

Spiral primes

Problem 58 (<http://projecteuler.net/problem=058>)

Starting with 1 and spiralling anticlockwise in the following way, a square spiral with side length 7 is formed.

37	36	35	34	33	32	31
38	17	16	15	14	13	30
39	18	5	4	3	12	29
40	19	6	1	2	11	28
41	20	7	8	9	10	27
42	21	22	23	24	25	26
43	44	45	46	47	48	49

It is interesting to note that the odd squares lie along the bottom right diagonal, but what is more interesting is that 8 out of the 13 numbers lying along both diagonals are prime; that is, a ratio of $8/13 \approx 62\%$.

If one complete new layer is wrapped around the spiral above, a square spiral with side length 9 will be formed. If this process is continued, what is the side length of the square spiral for which the ratio of primes along both diagonals first falls below 10%?

Solution

```

In [1]: ► def prime(m=0):
        if m > 2:
            yield 2
        if m > 3:
            yield 3
        p, n, q = 5, 3, 9
        while (not m) or (p < m):
            if all(p % x for x in range(3, n+1, 2)):
                yield p
            p += 2
            while p>q:
                q += n
                n += 1
                q += n

        ptable = list(prime(30000))

    def isprime(n):
        if n <= ptable[-1]:
            return n in ptable
        q = int(n ** 0.5) + 1
        for x in ptable:
            if n % x == 0:
                return False
            if x > q:
                return True
        if q>ptable[-1]:
            for x in range(ptable[-1],q,2):
                if n % x == 0:
                    return False
            return True
        return True

    def spiral(x=None):
        n = z = 1
        yield z
        while (x is None) or (n < x):
            n += 1
            for _ in range(4):
                z += n
                yield z
            n += 1

    sp = spiral()
    next(sp)
    size, dt, pt = 1, 1, 0
    while True:
        for _ in range(3):
            x = next(sp)
            if isprime(x):
                pt += 1
        x = next(sp)
        dt += 4
        size += 2
        if pt / dt < 0.1:
            print(size)
            break

```

26241