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In this article, we construct a basic set of  $I_0$ :

$$I_0 = \{(\alpha, \alpha + 2) : \alpha \in N\},$$

a set of all pairs of two integers, in which the first coordinate belongs to the natural number set  $N$ , and the second coordinator is adding 2 to the first coordinator always. Then, classifying all elements of  $I_0$  by the least prime factor criterion to get an infinite number of nonempty subsets  $I_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ , in  $I_0$ . Let  $t_k = \min I_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Thus, the process of proving the Conjecture of Twin Primes consists of the following four statements:

1.  $I_{k-1} \supset I_k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . It implies the sequence of numbers  $\{t_k\}$  is an non-decreasing;
2. Under the condition of  $I_k \{p_{k+1}^2 - 3\} \neq \phi$ ,  $t_k$  is a pair twin primes, for all  $k \geq 1$ ;
3. The sequence of numbers  $\{t_k\}$  has a strict increasing infinite subsequence;
4.  $I_k \{p_{k+1}^2 - 3\} \neq \phi$ , for all  $k \geq 1$ .

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