

Sieve of Eratosthenes

Given a number n , print all primes smaller than or equal to n . It is also given that n is a small number.

Example:

Input : $n = 10$

Output : 2 3 5 7

Input : $n = 20$

Output: 2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19

The sieve of Eratosthenes is one of the most efficient ways to find all primes smaller than n when n is smaller than 10 million or so .

Following is the algorithm to find all the prime numbers less than or equal to a given integer n by the Eratosthene's method:

When the algorithm terminates, all the numbers in the list that are not marked are prime.

Explanation with Example:

Let us take an example when $n = 50$. So we need to print all prime numbers smaller than or equal to 50.

We create a list of all numbers from 2 to 50.

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50

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def SieveOfEratosthenes(n):
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    # Create a boolean array
    # "prime[0..n]" and initialize
    # all entries it as true.
    # A value in prime[i] will
    # finally be false if i is
    # Not a prime, else true.
    prime = [True for i in range(n+1)]
    p = 2
    while (p * p <= n):
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	<pre># If prime[p] is not # changed, then it is a prime if (prime[p] == True): # Update all multiples of p for i in range(p * p, n+1, p): prime[i] = False p += 1 # Print all prime numbers</pre>