

# Prime Numbers and Prime Factorization

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- ▣ **Secret key:** two prime numbers  $p$  and  $q$
- ▣ **Public key:**  $p \cdot q$  is used to encrypt messages
- ▣ Decrypt messages with secret key
- ▣ Algorithms that find the prime numbers take very long, when only the product is known
- ▣ Algorithms that find large prime numbers are needed



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## What are Prime Numbers?

- A **prime number** is an integer  $p > 1$  which has exactly two positive divisors, namely 1 and  $p$
- An integer  $n$  is **composite** or **non prime** if and only if it admits a nontrivial factorization  $n = ab$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers,  $1 < a, b < n$
- The resulting sequence of prime numbers is: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 53, 59, ...



## Prime Factorization

### Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

*For each natural number  $n$  there is a unique factorization*

$$n = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i}$$

*where all  $a_i$  are positive integers and  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are primes.*

→ **Fundamental Problem of Arithmetic**



# Sieve of Eratosthenes

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## Algorithm

- Aim: Find all prime numbers up to  $N = 30$
- Cross from list all multiples of each prime number, starting with the multiples of 2

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## R Code

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5
6 ▾ eratosthenes = function(n) {
7
8   x = c(2:n) # list of numbers from 2 to n
9   p = 2
10  r = c()    # results vector
11
12 ▾ while (p*p < n) {
13   r = c(r,x[1]) # first element of n is always prime
14   x = x[-(which(x %% p ==0))] # elements with remainder 0 are multiples of p
15   p = x[1]      # first element of n will always be prime
16 }
17 return(c(r,x)) # all remaining elements in n are prime
18 }
19
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## R Code: Results

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>
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## Sieve of Atkin and Bernstein

- Introduced in 2003 by Arthur O.L. Atkin and Daniel J. Bernstein
- All primes (except 2 and 3) are of one of the following forms:
  - ▶ **Group 1:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \iff n = 4k + 1$
  - ▶ **Group 2:**  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6} \iff n = 6k + 1$
  - ▶ **Group 3:**  $n \equiv 11 \pmod{12} \iff n = 12k + 11$

with  $k \in \mathbb{N}_0$

- The algorithm is based on three theorems, one theorem for each group of primes



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### Theorem (1)

*Let  $n$  be a squarefree positive integer with  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . Then  $n$  is prime if and only if the cardinality of the following set is odd:*

$$\{(x, y) \mid 4x^2 + y^2 = n, x, y \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

### Remark:

A **squarefree number** is an integer, which is divisible by no other square number than 1.

Equivalently, an integer is squarefree if and only if in its prime factorization no prime factor occurs more than once.



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### Theorem (2)

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$$\{(x, y) \mid 3x^2 - y^2 = n, x, y \in \mathbb{N}, x > y\}$$



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3. There are still non-squarefree integers that could be marked as prime  $\rightarrow$  Start with lowest number  $p$  marked as prime. Change entry for all multiples of the square of  $p$  ( $p^2, 2p^2, 3p^2, 4p^2, \dots$ ) to non prime. Repeat until  $p^2 > N$ .



## R Code

```

6
7 atkin = function(n){
8
9   s = c(1,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,37,41,43,47,49,53,59)
10
11   L = 16*ceiling(n/60)
12   to_test = matrix(numeric(L), ncol=ceiling(n/60))
13
14   for (i in 1:ceiling(n/60))
15   {
16     for (j in 1:16)
17     {
18       to_test[j,i] = 60*(i-1)+s[j]
19     }
20   }
21   to_test = as.vector(to_test)
22   to_test = to_test[to_test<=n] # numbers to check for primality
23   is_prime = as.logical(numeric(length(to_test))) # initially marked as FALSE for all numbers
24
25   rest = to_test %% 60 # vector of modulo-60 remainders
26   rest1 = c(1,13,17,29,37,41,49,53) # remainders group 1
27   rest2 = c(7,19,31,43) # remainders group 2
28   rest3 = c(11,23,47,59) # remainders group 3
29
30   for (i in 1:length(to_test))
31   {
32     if (is.element(rest[i],rest1)) # check: remainder in group 1
33     {
34       fun = function(y) sqrt((to_test[i]-y^2)/4) # quadratic form as function of y
35       x = fun(1:floor(sqrt(to_test[i]))) # calculate corresponding x values
36       k = x[x > 0] == round(x[x > 0])
37       t = sum(k) # numbers of integer x-values > 0
38
39       if(t > 0 && !(round(t/2) == t/2)) is_prime[i] = TRUE
40     }
41

```



## R Code

```

42   if (is.element(rest[i],rest2))    # check: remainder in group 2
43   {
44     fun = function(y) sqrt((to_test[i]-y^2)/3)
45     x = fun(1:floor(sqrt(to_test[i])))
46     k = x[x > 0] == round(x[x > 0])
47     t = sum(k)
48
49     if(t > 0 && !(round(t/2) == t/2)) is_prime[i] = TRUE
50   }
51
52   if (is.element(rest[i],rest3))    # check: remainder in group 3
53   {
54     fun = function(y) sqrt((to_test[i]+y^2)/3)
55     x = fun(1:floor(sqrt(to_test[i])))
56     k = x[x > 0 & x > 1:floor(sqrt(to_test[i]))] == round(x[x > 0 & x > 1:floor(sqrt(to_test[i]))])
57     t = sum(k)
58
59     if(t > 0 && !(round(t/2) == t/2)) is_prime[i] = TRUE
60   }
61 }
62 primes = to_test[is_prime]
63 primes_loop = to_test[is_prime]
64
65 i=1
66 while (primes_loop[i]^2 <= n)
67 {
68   primes2 = primes/primes[i]^2
69   primes = primes[primes2 != round(primes2)]    # remove all non-squarefree numbers
70   i=i+1
71 }
72 primes = c(2,3,5,primes)
73 return(primes)
74 }
75

```



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## Finding Large Prime Numbers

Test for $N = 10^8$	Eratosthenes	Atkin & Bernstein
<b>Primes found</b>	5,761,455	5,761,455
<b>Largest Prime</b>	99,999,989	99,999,989
<b>Running Time</b>	4.5 min	6.2 hours

Test for $N = 10^9$	Eratosthenes
<b>Primes found</b>	50,847,534
<b>Largest Prime</b>	999,999,937
<b>Running Time</b>	1.7 hours



**Thank you for your Attention!**

**Enter any 11-digit prime number to  
continue ...**



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