Jupyter Notebooks

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Programming, Data Structures and Algorithms using Python Week 1

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emacs@mmcarbon
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for i in range(1,101):
 if (prime(i)):
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print(primelist)
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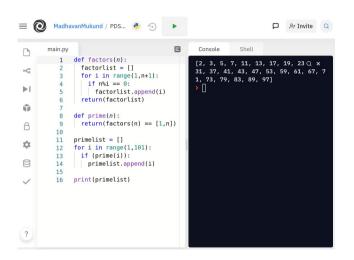
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§ python3
Python 3, 7.3 (default, Jan 22 2021, 20:04:44)
[GCC 8.3.0] on linux
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>>> from main import "
[2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, 61, 67, 71, 73, 79, 83, 89, 97]
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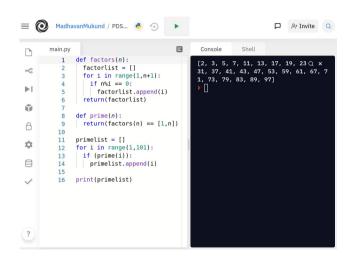
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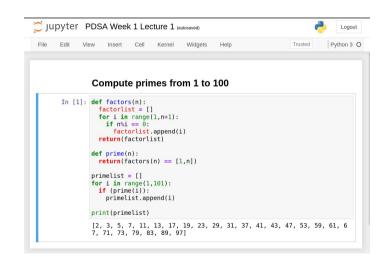


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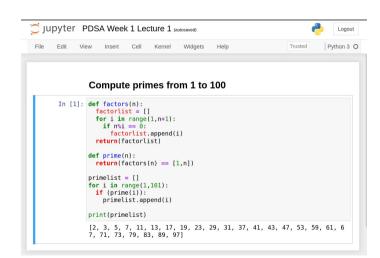
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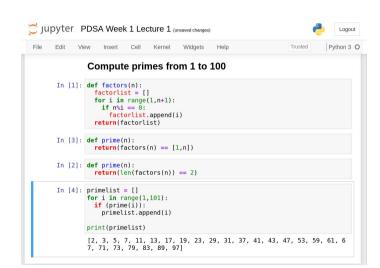
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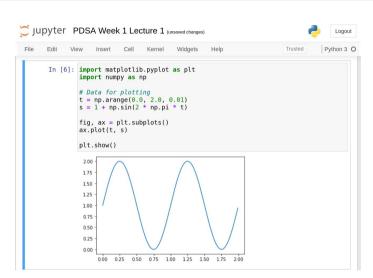
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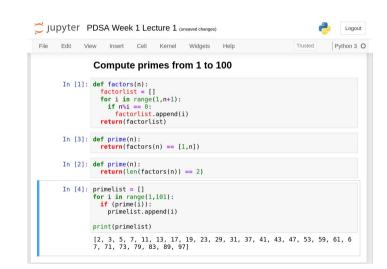


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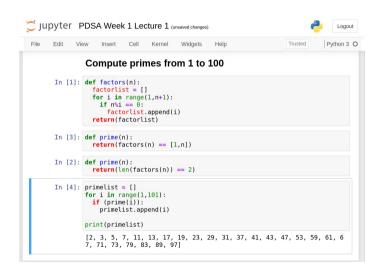
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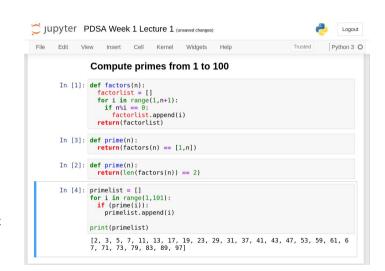
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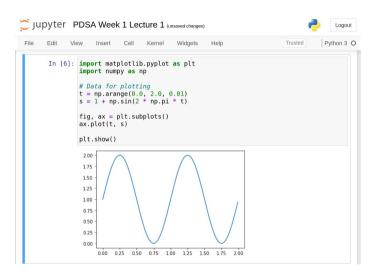
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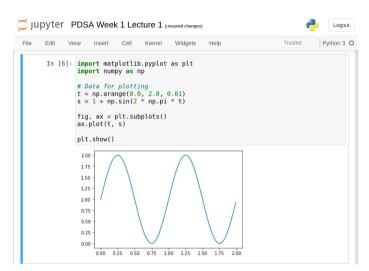
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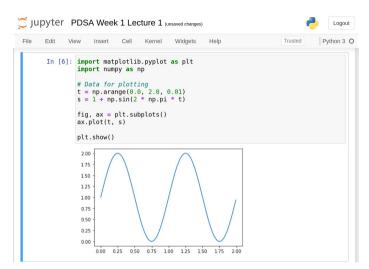
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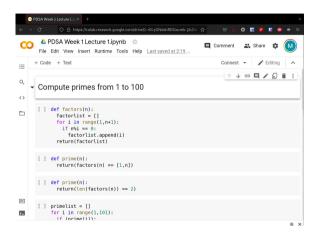
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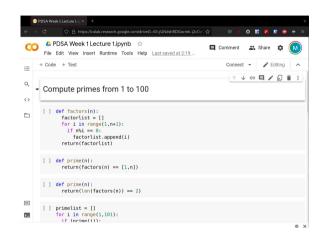
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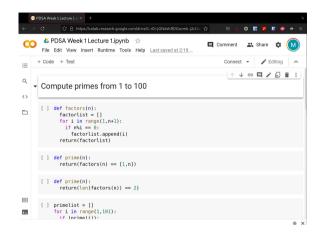
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- Speeding things up slightly
 - Factors occur in pairs
 - Sufficient to check factors upto \sqrt{n}
 - If *n* is prime, scan $2, ..., \sqrt{n}$ instead of 2, ..., n-1

```
import math
def prime(n):
    (result,i) = (True,2)
    while (result and (i <= math.sqrt(n)
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def primediffs(n):
  lastprime = 2
  pd = {} # Dictionary for
           # prime diferences
  for i in range(3,n+1):
    if prime(i):
      d = i - lastprime
      lastprime = i
      if d in pd.keys():
        pd[d] = pd[d] + 1
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- Recursively defined function
 - Base case: n divides m, answer is n
 - Otherwise, reduce gcd(m, n) to gcd(n, m n)

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        return(gcd(b,a%b))
```

- Can show that this takes time proportional to number of digits in $\max(m, n)$
- One of the first non-trivial algorithms

Exception handling

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 ZeroDivisionExpression division by ZeroDivision by ZeroDiv
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try:
   ... ← Code where error may occur
   . . .
except IndexError:
   ... ← Handle IndexError
except (NameError, KevError):
   \dots \leftarrow Handle multiple exception types
except:
   \dots \leftarrow \mathsf{Handle} all other exceptions
else:
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- You propose a date
- Lanswer, Yes, Earlier, Later
- Suppose my birthday is 12 April
- A possible sequence of questions
 - September 12? Earlier
 - February 23? Later
 - July 2? Earlier
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- What is the best strategy?

- Interval of possibilities
- Query midpoint halves the interval
 - June 30? Farlier
 - March 31? Later
 - May 15? Earlier
 - April 22? Earlier
 - April 11? Later
 - April 16? Earlier
 - April 13? Earlier
 - April 12? Yes
- Interval shrinks from $365 \rightarrow 182 \rightarrow$ $91 \rightarrow 45 \rightarrow 22 \rightarrow 11 \rightarrow 5 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 1$
- Under 10 questions

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