

2: Let's Write a Program: Prime Numbers

```
java Primes U to print prime numbers through U.
// java Primes 101
// 2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29
// 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71
// 79 83 89 97 101
```

A **prime** number is an integer greater than 1 that has no other divisors other than 1.
 $p > 1$ is prime iff $\gcd(p, x) = 1$ for all $0 < x < p$.

$N/k \geq \sqrt{N}$, for $N, k > 0$.

N then N/k divides N .

Check potential divisors up to and including the square root.

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Testing for Primes

```
boolean isPrime(int x) {
    if (x < 2) return false;
    while (x % 2 == 0) x /= 2;
    while (x % 3 == 0) x /= 3;
    // is divisible by any positive number >=K and < X,
    // 1. */
    boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
        // a "guard"
        if (k >= x) return false;
        if (x % k == 0) return true;
        return isDivisible(x, k+1);
    }
    return !isDivisible(x, 2);
}
```

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Iteration

is *tail recursive*, and so creates an *iterative process*.
Algol family" production languages have special syntax for iteration.
Four equivalent versions of isDivisible:

```
boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
    while (k < x) { // !(k >= x)
        if (x % k == 0)
            return true;
        k = k+1;
        // or k += 1, or (yuch) k++
    }
    return false;
}

boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
    for (int k1 = k; k1 < x; k1 += 1) {
        if (x % k1 == 0)
            return true;
    }
    return false;
}
```

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Administrivia

Make sure you have obtained a Unix account. If you have not yet (i.e., since today) signed up for concurrent enrollment, please do so. We need your name, email, and SID. After we have a chance to review your information, you will be able to use WebAcct, as Lab #1 specifies.

The course ends on Wednesday (end of Wednesday at midnight). Usually, the course ends on Friday midnight of the week they occur. It is especially important to set up your central repository.

Do not to take this course after all, please tell CalCentral that we can adjust the waiting list accordingly.

Due next Friday at midnight. You get credit for any problems you submit, but we suggest you give the problems a serious try.

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Plan

```
Primes {
    // print primes up to ARGV[0] (interpreted as an integer)
    // 10 to a line. */
    void main(String[] args) {
        int limit = Integer.parseInt(args[0]);
        printPrimes(limit);
    }

    // print primes up to and including LIMIT, 10 to a line. */
    void printPrimes(int limit) {
        for (int x = 2; x <= limit; x++)
            if (isPrime(x))
                printf("%d\n", x);
    }

    // X is prime */
    boolean isPrime(int x) {
        if (x < 2) return false;
        if (x == 2) return true;
        if (x % 2 == 0) return false;
        for (int k = 3; k <= sqrt(x); k += 2)
            if (x % k == 0) return false;
        return true;
    }
}
```

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Thinking Recursively

check isDivisible(13,2) by *tracing one level*.

```
boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {
    if (k >= x) return true;
    if (x % k == 0) return true;
    return isDivisible(x, k+1);
}
```

Tracing aids understanding.

- Call assigns $x=13$, $k=2$
- Body has form 'if ($k \geq x$) S_1 else S_2 '.
- Since $2 < 13$, we evaluate the first else.
- Check if $13 \bmod 2 = 0$; it's not.
- Left with isDivisible(13,3).
- Rather than tracing it, instead use the *comment*:
- Since 13 is *not* divisible by any integer in the range $3..12$ (and $3 > 1$), isDivisible(13,3) must be *false*, and we're done!
- Sounds like that last step begs the question. Why doesn't it?

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Cautionary Aside: Floating Point

side, we had

```
= (int) Math.round(Math.sqrt(x));  
k1 = k; k1 <= limit; k1 += 1) {
```

at this would check all values of k1 up to and including
pot of x.

g-point operations yield *approximations* to the corre-
hematical operations, you might ask the following about
`round(Math.sqrt(x))`:

ys at least $\lfloor \sqrt{x} \rfloor$, where $\lfloor z \rfloor$ is the largest integer $\leq z$?
e might miss testing \sqrt{x} when x is a perfect square.)

is, the answer is “yes” for IEEE floating-point square

hple of the sort of detail that must be checked in edge

Simplified printPrimes Solution

```
primes up to and including LIMIT. */  
void printPrimes(int limit) {  
    p = 2; p <= limit; p += 1) {  
        isPrime(p)) {  
            System.out.print(p + " ");
```

```
        System.out.println();
```

Final Task: printPrimes (Simplified)

```
primes up to and including LIMIT. */  
void printPrimes(int limit) {
```

Using Facts about Primes

used the Useful Facts from an earlier slide. Only have
divisors up to the square root.

ent the iterative version of isDivisible:

```
if X is divisible by some number >=K and < X,  
that K > 1, and that X is not divisible by  
ber >1 and <K. */  
static boolean isDivisible(int x, int k) {  
    = (int) Math.round(Math.sqrt(x));  
    k1 = k; k1 <= limit; k1 += 1) {  
        k1 == 0)  
        return true;  
    }  
    else;
```

ditional (blue) condition in the comment?

printPrimes (full version)

```
primes up to and including LIMIT, 10 to
```

```
void printPrimes(int limit) {
```

```
    p = 2; p <= limit; p += 1) {  
        isPrime(p)) {  
            System.out.print(p + " ");  
            p += 1;  
            if (np % 10 == 0)  
                System.out.println();
```

```
    }  
    System.out.println();
```