



Homework-1 Report

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1. Question

Answer (1.a)

A 350-digit number can be found between the next two digit numbers.

$$10^{349} \leq x < 10^{350}$$

We compute this formula for two limit values for 350-digit prime numbers, then take the difference between them to get the result:

$$\frac{10^{350}}{\ln(10^{350})} - \frac{10^{349}}{\ln(10^{349})}$$

The following is how we can compute these values,

$$\ln(10^{350}) = 350 \cdot \ln(10)$$

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$$\ln(10) \approx 2.302585$$

$$\ln(10^{350}) = 350 \times 2.302585 \approx 805.905$$

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Let's now compute each term:

$$\frac{10^{350}}{805.905} \approx 1.2404 \times 10^{347}$$

$$\frac{10^{349}}{803.603} \approx 1.2444 \times 10^{346}$$

Finally we observe that,

$$1.2404 \times 10^{347} - 1.2444 \times 10^{346} \approx 1.11596 \times 10^{347}$$

Thus, the number of 350-digit prime numbers is roughly 1.11596×10^{347}

Answer (1.b)

The Binomial distribution can be used to determine the likelihood of selecting the same prime number twice or more when selecting at random from a pool of 2 million 350-digit prime numbers. Although there are other approaches, I preferred to use the binomial method. Here, N is the total of all prime numbers with 350 digits. Out of these numbers, we selected n prime numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}N &\approx 1.11596 \times 10^{347} \\n &= 2,000,000 \\p &= \frac{1}{N} \approx \frac{1}{1.11596 \times 10^{347}}\end{aligned}$$

The following formula can be used to represent the likelihood of choosing at least two identical primes.

$$P(X \geq 2) = 1 - P(X = 0) - P(X = 1)$$

The following equation represents the scenario in which no prime number is chosen once again.

$$P(X = 0) = (1 - p)^n \approx e^{-np}$$

We determine the likelihood that no prime number is selected after solving the equation and changing the pertinent values.

$$np = 2,000,000 \times \frac{1}{1.11596 \times 10^{347}} \approx 1.792 \times 10^{-341}$$

$$P(X = 0) \approx 1$$

Let's now look at the scenario in which each prime number is chosen no more than once.

$$P(X = 1) = n \cdot p \cdot (1 - p)^{n-1}$$

We determine the likelihood that each prime number is chosen no more than once after solving the equation and changing the pertinent values.

$$P(X = 1) \approx 2,000,000 \times \frac{1}{1.11596 \times 10^{347}} \approx 0$$

As a result, we will obtain the following result regarding the probability of selecting at least two identical primes. Because the result we calculated for 1 is close to 0, this value is expected to be much lower for 2.

$$P(X \geq 2) \approx 0$$

I used the gmp library to test the expressions mentioned earlier in the C programming language. Below are the results of the program and the values I acquired.

$$P(X = 0) = 1$$

$$P(X = 1) = 1.79217893114448546543 \times 10^{-309}$$

$$P(X = 2) = -1.79217893114448546543 \times 10^{-309}$$

The values for 1 and 2 can be regarded as zero since they are so near to it. The answer I obtain does not indicate that the outcome is incorrect, but rather how sensitive the necessary computation is, even though the value for 2 is negative because it is so near to zero. Only with the hardware I had could I get such an exact value.

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