

NUMERICAL ADVENTURES WITH PRIME NUMBERS

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Introduction

The general purpose of this project was to explore the theory of prime numbers through a series of numerical experiments. Our main goals have been to study general and special properties of prime numbers and to understand the difficulties and limitations that one comes across while trying to translate the theory into actual usable information.

Our first task was to produce a list of prime numbers. To this end we came up with all prime numbers that do not exceed 10^8 . This can be achieved by using quite classical means in a very small amount of time. This allowed us to start a further programming task by generating the primes in this range and then manipulating them as desired. In this way we were able to look for special kinds of primes, analyze their distribution and in general get acquainted with the speed that it takes to solve numerical problems like this in the range that we ended up referring to as the *trivial range*.

Our intention was to move outside the trivial range and explore things beyond its confines. The classical problem of finding large primes interested throughout the duration of this project. We did not have the ambition to find the next largest prime - that would have been pointless. We wanted however to find really large prime numbers, possibly prime numbers that have not been identified up to this point.

Simultaneously we sought to examine interesting and possibly more advanced parts of the theory of prime numbers. We looked at connections between the Prime Number Theorem and numerical applications. We engaged in a graphical exploration of the Ulam spiral. We looked at conjectural primality tests. We conducted numerical tests linked to the Dirichlet's theorem on primes in arithmetic progressions.

During our meetings everyone was engaged, bringing new ideas, discussing their successes and failures with the assignments of the previous week, volunteering for the new tasks or giving suggestions for different directions. The role of this presentation is to summarize some of the work that we did. In many cases we took code segments from the web but overall the code and results that we generated were our own work. We made every effort to give credit to our outside sources.

Prime numbers and the Eratosthenes sieve

We begin by looking at some standard notation and terminology. We will denote by \mathbb{N} the set of natural numbers:

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$$

and by \mathbb{Z} the set of integer numbers:

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, 3, -3, \dots\}$$

We say that the natural number n divides the integer number a if there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that:

$$a = nm$$

We then write $n|a$ and we also say that a is divisible by n . It is evident that the number 1 is the only natural number that divides every integer number. On the other hand every natural number is divisible by itself and by the number 1. The natural numbers that are greater than 1 are then of two types. A natural number greater than 1 is called **prime** if it is divisible only by itself and the number 1. Otherwise it is called **composite**. It can be shown that every natural number greater than 1 is divisible by a prime number, or more precisely that it is either prime or a product of prime numbers. Such a representation is essentially unique and this is known as the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

We will also use the language of congruences. If n is a natural number then we will say that the integer numbers are congruent modulo n if their difference is divisible by n . We then write:

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

This is equivalent to a and b having the same remainder when they are divided by n .

An argument that goes back to Euclid shows that there exist infinitely many prime numbers. Indeed, give any nonempty finite set of prime numbers, then their product augmented by 1 is not divisible by any of those primes. Since it has to be divisible by at least one prime number, this establishes that there exists at least one prime number that does not belong to the initial finite set of primes. Hence no finite set of prime numbers can be exhaustive.

Exploring the properties of the set of prime numbers is one of the most fascinating and difficult tasks in mathematics. In this section we begin by looking over an ancient algorithm that theoretically produces all prime numbers. This is the Eratosthenes sieve and it is based upon the fact that every composite natural number is divisible by a prime number that does not exceed its square. Indeed if n is composite, then it can be written as ab where a and b are natural numbers greater than 1. If $a \geq b$, then $b^2 \leq n$ and if p is any prime number dividing b then $p^2 \leq n$ or $p \leq \sqrt{n}$.

This simple property has the following implication. If we start with the set:

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, k^2\}$$

and we strike out 1 and all the numbers that are divisible by primes not exceeding k , then the numbers that are left behind are precisely the primes that are between k and k^2 . In other words, if we know the primes that are less than k then we can easily find the primes that are less than k^2 . More concretely, if we begin with the primes 2, 3, 5, 7 that are precisely the primes that do not exceed 10, then we can easily find the primes that do not exceed 100. Once we can accomplish that, then we can easily

find the primes not exceeding 10,000 and so on. Theoretically we can produce all prime numbers like this. However after a certain point the computations get so overwhelmingly long that this method proves to be rather inefficient for producing very large prime numbers.

We use this method in order to produce an initial segment of numbers that we call the *trivial range*. This consists of the primes that do not exceed 10^8 . Note that before the computer age this would have been a quite remarkable achievement. However, with the emergence of computers this becomes a mere triviality. It gives us a satisfactory range of numbers to work with.

Let us now take a look at the programs that our team wrote:

We used an idea found in the website www.geeksforgeeks.org regarding a simple version of the Eratosthenes sieve. The following program was written by Subash Bushal. Its execution times determined what we considered as *the trivial range* for our work.

| n-Value | # of Primes | Execution Time(s) |
|-----------|-------------|-------------------|
| 10000 | 1229 | 0.022 |
| 1000000 | 78498 | 0.235 |
| 10000000 | 664579 | 2.405 |
| 100000000 | 5761455 | 25.155 |

```

1
2 # sieve_prime.py - Subash Bhusal
3 # This program is to see our limiations of generating prime numbers on given constraints (time limit: 1
  hour)
4 #
5 # We are getting all primes up to a given n, and returning a list using sievePrime(n) method
6 # Then, we are using that list to make it into a pandas dataframe which is later converted into
7 # a csv file to get our list of prime numbers
8
9
10 import time # to time our program execution time
11 import pandas as pd # to create a dataframe and then convert to csv file
12
13 start_time = time.time() # to calculate our execution time
14
15 def sievePrime(n):
16
17     # boolean list that intitalizes with all indices as true
18     # value at prime[i] will be changed to false if i is a prime number
19
20     prime = [True for i in range(n + 2)]
21     p = 2
22     while (p * p <= n + 1):
23         if (prime[p] == True): # check if the value is already prime or not
24             # updating all multiples of p in the given range
25             for i in range(p * 2, n + 2, p):
26                 prime[i] = False
27             p += 1
28
29     # returns a new set that stores all prime numbers from above algorithm
30     prime_num = set()
31     for p in range(2, n-1):
32         if prime[p]:
33             prime_num.add(p)
34     return prime_num
35
36
37 # driver program
38 if __name__ == '__main__':

```

```

39 # Calling the function
40 n = 100000000 #100000000
41 df = pd.DataFrame(sievePrime(n), columns=['Primes'])
42 df.to_csv(path_or_buf='prime_numbers.csv')
43 print(len(df))
44 print("My program took", time.time() - start_time, "to run.")
45

```

Python code

The following program written by Vivek Ily implements the Eratosthenes sieve.

```

1 import json
2
3
4 def prime_eratosthenes(n: int) -> list:
5     # set for tracking composite numbers
6     composite_set = set()
7
8     # set for tracking prime numbers
9     prime_set = set()
10
11     # for all elements in the range n starting with first prime
12     for i in range(2, n + 1):
13
14         # if i is not a composite number
15         if i not in composite_set:
16
17             # add i to the prime set
18             prime_set.add(i)
19
20             # for all elements from i^2 to n+1 stepping i values at a time
21             # by going i values each iteration, it adds only multiples of i to the composite set
22             # any values that it skips will by default be primes
23             for j in range(i * i, n + 1, i):
24                 composite_set.add(j)
25
26     result = list(prime_set)
27     result.sort() # python doesn't like converting a set to a list and sorting on the same line
28
29     with open("primes.json", "w") as write:
30         json.dump(result, write)
31
32     return result

```

Python code implementing the Eratosthenes Sieve

The following program was written by Nero Partida and it also implements the Eratosthenes sieve.

```

1
2 def SieveOfEratosthenes(n):
3
4     prime = [True for i in range(n+1)]
5     p = 2
6     while (p * p <= n):
7
8         if (prime[p] == True):
9
10            for i in range(p ** 2, n + 1, p):
11                prime[i] = False
12            p += 1
13     prime[0] = False
14     prime[1] = False
15

```

```

16     for p in range(n + 1):
17         if prime [p]:
18             print(p, end=' ')
19
20 if __name__ == '__main__':
21     n = 100000
22     print("Following are thr prime numbers smaller ", end=' ')
23     print("than or equal to", n)
24     SieveOfEratosthenes(n)

```

Python Code to generate Primes using the Sieve of Eratosthenes

Finally here is the code by Nicholas Ruffolo for the same task of identifying the primes in the trivial range. The sieve of Erastothenes is an algorithm that is capable of finding primes within a range of numbers by eliminating an integer if it is divisible by a smaller integer other than 1. In this case it is very effective to be ran on a significant, yet not entirely astronomical range of integers. In our research, we considered the range of 1-100,000,000. A primary consideration that was taken into account was the fact that the time it took to run the code at any 10^x greater than 10^8 resulted in hardware and time constraints unable to being to take care of the task. With the code above, and the aforementioned range, we had a run time of roughly under a minute (57.6 seconds).

```

1
2 def sieve(n: int) -> list:
3     """Sieve of Eratosthenes function. Give a value, n, and it will return a sorted list containing all
4     primes in range [1, n+1]"""
5
6     # set for tracking composite numbers
7     composite_set = set()
8
9     # set for tracking prime numbers
10    prime_set = set()
11
12    # for all elements in the range n starting with first prime
13    for i in range(2, n+1):
14
15        # if i is not a composite number
16        if i not in composite_set:
17
18            # add i to the prime set
19            prime_set.add(i)
20
21            # for all elements from i^2 to n+1 stepping i values at a time
22            # by going i values each iteration, it adds only multiples of i to the composite set
23            # any values that it skips will by default be primes
24            for j in range(i*i, n+1, i):
25                composite_set.add(j)
26
27    result = list(prime_set)
28    result.sort() # python doesn't like converting a set to a list and sorting on the same line
29    return result

```

Python code

Special types and patterns of prime numbers

We look at special types of prime numbers. We begin with twin primes. Two primes are called twin primes if they differ by 2. In other words twin primes come in pairs. However, we can call a prime twin if it belongs to a pair of twin primes. There is only one prime number that belongs to two distinct pairs of twin primes: the prime 3. According to the twin prime conjecture, there exist infinitely many twin primes. To this date, this has not been proven or disproven.

We then look at Germain primes. An odd prime p is called a Germain prime if $2p + 1$ is also a prime number. Germain primes originate in Sophie Germain's work on Fermat's last theorem. This was really the first attempt to attack Fermat's conjecture in a general way. Once more it is not known if there are infinitely many Germain primes or not.

A prime number is called **palindromic** if (in base 10) its representation is a palindrome. For example 101 is a palindromic prime.

A prime number p is called regular if its the class number of the number field $\mathbb{Q}(\zeta_p)$ is not divisible by p . This is a notion that requires one to go a little bit deeper from a theoretical point of view in order to understand it. However there are concrete ways to determine whether a given prime number is regular or not. Those ways go through the theory of the Bernoulli numbers. Bernoulli numbers can be defined by the formula:

$$\frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} x^n$$

It turns out that a number p is prime if and only if it does not divide the numerator of any of the Bernoulli numbers B_2, B_4, \dots, B_{p-3} .

A Mersenne prime is prime of the form $2^p - 1$ where p is a prime number. The largest prime numbers that have ever been found are Mersenne primes.

A permutable prime is a prime number that remains prime no matter how its digits are permuted. For example 13 is a permutable prime.

Another interesting topic is arithmetic progressions of prime numbers. The Green-Tao theorem suggests that there exist arbitrarily long arithmetic progressions among prime numbers. We would like to know how much we can say about the trivial range.

We also looked at gaps between prime numbers. It is a straightforward fact that the gap between two consecutive prime numbers can be arbitrarily large (none of the numbers between $n! + 2$ and $n! + n$ is prime for $n \geq 2$). We wanted to see what kind of gaps we expect to have in the trivial range.

Let's look now at the programs that were produced by our team.

The following program written by Jamie Hayes finds Germain primes in the trivial range. We also wanted to find *Germain sequences*, meaning finite sequences of primes so that each term is two times the previous term plus 1. It turns out that we have 14,156,112 Germain primes in the trivial range. The two longest Germain sequences within the trivial range start at 19099919 and 52554569.

```
1
2 def run(primes: list) -> dict:
3     """
4     Returns a dict of all Germain Prime sequences identified in the given list
5     """
6
7     # dict for storing results
8     sequences = dict()
```

```

9
10 # building set of primes of O(1) checking
11 primeSet = set(primes)
12
13 # iterating through all primes in given list
14 for prime in primes:
15
16     # list for storing the current sequence achieved
17     seq = list()
18
19     # assigning the first prime to check as the current prime in the given list of primes
20     gt = prime
21
22     # checking that gt is Germain, and if so, adding to sequence and updating gt
23     while (gt * 2) + 1 in primeSet:
24         seq.append(gt)
25
26         gt = (gt * 2) + 1
27
28     # if the seq variable is not empty, meaning at least one Germain prime was identified, it gets added
    to results
29     if seq:
30         sequences[prime] = {"sequence": seq, "length": len(seq)}
31
32     # returning the results
33     return sequences
34
35

```

Algorithm to identify sequences of Germain primes.

The following program by Jamie Hayes looks for palindromic primes in the trivial range. It turns out that there exist 5,953 palindromic primes in the trivial range.

```

1
2 def eval_palindrome(prime: int) -> bool:
3     """
4     Checks if the given prime is a palindrome arithmetically.
5     Returns boolean.
6     """
7
8     if prime < 10:
9         return True
10
11     # saving prime to variable n to check if n == reverse
12     n = prime
13
14     # variable to track reversed prime value
15     rev = 0
16
17     # since we are using floor division for prime, we iterate until prime <= 0
18     while prime > 0:
19
20         # the current digit being worked on is the remainder from mod 10, giving us the last digit
21         dig = prime % 10
22
23         # multiply current reverse by 10 to allow for addition of dig
24         rev = (rev * 10) + dig
25
26         # floor division on prime to truncate last digit
27         prime = prime // 10
28
29     # if n, the starting prime, is equal to the reverse then it is a palindrome
30     if n == rev:
31         return True

```



```

32     else:
33         return False
34

```

Algorithm to identify palindromic primes

Here is a program written by Eddie Federmeier that generates the Bernoulli numbers and stores the numerators as needed by Kummer's test:

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4  from fractions import Fraction as Fr
5
6  """
7  bernoulli_num(n) generates the first n bernoulli numbers and stores only the even bernoulli number
8  numerators (B(k) where k = 2n) in a file named bernoulli.txt. This script is a slightly modified
9  version of the code found at https://rosettacode.org/wiki/Bernoulli\_numbers#Python. Personally, I
10 didn't have any use for the denominator of the bernoulli numbers so I simply ignore them. This is
11 much more optimal for space, however, the algorithm is still stunted in terms of speed since it's
12 practically exponential, taking nearly 9 hours to generate B(0) -> B(10,000) on an intel i7-6700k
13 """
14
15 n = 1000      # Number of bernoulli numbers to generate.
16               # The numerators will be written to bernoulli.txt
17
18 def bernoulli_generator():
19     A, m = [], 0
20     while True:
21         A.append(Fr(1, m+1))
22         for j in range(m, 0, -1):
23             A[j-1] = j*(A[j-1] - A[j])
24         yield A[0] # (which is Bm)
25         m += 1
26
27 def bernoulli_num(n: int, to_file = True) -> list[int]:
28     bn = [ix for ix in zip(range(n), bernoulli_generator())]
29     bn = [(i, b) for i, b in bn if b]
30
31     if to_file:
32         with open("bernoulli.txt", "w+") as file:
33             index = 0
34             for i, b in bn:
35                 # print('B(%2i) = %i/%i' % (i, width, b.numerator, b.denominator))
36                 if (index > 1):
37                     file.write("%s\n" % str(b.numerator))
38                 index += 1
39     else:
40         _bn = []
41         for i, b in bn:
42             _bn.append(b.numerator)
43     return _bn
44

```

Code related to Bernoulli numbers and regular primes

Here is a program written by Eddie Federmeier that implements Kummer's criterion for regularity:

```

1  #!/usr/bin/env python
2  # -*- coding: utf-8 -*-
3
4  import os
5
6  """

```

```

7 This is a standalone script not meant to be called independently. This script reads
8 in all primes generated from sieve() and all bernoulli number numerators from
9 bernoulli_num(). It will spit out a new text file named regular.txt which contains
10 only regular prime numbers.
11
12 Regular Primes:
13     Def => Prime numbers p which do not divide the numerator of any bernoulli number B(k)
14     for all k where k = 2n and k <= p-3.
15
16     For more info see: https://oeis.org/A007703
17 """
18
19 # If neither file exists, abort!
20 if (not os.path.exists("bernoulli.txt") or not os.path.exists("primes.txt")):
21     print("Please ensure that bernoulli.txt and primes.txt are in the root directory!")
22     exit()
23
24 bernoulli_n = []
25 with open("bernoulli.txt") as file:
26     for line in file:
27         bernoulli_n.append(int(line))
28
29 primes = []
30 with open("primes.txt") as file2:
31     for line2 in file2:
32         primes.append(int(line2))
33
34 # Determine the largest prime which we are allowed to check!
35 p_3 = len(bernoulli_n)*2 + 3
36
37 regular_primes = []
38 for p in primes:
39     if (p <= p_3):
40         if (p-3 >= 0): # This will exlude 2 since B(2-3) is not a valid bernoulli number
41             is_reg = True
42             # print(f"Checking if {p} is regular")
43
44             # Check the divisibility of all even bernoulli numbers less than p-3
45             index = 2
46             for b in bernoulli_n:
47
48                 # Only check B(k) for 2, 4, 6, ..., p-3
49                 if (index > p-3):
50                     break
51
52                 # If p divides B(k), than it is not a regular prime
53                 if (b % p == 0):
54                     is_reg = False
55                     break
56
57                 # This is just to keep track of p < p-3
58                 index += 2
59             else:
60                 is_reg = False
61
62             if (is_reg):
63                 # print(f"{p} is regular")
64                 regular_primes.append(p)
65
66             else:
67                 break
68
69 # Dump it all to a file!
70 with open("reg.txt", "w+") as file:
71     for reg in regular_primes:

```

```

72         file.write("%s\n" % str(reg))
73

```

Code related to Bernoulli numbers and regular primes

The following program written by Subash Bhusal counts twin primes. Here are the results depending on how many prime numbers we examine:

| n-Value | # of Primes | Execution Time (s) |
|-----------|-------------|--------------------|
| 10000 | 205 | 0.004 |
| 1000000 | 8169 | 0.143 |
| 10000000 | 58980 | 1.66 |
| 100000000 | 440312 | 18.710 |

```

1
2 # twin_prime.py - Subash Bhusal
3
4 #
5 # This program uses the eratosthenes sieve algorithm to generate primes then use that list to check for
6 # all instances
7 # of twin prime numbers, prime numbers that differ by 2.
8 #
9 # Similiary to last program, we have recorded the execution time for this program as well as convereted
10 # the output into csv file to anayalze.
11
12 import time # to time our program execution time
13 import pandas as pd # to create a dataframe and then convert to csv file
14
15 start_time = time.time()
16 def twinPrime(n):
17
18     # eratosthenes sieve - first we generate the primes using eratosthenes sieve,
19     # where we set all values to true first, then set all non prime numbers as false
20     prime = [True for i in range(n + 2)]
21     p = 2
22     while (p * p <= n + 1):
23         if (prime[p] == True):
24             for i in range(p * 2, n + 2, p):
25                 prime[i] = False
26         p += 1
27
28     #code for twin prime
29     twin_prime = set()
30     for p in range(2, n-1):
31         if prime[p] and prime[p + 2]:
32             twin_prime.add((p, p+2))
33     result = list(twin_prime)
34     result.sort()
35     return result
36
37 # driver program
38 if __name__ == '__main__':
39
40     # Calling the function
41     n = 100000000 #100,000,000
42     df = pd.DataFrame(twinPrime(n), columns=['Prime A', 'Prime B'])
43     df.to_csv(path_or_buf='twin_primes_fast.csv')
44     print(len(df))

```

```
44 print("My program took", time.time() - start_time, "to run.")
```

Python code

Erik Raaum wrote the following program that searches the trivial range for arithmetic progressions of length 6.

```
1 # arithmetic_progression.py - Erik Raaum
2 #
3 # arithmetic_progression holds one function, arithmetic_prog, which takes a list of primes and a maximum
4 # step size as inputs.
5 # The function returns a list of arithmetic progressions of length exactly 6.
6 # The first such series is {7, 37, 67, 97, 127, 157}.
7 # Checked up to 100,000,000 with step length up to 10,000 in 15.56 minutes: 348,120 series found
8
9 def length6(primes: list, max_step: int):
10
11     prime_set = set(primes)
12     count = 0
13
14     # Iterate through all inputted primes.
15     for prime in primes:
16
17         # Iterate through each possible step size: Every sequence's step size will be a multiple of 30
18         for step_size in range(30, max_step+1, 30):
19             # sequence_list saves the sequence generated
20             sequence_list = [prime]
21             next_element = -1
22             i = 1
23
24             while next_element <= primes[-1]:
25
26                 # getting next in sequence
27                 next_element = prime + (step_size * i)
28
29                 # increment i
30                 i += 1
31
32                 # If next_element is a prime, we add it to the list
33                 if next_element in prime_set:
34                     sequence_list.append(next_element)
35                     # If the list has length 6, we stop and increment count.
36                     if len(sequence_list) == 6:
37                         count+=1
38                         break
39                 else:
40                     break
41
42     return count
```

Python code

The following program written by Nero Partida looks for Mersenne Primes. What we find here is that in the first 100 million numbers we only get around 7 mersenne primes. Those are 3, 7, 31, 127, 8191, 131071, 524287.

```
1 import math
2
3 def primes(n):
4
5     sieve = [True] * (n // 2)
6     for i in range(3, int(math.sqrt(n))+1, 2):
7         if sieve[i//2]:
8             sieve[i*i//2::i] = [False] * ((n - i*i - 1) // (2*i) + 1)
```

```

10         return [2] + [2*i+1 for i in range (1, n // 2) if sieve[i]]
11
12 n = 1000
13
14 P = set(primes(n))
15
16 A = []
17 for i in range(2, int(math.log(n+1, 2))+1):
18     A.append(2**i -1)
19
20 M = P.intersection(A)
21
22 print(sorted(list(M)))

```

Python code to calculate Mersenne Primes in a given range. Code by Nero Partida

The following code by Nicholas Ruffolo explored the prime gaps in the trivial range. It determined that the largest such gap is equal to 220 and it is between the numbers 47326693 and 47326913. The run time for the program was 45.1 seconds.

```

1
2 #Largest gap
3 def maxDelta(primes: list) -> dict:
4     """Will take a sorted list of integers and determine the greatest gap between two consecutive values
5     in the list. Returns a dictionary containing the the two values and the size of the gap."""
6
7     # maximum is a variable for tracking the largest gap found. If a gap is greater than maximum, the
8     value will be updated.
9     maximum = 0
10
11     # values is a variable for tracking the two numbers where the gap occurs.
12     values = [0, 0]
13
14     # this for-loop will iterate through all of the numbers in the list that is given as an argument
15     # as we iterate through the list, we compare the number at the current index (i) to the number at the
16     next index (i + 1)
17     for i in range(0, len(primes) - 1):
18
19         # n is a variable storing the number at index 'i'
20         n = primes[i]
21
22         # m is a variable storing the number at index 'i + 1'
23         m = primes[i + 1]
24
25         # delta is just the absolute value of the difference between n and m
26         delta = abs(m - n)
27
28         # if delta is greater than the current maximum gap, than:
29         if delta > maximum:
30
31             # maximum is updated to the new maximum gap
32             maximum = delta
33
34             # values is updated to store the two numbers where the gap occurs
35             values = [n, m]
36
37     # lastly, we return a dictionary which stores key:value values
38     # 'primes' stores the two numbers where the gap occurred
39     # 'gap' stores the size of the gap
40     return {'primes': values, 'gap': maximum }

```

Python code

The following program by Nicholas Ruffolo looked for permutable primes in part of the trivial range. It was based on code

by Florian Rohrer as well as the sieve code written by Jamie Hayes. It did not find anything more than the following small permutable primes: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 31, 37, 71, 73, 79, 97, 113, 131, 199, 311, 337, 373, 733, 919, 991 and the execution time was about 11 minutes.

```

1
2 # permutable v2
3 from collections import deque
4 import itertools
5
6
7 def perms(p):
8     result = []
9     d = deque(str(p))
10    for _ in range(len(str(p))):
11        d.rotate(1)
12        return [int(''.join(p)) for p in itertools.permutations(str(p))]
13    return result
14
15 prev_primes = []
16
17 for poss_prime in range(2,1000):
18     for n in prev_primes:
19         if poss_prime % n == 0:
20             break
21     else: # no break
22         prev_primes.append(poss_prime)
23
24 result = [p for p in prev_primes if all(q in prev_primes for q in perms(p))]
25 result.sort()
26 print(result)
27
28 #combined code to incorporate the Sieve
29 from permutablev2 import perms
30
31
32 def sieve(n: int) -> list:
33     """Sieve of Eratosthenes function. Give a value, n, and it will return a sorted list containing all
34     primes in range [1, n+1]"""
35
36     # set for tracking composite numbers
37     composite_set = set()
38
39     # set for tracking prime numbers
40     prime_set = set()
41
42     # for all elements in the range n starting with first prime
43     for i in range(2, n+1):
44
45         # if i is not a composite number
46         if i not in composite_set:
47
48             # add i to the prime set
49             prime_set.add(i)
50
51             # for all elements from i^2 to n+1 stepping i values at a time
52             # by going i values each iteration, it adds only multiples of i to the composite set
53             # any values that it skips will by default be primes
54             for j in range(i*i, n+1, i):
55                 composite_set.add(j)
56
57     result = list(prime_set)
58     result.sort() # python doesn't like converting a set to a list and sorting on the same line
59     return result
60
61 prev_primes = []

```

```
61
62 for poss_prime in range(2,1000000):
63     for n in prev_primes:
64         if poss_prime % n == 0:
65             break
66         else: # no break
67             prev_primes.append(poss_prime)
68
69 result = [p for p in prev_primes if all(q in prev_primes for q in perms(p))]
70 result.sort()
71 print(result)
```

Python code

Dirichlet's theorem

Two integer numbers a and b are called coprime if and only if their only common divisor is the number 1. If a and b are natural coprime numbers, then according to Dirichlet's theorem, there exist infinitely many prime numbers of the form $an + b$. In fact it can be shown that for a given number a , the amounts of primes that correspond to the different remainders of division by a are uniformly distributed.

The following program was written by Erik Rauum, Subash Bhusal and Jamie Hayes and it computes the amounts of prime numbers with a given remainder.

| n-Value | Average Proportion | Execution Time (s) |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------|
| 100000 | 0.025000000000000005 | 0.028 |
| 1000000 | 0.025 | 0.258 |
| 10000000 | 0.025000000000000005 | 2.689 |
| 100000000 | 0.025000000000000005 | 29.752 |

```
1
2 # dirichlet.py - Erik, Subash, Jamie
3 #
4 # This program examines the sequences  $q + nd$ , where  $d$  is coprime to  $q$ .
5 # It returns a dictionary where each entry  $q$  corresponds to its proportion
6 # of primes found.
7 #
8 # Got 100 up to 100,000,000 in 37 seconds.
9 # Accurate to 6 decimals.
10 # Got up to 1 billion in 48.88 minutes
11
12 from math import gcd
13 import numpy as np
14 import time
15
16 def runBool(n: int) -> list:
17     """
18     Sieve of Eratosthenes that uses a list of boolean values rather
19     than integers in order to be more memory efficient.
20     """
21     bools = np.full(n + 1, True)
22     bools[0] = False
23     bools[1] = False
24     i = 2 # Start at 2 since 0 and 1 are not primes
25
26     while i * i <= n:
27         # If prime[i] is not changed, then it is a prime
28         if bools[i]:
29             # Update all multiples of i as False
30             for j in range(i ** 2, n + 1, i):
31                 bools[j] = False
32             # Check next number
33             i += 1
34
35     results = list()
36     for i in range(n + 1):
37         if bools[i]:
38             results.append(i)
39
40     return results
41
42 # Converts a list of primes from sieve function to list of 1s for primes, 0s for composites
43 def sieve_to_binary(input):
44     prime_binary = [0] * (input[-1] + 1) # Create list of 0s
```



```

45     for i in input:
46         prime_binary[i] = 1 # Change prime numbered entries to 1
47     return prime_binary
48
49
50 # This program examines the sequences  $q + nd$ , where  $d$  is coprime to  $q$ .
51 # It returns a dictionary where each entry  $q$  corresponds to its proportion
52 # of primes found.
53 # Got 100 up to 100,000,000 in 37 seconds.
54 # Accurate to 6 decimals.
55 # Got up to 1 billion in 48.88 minutes
56 def dirichlet_test(q):
57     total_passed = 0 # Total primes of the form  $q+nd$  found
58     prime_list = runBool(MAX_INT) # List of primes (10,000,000)
59     binary_list = sieve_to_binary(prime_list) # Converts the list of primes to a binary list.
60     primeLen = len(binary_list)
61     proportions_dictionary = {} # The dictionary to be returned
62
63     # For any  $d$  coprime to  $q$ , we find the number of primes of the form  $q+nd$  and the total primes found
64     # for all  $d$ 
65     for d in range(q):
66         if gcd(d, q) == 1:
67             to_test = q + d
68             d_test_passed = 0
69             while to_test < primeLen:
70                 if binary_list[to_test] == 1:
71                     d_test_passed += 1
72                     total_passed += 1
73                 to_test += q
74             proportions_dictionary[d] = d_test_passed
75
76     # Convert a count of primes for each  $d$  value to a proportion
77     for key, value in proportions_dictionary.items():
78         proportions_dictionary[key] = value / total_passed
79
80     # Returns the proportion of primes found in a dictionary
81     return proportions_dictionary
82
83 if __name__ == "__main__":
84     MAX_INT = 100000000
85     value = int(input("Enter a value: "))
86     start_time = time.time()
87     D = dirichlet_test(value)
88     # prints all the coprimes and their proportion
89     for key, value in D.items():
90         print(str(key) + ": " + str(value))
91     print("My program took", time.time() - start_time, "to run.")

```

Python code

The Prime Number Theorem

The Prime Number Theorem states that the amount of prime numbers that does not exceed x is approximately $x/\log x$. One of the functions used in the process of proving the PNT is Chebyshev's theta function:

$$\vartheta(x) = \sum_{p \leq x} \log p$$

In fact the Prime Number Theorem itself is equivalent to the statement that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\vartheta(x)}{x} = 1$$

It is also quite interesting that it has been proven that $\vartheta(x) - x$ changes sign infinitely many times. We wanted to explore this property by finding the sign of this expression in the trivial range.

Here is a program written by Jamie Hayes computing the function $\vartheta(x)$ in the trivial range. It turns out that $\vartheta(x)$ never changes sign in this range. In fact, one has to go to astronomically large numbers in order to observe the first change in sign.

```
1  from math import log
2
3
4
5  def run(primeList: list) -> list:
6      """
7      Chebyshev's Theta Function.
8      Returns a sorted list containing the log transformed product of the primorial at each prime in the
9      given list.
10     """
11
12     # list for storing the product at each nth prime
13     products = list()
14
15     # initiating var to store current Theta(x)
16     lastVal = 0
17
18     # iterating through all primes in the list
19     for prime in primeList:
20
21         # getting sum of logs
22         # using log laws, we know log(n) + log(m) == log(nm)
23         current = log(prime) + lastVal
24
25         # storing to list
26         products.append(current)
27
28         # updating product
29         lastVal = current
30
31     return products
32
```

Computing Chebyshev's theta function.

Primality testing

Finding large prime numbers is one of the main goals in the theory of prime numbers. Here we apply a simple-minded search based on several theoretical results that we mention below. There are several primality tests. Some of them are probabilistic. Other are deterministic. Probabilistic primality tests identify numbers that have a strong probability of being prime. Deterministic tests, prove, when certain conditions are satisfied, that a given number is prime.

For some of this tests, it is useful to know Fermat's little theorem according to which if p is prime then for any integer a not divisible by p , we have:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

This means that if we have a number n for which the congruence:

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

is wrong for a given a that is coprime to n , then it cannot be a prime number. On the other hand, if this is correct for a given a which is coprime to n , then this may make us hope (but certainly not decide) that n is prime. In fact this is the content of the **Fermat Primality Test**. One chooses a number a less than n and tests the equality $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. If it is true then we think of n as having some probability of being prime.

The **Miller-Rabin test** is also probabilistic and it is based on the following process. We have a number n and we consider a number a which is coprime to n . We then write $n - 1 = 2^s m$, where m is an odd number. We then test to see if the numbers

$$a^m, a^{2m}, \dots, a^{2^s m}$$

are all equal to 1 with the possible exception of the first one that could be -1. If this is the case, then the test is passed by n and it has a strong probability to be a prime number.

It is conjectured that the following test is deterministic. If n is natural number satisfying:

- $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
- $F_{n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$

then n is a prime number. Here F_{n+1} is the $n + 1$ -th term of the Fibonacci sequence defined by $F_0 = F_1 = 1$ and $F_{n+2} = F_{n+1} + F_n$.

The following program, written by Jamie Hayes, we are looking for big prime numbers using the following method. We choose a segment of natural numbers beyond the trivial range - say of length 10,000. We sieve out all multiples of prime numbers that do not exceed 10,000 and then we apply a probabilistic test like the Miller-Rabin test to the remaining numbers. Thus we get numbers that have a strong probability of being primes. To these we apply the Fibonacci primality test, which is conjectured to be deterministic.

```
1
2 from random import randrange
3 import numpy as np
4
5
```

```

6 ##### High Digit Sieve #####
7 def sieve(sieve_primes: list, l: int, u: int, t: int) -> list:
8     """
9     sieve_primes: a list of trivial primes to sieve out majority of composite numbers in high digit range
10    l: lower bound of interval
11    u: upper bound of interval
12    t: number of tests to iterate on each potential prime
13
14    t=1 conducts single Fermat test
15    t=60 for error rate of 2(-128)
16    """
17
18    # ensuring boundaries are odd
19    if l % 2 == 0:
20        l -= 1
21    if u % 2 == 0:
22        u += 1
23
24    shape = int((u - l) / 2)
25    bools = np.full(shape, None)
26    i = 0
27
28    # iterating through only odd numbers on interval
29    for n in range(l, u, 2):
30
31        # initially assumed to be prime
32        stat = True
33
34        # checking if any prime factors exist for n
35        # starts at smallest primes which are most probable
36        for p in sieve_primes:
37
38            # if p is a factor of n, we know its composite and exit check
39            if n % p == 0:
40                stat = False
41                break
42
43        # if all prime factor checks completed, run Miller-Rabin and store result
44        if stat:
45            bools[i] = _mr(n, t)
46        # if prime factor checks failed, store result immediately
47        else:
48            bools[i] = stat
49
50        # increment i
51        i += 1
52
53    # list of resulting primes
54    primes = list()
55    # iterator variable
56    j = 0
57
58    # cross checking elements in interval against boolean results
59    for n in range(l, u, 2):
60
61        if bools[j] == True:
62            primes.append(n)
63
64        j += 1
65
66    # running each remaining prime through Fibonacci Primality
67    for p in primes:
68
69        fib = _ft(p)
70

```

```

71     if not fib:
72         primes.remove(p)
73
74     # returning result
75     return primes
76
77
78 ##### Miller-Rabin Test #####
79 # This code has been duplicated from the millerRabin.py module to avoid requiring imports when sharing
    with the team.
80 def _mr(n: int, t: int) -> bool:
81     """
82     n: number to be evaluated
83     t: number of test iterations
84     Function for running the Miller-Rabin primality test.
85     Will run the test t times.
86     Returns a boolean showing that n is either composite or probably prime.
87     """
88
89     if n == 2 or n == 3:
90         return True
91
92     if n > 2 and n % 2 == 0:
93         return False # n is even
94
95     # ensuring atleast 1 test iteration is run
96     if t <= 0:
97         t += 1
98
99     # we will halve m iteratively until we achieve the equality:
100    # n - 1 = (2^k)m
101    k = 0
102    m = n - 1
103
104    # this loop halves m
105    while m % 2 == 0:
106        k += 1
107        m //= 2 # floor div
108
109    # we now have k, m such that m is an odd integer
110
111    for _ in range(t):
112
113        # determining random test value in range [2, n - 1]
114        a = randrange(2, n - 1)
115
116        # getting initial value for b
117        b = pow(a, m, n)
118
119        # initial check for primality
120        if b == 1 or b == n - 1:
121            continue
122
123        # iterate until a result is found
124        for _ in range(k - 1):
125
126            # raising b**2 and getting remainder from modulo n
127            b = pow(b, 2, n)
128
129            # checking value of b
130            if b == n - 1:
131                break
132
133        # if inner loop ends, check reason for ending
134        # loop was broken

```

```

135     if b == n - 1:
136         continue
137     # loop ran out
138     else:
139         return False
140
141     # if all iterations were completed without throwing False, then n is probably prime
142     return True
143
144
145 ##### Fibonacci Test #####
146 def _ft(n: int) -> bool:
147     """
148     Fibonacci test to identify if number is prime deterministically.
149     Generates Fibonacci sequence modulo p.
150     n: prime number
151     """
152
153     fib_seq = [0, 1, 1]
154     i = 3
155     while i <= n + 1:
156         next_element = (fib_seq[-1] + fib_seq[-2]) % n
157         fib_seq.append(next_element)
158         del fib_seq[0]
159         i += 1
160
161     # Then we test if the n+1th term or the n-1th of the sequence is divisible by n
162     # If yes, n is prime. Otherwise, n is composite
163     if (fib_seq[-1] == 0) or (fib_seq[0] == 0):
164         return True
165     return False
166
167

```

Combination of several algorithms to sieve for primes in the non-trivial range, returning prime numbers deterministically.

Here is another program written by Vivek Ily that implements the Miller-Rabin test:

Another test used for primality testing is the Miller-Rabin primality test. Again, the Miller-Rabin primality test is a probabilistic primality test. The following code can be used for the Miller-Rabin primality test:

```

1 from random import randrange
2
3 def miller_rabin(n: int, t: int) -> bool:
4     """
5     n: number to be evaluated
6     t: number of test iterations
7     """
8
9     if n == 2 or n == 3:
10         return True
11
12     if n > 2 and n % 2 == 0:
13         return False # n is even
14
15     # we will halve m iteratively until we achieve the equality:
16     # n - 1 = (2^k)m
17     k = 0
18     m = n - 1
19
20     # this loop halves m
21     while m % 2 == 0:
22         k += 1
23         m //= 2 # floor div

```

```

24
25     # we now have k, m such that m is an odd integer
26
27     for _ in range(t):
28
29         # determining random test value in range [2, n - 1]
30         a = randrange(2, n - 1)
31
32         # getting initial value for b
33         b = pow(a, m, n)
34
35         # initial check for primality
36         if b == 1 or b == n - 1:
37             continue
38
39         # iterate until a result is found
40         for _ in range(k - 1):
41
42             # raising b**2 and getting remainder from modulo n
43             b = pow(b, 2, n)
44
45             # checking value of b
46             if b == n - 1:
47                 break
48
49         # if inner loop ends, check reason for ending
50         # loop was broken
51         if b == n - 1:
52             continue
53         # loop ran out
54         else:
55             return False
56
57     # if all iterations were completed without throwing False, then n is probably prime
58     return True

```

Python code to determine primality (probabilistically) by using the Miller-Rabin primality test

Here is a program written by Vivek Ily that implements Fermat's test:

```

1 from random import randint
2
3
4 def little_theorem(n: int, k: int) -> bool:
5     # These are easily determined, no need for the flt
6     if n < 2:
7         return False
8     elif n == 2 or n == 3:
9         return True
10    elif n % 2 == 0:
11        return False
12
13    for _ in range(k):
14        a = randint(2, n - 2)
15
16        if pow(a, n - 1, n) != 1:
17            return False
18
19    # if all iterations were completed without throwing False, then n is probably prime
20    return True

```

Python code to determine primality using the Fermat primality test

The following program was written by Erik Rauum and it implements the Fermat primality test:

```

1
2 # exponent_generator.py - Erik Raaum
3 #
4 # This is a function to generate a list of numbers between inputs m and n,
5 # so that for each number i in the range, i divides  $2^{(i-1)}-1$ .
6 # While each returned number is prime, it should be noted that this test does not find all primes in the
   input range.
7 # In testing, we checked between 1,000,000,000 and 1,000,000,050 in 27 minutes.
8 # The numbers found were 1,000,000,007, 1,000,000,009, 1,000,000,021, and 1,000,000,033.
9
10
11 def exponent_generator(m,n):
12     # Passed is a list storing the numbers that pass the test.
13     passed=[]
14     # to_test is the number that will be passed through the test next.
15     to_test=m
16     while to_test<=n:
17         # Quickly sieve out some numbers
18         if to_test % 2 == 0 or to_test % 3 == 0 or to_test % 5 == 0:
19             to_test+=1
20
21         else:
22             # Here we check if to_test divides  $2^{(to\_test-1)}$ .
23             # To calculate  $2^{(to\_test-1)}$  quickly, we do so modulo to_test.
24             c = 1
25             for i in range(1,to_test):
26                 c = (2*c) % to_test
27             # If so, we add the number to passed.
28             if c == 1:
29                 passed.append(to_test)
30             to_test+=1
31
32     return passed

```

Python code

The following program was written by Erik Raaum and it implements the primality test that is based on the Fibonacci sequence.

```

1
2 # Fibonacci_test.py - Erik Raaum
3 # This function runs the Fibonacci primality test on a single number to determine its primality.
4 # Conjecture states that if n divides the (n+1)th term of the fibonacci sequence, then n is prime.
5 # Tested 5,000,000,029 in 62.3 minutes
6
7 def fibonacci_prime_test(n):
8     #This function uses the fibonacci test to test determine the input n's primality
9     #First we generate the Fibonacci sequence mod n
10    #No more than 4 entries are stored at a time for memory
11    fib_seq = [0,1,1]
12    i = 3
13    while i <= n+1:
14        next_element = (fib_seq[-1]+fib_seq[-2]) % n
15        fib_seq.append(next_element)
16        del fib_seq[0]
17        i+=1
18
19    #Then we test if the n+1th term or the n-1th of the sequence is divisible by n
20    #If yes, n is prime. Otherwise, n is composite
21    if (fib_seq[-1] == 0) or (fib_seq[0] == 0):
22        return True
23    return False
24

```

Python code

The following code was contributed by Nicholas Ruffolo and is contributed to Jamie Hayes. The Miller-Rabin test is a means to determine if an integer is a prime number or not, using probability similar to the Fermat test. This code can run itself 100,000,000 times to make it extremely probable that a number is prime in a few seconds for the largest prime in the range of 1-100,000,000. To make it very probable that a number is prime, we can have it run itself 40-60 times. For the smallest prime (2), the run time was 1.7 seconds. For the largest prime in our designated range (999999989), the run time was considerably larger, at 7 minutes and 12.5 seconds. The largest number I was able to find that could be ran in a reasonable amount of time was $(2^{19937}) - 1$ and it came out as true in 70 minutes. It should be noted, that for every prime that was tested here with this test, the result came out as true, but every prime with a run time here is a confirmed prime.

```
1
2 #v3
3
4 from random import randrange
5
6 def evaluate(n: int, t: int) -> bool:
7     """
8     n: number to be evaluated
9     t: number of test iterations
10    Function for running the Miller-Rabin primality test.
11    Will run the test t times.
12    Returns a boolean showing that n is either composite or probably prime.
13    """
14
15    if n == 2 or n == 3:
16        return True
17
18    if n > 2 and n % 2 == 0:
19        return False # n is even
20
21    # we will halve m iteratively until we achieve the equality:
22    # n - 1 = (2^k)m
23    k = 0
24    m = n - 1
25
26    # this loop halves m
27    while m % 2 == 0:
28        k += 1
29        m //= 2 # floor div
30
31    # we now have k, m such that m is an odd integer
32
33    for _ in range(t):
34        dcr
35        a = randrange(2, n - 1)
36
37        # getting initial value for b
38        b = pow(a, m, n)
39
40        # initial check for primality
41        if b == 1 or b == n - 1:
42            continue
43
44        # iterate until a result is found
45        for _ in range(k - 1):
46
47            # raising b**2 and getting remainder from modulo n
48            b = pow(b, 2, n)
49
50            # checking value of b
51            if b == n - 1:
```

```

52         break
53
54     # if inner loop ends, check reason for ending
55     # loop was broken
56     if b == n - 1:
57         continue
58     # loop ran out
59     else:
60         return False
61
62     # if all iterations were completed without throwing False, then n is probably prime
63     return True

```

Python code

We also have some more code contributed by Nicholas Ruffolo on the Fermat primality test. Similar to the Miller-Rabin test, the Fermat Primality test uses probabilities as a method to see whether an integer is a prime number or not. Using this test, it was possible to verify the largest prime in our data range (99999989) in 8.8 seconds with 1 million runs of the test for verification. These two tests should be taken with a grain of salt, considering these tests only consider a number a prime though a high probability they are prime, rather than being deterministic/definitive in their testing. Written by Aanchal Tiwari

```

1
2
3 #Fermat Primality Test
4
5 import random
6 # If n is prime, then always returns true,
7 # If n is composite than returns false with
8 # high probability Higher value of k increases
9 # probability of correct result
10 def isPrime(n, k):
11
12     # Corner cases
13     if n == 1 or n == 4:
14         return False
15     elif n == 2 or n == 3:
16         return True
17
18     # Try k times
19     else:
20         for i in range(k):
21
22             # Pick a random number
23             # in [2..n-2]
24             # Above corner cases make
25             # sure that n > 4
26             a = random.randint(2, n - 2)
27
28             # Fermat's little theorem
29             if power(a, n - 1, n) != 1:
30                 return False
31
32     return True
33
34 # Driver code
35 k = 3
36 if isPrime(11, k):
37     print("true")
38 else:
39     print("false")
40
41 if isPrime(15, k):
42     print("true")

```

```
43 else:  
44     print("false")  
45  
46 # This code is contributed by Aanchal Tiwari
```

Python code

More on twin primes

The study of the twin prime conjecture is quite extensive. In fact Chen's theorem has achieved significant progress. There is also Brun's work on the sum of the reciprocals of the twin primes. It is believed that this sum converges and its value has been computed by using a significant range of prime numbers - much more comprehensive than our trivial range.

The following program was contributed by Nicholas Ruffolo and it estimates Brun's constant by using the primes in the trivial range. It was estimated to be 1.75881562. The run time for the code was 44.1 seconds. By considering the primes within the first 100 billion numbers one can find a better estimate, around 1.90216.

```
1 #Brun's Constant
2 import pprint
3 import time # to time our program execution time
4 import pandas as pd # to create a dataframe and then convert to csv file
5
6 start_time = time.time()
7 def twinPrime1(n):
8
9     # eratosthenes sieve - first we generate the primes using eratosthenes sieve,
10    # where we set all values to true first, then set all non prime numbers as false
11    prime = [True for i in range(n + 2)]
12    p = 2
13    while (p * p <= n + 1):
14        if (prime[p] == True):
15            for i in range(p * 2, n + 2, p):
16                prime[i] = False
17        p += 1
18
19    #code for twin prime
20    twin_prime1 = set()
21    for p in range(2, n-1):
22        if prime[p] and prime[p + 2]:
23            twin_prime1.add((p))
24    result = list(twin_prime1)
25    result.sort()
26    return(result)
27
28    # Calling the function
29
30 import pprint
31 import time # to time our program execution time
32 import pandas as pd # to create a dataframe and then convert to csv file
33
34 start_time = time.time()
35 def twinPrime2(n):
36
37    # eratosthenes sieve - first we generate the primes using eratosthenes sieve,
38    # where we set all values to true first, then set all non prime numbers as false
39    prime = [True for i in range(n + 2)]
40    p = 2
41    while (p * p <= n + 1):
42        if (prime[p] == True):
43            for i in range(p * 2, n + 2, p):
44                prime[i] = False
45        p += 1
46
47    #code for twin prime
48    twin_prime2 = set()
49    for p in range(2, n-1):
50        if prime[p] and prime[p + 2]:
51            twin_prime2.add((p+2))
52    result = list(twin_prime2)
53    result.sort()
```

```
54     return(result)
55
56     # Calling the function
57
58 import PrimeB as B
59 import PrimeA as A
60 import pandas as pd
61 import summationcopy as sc
62 listb = B.twinPrime2(100000000)
63 lista = A.twinPrime1(100000000)
64 bruns = 0
65 for x,y in zip(lista,listb):
66     bruns += (1/(x))+(1/(y))
67 print(bruns)
```

Python code

Prime numbers and graphics

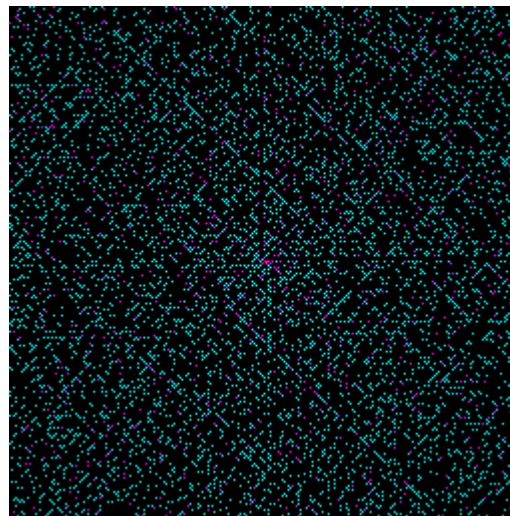
Primes are in general very irregularly distributed. However there are some very striking attempts to visualize prime numbers within the natural numbers. One such visualization attempt is through the Ulam spiral.

The following program was written by Vivek Ily and gives a visualization of the Ulam spiral.

```
1 import numpy as np
2 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
3 import matplotlib.cm as cm
4
5 def make_spiral(arr):
6     nrows, ncols = arr.shape
7     idx = np.arange(nrows*ncols).reshape(nrows,ncols)[::-1]
8     spiral_idx = []
9     while idx.size:
10         spiral_idx.append(idx[0])
11         # Remove the first row (the one we've just appended to spiral).
12         idx = idx[1:]
13         # Rotate the rest of the array anticlockwise
14         idx = idx.T[::-1]
15     # Make a flat array of indices spiralling into the array.
16     spiral_idx = np.hstack(spiral_idx)
17     # Index into a flattened version of our target array with spiral indices.
18     spiral = np.empty_like(arr)
19     spiral.flat[spiral_idx] = arr.flat[::-1]
20     return spiral
```

Python code to display the Ulam spiral

Here is an Ulam spiral visualization generated by Eddie Federmeier. The general prime numbers are depicted in blue and the Germain primes in pink.



The following two programs were written by Nero Partida and they also implement the Ulam Spiral.

```
1
2 # Python code to print Ulam's spiral
3 import numpy as np
4 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
5 import matplotlib.cm as cm
6
7 # function to plot out the ulam spiral
```

```

8 def make_spiral(arr):
9     nrows, ncols= arr.shape
10    idx = np.arange(nrows*ncols).reshape(nrows,ncols)[::-1]
11    spiral_idx = []
12    while idx.size:
13        spiral_idx.append(idx[0])
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15        # Remove the first row (the one we've
16        # just appended to spiral).
17        idx = idx[1:]
18
19        # Rotate the rest of the array anticlockwise
20        idx = idx.T[::-1]
21
22    # Make a flat array of indices spiralling
23    # into the array.
24    spiral_idx = np.hstack(spiral_idx)
25
26    # Index into a flattened version of our
27    # target array with spiral indices.
28    spiral = np.empty_like(arr)
29    spiral.flat[spiral_idx] = arr.flat[::-1]
30    return spiral
31
32    # edge size of the square array.
33    w = 251
34    # Prime numbers up to and including w**2.
35    primes = np.array([n for n in range(2,w**2+1) if all(
36        (n % m) != 0 for m in range(2,int(np.sqrt(n))+1))])
37
38    # Create an array of boolean values: 1 for prime, 0 for composite
39    arr = np.zeros(w**2, dtype='u1')
40    arr[primes-1] = 1
41
42    # Spiral the values clockwise out from the centre
43    arr = make_spiral(arr.reshape((w,w)))
44
45    plt.matshow(arr, cmap=cm.binary)
46    plt.axis('off')
47    plt.show()

```

Python Code to generate an Ulam Spiral using primes.

```

1
2 import numpy as np
3 import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
4
5 def primes_sieve_supercharged(n):
6     sieve = np.ones(n // 2, dtype=np.bool)
7
8     for i in range(3, int(n**0.5) + 1, 2):
9         if sieve[i // 2]:
10             sieve[i * i // 2::i] = False
11
12     return np.concatenate(([2], 2 * np.nonzero(sieve)[0][1::] + 1))
13
14
15 def primes_sieve(n):
16     # Array of possible primes
17     primes = np.ones(n, dtype=bool)
18
19     # 0 and 1 are not prime numbers
20     primes[0] = False
21     primes[1] = False
22
23     for i in range(2, n):
24         if primes[i]:
25             primes[i**2::i] = False
26
27     # Prime numbers are the indices of the True values
28     return np.flatnonzero(primes)
29
30
31 def is_prime(n):
32     if n <= 1:
33         return False
34     if n == 2:
35         return True
36     if n%2 == 0:
37         return False
38
39     for i in range(2, int(n**0.5)+1):
40         if n%i == 0:
41             return False
42
43     return True
44
45
46 def primes_naive(n):
47     primes = []
48
49     for i in range(2, n):
50         if is_prime(i):
51             primes.append(i)
52
53     return primes
54
55
56 def polar_plot(r, theta, area=0.01, show_grid=True):
57     bg_color = '#000000'
58
59     fig = plt.figure()
60     ax = fig.add_subplot(111, projection='polar')
61     ax.set_yticklabels([])
62     #ax.contour()
63     #plt.set_cmap("")
64

```



```

65     if not show_grid:
66         ax.grid(False)
67         ax.set_facecolor(bg_color)
68         fig.patch.set_facecolor(bg_color)
69
70     ax.scatter(r, theta, marker="x", s=area)
71     plt.show()
72
73 if __name__ == '__main__':
74     num_primes = 100000
75
76     p = primes_sieve_supercharged(num_primes)
77
78     plots = [(num_primes, 0.05), (1000, 1.7)]
79
80     # Plot it again, make it look nice
81     for N, n in plots:
82         polar_plot(p[:N], p[:N], area=n, show_grid=False)

```

Python Code to generate an Ulam Spiral using primes.