

# Comparison of Sieve Of Eratosthenes vs Brute-force

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*Goal: Find out which method is more efficient in finding prime numbers*

First let's import necessary libraries and both functions

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In [1]: import pandas as pd
import time
import numpy as np

from bruteforce import Bruteforce
from sieve_of_eratosthenes import SieveOfEratosthenes
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Here is `Bruteforce` function. It simply iterates through the range of numbers below `n` and finds all prime numbers. For each number, we check if division by any number below the original number will result in zero remainder. Prime numbers won't have any numbers, besides themselves.

```
def Bruteforce(n):
    def IsPrime(x):
        for i in range(2, x):
            if x % i == 0:
                return False
        return True

    for i in range(2, n + 1):
        if IsPrime(i):
```

Here is `SieveOfEratosthenes` function. In contrast, it's more efficient. We create a boolean list size of `n` filled with `True` values, then "removing" (switching value to `False`) for every multiple of number in the list.

```
def SieveOfEratosthenes(n):

    prime = [True for i in range(n + 1)]
    p = 2

    while (p * p <= n):
        if (prime[p] == True):
            for i in range(p * 2, n + 1, p):
                prime[i] = False
            p += 1

    prime[0] = False
    prime[1] = False

    for p in range(n + 1):
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    if prime[p]:
        yield p

```

Bellow you can see test runs of both functions.

## First, we will print all prime numbers bellow 3000 using Sieve Of Eratosthenes

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In [23]: start_time = time.time()
         for i in SieveOfEratosthenes(3000):
             print(i, end=" ")
         print("\n\nExecuted in", round(time.time() - start_time, 4), "seconds")

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Executed in 0.0206 seconds

As you can see, the programm succesfully printed all numbers in 0.0206 seconds

Now, let's see how the Brute-force method will do the same job.

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In [24]: start_time = time.time()
         for i in Bruteforce(3000):
             print(i, end=" ")
         print("\n\nExecuted in", round(time.time() - start_time, 4), "seconds")

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3, 2909, 2917, 2927, 2939, 2953, 2957, 2963, 2969, 2971, 2999,
Executed in 0.073 seconds

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Brute-force successfully returned all prime numbers in 0.073 seconds.

Now let's create a Dataframe with two columns and populate it with different tests of numbers from 100 to 10000 increasing exponentially.

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In [4]: result1 = []
result2 = []
index = [round(100**i) for i in np.arange(1, 2.1, 0.02)]
for n in index:
    start_time = time.time()
    for i in BruteForce(n):
        pass
    result1.append(time.time() - start_time)

    start_time = time.time()
    for i in SieveOfEratosthenes(n):
        pass
    result2.append(time.time() - start_time)

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In [5]: df = pd.DataFrame(list(zip(result1, result2)), index=index, columns=['Brute-for

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Here you can see the Dataframe, where index is the maximum value of the prime number.

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In [10]: df

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Out[10]:

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	Brute-force	Sieve Of Eratosthenes
100	0.000114	0.000021
110	0.000092	0.000015

	Brute-force	Sieve Of Eratosthenes
120	0.000099	0.000016
132	0.000114	0.000020
145	0.000134	0.000022
...	...	...
10000	0.392116	0.001513
10965	0.449449	0.001840
12023	0.526239	0.002138
13183	0.628367	0.002212
14454	0.723670	0.002112

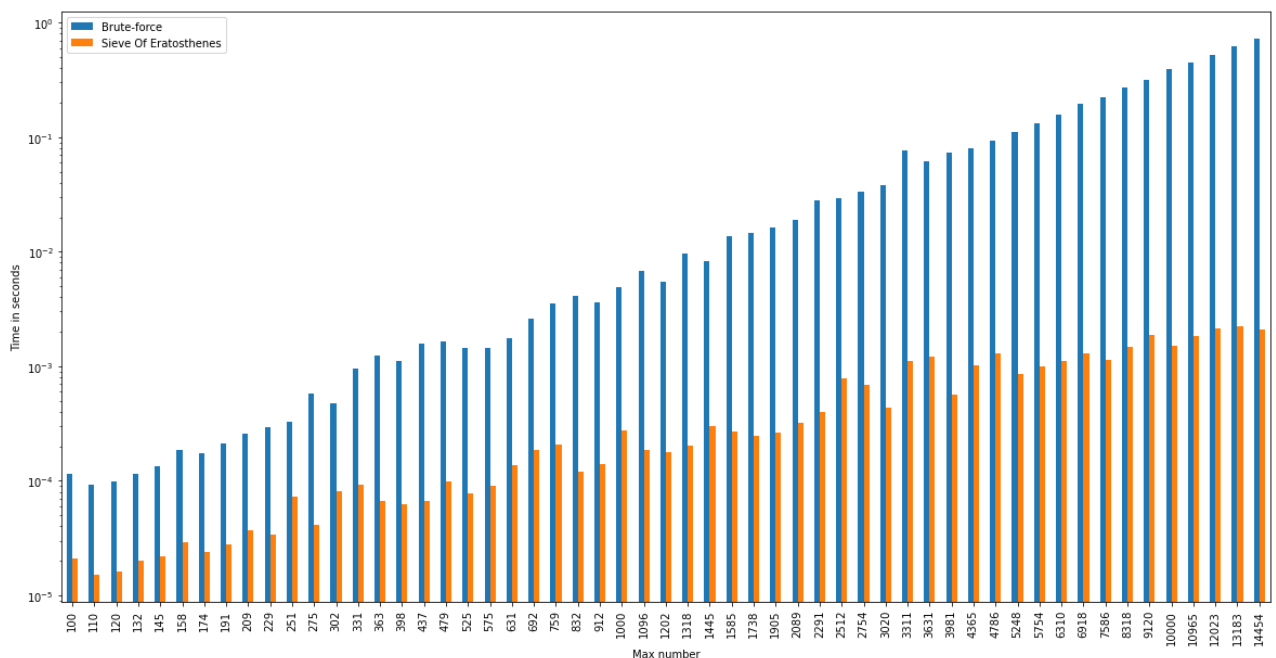
55 rows × 2 columns

Now we can plot the Data to visualize the results.

Using logarithmic scaling, we can see gradual increase for both functions

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In [7]: df.plot(kind='bar', logy=True, xlabel="Max number", ylabel="Time in seconds", fi
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Out[7]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='Max number', ylabel='Time in seconds'>
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However, without the scaling it is obvious that **Sieve Of Eratosthenes** significantly outperforms **Brute-force** method

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In [8]: df.plot(xlabel="Max number", ylabel="Time in seconds", figsize=(20,10))
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Out[8]: <AxesSubplot:xlabel='Max number', ylabel='Time in seconds'>
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