Problem Set 2 Exercise #22: Goldbach's Conjecture

Reference: Lecture 5 notes

Learning objectives: Modular design; Writing Boolean methods

Estimated completion time: 50 minutes

Problem statement:

[Past year CS1101c sit-in lab question]

Goldbach's conjecture (proposed by Christian Goldbach in 1742) is one of the oldest unsolved problems in number theory. It states: every even integer greater than 2 can be written as the sum of two primes.

Write a program PS2_Ex22_Goldbach.java to test Goldbach's Conjecture over a range of <u>even</u> numbers from 4 up to the input number n. This means that if the input is 8, you should check that 4 can be written as a sum of two primes (2 + 2), 6 can be written as a sum of two primes (3 + 3) and 8 can be written as a sum of two primes (3 + 5).

You need to write a modular program. Besides the main() method, there should be at least another method that computes some result.

You may assume that input number *n* is always an even number greater than 2.

Useful tips:

Similar to Exercise #21, you need to sort out your logic clearly before coding.

Sample run #1:

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Enter n: 4
true
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Sample run #2:

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Enter n: 14 true
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