866. Prime Palindrome

Medium Math

Problem Description

The problem requires us to find the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to a given integer n. A prime palindrome is an integer that is both a prime number and a palindrome. A prime number is one that has exactly two distinct positive divisors: 1 and itself, whereas a palindrome is a number that reads the same backward as forward. For instance, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11 are prime numbers, and 101, 131, 151 are examples of prime palindromes.

Intuition The brute force method is to search for prime palindromes starting at n and proceeding to larger numbers until we find the smallest prime palindrome. To check if a number is a palindrome, we reverse it and see if it's equal to the original number. For example, reversing 12321 would yield the same number, confirming it's a palindrome. To verify if a number is prime, we check if

it's divisible by any number other than 1 and itself, which we can efficiently do by checking divisibility only up to the square root of the number. We start from n and incrementally check each number for both primality and palindromicity. However, there's an optimization to be noted: there are no eight-digit palindromes which are prime because all multiples of 11 are non-prime, and any number with an

reduces the number of checks for larger values of n. By combining these checks and the mentioned optimization, we can iteratively find the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to n.

even number of digits that's a palindrome is a multiple of 11. Therefore, if n falls in the range of eight-digit numbers (10^7 to 10^8),

we can skip all of those and jump directly to 10^8, which is the start of the nine-digit numbers. This optimization significantly

Solution Approach

The solution provided in the Python code implements a brute-force approach to find the smallest prime palindrome. The code

The is_prime function checks the primality of a number. A number is prime if it is not divisible by any number other than 1 and

itself. To determine if a number x is prime, the function iterates from 2 to sqrt(x) and checks if x is divisible by any of these numbers. If a divisor is found, the function returns False, otherwise, after completing the loop, it returns True.

The reverse function receives a number x and returns its reversed form. This is achieved by continuously extracting the last

- digit of x and appending it to a new number res, while also reducing x by a factor of 10 each time. These helper functions are utilized in the main function primePalindrome. The main loop runs indefinitely (while 1:), incrementally checking whether the current number n is a palindromic prime:
- 1. The loop starts by checking if n is a palindrome by comparing it to the result of reverse(n). 2. If n is a palindrome, the loop proceeds to check if it is prime using the is_prime function.

mentioned earlier, since all palindromic numbers with an even number of digits are non-prime (they are divisible by 11), it is pointless to check any number within the range of eight digits. This optimization saves computational time by avoiding

After each iteration, if no palindrome prime is found, n is incremented (n += 1) and the loop continues with the new incremented

There is a key optimization in this loop: if n falls within the range $10^7 < n < 10^8$, the function jumps n directly to 10^8 . As

unnecessary checks.

Since 31 is not a palindrome, increment (n) to 32 and repeat the process.

to n until it finds the condition-satisfying prime palindrome.

3. If n satisfies both conditions (palindromicity and primality), it is returned as the solution and the loop ends.

provides two helper functions, is_prime and reverse, to help with this process.

value. By using these functions and the while loop, the solution effectively searches through the space of numbers greater than or equal

Let's walk through a simple example using the solution approach to find the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to (n = 31).

Start from (n = 31) and check if it is a palindrome by using the reverse function. Reverse of 31 is 13 which is not equal to 31, so it is not a palindrome.

next number.

Example Walkthrough

At (n = 32), it is not a palindrome (reverse is 23). Increment (n) to 33. At (n = 33), it is a palindrome as its reverse is also 33. However, 33 is not prime (it is divisible by 3 and 11), so move to the

Upon reaching (n = 101), we find that it is a palindrome since its reverse is also 101. Now, we use the is_prime function to check if 101 is prime. Since 101 has no divisors other than 1 and itself, it is prime.

As (n = 101) satisfies both conditions of being a palindrome and prime, the loop ends and 101 is returned as the solution.

numbers was not needed here since our (n) was far below that range. However, if our starting (n) had been within the range of (10⁷) to (10⁸), we would have directly jumped to (10⁸) as the starting point.

result = result * 10 + x % 10 # Add the last digit of x to result.

Proceeding in this manner, increment (n) and check for both palindromicity and primality.

In this example, the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to 31 is 101. The optimization regarding the eight-digit

- **Python**
- def prime_palindrome(self, n: int) -> int: # Helper function to check if a number is prime. def is_prime(x): if x < 2: return False

Helper function to reverse an integer number. def reverse(x):

class Solution:

Solution Implementation

divisor = 2

return True

result = 0

return result

while x:

while True:

Check divisors up to the square root of x.

 \times //= 10 # Remove the last digit of \times .

Check if the number is both a palindrome and prime.

while divisor * divisor <= x:</pre>

if x % divisor == 0:

return False

Loop until we find the palindrome prime.

divisor += 1

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if reverse(n) == n and is_prime(n):
                return n
            # Skip all numbers between 10^7 and 10^8, as there are no 8-digit palindrome primes.
            if 10**7 < n < 10**8:
                n = 10**8
            n += 1 # Go to the next number.
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# However, it's important not to change method names when they are part of a predefined interface.
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Java
class Solution {
    /**
     * Finds the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to N.
     * @param n the number to find the prime palindrome for
     * @return the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to n
    public int primePalindrome(int n) {
       while (true) {
            // If the number is a palindrome and prime, return it.
            if (isPalindrome(n) && isPrime(n)) {
                return n;
           // Skip the non-palindrome range since there is no 8-digit palindrome prime.
            if (n > 10_000_000 && n < 100_000_000) {
                n = 100_000_000;
            // Increment the number to check the next one.
            n++;
     * Checks if the number is prime.
     * @param x the number to be checked
     * @return true if x is prime, otherwise false
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/**

private boolean isPrime(int x) {

if (x % i == 0) {

for (int i = 2; i * i <= x; ++i) {

// Check divisibility by numbers up to the square root of x.

return true; // No divisors found, so x is prime.

return false; // Found a divisor, hence x is not prime.

return false;

if (x < 2) {

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* Checks if the number is a palindrome.
     * @param x the number to be checked
     * @return true if x is a palindrome, otherwise false
    private int isPalindrome(int x) {
        int reverse = 0;
        int original = x;
       while (x != 0) {
            reverse = reverse * 10 + x % 10; // Reversing the digits of x.
            x \neq 10; // Removing the last digit from x.
        // If the reversed number is the same as the original, it's a palindrome.
        return reverse == original;
C++
class Solution {
public:
    // Main function to find the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to N
    int primePalindrome(int N) {
       while (true) {
            // Check if the current number N is palindrome and prime
            if (isPalindrome(N) && isPrime(N)) {
                return N; // Return the number if it's a prime palindrome
           // If N is between 10^{7} and 10^{8}, skip ahead to 10^{8}
           // because we know there are no 8-digit palindromes that are prime
            if (N > 1e7 && N < 1e8) {
                N = static_cast<int>(1e8);
            ++N; // Move on to the next number
    // Helper function to check if a number is prime
    bool isPrime(int x) {
        if (x < 2) return false; // Numbers less than 2 are not prime</pre>
        for (int i = 2; i * i <= x; ++i) {
            if (x \% i == 0)
                return false; // If divisible by i, x is not prime
        return true; // If no divisors were found, x is prime
    // Helper function to check if a number is a palindrome
    int isPalindrome(int x) {
        int original = x;
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reversed = reversed * 10 + \times % 10; // Append the last digit of x to the reversed number

return reversed == original; // A palindrome number reads the same forwards and backwards

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return N; // Return the number if it's a prime palindrome

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// Function to check if a number is prime

for (let i = 2; i * i <= x; i++) {

// Function to check if a number is a palindrome

function isPalindrome(x: number): boolean {

function primePalindrome(N: number): number {

if (isPalindrome(N) && isPrime(N)) {

let original = x;

let reversed = 0;

while (x > 0) {

while (true) {

function isPrime(x: number): boolean {

x /= 10; // Remove the last digit from x

if (x < 2) return false; // Numbers less than 2 are not prime

x = Math.floor(x / 10); // Remove the last digit from x

// Check if the current number N is a palindrome and prime

return true; // If no divisors were found, x is prime

if (x % i === 0) return false; // If divisible by i, x is not prime

// Main function to find the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to N

while (x > 0) {

};

TypeScript

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// If N is between 10^7 and 10^8, skip ahead to 10^8
          // because there are no 8-digit palindromes that are prime
          if (N > 1e7 && N < 1e8) {
              N = 1e8;
          N++; // Move on to the next number
  // Usage example:
  // let result = primePalindrome(31);
  // console.log(result); // Logs the smallest prime palindrome greater than or equal to 31
class Solution:
   def prime_palindrome(self, n: int) -> int:
       # Helper function to check if a number is prime.
        def is_prime(x):
           if x < 2:
                return False
            divisor = 2
           # Check divisors up to the square root of x.
            while divisor * divisor <= x:</pre>
               if x % divisor == 0:
                    return False
               divisor += 1
            return True
       # Helper function to reverse an integer number.
       def reverse(x):
            result = 0
           while x:
                result = result * 10 + x % 10 + Add the last digit of x to result.
               \times //= 10 # Remove the last digit of \times.
            return result
       # Loop until we find the palindrome prime.
       while True:
           # Check if the number is both a palindrome and prime.
            if reverse(n) == n and is prime(n):
                return n
           # Skip all numbers between 10^7 and 10^8, as there are no 8-digit palindrome primes.
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Time and Space Complexity
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The key operations of the algorithm include the checking of whether a number is a palindrome (reverse(n) == n), and whether it is prime (is_prime(x)).

Palindrome Check: The time complexity for checking if n is a palindrome is 0(log n) since it involves iterating each digit of the number once.

Prime Check: The prime checking function has a time complexity of O(sqrt(x)) because it checks all numbers up to the

- square root of x to determine if x is prime. When combining the palindrome and prime checks, the overall time complexity is not simply the product of the two. We must
- consider how far the loop will iterate to find the next prime palindrome. The loop will continue until it finds a prime palindrome, which is done in increasing order from n. There is an optimization at if 10**7 < n < 10**8: n = 10**8, which skips nonpalindromic numbers within that range as no 8-digit palindrome can be a prime (all even-digit palindromes are divisible by 11).

However, the worst-case scenario involves checking numbers until the next prime palindrome is found. Since the distance between prime numbers can generally be considered O(n) for the space we are interested in, and the next palindrome can also

be O(n) away from the current one, combined with our checks, the worst-case complexity can be described as O(n * sqrt(n)).

Space Complexity

 A finite number of integer variables are used (n, v, x, res), and No additional data structures that grow with the input size are utilized.

Therefore, the space complexity does not depend on the input size and remains constant.

The space complexity of the algorithm is 0(1). There is a constant amount of extra space used: