

**Problem 10.** The sum of the primes below 10 is  $2 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 17$ . Find the sum of all the primes below two million.

**Knowledge required** Sieve of Eratosthenes

**Solution Outline:** This problem is a classic implementation of **Sieve of Eratosthenes** which can be used to find primes until a limit  $n$  in  $O(n \times \log n)$  time complexity. We start by implementing the Sieve of Eratosthenes algorithm, which is named as `sieve_of_eratosthenes` in code listed below, it returns a Boolean list which means whenever  $i^{th}$  element in it is `True` it is a prime, else not. After getting this Boolean array, we simply iterate over the boolean list and sum all of the primes and print it.

### Python Solution

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1 def sieve_of_eratosthenes(limit):
2     prime_flag = [True] * limit
3     prime_flag[0] = prime_flag[1] = False
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5     i = 2
6     while i * i <= limit:
7         if prime_flag[i]:
8             for j in range(2*i, limit, i):
9                 prime_flag[j] = False
10        i += 1
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12    return prime_flag
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14 primes = sieve_of_eratosthenes(int(2e6))
15 primes_sum = sum(i for i, el in enumerate(primes) if el)
16 print(primes_sum)
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