

## 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.