

Problem 7. By listing the first six prime numbers: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13, we can see that the 6th prime is 13. What is the 10,001st prime number?

Knowledge Required: How to check if a number is prime

Solution Outline: This problem asks us to print 10,001st prime number. We start by implementing a function `is_prime` which checks if a number is prime in $O(\sqrt{n})$ time. Then we initialize three variables `_10001st_prime` to `None`, `cnt` to 0 and `num` to 2. Then we run a while loop, until `cnt` becomes equal 10001, and check if `num` is prime, if it is we increment the `cnt` by one and set `_10001st_prime` to `num`. Finally `_10001st_prime` contains the final answer.

Python Solution

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1 def is_prime(n):
2     if n == 1:
3         return False
4     i = 2
5     while i * i <= n:
6         if n % i == 0:
7             return False
8         i += 1
9     return True
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11 _10001st_prime = None
12 cnt = 0
13 num = 2
14
15 while cnt < 10001:
16     if is_prime(num):
17         cnt += 1
18         _10001st_prime = num
19
20     num += 1
21
22 print(_10001st_prime)
```
