

Solution to Problem 1021.

Let  $p = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \cdot 10^i$  and  $p+2 = \left( \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \cdot 10^i \right) + 2$  be a pair of twin primes.

If  $a_0 \neq 9$ , then  $p+2 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \cdot 10^i \right) + (a_0 + 2)$ . Subsequently,  $D(p) = \sum_{i=0}^k a_i$  and  $D(p+2) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) + (a_0 + 2) = \left( \sum_{i=0}^k a_i \right) + 2$ . Obviously  $D(p) \neq D(p+2)$ .

If  $a_0 = 9$  but  $a_1 \neq 9$ , then  $p+2 = \left( \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \cdot 10^i \right) + (a_1 + 1) \cdot 10 + 1$ . We then have  $D(p) = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) + 9$  and  $D(p+2) = \left( \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \right) + (a_1 + 1) + 1 = \left( \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \right) + 2$ . Again,  $D(p) \neq D(p+2)$ .

If  $a_0 = 9, a_1 = 9$  but  $a_2 \neq 9$ , then  $p+2 = \left( \sum_{i=3}^k a_i \cdot 10^i \right) + (a_2 + 1) \cdot 10^2 + 0 \cdot 10 + 1$ . And we have  $D(p) = \left( \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \right) + 9 + 9 = \left( \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \right) + 18$  and  $D(p+2) = \left( \sum_{i=3}^k a_i \right) + (a_2 + 1) + 1 = \left( \sum_{i=2}^k a_i \right) + 2$ . Again,  $D(p) \neq D(p+2)$ .

Then by induction, we know  $D(p) \neq D(p+2)$  for any pair of twin primes. ■