

Cody Problem 60. The Goldbach Conjecture

The [Goldbach conjecture](#)

asserts that every even integer greater than 2 can be expressed as the sum of two primes.

Given the even integer n , return primes $p1$ and $p2$ that satisfy the condition $n = p1 + p2$. Note that the primes are not always unique. The test is not sensitive to order or uniqueness. You just need to meet the appropriate conditions.

Example:

```
% Input  n = 286
% Output (any of the following is acceptable)
%      [ 3 283]
%     [283  3]
%      [ 5 281]
%     [107 179]
%     [137 149]
```

Scratch Pad

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n = 286
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[p1,p2] = goldbach(n)
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p1 = 3
p2 = 283
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Solution

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function [p1,p2] = goldbach(n)
    p1 = [];
    p2 = [];
    if mod(n,2) ~= 0
        p1 = [];
        p2 = [];
    else
        Plist = [];
        for i=1:n-1
            if isprime(i)
                Plist = [Plist, i];
            end
        end
        combinations = nchoosek(Plist, 2);
        sums = sum(combinations, 2);
        out = combinations(find(sums == n, 1),:);
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        p1 = out(1);  
        p2 = out(2);  
    end  
end
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