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# The Sieve of Eratosthenes for finding primes

Reference: Ziegenbalg: Algorithmen von Hammurapi bis Gödel, 4. Auflage, Springer-Spektrum, Wiesbaden 2016, section 3.2.3

## 1 A version essentially using arrays

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(%i1) Eratosthenes Array(UpperLimit) :=
      /* as similar as possible to the BYTE version - with correct result */
      block([A, i, k],
        A: make array(fixnum, UpperLimit+1),
        for i: 0 thru UpperLimit do (A[i]: i),
        A[1]:0,
        i:2,
        while i*i <= UpperLimit do
        (k: i+i,
         while k <= UpperLimit do
          (A[k]:0,
          k: k+i)
         i:i+1),
                                 /* the result is a list with the zeroes removed */
        delete(0, listarray(A)) ) $;
(%i2) Eratosthenes Array(1000);
(%o2) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79,
     83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173,
     179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269,
     271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373,
     379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467,
     479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593,
     599,601,607,613,617,619,631,641,643,647,653,659,661,673,677,683,691,
     701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821,
     823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937,
     941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997
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### 2 A version using lists and delete

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(%i3) Eratosthenes List(UpperLimit) :=
      block([E, i, k],
       E: makelist(j, j, 1, UpperLimit),
       E[1]:0,
       i:2,
       while i*i <= UpperLimit do
        (k: i+i,
        while k <= UpperLimit do
         (E[k]:0,
          k: k+i),
        i:i+1),
       E: delete(0, E),
       E)$;
(%i4) Eratosthenes List(1000);
(%04) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79,
     83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173,
     179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269,
     271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373,
     379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467,
     479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593,
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     701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821,
     823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937,
     941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997
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# 3 A version using sublist with predicate instead of delete

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(%i5) Eratosthenes_SubList(UpperLimit) :=
    /* for avoiding the destructive delete-command */
    block([E, i, k],
        E : makelist(j, j, 1, UpperLimit),
        E[1] : 0,
        i : 2,
        while i*i <= UpperLimit do
        (k : i+i,
        while k <= UpperLimit do
        (E[k] : 0,
              k : k+i),
        i : i+1),
        sublist(E, lambda([x], not(is(x=0)))) ) $ ;</pre>
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(%i6) Eratosthenes SubList(1000);
(%06) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79,
      83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173,
      179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269,
      271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373,
      379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467,
     479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593,
      599,601,607,613,617,619,631,641,643,647,653,659,661,673,677,683,691,
      701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821,
     823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937,
     941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997
     Some tests regarding equality
(%i7) 2+3=5;
(\%07) 5=5
(\%i8) is (2+3=5);
(%08) true
(%i9) is(lambda([x], not(x=0))(2)) /* the "non-zero"-predicate */;
(%o9) true
(%i10) E1: [0,1,0,2,0,0,3,0,0,0,4,0,0,0];
(E1) [0,1,0,2,0,0,3,0,0,0,4,0,0,0]
(\%i11) sublist(E1, lambda([x], not(is(x=0))));
(%o11) [1,2,3,4]
(%i12) functions;
(%012) [Eratosthenes Array (UpperLimit), Eratosthenes List (UpperLimit),
      Eratosthenes SubList (UpperLimit)]
      Timing
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(%i13) timer(all);
(%o13) [Eratosthenes_Array, Eratosthenes_List, Eratosthenes_SubList]
(%i14) timer;
(%014) [Eratosthenes SubList, Eratosthenes List, Eratosthenes Array]
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#### (%i15) Eratosthenes\_Array(10000);

(%015) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79, 83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373, 379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467, 479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593, 599,601,607,613,617,619,631,641,643,647,653,659,661,673,677,683,691, 701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821, 823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937, 941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997,1009,1013,1019,1021,1031,1033, 1039, 1049, 1051, 1061, 1063, 1069, 1087, 1091, 1093, 1097, 1103, 1109, 1117, 1123, 1129, 1151, 1153, 1163, 1171, 1181, 1187, 1193, 1201, 1213, 1217, 1223, 1229, 1231, 1237, 1249, 1259, 1277, 1279, 1283, 1289, 1291, 1297, 1301, 1303, 1307, 1319, 1321, 1327, 1361, 1367, 1373, 1381, 1399, 1409, 1423, 1427, 1429, 1433, 1439, 1447, 1451, 1453, 1459, 1471, 1481, 1483, 1487, 1489, 1493, 1499, 1511, 1523, 1531, 1543, 1549, 1553, 1559, 1567, 1571, 1579, 1583, 1597, 1601, 1607, 1609, 1613, 1619, 1621, 1627, 1637, 1657, 1663, 1667, 1669, 1693, 1697, 1699, 1709, 1721, 1723, 1733, 1741, 1747, 1753, 1759, 1777, 1783, 1787, 1789, 1801, 1811, 1823, 1831, 1847, 1861, 1867, 1871, 1873, 1877, 1879, 1889, 1901, 1907, 1913, 1931, 1933, 1949, 1951, 1973, 1979, 1987, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2011,2017,2027,2029,2039,2053,2063,2069,2081,2083,2087,2089,2099, 2111,2113,2129,2131,2137,2141,2143,2153,2161,2179,2203,2207,2213, 2221,2237,2239,2243,2251,2267,2269,2273,2281,2287,2293,2297,2309, 2311, 2333, 2339, 2341, 2347, 2351, 2357, 2371, 2377, 2381, 2383, 2389, 2393, 2399,2411,2417,2423,2437,2441,2447,2459,2467,2473,2477,2503,2521, 2531,2539,2543,2549,2551,2557,2579,2591,2593,2609,2617,2621,2633, 2647,2657,2659,2663,2671,2677,2683,2687,2689,2693,2699,2707,2711, 2713,2719,2729,2731,2741,2749,2753,2767,2777,2789,2791,2797,2801, 2803, 2819, 2833, 2837, 2843, 2851, 2857, 2861, 2879, 2887, 2897, 2903, 2909, 2917,2927,2939,2953,2957,2963,2969,2971,2999,3001,3011,3019,3023, 3037,3041,3049,3061,3067,3079,3083,3089,3109,3119,3121,3137,3163, 3167,3169,3181,3187,3191,3203,3209,3217,3221,3229,3251,3253,3257, 3259, 3271, 3299, 3301, 3307, 3313, 3319, 3323, 3329, 3331, 3343, 3347, 3359, 3361,3371,3373,3389,3391,3407,3413,3433,3449,3457,3461,3463,3467, 3469,3491,3499,3511,3517,3527,3529,3533,3539,3541,3547,3557,3559, 3571,3581,3583,3593,3607,3613,3617,3623,3631,3637,3643,3659,3671, 3673,3677,3691,3697,3701,3709,3719,3727,3733,3739,3761,3767,3769, 3779,3793,3797,3803,3821,3823,3833,3847,3851,3853,3863,3877,3881, 3889,3907,3911,3917,3919,3923,3929,3931,3943,3947,3967,3989,4001, 4003,4007,4013,4019,4021,4027,4049,4051,4057,4073,4079,4091,4093, 4099,4111,4127,4129,4133,4139,4153,4157,4159,4177,4201,4211,4217, 4219,4229,4231,4241,4243,4253,4259,4261,4271,4273,4283,4289,4297, 4327,4337,4339,4349,4357,4363,4373,4391,4397,4409,4421,4423,4441, 4447,4451,4457,4463,4481,4483,4493,4507,4513,4517,4519,4523,4547, 4549,4561,4567,4583,4591,4597,4603,4621,4637,4639,4643,4649,4651, 4657,4663,4673,4679,4691,4703,4721,4723,4729,4733,4751,4759,4783, 4787,4789,4793,4799,4801,4813,4817,4831,4861,4871,4877,4889,4903, 4909,4919,4931,4933,4937,4943,4951,4957,4967,4969,4973,4987,4993,

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#### (%i16) Eratosthenes\_List(10000);

(%016) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79, 83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373, 379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467, 479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593, 599,601,607,613,617,619,631,641,643,647,653,659,661,673,677,683,691, 701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821, 823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937, 941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997,1009,1013,1019,1021,1031,1033, 1039, 1049, 1051, 1061, 1063, 1069, 1087, 1091, 1093, 1097, 1103, 1109, 1117, 1123, 1129, 1151, 1153, 1163, 1171, 1181, 1187, 1193, 1201, 1213, 1217, 1223, 1229, 1231, 1237, 1249, 1259, 1277, 1279, 1283, 1289, 1291, 1297, 1301, 1303, 1307, 1319, 1321, 1327, 1361, 1367, 1373, 1381, 1399, 1409, 1423, 1427, 1429, 1433, 1439, 1447, 1451, 1453, 1459, 1471, 1481, 1483, 1487, 1489, 1493, 1499, 1511, 1523, 1531, 1543, 1549, 1553, 1559, 1567, 1571, 1579, 1583, 1597, 1601, 1607, 1609, 1613, 1619, 1621, 1627, 1637, 1657, 1663, 1667, 1669, 1693, 1697, 1699, 1709, 1721, 1723, 1733, 1741, 1747, 1753, 1759, 1777, 1783, 1787, 1789, 1801, 1811, 1823, 1831, 1847, 1861, 1867, 1871, 1873, 1877, 1879, 1889, 1901, 1907, 1913, 1931, 1933, 1949, 1951, 1973, 1979, 1987, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2011,2017,2027,2029,2039,2053,2063,2069,2081,2083,2087,2089,2099, 2111,2113,2129,2131,2137,2141,2143,2153,2161,2179,2203,2207,2213, 2221,2237,2239,2243,2251,2267,2269,2273,2281,2287,2293,2297,2309, 2311, 2333, 2339, 2341, 2347, 2351, 2357, 2371, 2377, 2381, 2383, 2389, 2393, 2399,2411,2417,2423,2437,2441,2447,2459,2467,2473,2477,2503,2521, 2531,2539,2543,2549,2551,2557,2579,2591,2593,2609,2617,2621,2633, 2647,2657,2659,2663,2671,2677,2683,2687,2689,2693,2699,2707,2711, 2713,2719,2729,2731,2741,2749,2753,2767,2777,2789,2791,2797,2801, 2803, 2819, 2833, 2837, 2843, 2851, 2857, 2861, 2879, 2887, 2897, 2903, 2909, 2917,2927,2939,2953,2957,2963,2969,2971,2999,3001,3011,3019,3023, 3037,3041,3049,3061,3067,3079,3083,3089,3109,3119,3121,3137,3163, 3167,3169,3181,3187,3191,3203,3209,3217,3221,3229,3251,3253,3257, 3259, 3271, 3299, 3301, 3307, 3313, 3319, 3323, 3329, 3331, 3343, 3347, 3359, 3361,3371,3373,3389,3391,3407,3413,3433,3449,3457,3461,3463,3467, 3469,3491,3499,3511,3517,3527,3529,3533,3539,3541,3547,3557,3559, 3571,3581,3583,3593,3607,3613,3617,3623,3631,3637,3643,3659,3671, 3673,3677,3691,3697,3701,3709,3719,3727,3733,3739,3761,3767,3769, 3779,3793,3797,3803,3821,3823,3833,3847,3851,3853,3863,3877,3881, 3889,3907,3911,3917,3919,3923,3929,3931,3943,3947,3967,3989,4001, 4003,4007,4013,4019,4021,4027,4049,4051,4057,4073,4079,4091,4093, 4099,4111,4127,4129,4133,4139,4153,4157,4159,4177,4201,4211,4217, 4219,4229,4231,4241,4243,4253,4259,4261,4271,4273,4283,4289,4297, 4327,4337,4339,4349,4357,4363,4373,4391,4397,4409,4421,4423,4441, 4447,4451,4457,4463,4481,4483,4493,4507,4513,4517,4519,4523,4547, 4549,4561,4567,4583,4591,4597,4603,4621,4637,4639,4643,4649,4651, 4657,4663,4673,4679,4691,4703,4721,4723,4729,4733,4751,4759,4783, 4787,4789,4793,4799,4801,4813,4817,4831,4861,4871,4877,4889,4903, 4909,4919,4931,4933,4937,4943,4951,4957,4967,4969,4973,4987,4993,

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#### (%i17) Eratosthenes\_SubList(10000);

(%017) [2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,53,59,61,67,71,73,79, 83,89,97,101,103,107,109,113,127,131,137,139,149,151,157,163,167,173, 179, 181, 191, 193, 197, 199, 211, 223, 227, 229, 233, 239, 241, 251, 257, 263, 269, 271,277,281,283,293,307,311,313,317,331,337,347,349,353,359,367,373, 379,383,389,397,401,409,419,421,431,433,439,443,449,457,461,463,467, 479,487,491,499,503,509,521,523,541,547,557,563,569,571,577,587,593, 599,601,607,613,617,619,631,641,643,647,653,659,661,673,677,683,691, 701,709,719,727,733,739,743,751,757,761,769,773,787,797,809,811,821, 823,827,829,839,853,857,859,863,877,881,883,887,907,911,919,929,937, 941,947,953,967,971,977,983,991,997,1009,1013,1019,1021,1031,1033, 1039, 1049, 1051, 1061, 1063, 1069, 1087, 1091, 1093, 1097, 1103, 1109, 1117, 1123, 1129, 1151, 1153, 1163, 1171, 1181, 1187, 1193, 1201, 1213, 1217, 1223, 1229, 1231, 1237, 1249, 1259, 1277, 1279, 1283, 1289, 1291, 1297, 1301, 1303, 1307, 1319, 1321, 1327, 1361, 1367, 1373, 1381, 1399, 1409, 1423, 1427, 1429, 1433, 1439, 1447, 1451, 1453, 1459, 1471, 1481, 1483, 1487, 1489, 1493, 1499, 1511, 1523, 1531, 1543, 1549, 1553, 1559, 1567, 1571, 1579, 1583, 1597, 1601, 1607, 1609, 1613, 1619, 1621, 1627, 1637, 1657, 1663, 1667, 1669, 1693, 1697, 1699, 1709, 1721, 1723, 1733, 1741, 1747, 1753, 1759, 1777, 1783, 1787, 1789, 1801, 1811, 1823, 1831, 1847, 1861, 1867, 1871, 1873, 1877, 1879, 1889, 1901, 1907, 1913, 1931, 1933, 1949, 1951, 1973, 1979, 1987, 1993, 1997, 1999, 2003, 2011,2017,2027,2029,2039,2053,2063,2069,2081,2083,2087,2089,2099, 2111,2113,2129,2131,2137,2141,2143,2153,2161,2179,2203,2207,2213, 2221,2237,2239,2243,2251,2267,2269,2273,2281,2287,2293,2297,2309, 2311, 2333, 2339, 2341, 2347, 2351, 2357, 2371, 2377, 2381, 2383, 2389, 2393, 2399,2411,2417,2423,2437,2441,2447,2459,2467,2473,2477,2503,2521, 2531,2539,2543,2549,2551,2557,2579,2591,2593,2609,2617,2621,2633, 2647,2657,2659,2663,2671,2677,2683,2687,2689,2693,2699,2707,2711, 2713,2719,2729,2731,2741,2749,2753,2767,2777,2789,2791,2797,2801, 2803, 2819, 2833, 2837, 2843, 2851, 2857, 2861, 2879, 2887, 2897, 2903, 2909, 2917,2927,2939,2953,2957,2963,2969,2971,2999,3001,3011,3019,3023, 3037,3041,3049,3061,3067,3079,3083,3089,3109,3119,3121,3137,3163, 3167,3169,3181,3187,3191,3203,3209,3217,3221,3229,3251,3253,3257, 3259, 3271, 3299, 3301, 3307, 3313, 3319, 3323, 3329, 3331, 3343, 3347, 3359, 3361,3371,3373,3389,3391,3407,3413,3433,3449,3457,3461,3463,3467, 3469,3491,3499,3511,3517,3527,3529,3533,3539,3541,3547,3557,3559, 3571,3581,3583,3593,3607,3613,3617,3623,3631,3637,3643,3659,3671, 3673,3677,3691,3697,3701,3709,3719,3727,3733,3739,3761,3767,3769, 3779,3793,3797,3803,3821,3823,3833,3847,3851,3853,3863,3877,3881, 3889,3907,3911,3917,3919,3923,3929,3931,3943,3947,3967,3989,4001, 4003,4007,4013,4019,4021,4027,4049,4051,4057,4073,4079,4091,4093, 4099,4111,4127,4129,4133,4139,4153,4157,4159,4177,4201,4211,4217, 4219,4229,4231,4241,4243,4253,4259,4261,4271,4273,4283,4289,4297, 4327,4337,4339,4349,4357,4363,4373,4391,4397,4409,4421,4423,4441, 4447,4451,4457,4463,4481,4483,4493,4507,4513,4517,4519,4523,4547, 4549,4561,4567,4583,4591,4597,4603,4621,4637,4639,4643,4649,4651, 4657,4663,4673,4679,4691,4703,4721,4723,4729,4733,4751,4759,4783, 4787,4789,4793,4799,4801,4813,4817,4831,4861,4871,4877,4889,4903, 4909,4919,4931,4933,4937,4943,4951,4957,4967,4969,4973,4987,4993,

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#### (%i18) timer\_info();

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