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General Maths

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Data Structures and Algorithms

Lecture Agenda :



- **What is Prime number.**
- **Multiple approaches.**
- **Time and Space complexity.**

Prime Number



- **A number that can be divided exactly only by itself and 1.**

Example: 7 is a prime number.

Example: 12($2 \times 2 \times 3$) is not a prime number.

Approach 1



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Code



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def is_divisible(N):  
    for i in range(2, N):  
        if N % i == 0:  
            return True  
    return False
```

Do we really need check till $N-1$?

Approach 2



- Instead for checking from 2 to $N-1$, we can simply check if the number is divisible by any integer from 2 to \sqrt{N}

Example: 7 is a prime number.

Check if 7 is divisible by any number between 2 to $\sqrt{7}$.

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Example: 7 is a prime number.

Check if 7 is divisible by any number between $2-\sqrt{7}$.

Time Complexity: $O(\sqrt{N})$

Space Complexity: $O(1)$

Why till \sqrt{N} ?



Consider a natural number N (greater than 1) which exists as a product of two numbers a and b (assume $a \leq b$) that is

- $N = a \cdot b$ where, $1 < a \leq b < n$

By multiplying the relation $a \leq b$ by a , the relation becomes:

- $a^2 \leq ab$

By multiplying the relation $a \leq b$ by b , the relation becomes:

- $ab \leq b^2$

From the above-mentioned inequalities, the relation becomes:

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We know that $N = a * b$, so by replacing $a * b$ with N , the following relation is obtained:

- $a^2 \leq N \leq b^2$

Taking the square root of the equation, considering both a and b as positive numbers, we get:

- $a \leq \sqrt{N} \leq b$

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def is_divisible(N):
    for i in range(2, int(math.sqrt(N)) + 1):
        if N % i == 0:
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Can we do even better?

Approach 3 (Sieve of Eratosthenes)



- **Used for finding all the prime numbers smaller than or equal to N.**

1. Create a list of size $N+1$.
2. Start from first prime number k .
3. Mark all the numbers divisible by k in range between k^2 to N .
4. Repeat the process for all unmarked numbers up to \sqrt{N} .

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Approach 3 (Sieve of Eratosthenes)



- **Example: 100**

1. Create a list of size 101.
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Prime Numbers: 2, 3

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Prime Numbers: 2, 3, 5

Code



```
def sieve_of_eratosthenes(N):
    is_prime = [True] * (N + 1) # True means "assumed prime"
    is_prime[0] = is_prime[1] = False # 0 and 1 are not prime numbers

    for k in range(2, int(math.sqrt(N)) + 1):
        if is_prime[k]: # If k is a prime number
            for multiple in range(k * k, N + 1, k):
                is_prime[multiple] = False

    primes = []
    for num in range(len(is_prime)):
        if is_prime[num]:
            primes.append(num)
    return primes
```

Time & Space Complexity



Time Complexity : $n * \log(\log(n))$

Space Complexity : $O(N)$