

## Quadratic primes

### Problem 27

Euler discovered the remarkable quadratic formula:

$$n^2 + n + 41$$

It turns out that the formula will produce 40 primes for the consecutive values  $n = 0$  to 39. However, when  $n = 40$ ,  $40^2 + 40 + 41 = 40(40 + 1) + 41$  is divisible by 41, and certainly when  $n = 41$ ,  $41^2 + 41 + 41$  is clearly divisible by 41.

The incredible formula  $n^2 - 79n + 1601$  was discovered, which produces 80 primes for the consecutive values  $n = 0$  to 79. The product of the coefficients,  $-79$  and  $1601$ , is  $-126479$ .

Considering quadratics of the form:

$$n^2 + an + b, \text{ where } |a| < 1000 \text{ and } |b| < 1000$$

where  $|n|$  is the modulus/absolute value of  $n$   
e.g.  $|11| = 11$  and  $|-4| = 4$

Find the product of the coefficients,  $a$  and  $b$ , for the quadratic expression that produces the maximum number of primes for consecutive values of  $n$ , starting with  $n = 0$ .