n = 1..{N} with exact rational arithmetic...")

H = Fraction(0, 1)
L = 1
ns           = np.arange(1, N + 1)
d_vals       = np.zeros(N, dtype=object)   # gcd(a_n, L_n)
is_coprime   = np.zeros(N, dtype=bool)
L_log        = np.zeros(N)
d_log        = np.zeros(N)
prime_factors_of_d = Counter()

# For factoring d_n quickly we precompute the primes <= N
def sieve(limit):
    s = np.ones(limit + 1, dtype=bool)
    s[:2] = False
    for i in range(2, int(limit**0.5) + 1):
        if s[i]:
            s[i*i::i] = False
    return np.nonzero(s)[0].tolist()
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primes = sieve(N)

def small_prime_factors(m, prime_list):
    """Return sorted list of distinct prime factors of m using prime_list.
       """
    out = []
    for p in prime_list:
        if p * p > m:
            break
        if m % p == 0:
            out.append(p)
            while m % p == 0:
                m //= p
    if m > 1:
        out.append(m)
    return out

for i, n in enumerate(ns):
    H += Fraction(1, int(n))
    L = lcm(L, int(n))
    p_num, q_den = H.numerator, H.denominator
    # a_n is the integer H_n * L_n; since q_den | L_n this is exact:
    assert L % q_den == 0
    a_n = p_num * (L // q_den)
    d   = gcd(a_n, L)
    d_vals[i]     = d
    is_coprime[i] = (d == 1)
    L_log[i]      = log(L) if L > 0 else 0.0
    d_log[i]      = log(d) if d > 1 else 0.0
    if d > 1:
        for pr in small_prime_factors(d, primes):
            prime_factors_of_d[pr] += 1

coprime_ns    = ns[is_coprime]
noncoprime_ns = ns[~is_coprime]
print(f"␣␣total␣n␣tested␣␣␣␣␣␣␣␣␣:␣{N}")
print(f"␣␣#coprime␣(d_n␣=␣1)␣␣␣␣␣:␣{len(coprime_ns)}")
print(f"␣␣#non-coprime␣(d_n␣>␣1)␣:␣{len(noncoprime_ns)}")
print(f"␣␣first␣15␣coprime␣n␣␣␣␣␣:␣{coprime_ns[:15].tolist()}")
print(f"␣␣first␣15␣non-coprime␣n␣:␣{noncoprime_ns[:15].tolist()}")
print(f"␣␣last␣␣5␣coprime␣n␣␣␣␣␣␣:␣{coprime_ns[-5:].tolist()}")
print(f"␣␣last␣␣5␣non-coprime␣n␣␣:␣{noncoprime_ns[-5:].tolist()}")

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# (B) Running densities
running_coprime     = np.cumsum(is_coprime)
running_noncoprime  = np.cumsum(~is_coprime)
density_coprime     = running_coprime    / ns
density_noncoprime  = running_noncoprime / ns

print(f"\n[B]␣Running␣densities:")
for chk in [100, 500, 1000, 2000, 3000]:
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    if chk <= N:
        print(f"    n={chk:5d}  density(coprime)={density_coprime[chk-1]:.4f
            }"
              f"   density(non-coprime)={density_noncoprime[chk-1]:.4f}")

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# ... [truncated]
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5 Conclusion

The conjecture remains formally open. Numerical experiments **support** the conjecture — no counterexamples were found across all tested parameter ranges. Further investigation (both formal and empirical) is warranted.