

Optimisation in Computational Number Theory

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Notation

Definition

$\{a, b, c\}$ - The set containing a, b, c .

$x \in X$ - x is an element of the set X .

\exists - There exists.

\forall - For all.

\mathbb{N} - The set of natural numbers, $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Z} - The set of integer numbers, $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

For Example

$\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ and $b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ab = c$.

For all a in the natural numbers and b in the integers there exists some c in the integers such that $ab = c$.

Primality

Definition

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, a divides b if and only if $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $b = na$.
We write $a \mid b$.

Primality

Definition

$P \in \mathbb{N}$ is prime if and only if $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \neq 1, P$ then $a \nmid P$.

Primality

Proposition

$P \in \mathbb{N}$ is prime if $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 < a \leq \sqrt{P}$ then $a \nmid P$.

Primality

Proof.

By way of contradiction we suppose that both P is not prime and $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ st $a < \sqrt{N}$ then $a \nmid P$. Since P is not prime we have some $b \nmid P$ so $\exists n$ such that $bn = P$. Either, b or n are less than \sqrt{P} so we can let $a = b$ and we have a contradiction. Or then must both be greater than \sqrt{P} . In this case we have $bn > \sqrt{P}n > \sqrt{P}\sqrt{P} = P$ so $bn > P$, this means $bn \neq P$ which is a contradiction. Therefore, P must be prime. □

Primality

Definition

For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if $a - b \mid n$.

Primality

Corollary

P is prime if $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 < a \leq \sqrt{P}$ implies $P \not\equiv 0 \pmod{a}$.

Primality

Proof.

We suppose $\forall a \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $1 < a \leq \sqrt{P}$ then $P \not\equiv 0 \pmod{a}$.

Then by the definition of modular arithmetic $a - 0 = a \nmid P$.

Therefore by proposition 1.1 P is prime. □

Primality

Algorithm 1 Divisibility Test

```
1: function PRIME( $n$ )
2:   if  $n \leq 1$  then
3:     return FALSE      ▷ 1 and numbers  $\leq 1$  are not prime
4:   end if
5:   for  $i \in \mathbb{N}, 1 < i < \sqrt{n}$  do
6:     if  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{i}$  then
7:       return FALSE ▷  $n$  is divisible by  $i$  and therefore not
      prime
8:     end if
9:   end for
10:  return TRUE
11: end function
```

Primality

Algorithm 2 Divisibility Test Sieve

```
1: function PRIME-SIEVE( $n$ ):  
2:   Array<bool>  $prime[n]$   
3:   for  $i \in \{0, \dots, n\}$  do  
4:      $prime[i] \leftarrow Prime(i)$   
5:   end for  
6:   return primes  
7: end function
```

Primality

Definition

A composite number is a number $a \in \mathbb{N}$ that is not prime.

Primality

Proposition

Composite numbers can be factored into primes.

Primality

Proof.

Base case: For $k = 4$ and primes $p_1 = 2, p_2 = 2$. It is clear $p_1 p_2 = k$. Inductive case: Suppose composite numbers less than k can be factored into primes. Consider $k + 1$ is not prime so there exists $a \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a \mid k + 1$ so $k + 1 = an$. since $a \geq 1$ clearly both $a < k$ and $n < k$ so by the hypothesis a and n can be factored into primes $a = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m$ and $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_w$. Therefore, $k + 1 = p_1 p_2 \dots p_m q_1 q_2 \dots q_w$ can be factored into primes. \square

Primality

Algorithm 3 Sieve Of Eratosthenes

```
1: function ERATOSTHENES( $n$ ):
2:   Array<bool>  $prime[n] \leftarrow True$ 
3:    $prime[0] \leftarrow False$ 
4:    $prime[1] \leftarrow False$ 
5:   for  $i \in \{2, 3, \dots, n\}$  do
6:     for  $p \in \{2, 3, \dots, \sqrt{i}\}$  do
7:       if  $p = True$  then  $\triangleright$  Boolean logic omitted for clarity.
8:         if  $i \equiv 0 \pmod p$  then
9:            $prime[i] \leftarrow False$   $\triangleright$   $i$  is not prime.
10:        end if
11:      end if
12:    end for
13:  end for
14:  return  $prime$ 
15: end function
```

Linear Sieves

Proposition

$P \in \mathbb{N}$ is prime or has a perfect square factor if the following conditions hold:

- ▶ *$4x^2 + y^2 = p$ has an odd number of solutions when $p \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$ or $z \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$.*
- ▶ *$3x^2 + y^2 = p$ has an odd number of solutions when $p \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$.*
- ▶ *$P \not\equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ and $3x^2 - y^2 = p$ has an odd number of solutions when $z \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$.*

Linear Sieves

Algorithm 4 Sieve of Atkin

```
function ATKINS( $n$ )
  Array<bool>  $prime[n] \leftarrow False$ 
  for  $x \in \{1, 2, \dots, \sqrt{n}\}$  do
    for  $y \in \{1, 2, \dots, \sqrt{n}\}$  do
       $z \leftarrow 4x^2 + y^2$ 
      if  $z \leq n$  &  $(z \equiv 1 \pmod{12} \text{ or } z \equiv 5 \pmod{12})$  then
         $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$ 
      end if
       $z \leftarrow 3x^2 + y^2$ 
      if  $z \leq n$  &  $z \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$  then
         $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$ 
      end if
       $z \leftarrow 3x^2 - y^2$ 
      if  $x > y$  &  $z \leq n$  &  $z \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$  then
         $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$ 
      end if
    end for
  end for
   $prime[2] \leftarrow True$ 
   $prime[3] \leftarrow True$ 
   $prime[5] \leftarrow True$ 
  return  $prime$ 
end function
```

Linear Sieves

Algorithm 5 Remove Perfect Squares

```
function REMOVE(prime)
  for  $i \in \{k^2 \mid k \in \{1, 2, \dots, n\}\}$  do
    if prime[i] = True then
      for  $j \in \{k \in \mathbb{N} \mid ki^2 < n\}$  do
         $\text{prime}[ji^2] \leftarrow \text{False}$ 
      end for
    end if
  end for
  return prime
end function
```

Multi-Threading

Algorithm 6 Atkins Sieve Kernel

```
function ATKINSKER( $x, y, n$ )  
   $z \leftarrow 4x^2 + y^2$   
  if  $z \leq n$  & ( $z \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  or  $z \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$ ) then  
     $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$   
  end if  
   $z \leftarrow 3x^2 + y^2$   
  if  $z \leq n$  &  $z \equiv 7 \pmod{12}$  then  
     $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$   
  end if  
   $z \leftarrow 3x^2 - y^2$   
  if  $x > y$  &  $z \leq n$  &  $z \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$  then  
     $prime[z] \leftarrow \neg prime[z]$   
  end if  
end function
```

Multi-Threading

Algorithm 7 Remove Perfect Squares Kernel

```
function REMOVEKER( $i, j, n$ )  
     $i\_squared \leftarrow i^2$   
    if  $i\_squared \times j < n$  then  
         $prime[i\_squared \times j] \leftarrow False$   
    end if  
end function
```

Algorithm 8 Multi-threaded Sieve of Atkin

function MULTIATKIN(n)

 Array<bool> *prime*[n] \leftarrow *False* ▷ Allocate in GPU cache

for $x \in \{1, 2, \dots, \sqrt{n}\}$ **do**

 Dispatch \sqrt{n} AtkinsKer

end for

for $i \in \{k^2 | k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \sqrt{n}\}\}$ **do**

 Dispatch \sqrt{n} RemoveKer

end for

return *prime* ▷ After loading the array back into the CPU

cache

end function

Multi-Threading

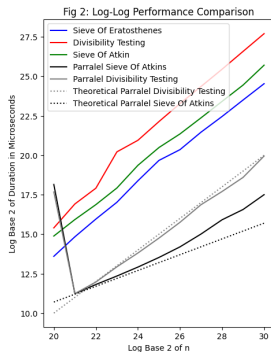


Figure: log-log plot of the duration of different sieve methods.