

## Comparison of triples

The table shows the frequencies of some triples represented by the smallest member  $p$ . The data for the current sequence  $a(n)$  are listed in the last column: 110763 triples are smaller than  $10^8$  etc. The frequencies of all these sorts of triples do not differ very much.  $F(3,n)$  is the assumed asymptotic approximation (Hardy and Littlewood) for them all:

$$F(3,n) = c(3) \int_2^n \frac{dt}{(\log t)^3} \text{ with } c(3) = 9 \prod_{p>3} \left(1 - \frac{2}{p-1}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{p-1}\right)^2 = 5.71649719$$

$n$	$F(3,n)$	$p,p+3\pm 1,p+6$	$p,p+6,p+12$	$p,p+12,p+24$	$p,p+18,p+36$	$p,p+24,p+48$
$10^8$	110982	111156	110392	110744	110811	110763
$2 \cdot 10^8$	196975	196836	196309	196893	196912	197044
$3 \cdot 10^8$	276136	275821	275429	276179	275961	276232
$4 \cdot 10^8$	351257	350443	350309	351381	350608	350962
$5 \cdot 10^8$	423553	422440	422515	423631	422809	423265
$6 \cdot 10^8$	493699	492692	492513	493532	492553	493642
$7 \cdot 10^8$	562122	560968	560457	561563	561312	562527
$8 \cdot 10^8$	629114	628138	627875	628438	628553	629786
$9 \cdot 10^8$	694888	694355	693273	694291	694228	695233
$10^9$	759606	759256	758163	758708	758895	760118

Note: The primes in a triple are not necessarily consecutive, except for  $(p,p+3\pm 1,p+6)$ .  
 If we permitted only consecutive primes in  $(p,p+d,p+2d)$  the frequencies would decrease with increasing  $d$ .