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Homework 0

HW0 Problem 1 Writeup

a) Verbal Description

Given a number n , this algorithm will iterate through every number from 1 to $n-1$ and prints the iteration to the screen, on its own line, if it is prime.

b) Pseudocode

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Given an input n
For every number i from 1 to n-1:
    If i is prime:
        Print i
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To check that i is prime, need another algorithm:

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For every number k from 2 to  $i/2$ :
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    If  $i \% k == 0$ :
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        Return true
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Return false
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c) Proof of Correctness

This algorithm will always be correct because it will always check every integer less than n . Thus, it will always print every prime number less than n .

d) Running Time Estimate

$O(n^2)$

e) Running Time Estimate Reasoning

Each part of the algorithm separately has a time complexity of $O(n)$. When combined, the algorithm needs to run a loop up to $i/2$ times for every i less than n , making it exponential.